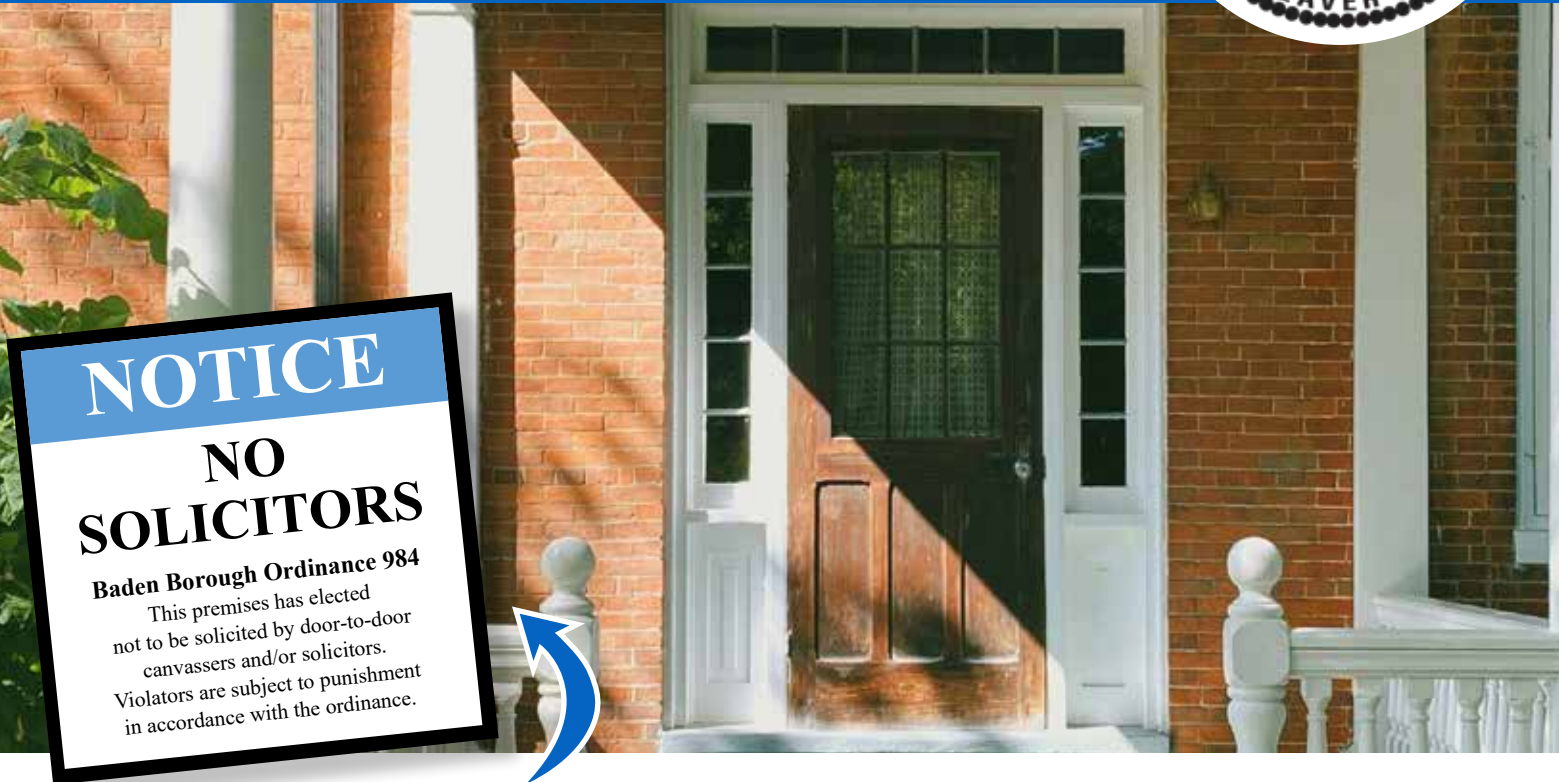


Baden Borough's Front Porch News



SPRING 2025



NOTICE

NO SOLICITORS

Baden Borough Ordinance 984

This premises has elected not to be solicited by door-to-door canvassers and/or solicitors. Violators are subject to punishment in accordance with the ordinance.

