

The Front Porch NEWS



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175th Celebration

Baden Borough's 175th Anniversary Celebration was a huge success. We thank everyone who contributed and helped to make our events memorable and successful.

Here are some highlights of the Celebration...

Friday evening, over 150 people completed the 5K Run that routed the runners, walkers and strollers through the streets and hills of Baden. It was a well-organized, fun and healthy way to start our celebration.

On Saturday, over 150 residents filled their yards and driveways with items to sale in the town wide yard sale. It attracted hundreds of people to

our community in search of treasures and bargains. This also led people to join in the Community Day Event that took place in borough complex. There was something for everyone to enjoy. Besides the food, crafts and musical entertainment we had Touch-A-Truck. Children and adults all enjoyed seeing and climbing on the construction equipment and fire trucks. The highlight of the day was the Train Simulator from Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Sunday was a continuation of Saturday with the end of the day having a town picnic that attracted over 250 people. This celebration was so successful that residents are asking that we do it again this year. It is in the works, but downsized a little. Stay tuned for more information.

Newly Elected/Appointed Council

The elected members to Council for the 2014-2018 terms are Robert Besong, Kevin Mutschler, Donna Michaels and Michael Stuban. However, Kevin Mutschler has resigned from Council due to personal reasons. Congratulations to the newly elected Council members and best wishes to Kevin Mutschler and thank you for the many years of service and dedication that you contributed to our community.

Appointed to fill the council vacancy is Ted Kotula. Originally, from Ambridge and a graduate of Ambridge Area High School Ted moved to Baden in 1996 with his wife Jodi who is a lifelong resident of Baden Borough. They have two sons, TJ and Jacob.

Ted and his family first lived in Anthony Wayne Terrace where he served on the Board of Directors until he purchased his present home located on State Street. Currently Ted serves on the planning board for Baden Borough. He has been actively involved with the Baden Parks & Recreation Board as well as coached BYA baseball for over 10 years and commissioned T-ball for a few years.

Ted's interest in keeping Baden a great place to live and to raise a family is truly an asset to Baden Council. We welcome his enthusiasm, positive attitude and commitment to serving our community.

"Baden ... the best kept secret in Beaver County."

Baden Borough Re-Organization 2014

COUNCIL

President: Judi Montell
 Vice- President: Donnal Michaels
 Pro Tem: Robert Besong
 Members: Ted Kotula
 Michael Stuban
 Dave Trzcianka
 Kim Villella

Mayor

Sam Gagliardi

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Administration: Michael Stuban, Chairman
 All of Council
 Budget & Finance: Michael Stuban, Chairman
 All of Council
 Building- Property – Grounds: Bob Besong, Chairman
 Ted Kotula, Co-Chairman
 Dave Trzcianka
 Community Relations: Ted Kotula, Chairman
 Kim Villella
 Michael Stuban
 Library: Kim Villella, Chairperson
 Ted Kotula
 Donna Michaels

Commemorative Items For Sale

Baden History Book \$12
 Challenge Coin \$10
 Baden Cookbook \$12



THE RED PHONE

THE Red Phone? NO, it is not the direct Hot Line between leaders of the United States and Russia.

The Baden Red Phone is located outside the entrance to the Baden Police Department. When the entrance door is locked and an individual is in need of a police officer, look to your right of the doors and lift the receiver on the RED Phone, which will automatically connect you to the Beaver County 911 Center. The dispatcher, at your request for a Baden Police Officer, will notify the Baden Police Officer on duty to return to the Police Department as soon as possible, unless involved in an Emergency Situation.

