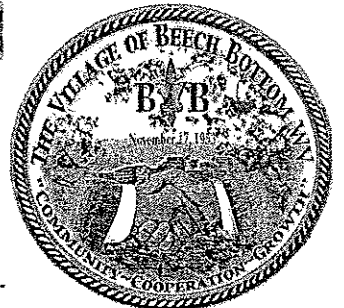




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## Welcome

As Mayor of Beech Bottom, I want to welcome you to the first issue of our New Newsletter. This publication will be put out quarterly unless there is a special event to tell you about. I hope you find this publication informative and if there is something you would like us to include, please contact our Village Recorder, Tara Sheperd at (304) 394-5545.

~George Lewis, Mayor



# VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Village of Beech Bottom hosted it's 2nd Annual Village Christmas Party on December 16, 2006 at the Beech Bottom Fire Department. The party was open to children from 0-17 and 65 +. The children and adults were able to get their faces painted, make an ornament, and make a picture frame. There were lots of tasty treats to eat from local companies. Approximately 100 children and adults attended. For the Seniors that were unable to make it out of their homes, poinsettias and treat bags were dropped off to

them. This party would not have been such a success if it wasn't for Judy Lewis and her team of elves: Tara Sheperd, Village Recorder Connie Sadler, Glenda Haddon, Sandy Westfall, Dick Haddon, Carol Yarling, Annie Lewis, Mayor George Lewis, Councilman Greg Sheperd, Councilman John Niven, Councilman Bill "Twig" Watson, Councilman Bob Salder, Councilman Rich Westfall, Treasurer Dena Furoli, Water Superintendent Ernie Jack, Police Chief Matt Rogerson. We would also like to thank the sponsors who

made this event possible: Beech Bottom Volunteer Fire Department for use of the hall, Charlotte Palmer, John Burton, Michelle Beck, Tim Horton, Fonces, United Dairy, WV State Police, Newbrough Photography, WIC, Wes Banco, Main Street Bank, Wheeling Hospital, Lowe's, Reasners Funeral Home, FOP, Brooke County Deputy Association, Girl Scouts, Wal-Mart-St. Clairsville, Wal-Mart-Steubenville, Sugar & Spice, AAA Travel,

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# Beech Bottom Police Department

As the Chief I want to first let all of you know that I have enjoyed serving you the past 2 years. This being the first Village Newsletter I wanted to introduce your Village Police Officers and let you know about us. I serve as a Sergeant on the Brooke County Sheriff Department. I have been in law enforcement in Brooke County for the past 15 years. My wife of 21 years, Cinda is the owner of HIS Place Christian Book Store in Wellsburg. I have 2 children Scott who currently is in the West Virginia State Police Academy and also serves as a Deputy Sheriff in Brooke County. My daughter is Chadlee a Senior at Brooke High School. She will be attending West Liberty State College this fall.

In July of 2006 Patrolman Dan Casto was hired as a Patrolman for the Village. Dan has been a Police Officer for the past 10 years, and also serves as a Corporal with the Wellsburg Police Department. He has been married for 11 years to Heather, and

has 2 children. Jesse is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Wellsburg Middle School, and Amanda who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Wellsburg Primary.

As many of you are aware we have been enforcing several Village Ordinances in particular the "Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance" which has caused some confusion. Our goal is to improve our Village and to rid it of Health Hazards including accumulated garbage and abandoned vehicles. Our Ordinance and State Law requires that all vehicles have a current WV registration and a valid WV inspection, and all vehicles must be in operational condition. All vehicles that have been in our State for a period of 30 days, **MUST** have a valid West Virginia Registration.

We are a part time Police Department, if you have a complaint that requires immediate assistance, please call the Brooke County Sheriff Department dispatch at 737-3660, or if it is an emergency dial 911. If we are working the Brooke County Dis-

patchers will contact us, and advise us of the call. If we are not on duty a Brooke County Deputy Sheriff will respond. Our Department number is 394-4771 if you want to leave a message for Patrolman Casto or myself.

Our goal is to make our Community Safe and to serve our Community to the best of our ability.

Matthew H. Rogerson  
Chief of Police



Patrolman Dan Casto and Chief Matt Rogerson

# Police Department Report

The Beech Bottom Police Department has been hard at work! The following information is an Activity Report for 2006.



**YEARLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2006**

Complaints Handled .....	74
County Assists.....	20
Wellsburg Assists.....	12
Fire Department Assists.....	2
Ambulance Service Assists.....	6
State Police Assists.....	7
Follansbee PD Assists.....	1
Traffic Stops.....	321
Citations Issued.....	172
Abandoned Vehicles Posted.....	24
Out of State Vehicles Posted.....	12
Alarms Answered.....	7



Thank You Matt and Dan for serving with the Village of Beech Bottom!

# Ordinance #11 Ordinance On Speed of Vehicles On The Streets In The Village Of Beech Bottom

#11 (Revised December 5, 2006)

## ORDINANCE ON SPEED OF VEHICLES ON THE STREETS IN THE VILLAGE OF BEECH BOTTOM.

(A) No person may drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions and the actual and potential hazards. In every event speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highways in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

(B) Where no special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (A) of this section, the speed of any vehicle not in excess of the limits specified in this section or established as authorized in this section is lawful, but any speed

in excess of the limits specified in this subsection or established as authorized in this section is unlawful. The following speed limits apply:  
(1) Fifteen miles per hour in a school zone during school recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours. A school zone is all school property, including school grounds and any street or highway abutting the school grounds and extending one hundred twenty-five feet along the street or highway from the school grounds.  
(2) Fifteen miles per hour on ALL residential Streets  
(3) Fifty-five miles per hour on WV Route 2 except as follows:

- (a) Forty-five miles per hour as posted by the State on WV Route 2 (River Road)
- (4) Ten Miles per hour on all Village alley ways
- (5) Twenty-Five miles per hour on Third Street

The speeds set forth in this section may be altered as authorized.  
(C) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of subsection (A) of this section, drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, and when a special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.

FIRST READING: 12-5-06

SECOND READING: 12-19-06

THIRD READING: Waved

Christmas Party Continued from Page 1... Butterflies by Heather, Bill Garvey, McDonalds, Luttamus Communications, Eat-N-Park, OVMC Hospital, Maloney's Gulf, Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corporation, Judge Dean Makricostas. And thank you to all the

citizens of the Village who attended.

### Don't Forget!



The Beech Bottom Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry the last Friday of every month and every Friday during Lent!

## Council Meetings

Council Meetings are open to the public. Our council meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting at 7:00 PM. However, if there is Special Meeting it will be posted on the front door of the Mayors building and the bulletin board at the post office. The following is a schedule of our

Regular Council Meetings: 15

June

5

19

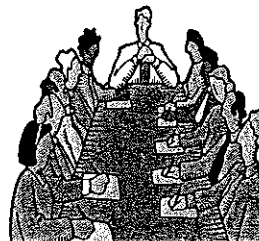
April

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17

May

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## NEW OFFICE MANAGER

The Council of the Village of Beech Bottom wanted to open up the office five (5) days a week to better accommodate the citizens of Beech Bottom. After a long search, Council decided that Carol Jones would make a great fit for our Village. If you stop in to the Village Office, please take a minute to introduce yourself to her.

**The Village office is now open Monday - Friday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**



## LOST & FOUND

During the Village Christmas Party a couple items were left at the Fire Department. The items that were left were a blue Super Man hat and a Boys red and black coat size 8/10. If these belong to you or someone you know, please let us know. If items are not claimed by the end of June, we will donate these items to Holy Family Catholic Church Needy Relief Center. You may stop in the Village office during normal business hours to pick them up.



## Special Thanks

We would like to give special thanks to the following persons/businesses that have helped our Village in some way.

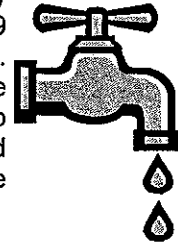
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## NEW WATER BOARD MEMBER

A new Water Board Member was elected at the Village Council Meeting on February 20, 2007. The Village Council welcomed Terry Stewart to finish out the unexpired term of Charles Morrell. Charles or "Chuck" as most citizens call him resigned from the Water Board on January 18, 2007 after serving 19 years on the Water Board. The Council of the Village of Beech Bottom wants to thank Chuck for all his hard work and dedication to the Village.



## Street Lights

Do you have a street light out???? If you answered YES to this question, you can report it to the Mayors office. Please provide us with the following information: Physical address and pole number.