WHO IS KNOCKING AT MY DOOR: New Solicitation Ordinance

Last October, Council completed work on and approved a new ordinance that tightens the rules regarding door-to-door sales in Baden Borough. These changes were in direct response to safety concerns voiced by residents. Here are some of the questions we've been asked about what's new:

Q: How do the new rules keep residents safer?

A: Anyone planning to solicit door-to-door will be required to complete an application process that includes photo ID verification and the submission of a SentryLink criminal history report. If approved, the solicitor must retain a copy of the approved application and show it upon request to demonstrate that they have been properly screened.

Q: Is there a way to verify that someone is allowed to solicit around town without approaching them directly?

A: Yes. The permit application process requires the applicant to list the days and times during which they'll be working in Baden. These schedules will be posted on the Baden Borough website at <https://badenborough.com/soliciting>

Q: Are there any rules about approved days and hours for solicitation?

A: Solicitors must restrict their activities to the hours of 10:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Saturday. Solicitation is **not** permitted on Sundays or on holidays recognized by the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Contacting

The Borough

Borough Office:

(724) 869-3700

Water Billing, Garbage Service and Municipal Authority:

(724) 869-3701

Community Room Rental, Dye Tests, Liens, Accounts Payable:

(724) 869-3702

Borough Manager:

(724) 869-3703

Police Department:

(724) 869-9530

Fire Department:

(724) 869-3706

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8AM to 4PM

Emergency: Call 911

Non-Emergency (including water breaks, road conditions, etc.):

please call (724) 869-2813

Mayor:

Judi Montell

President of Council:

Dave Trzcianka

Council Members:

Joe Bosh, Becky Gallagher, Doug Miller, Dawn Singleton, John Shelkons, & Michael Stuban

Baden Borough now offers online bill pay! For more information, check out www.badenborough.com

STORM SEWERS ARE FOR STORM WATER

The Department of Environmental Protection MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) requires the minimization of pollutants from entering the waterways.

Proper waste disposal prevents storm water contamination. As a homeowner, make sure you:

Proper waste disposal:

- Never dump oil, paint, chemicals, or other hazardous materials down storm drains.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.
- Sweep up yard debris like leaves and grass clippings before they can be washed into storm drains.
- Pick up litter and debris and dispose of it properly.

COMING SOON: Starting July 1, 2025 you will be able to view Baden Borough's annual water quality report online at:

badenborough.com/document/ccr

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call (724) 869-3700 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

WHEN ARE THE WATER BILLS DUE?

Need to budget your finances for your quarterly water bill?

Meter Reading	Bill Mailed	Payment Due
DEC	JAN	FEB
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
JUNE	JULY	AUG
SEPT	OCT	NOV

Please note this is subject to change for unexpected reason.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Baden Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (Rain date: Saturday, June 14).

If you plan to participate and would like your home highlighted on the event map, please call the borough office at 724-869-3700 or visit badenborough.com/community-yard-sale.

NOTE: In order to have your home highlighted on the yard sale map, you must sign up by Thursday, April 17th.

KEEP YOUR SIDEWALKS CLEAN & SAFE

Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner to keep clean. With warmer weather on its way, grass, weeds and in some cases trees start to grow in the cracks and edges of the walkways. Cut or pull the growth to prevent a safety hazard. Overgrown shrubs and bushes can lead to multiple safety hazards. A sidewalk overcrowded with foliage may unnecessarily push pedestrian traffic, especially wheelchairs and strollers, into the street or obstruct the field of view for drivers at a nearby intersection. Please be mindful and trim back shrubs and bushes along sidewalks and roadways.

Keeping the sidewalks and roadways properly trimmed doesn't just make our communities look nicer; it makes them safer too.

NOTE: The Baden Code Enforcement Officer will be addressing this problem and enforcing the borough code.

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Q: I have a "No Solicitation" sticker on my door. What happens if somebody ignores it and knocks on my door anyway?