- Mayor Gagliardi

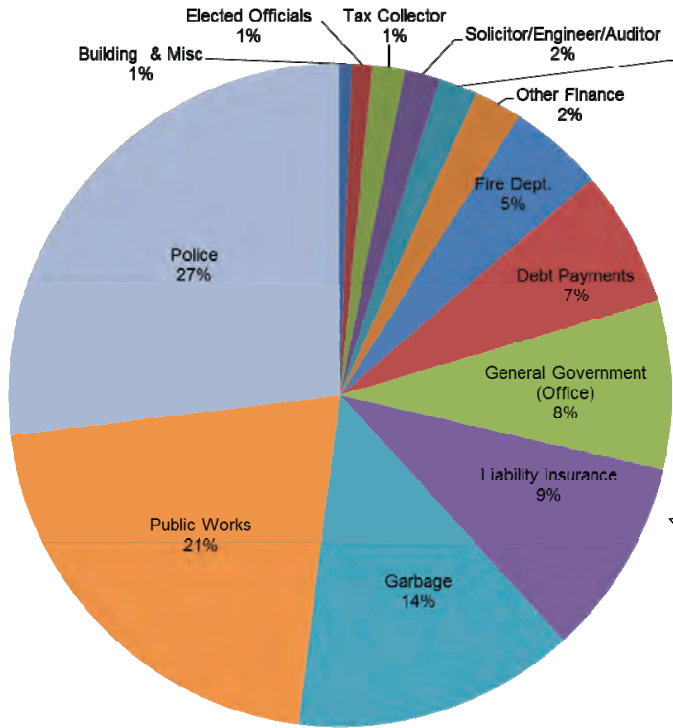


Baden Borough is looking for volunteers to serve on the Baden Parks & Recreation Board. Currently there is one opening for the board; however, we are always looking for additional help for various project and events. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact the borough office at 724-869-3700.

2014 Budget

GOOD NEWS.... No Tax Increase in 2014. Balanced Budget.

Every fall Baden Borough Council takes on the task of forecasting the next year budget while trying to keep controllable expenses down without having to raise taxes. This year Council adopted the 2014 General Fund Budget in the Amount of \$2,006,890. The largest expense increase was the police pension obligation which increased by \$40,000 per year. To help offset this additional expense and in accordance with Act 600 Council required the full-time Baden Police Officers to contribute 5% of their wages into the pension fund. Up until this time, the police pension was sustained with the investment returns, assistance from state funding and tax payer dollars. The Police have filed an unfair labor practice and grievance regarding the requirement to contribute 5% of their wages into their pension plan. We are waiting for the outcome.

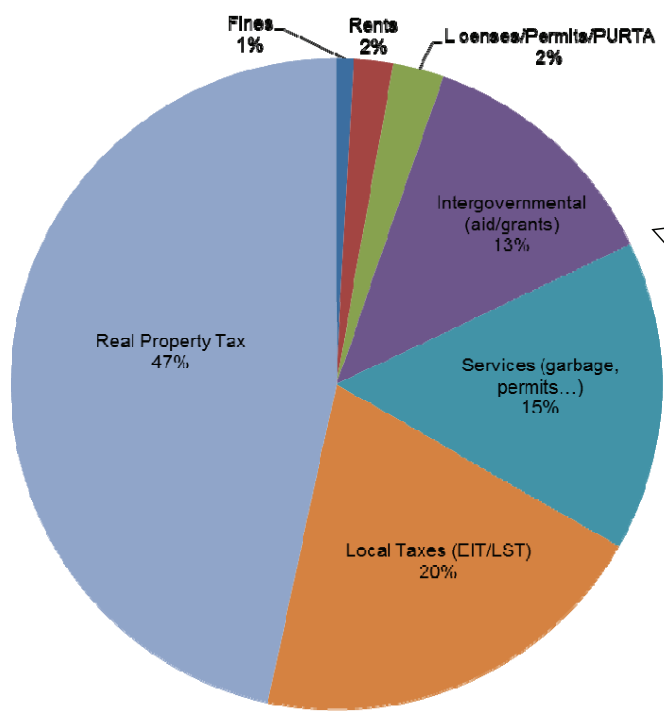


2014 General Fund Expense Budget	
Building & Misc	\$ 12,000
Elected Officials	\$ 20,332
Tax Collector	\$ 31,500
Solicitor/Engineer/Auditor	\$ 34,900
Parks / Library / Zoning	\$ 37,175
Other Finance	\$ 47,140
Fire Dept.	\$ 92,730
Debt Payments	\$ 134,000
General Government (Office)	\$ 164,700
Liability Insurance	\$ 192,500
Garbage	\$ 276,000
Public Works	\$ 423,100
Police	\$ 540,813
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 2,006,890

Where it goes!



A LOOK at the BUDGET



Where it comes from!

2014 General Fund Revenue Budget	
Fines	\$ 17,750
Rents	\$ 39,500
Licenses/Permits/PURTA	\$ 50,700
Intergovernmental (aid/grants)	\$ 252,300
Services (garbage, permits...)	\$ 307,690
Local Taxes (EIT/LST)	\$ 402,850
Real Property Tax	\$ 936,100
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 2,006,890



New Ordinances

The following are brief summaries of the Ordinances that Baden Borough has recently passed. The complete Ordinance is available for public review at the Borough Office.