A: The new ordinance requires solicitors to respect any clearly-posted "No soliciting" sticker, sign, or decal. Anyone who breaks this rule is subject to the revocation of their permit. To report a violation of this rule, call the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department.

BY THE WAY, IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE A "NO SOLICITATION" STICKER AND WOULD LIKE ONE, YOU CAN PICK ONE UP AT THE BADEN BOROUGH OFFICE DURING NORMAL OPERATING HOURS.

Q: Are there any exceptions to these new rules?

A: Yes. Some door-to-door activities, like political and religious canvassing, are protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. For more detailed information about exceptions, refer to the text of the ordinance, which is available on the Baden Borough website at <https://badenborough.com/soliciting>



The church located directly across from the post office on State Street has served Baden Borough since being founded by the Rev. Dr. William Passavant. Our life together is lived trusting in the promises of God revealed in Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join us on Sundays at 11 a.m. to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Also, we are available to any individual or family seeking to know more about Jesus and faith that is a gift given by the merciful grace of God. Please contact the church 724-480-5040 or speak to any member to learn more about ways we love the Lord and serve.

Residents and neighbors are invited to these special events:

- On **May 17, 2025 at 2:30pm** the community is welcome to join us for the dedication of an historic marker placed in front of the church that honors the legacy of faith and historic contributions of our founder Rev. Dr. William Passavant.
- **June 7, 2025** we support the Baden Community Yard Sale with many wonderful items donated by members. Our restrooms are open to the public and the facility is air-conditioned. Many neighbors take a break from shopping yard sales in our welcoming downstairs space.
- **June 16-20, 2025** is Vacation Bible School Week. Children in Baden (and their friends) age three (3) to (10) invited to the "Epic Australian Adventure: An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus". VBS is held from 9am to 12:30pm. Enrollment is limited. Please register early by emailing christbaden@gmail.com



The family of faith at Christ loves Baden Borough. Be assured of our prayers, united with the church in heaven, have continued since 1858 for Baden Borough. We are blessed by churches, leaders, civic minded clubs, veterans, businesses, institutions of learning and all citizens in this historic community by the Ohio River. Like us on Facebook at Christ Lutheran Church - Baden for the most up to date opportunities to serve Baden Borough with us.



Friends of Baden Memorial Library: **WINE & CHEESE FUNDRAISER**

The Friends of the Baden Memorial Library held their first Wine and Cheese Fundraiser on October 12, 2024. We had great attendance and the event was a success. Please save the date for our next Wine and Cheese to be held on Saturday, October 11. More information will be available soon. We are accepting new members, if you are interested please stop by the library for our meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 1PM.

BADEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY UPDATES

Baden Memorial Library has some fun & interesting programs for all ages coming up soon:

- Saturday, April 12th at 1 pm: **Community Easter Egg Hunt at Baden Methodist Church**
- Tuesday, May 6th at 1pm: **Vintage Debbie's Eras Tour 1970's**
- Saturday, May 10th at 1pm: **Stuffed Animal Workshop – Teddy Bear ****
- Saturday, June 7th: **Annual Book Sale**
- Wednesday, June 11th at 1pm: **Chick Hatch Day!**
- Thursday, June 12th: **One Book Beaver County hosts author Sarah Penner at CCBC Dome**
- Saturday, June 14th at 1pm: **Stuffed Animal Workshop – German Shepard Puppy ****
- Saturday, July 12th from 10am – 12pm: **Creek Critter Hike with B.C. Library System at Brush Creek Park**

** Spaces are limited – Register Soon!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - “Color Your World” – watch for information about a **Color Run** presented by Beaver County Libraries!

Our monthly calendar has many regular programs to check out, too:

- **Book to Movie:** 5pm on the 3rd Thursday
- **Magic the Gathering:** 4pm, biweekly on Fridays (Ages 10 & up; 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, etc)
- **Monday Mystery Book Club:** 1pm on 3RD Monday
- **Movie Monday:** 10am every Monday
- **Preschool Story Time:** 12pm, biweekly on Thursday
- **STEM Club:** 5pm, Biweekly on Tuesday (4/8, 4/22, 5/6, etc.)
- **Social Worker, Michael Moore:** 11am to 7pm, biweekly on Tuesday (4/15, 4/29, 5/13, etc.)

There's always something going on at our Library – We invite everyone to come have a soft drink or coffee, check out the latest additions to the collection, our audio and large-print books, and be sure to ask for a Calendar of Events so you can CHECK IT OUT! for yourself.

“Where Did The Money Go?” **2024 BADEN BOROUGH PROJECT RECAP**

Included at the request of Council, the following is an overview of the major projects in 2024 to which significant funds were allocated.

Baden Borough pursued a low interest loan through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a water system improvement project. It was a long engineering process that resulted in a loan approval of \$1.9 million dollars with very strict funding guidelines. This loan paid for the replacement of main waterlines, water service lines and fire hydrants in the North Avenue area.

Some projects do not involve long planning due to emergencies such as waterline breaks and sinkholes from broken storm sewer pipes. Unfortunately, as our infrastructure ages there are going to be more emergencies. Additional waterlines were replaced on the end of 4th Street, along Route 65 from Virginia Avenue to North Avenue, and a portion of Bauman Avenue. Storm sewer inlets were replaced on lower Bauman, State Street and lower Johnson Avenue by McDonalds. After multiple meetings with PennDOT and state representatives, Baden was told that fixing the sinkhole on Phillips Street (a state road) was Baden’s responsibility. Baden repaired and replaced storm sewers and pipe on the lower portion of Phillips Street. The cost of these unanticipated projects totaled

\$753,000, which was primarily paid for by funds allocated to Beaver County via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Once the waterline, storm inlet replacement, and Phillips Street sinkhole repair projects were finished, the several streets in the project areas were paved. The street restoration cost was \$733,000 with \$500,000 being paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund (state allocated funds derived from gasoline taxes which must specifically be used to maintain, repair and construct roads) and the balance was financed by a small 5 year loan.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) does annual inspections of the Baden water system. After an inspection of the Harmony Road water tank the DEP notified the borough that a disinfectant residual management system (agitator) needed to be placed in the tank to maintain the quality of the water. This upgrade to the water tank included constructing a small building, plumbing & electrical work and the agitator equipment & installation at a cost of over \$150,000. This was paid from the water maintenance fund (the \$10 that residents pay in their quarterly utility bill).

Looking forward, we are currently applying for a Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) loan/grant to remain proactive in replacing additional waterlines within the borough. We hope our next newsletter will deliver good news and more details regarding this project.



“America’s 250th anniversary is about more than reflecting on our past, it’s about honoring the contributions of individuals who built this country, the innovations that put this country on the map and a man on the moon, and imagining what the next 250 years might look like for our children and the generations to come.” – Rosie Rios, Chair, U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission

HELP PLAN A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR AMERICA!

The United States Semiquincentennial will be the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. Baden Borough created a committee to help plan exciting events throughout the year to celebrate America’s birthday. The committee is currently having monthly meetings to discuss ideas and select dates for some of the events. If you have ideas to share and are interested in helping please call the borough office at 724-869-3700 to get the dates and times of the next committee meeting.



2025 CURBSIDE PICKUP FOR YARD TRIMMINGS

We are offering curbside pickup of small tree/yard trimmings to the residents of Baden.

- 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:

- June 12th and 26th
- July 10th and 24th
- August 14th and 28th
- September 11th and 25th
- October 9th and 23th

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 724-869-3700 to schedule your pick up; however, payment must be received prior to your scheduled pickup date.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

Last year Baden recycled over 738,000 pounds of waste. Household waste that could not be picked up with regular curbside recycling weighed 11,000 pounds. This included paints, oils, flammable liquids/gases and electronics (TV's, computers, printers...). Electronics was over 8,000 pounds of the total. Curbside recycling picked up by Waste Management was 232,620 pounds. Cardboard recycling (dumpster drop-off and businesses) was 356,000 pounds. Mixed paper (dumpster drop-off and businesses) was 76,000 pounds.