Ordinance 930: Delinquent Utility Bills resulting in having your water shut-off will require a \$100 turn-on fee in addition to the payment of the delinquent bill.

Ordinance 931: Defines and prohibits motor vehicle nuisances and prescribing penalties for violations. It shall be unlawful to maintain a motor vehicle nuisance upon the open private grounds. This shall include any motor vehicle, which has any defects and/or characteristics that shall constitute a danger or potential danger to the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Baden.

Ordinance 932: Addresses the improper maintenance, storage and parking of motor vehicles and accessories on public streets that constitute a public hazard and nuisance, and regulations deemed necessary for the preservation of the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Baden. This includes restrictions for the parking of trucks, trailers and combination vehicles as well vehicles that are unregistered, uninspected or inoperable.



Design a T-Shirt for Applefest 2014

The design cannot be any bigger than 11 X 14 horizontal or vertical. No more than 3 colors.

The design must incorporate the Baden Applefest characteristics for example, it is full of art, music, games, entertainment and fun.

The only requirement for your submission is the Baden Applefest logo be in the design. The art should be ready to print. All rights and privileges are property of the Baden Recreation and Communication Board/Baden Applefest. Must live in the Ambridge Area School District grades 7 through 12.

First Prize \$50.00, Second Prize \$25.00 Walmart Gift Card, Third Prize \$15.00.

Please fill out the information below and attach it to your entry.

Good luck!

Thanks you so much for your participation,

Donna Michaels
Baden Applefest Chairman
badenapplefest@gmail.com
724-630-3418



First Name _____ Last Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Contact Phone Number _____

All Entries must be received in Baden Borough Office by June 25, 2014.

10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- **DO NOT** place LEAVES, DOG FECES, CINDERS or LITTER in the Storm Sewers

For more information visit www.epa.gov/nps

2014 Curbside Pickup For Yard Trimmings

Baden Borough purchased a wood chipper with a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection. We are offering curbside pickup of small tree/yard trimmings to the residents of Baden. Guidelines for this new service:

- Cost is \$25 per pile measuring no larger than 9' long, 3' high and 4' deep
- Branches no larger than 6 inches in diameter, branches cut into 3' sections
- Trimmings must be curbside for easy access for the borough employees to park the truck and chipper.

Scheduled dates for pickup – April 24th, May 8th and 22nd, June 12th and 26th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th and 23rd. In the event of inclement weather or emergency, pickup will occur the following day. Pickups will occur between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

How to schedule a pickup – Prior to the scheduled dates listed, stop by the Borough Office to sign up and make your payment. You may also call the office at 724-869-3702 to schedule your pickup, however payment must be received prior to your scheduled pickup date.

GFWC Woman's Club plans

Fall Get Away



The GFWC Woman's Club is planning our third annual fundraising trip to Seneca Niagara for Sept. 21st and 22nd, 2014. The cost is \$160 a person, which includes your hotel, bus, tips, and \$50 free play and \$20 food allotment. Pick up is at the Northern Lights Shopping Center. All proceeds go to the Food Bank, Baden Library, Girls Hope, Veterans projects, and much more. If interested contact Donna Napoleon at 724-869-7481. While supporting your

community test your luck and have fun with friends and family.

Ladies, the club is always looking for members to help with our various projects. If you would like to get involved with your community, and create friendships that will last a lifetime, come join us. We meet at the Baden Community Room, the last Tuesday of the month. Call Bonnie at 724-869-9672. Hope to see you there.

New Year's Eve Fire Leaves Two Baden Businesses With The Drive To Continue

By Tom Turney, Resident of Baden Borough

New Year's Eve is a time of celebration and renewal, but December 31, 2013 was a sad day for Baden. The historic Captain Blazier Mansion, located on State Street caught fire and heavily damaged. The mansion was an architectural jewel, built in the 1870's it was the home of Captain Calvin Blazier a famous riverboat captain who worked the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers for 60 years. People who have been in the Mansion can attest to the craftsmanship that went into the construction, fine quarter sawn oak, pocket doors, beautiful fireplaces, and of course the stained glass windows.

The house damages was not the only tragedy that took place that day, two businesses were seriously affected, Metatrends, an investment firm owned by Rick Katterson, and Beaver Valley Floral, owned by Ray Kurash. Rick and Ray have been located at the Mansion since 1988.