In case you didn't know, your recycling not only protects our environment, but Baden Borough gets annual grant money based upon the total weight of our community recycling program.

If you need to dispose of a computer, TV, DVD, VCR, vehicle battery, paint, chemicals, flammable & combustible materials, pool chemicals, mercury... Call Waste Management at 1-800-449-7587 to schedule a pickup.

Please continue and thank you for recycling!



BADEN LIONS



We Serve

Broom SALE

- Available at -

Baden Memorial Library

385 State Street - Baden, PA

Economy Plumbing & Heating

407 State Street - Baden, PA

LIONS Meeting FIRST Tuesday of the month.



Saint
Teresa of Calcutta
Maronite Catholic Church



375 Linmore Avenue
Baden, PA 15005
StTeresaMaronite@gmail.com

Weekend Liturgy
Sunday at 11:00 AM

Weekday Liturgy
Friday at 9:00 AM

Confession
60 minutes before Liturgy
or upon request

StTeresaMaronite.org



"Like" us on Facebook!



WELCOME! Ahlan 'wa Sahlan!

We are a Maronite Catholic Church celebrating the Eastern Catholic Liturgy according to the Rite of the Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church. We are happy to be in the neighborhood and we invite you to visit us!



located at the former St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

"Make us, Lord, worthy to serve our brothers and sisters who are scattered all over the world, who live and die alone and poor. Give them today, using our hands, their daily bread. And, using our love, give them peace and happiness. Amen."
-Mother Teresa

SAVE THE DATE! June 7 & 8, 2025
for our Lebanese Food Festival!!!

WHO DO I CALL? WHEN YOU NEED THE POLICE FOR A NON-EMERGENCY OR HAVE A GENERAL QUESTION

Under the direction of the police department, non-emergency police matters need to be phoned into the non-emergency 911 Center by the resident. This would include calls regarding stray animals, speeding, stop sign violations or illegally parked cars, recreational vehicles, trailers and other non-emergency police issues. The phone number will connect you to the non-emergency 911 Center where the dispatcher will document your issue with the date, time of your call and notification to the police department. For general police department questions such as filing or obtaining a police report, call the police department directly. Please do not call the borough office for police service.

- **Beaver Valley Regional Police Station: 724-869-9530**
- **911 Center Non-Emergency Police: 724-869-2813**



A MESSAGE FROM BEAVER VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE CHIEF, MICHAEL PRIOLO

My name is Michael Priolo, and I'm the new Chief of Police for the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department. I have been a police officer since 2008 starting out as a part-time police officer for both Harmony Township and New Sewickley Township Police Departments. In 2012 I was hired as a full-time police officer for Conway Borough. While working at Conway Borough, I was promoted to Detective, where I remained until the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department became operational in 2023. During my tenure at the Conway Police Department, I received several awards from the Beaver County District Attorney's

office for my thorough investigative work and the resulting criminal convictions. I've had the opportunity to work in the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement Task Force and the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit.

When the concept of the regional police department was discussed, it seemed like an insurmountable task. The officers of Conway and Baden, along with the councils of Freedom, Conway, Baden, and the Beaver County District Attorney's Office, made this an achievable goal. Rochester Township joining the Regional Police Department in September of 2023 greatly enhanced the capabilities of the department. Today, the department is staffed by 18 full-time police officers, 3 of which are school resource officers.

The officers of the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department have committed themselves to the highest levels of professionalism, respect and dedication to the towns. In fact, each town has seen an increase in patrols simply due to the number of officers that are on patrol. Coming this spring, the Region's first K-9, Drex, will be arriving. Officer Dunmyer is currently in K-9 handler's school and will be on patrol with Drex. I want to extend a special thank you to the Baden Volunteer Fire Department for their support of this program as well as their overall professionalism and cooperation towards our shared goal of public safety.

If there is one piece of advice that I could give to everyone, please keep your vehicle doors locked. In the past, items have been stolen from unlocked vehicles. Fortunately, the exemplary police work from the officers has resulted in criminal arrests of the actors.

Thanks for taking the time to get to know me. Our regional department may be young, but its successes have already become a point of pride for our community. I look forward to helping it continue to flourish.



GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF BADEN

The General Federation of Women's Club was founded in 1890 and is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service and guess what...we have a chapter right here in Baden!

The GFWC Woman's Club of Baden is not just a club where women wear hats and have tea...it is a group of amazing volunteers who help local and international charities in addition to volunteering in the community.

This year we have donated trees for children to decorate through "The Center For Hope" – donated clothes, toys, toiletries, etc, valued at over \$2,000 worth to the BC Women's Center – Made Christmas treats for residents at the Villa - Set up an "Alex Lemonade Stand" at the Baden Festival and raised money for kids with cancer – worked closely with an organization that rescued 11 girls from Human Trafficking this year – We sponsored 2 tables and made treat bags thanking our veterans for their service at the CCBC Breakfast and so, so much more.

GFWC Woman's Club of Baden along with State Street, Highland and Economy Elementary Schools held the second annual "Acts of Kindness Challenge". The program was created in memory of a very kind young student named Michael Trella. The "I Love you More Foundation" was created in his honor and picked October 27th as "Act of Kindness" day in his memory. 121 students participated from the 3 schools and those students performed 1597 acts of kindness in one week...How awesome is that!

We've had speakers from the Humane Society, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and President Carter's favorite charity Habitat for Humanity to educate us about their organization and how the GFWC of Baden can help them. We sponsor the "Little Library Boxes" you see decorated throughout the town and fill them with your help for all to "freely" read.



We also do fun things like our biggest fundraiser, an overnight bus trip to Seneca Niagara Casino each year. This year it will be September 7th and 8th. If gambling is not your thing, you can enjoy all the hotel amenities or take a walk a few blocks away to see Niagara Falls which is absolutely beautiful all lit up at night.

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. From 6:00 to 6:30 we mingle with members, have refreshments then the meeting starts at 6:30 to 7:30-7:45. No meetings are held during our summer break in June, July, and August. Come join us! We would love to have you as a member!

For more information on how you can join, you can message us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/badenwomen>.

A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF BAKER, BADEN'S VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Springtime brings warmer weather and increased outdoor activities, but it also presents fire hazards such as dry vegetation, grilling risks, and improper disposal of yard waste. The Borough of Baden has a no-burning ordinance, allowing only small, contained, clean-burning fires for cooking. To stay safe, always clear dead leaves and debris from around your home, keep grills at least 10 feet away from structures, and properly extinguish fires used for cooking. Never burn yard waste, trash, or rubbish; always follow local fire regulations. A little caution goes a long way in preventing springtime fires and keeping your home and community safe!



"Lets Go Camping"



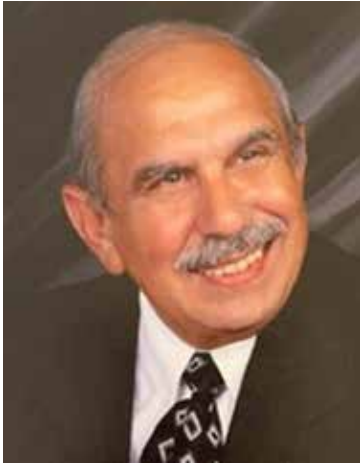
Interesting In Joining
BOY SCOUTS
in Baden

Ages 10 to 18

Stop in any WEDNESDAY 7PM

Baden Lions - 1124 Harmony Road, Baden

IN MEMORIAM



Samuel Gagliardi
AGE 88, PASSED AWAY ON
JANUARY 26, 2025

Sam served our community as a councilman for 4 years and Mayor for 20 years. During his tenure as mayor, he proudly led the Baden Borough Police Department, and officiated many public events and marriages. Sam represented Baden Borough with respect and honor.



Jason Roberts
AGE 53, PASSED AWAY IN
DECEMBER OF 2024

Jason was a dedicated employee of the Baden Memorial Library. He was actively involved in the Baden Parks & Recreation Board where he served as the board's Treasurer.