I spoke to Rick, the owner of the Mansion; he is very upbeat and assured me that the Mansion will be rebuilt. I asked him, "How close to the original structure would the design be?" Rick said it would be original, and even better. The porch facing the

Ohio River, which is now closed in, will once again be a porch. The restoration process is being done by DeRose Disaster Pro, a Baden company located in State Street. Mr. Katterson is hoping for a late 2014 completion, in the meantime his business is temporarily located in the old Isaly's building at 3798 Duss Avenue.

Beaver Valley Floral, who rented from Mr. Katterson, is moving to a new permanent location at 601 State Street, across from Louise School of Dance. Ray had a grand opening in early March. I find it very uplifting that these two individuals have the drive and desire to continue. Baden residents should support them by utilizing their services and products.



Streetlight Lost It's Shine?

Is a streetlight not working? Calling Duquesne Light directly will give a quicker response than having the borough contact them. Why? We do not know, but residents who have called Duquesne Light directly have a response time within two weeks. When the borough sends a request on behalf of a resident for a street light repair the response time is months. For a quick repair time, try calling Duquesne Light directly at 1-888-393-7100



Recycling

Did You Know?

Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours.



What Not to Flush

(or put down the garbage disposal or drain)



Even if they're small and the package says flushable some everyday items can cause messy and expensive problems for your plumbing and our sewer treatment plant. Products that might seem safe to flush down the toilet, such as personal care wipes, dental floss and paper towels, don't dissolve quickly – or at all – in water. If a piece of undissolved material gets caught on a nick, bend or bump within a pipe, it can trigger a growth of buildup that could cause a sewer backup in your home or neighborhood. Please make sure to dispose of personal care products, cleaning supplies and other household waste properly: in the trash can, in the recycling bin or utilize Baden's **At Your Door Special Collection** supplied by Waste Management.

Personal Care Products	Medical Supplies	Household Trash
Baby wipes	Hypodermic needles	Cat litter
Bandages and wrappers	Medications	Chemicals and solvents
Condoms and wrappers	Vitamins	Cigarette butts
Cotton balls and swabs	Supplements	Coffee grounds
Dental floss		Disposable mop and duster heads
Diapers		Fruit stickers
Facial tissue		Fat, cooking oil, grease
Feminine hygiene products		Paint
Moist bathroom wipes		Paper towels

At Your Door Special Collection

Need to dispose of a Paint, Garden Chemicals, Household Cleaners, Flammable & Combustible Materials, Swimming Pool Chemicals, Computer, Television, DVD, VCR, Vehicle Battery, Mercury...? Call Waste Management at **1-800-449-7587** to schedule a convenient special pickup.

NOTE: The list provided is a brief summary. There are exclusions and special guidelines that need to be followed for service. Waste Management will confirm the acceptable materials that they will pick up and mail you a collection kit.

There is no extra cost for this service.

2nd Annual Community Yard Sale

Baden is planning its second annual community yard sale on Saturday, June 28th. If you are interested in having your address included on the yard sale map, call the borough office at 724-869-3700. There is no charge to participate and the deadline to be included on the map is June 2nd.



Contact Information

BOROUGH OFFICE: 724-869-3700 (Main)

- 1..... Main Officer, General Questions, Garbage
- 2..... Borough News
- 3 Borough Secretary
- 4..... Municipal Authority and Utility
- 5... Business Taxes, Community Room Rental
- 6.....Mayor
- 7 Police Department
- 8..... Police Chief
- 9..... Fire Department
- 0..... Leave a message
- *Repeat Options

PUBLIC UTILITIES & SERVICE

- Water: Baden Borough 724.869.3701
- Sewage: Baden Borough Mun. Authority 724.869.3701
- Electricity: Duquesne Light Company 1.888.393.7100
- Natural Gas: Columbia Gas of PA 1.888.460.4332
- Garbage: Waste Management
(call Borough Office)..... 724.266.2604

- MayorSamuel Gagliardi
- President of Council Judith Montell
- Vice-PresidentDonna Michaels
- Members: Robert Besong, Ted Kotula, Michael Stuban,
David Trzcianka Kimberly Villella

MISSION STATEMENT

The community newsletter is one of a variety of ways that our Baden Imaging and Communications Committee will reach out to our citizens and surrounding communities with various points of interest. The committee intends to provide our citizens with current and useful information via a borough website, the media, brochures, community events, emergency announcements and the promotion of our town in a positive way.



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 Municipal Building
 Baden, PA 15005
 Summer, 2014