The Baden American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary: **WE ARE NOT A “BAR” WITH A FLAG IN FRONT OF IT!**

As you drive through town, how many of you have passed the American Legion and, if you gave it any thought, thought of it as exactly that—one of the local bars with a flag out front. You would be wrong.

WHO WE ARE

Your Baden American Legion has been around since the mid-1930's. As with all American Legions, it was established to help their local GI's as they returned home after serving their country, to support them as they adjust to life after battle, after being in the military, dealing with wounds both seen and unseen. Yes, they have a canteen (NOT A BAR), but it's not the core of the post, not at all. The veterans, the auxiliary members, and the families are the core of the Baden American Legion.

The American Legion is a “family”, made up of the veterans (Post members), the American Legion Auxiliary (made up of the spouses of veterans), Junior Auxiliary Members (daughters and granddaughters of veterans/post members), the Sons of the American Legion (sons and grandsons of veterans/post members), and the American Legion Riders.

The American Legion's foundation is built on four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. It's on this foundation that the Baden American Legion continues to serve the veterans, families and community of Baden.

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WHAT WE DO

So, what does the Baden American Legion actually do? We take part in events that honor our veterans and military, such as Memorial Day events and Veterans Day events including parades. For Memorial Day our post members place American Flags on the veteran gravesites within the area, thousands of them. At Christmas we travel to the Cemetery of the Alleghenies to place wreaths on Baden American Legion members who are buried there. We put together Christmas gift bags (as former military, we call them ditty bags) for distribution to any and all veterans living in care facilities over the Christmas holiday. We hold monthly meetings to keep members aware of what is going on within the Baden American Legion. And for you parents out there with kids thinking about college, contact us to get information on American Legion scholarships.

The Baden American Legion is one of a limited number of places in Beaver County that takes old and worn American flags and disposes of them in the correct way. We do this 2-3 times a year, always with a ceremony, which includes local scout troops. June 14th is Flag Day, and your local American Legion and Auxiliary will be hosting events for veterans, military members, families and the community. We want to show how we honor and celebrate the American Flag and the correct way of retiring and disposing of retired flags. There will be children's events, information booths, food, and learn how and why we do what we do.

All American Legion Posts are to have a post Service Officer available to help local veterans with questions about benefits, both medical and educational, and the Baden Post is no exception. We provide education within the community on flag etiquette.

You may see information in the spring about a "stand-down" at the Post. What is a stand-down? The term originated to describe "in periods of war, exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover were removed from the battlefields to a place of relative security and safety. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive

letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment". This period was and is vital to our military members. This is an event bringing together all available resources and face-to-face contacts for all veterans, both housed and the homeless, including those dealing with food or housing insecurity.

ABOUT THE AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919 after the American Legion was established. It was started by wives of returning GIs, who believed that their support was integral in aiding in the return and recovery of the military coming home. The Baden American Legion Auxiliary can be viewed as the heart of the post. They are responsible for so many things and everything they do is focused on supporting the veterans of the post, active duty military and their families.

Our auxiliary manages the wonderful weekly fish fries that run from September through the end of April, every year. All funds raised from the fish fry dinners go to supporting veterans. They are put on the monthly dinners we have. Funds raised from each monthly dinner are earmarked for specific veteran/American Legion issues. They run the kitchen for the bi-weekly trivia nights held at the Baden American Legion.

But it's not just food that they cook and serve. They help with educating the community, both young and old, on all things poppy-related, and flag-related. Do you have a family member returning from deployment and you want a huge welcoming for them? Call your Baden American Legion Auxiliary, they can help you put something together. Need scholarship money for a high school junior or senior? Contact your Baden American Legion Auxiliary, we can provide you with information about local American Legion Auxiliary scholarships.

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY

The SAL (Sons of the American Legion) and the Junior Auxiliary Members are all about showing their support for not just their family member who is/was a veteran but for all veterans of the Baden American Legion post. The SAL is made up of sons and grandsons of American Legion veterans and have their ways of supporting the American Legion and its veterans. They march in parades, help with post events, and take part in fundraising events such as the occasional Wing Bash.

The SAL has been focused on putting a memorial in place in front of the Baden American Legion, titled “The Cost of Freedom”. It’s anchored by the Battle Cross and surrounded by red bricks engraved with the name of a fallen soldier, a deceased or living veteran. For those who aren’t familiar with the Battle Cross, it’s believed to have originated during the American Civil War and has changed over the years to now consist of the fallen soldier’s boots, rifle and helmet. It’s impossible not to be moved when you see the Battle Cross, knowing what it represents. As you walk or drive by the legion, you can see the Battle Cross is in place with dozens of red bricks surrounding it. You can honor your fallen soldier or veteran by purchasing a brick that will become a permanent part of the Baden American Legion’s Cost of Freedom memorial.

The Junior Auxiliary is made up of the daughters and granddaughters, under the age of 18, of American Legion veterans. The junior auxiliary has been collecting plastic bags to raise funds for a Veterans bench for the Baden community. They make up personal gifts for the Christmas gift bags; Christmas 2023 they made up 200 patriotic night lights, Christmas 2024 they made up over 200 patriotic “teddy bear” washcloths. They help with the food events that the auxiliary does.

EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Fish fries, monthly dinners, weekly bar bingo, biweekly trivia nights, wing bashes, band nights—all these events help the legion raise funds for our veterans and their families.

Throughout the year we hold celebrations and ceremonies for certain days, many of which are open. Just follow us on Facebook and keep up with what’s going on.

WHERE TO FIND US

This is just an example of what your local Baden American Legion and Baden American Legion Auxiliary does. To learn more or see what we have going on such as what dinner or activities are upcoming, follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Badenpost641/> or visit the Auxiliary Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Baden641auxiliary/>. You can also visit our website at <https://www.badenpost641.org/>.

To return to the title, “WE ARE NOT A BAR WITH A FLAG IN FRONT” - your Baden American Legion was established to support our local

veterans, active duty military and their families, but also the community of Baden. Talk to a legion member, auxiliary member and see what you can do or learn about what we do. We aren’t an American Legion that’s located in Baden—we are the Baden American Legion, made up of your veterans and their families and kids, part of your community. We do have a canteen, NOT a bar, and we do gather around it sometimes and have a Pepsi, or a beer, play some pool, but that isn’t the heart of us.

Finally, we are proud to be part of the Baden community and want to thank the community for its continued support of the Baden American Legion Post 641, our Auxiliary and our veterans.



NOTICE: ROAD CLOSED!

In November 2023 Baden Borough was excited to have Schiller Street Extension paved, creating a nice access road to the newly paved Tevebaugh Road which was funded through a grant received by West View Water Authority. The cost to pave Schiller Street Extension was \$114,000.

Unfortunately, a major storm of heavy rain in April of 2024 caused many landslides in the Beaver County area. This included Schiller Street Extension. The large amount of water that fell in a short period of time caused the already saturated ground from melting snow to wash away and undermine the soil beneath the road. Schiller Street Extension cracked and a large void was present under the road making vehicle travel on the road unsafe.

In early May of 2024 Baden hired ACA Engineering to do core samples of the road and offer repair options. The study confirmed that the road is undermined approximately 200 feet in length. The core samples showed sandy clay, silt, weathered shale, sandstone, as well as ground water. The slide was caused by storm water running from the hillside along the opposite side of the slide undermining the soil beneath the road. ACA Engineering offered two options for fixing the road. One involved building a very large retaining wall and the second is to totally remove and rebuild the road. Both options require storm sewer reconstruction. Either choice has an estimated cost of one million dollars.

Baden Borough looked grant funding through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) who was assisting to secure disaster recovery funds for Western Pennsylvania, but Schiller Street Extension did not qualify for funding.

In May of 2024 signs were put up stating that Schiller Street Extension is closed and Google Maps was updated to reflect the change.

Until grant funding may be secured, Schiller Street Extension will remain closed.