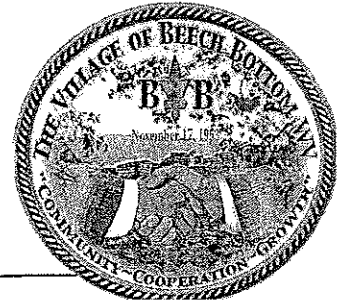


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Year In Review

It has been quite a year in the Village of Beech Bottom. We have made several positive changes in the Village. Hill Street Playground was given new life with a fresh coat of paint, hosted the 2nd annual Village Christmas party for the children and

seniors, passed several new and amended ordinances, and cleaned up Power Cemetery just to name a few. We have a lot of plans in the works for the Village. Improving our streets, starting the Water Project, and revitalizing 3rd Street Play-

ground among many other things. I have enjoyed working with the citizens to improve our fine Village. Should you have any questions or comments please contact me at the Mayors office.

~George Lewis, Mayor

Hill Street Playground

Bethany College Circle K Club wanted to do a project in our Village. After much thought we decided to have them paint Hill Street Playground. I bet some of you are wondering what is Circle K? Circle K is a youth leadership club for college students sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club. So in April three Beth-

any College Students, a Kiwanis Advisor, three Wheeling Jesuit Students, Judy Lewis, Annie Lewis, Mayor George Lewis, Tara Sheperd, Greg Sheperd, and several kids in the community met at the playground. The Village supplied the paint, brushes, scrapers. It was a long 8 hours of scrap-

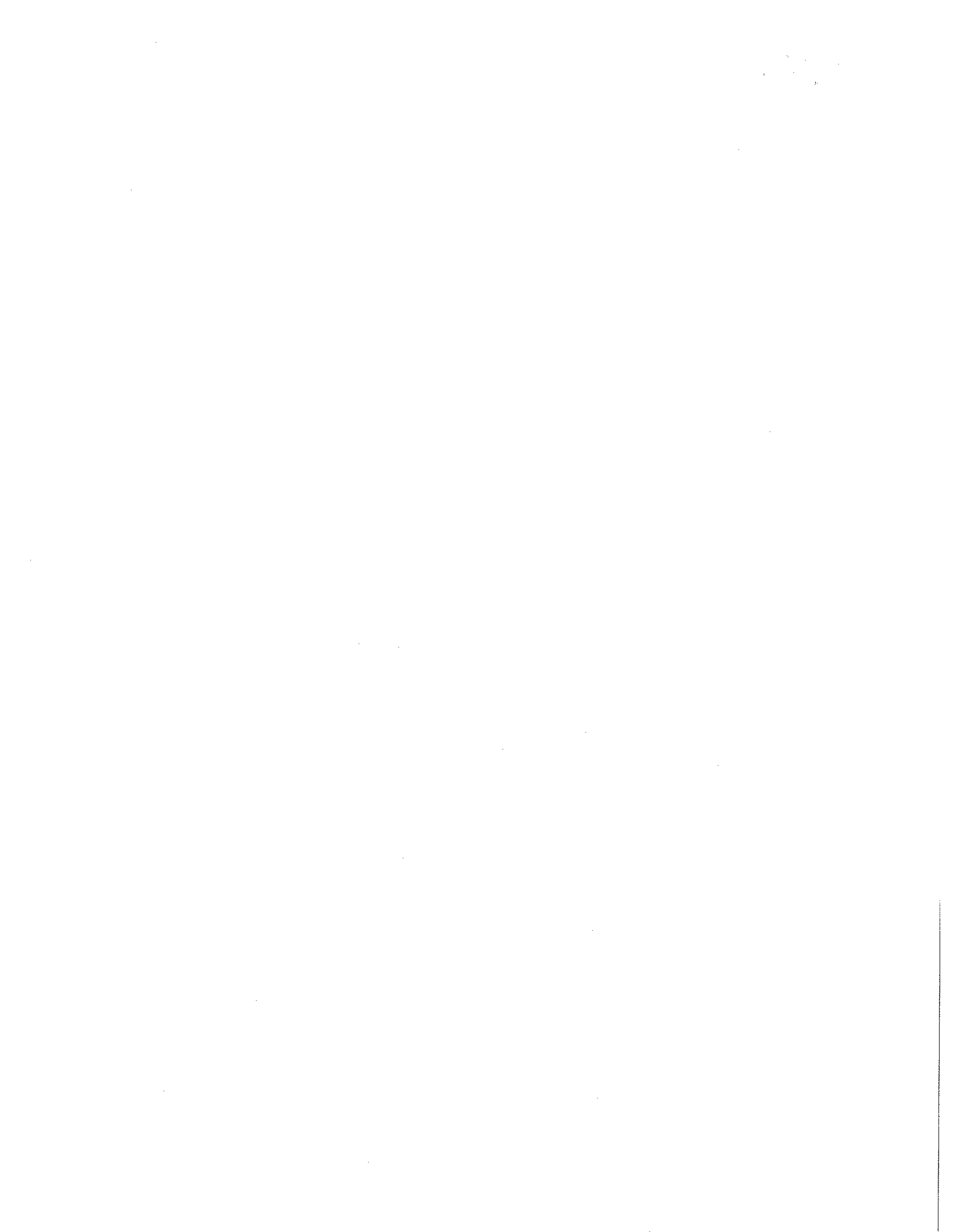
ing and painting, but the results were fantastic. Not only were the students able to paint the playground on Hill Street, but they were also able to paint a couple of pieces of equipment on the 3rd Street Playground. The dolphin was repainted and the Mary-go-round boards re

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Ordinance #19 Regulating Maintenance of Property Within The Village Of Beech Bottom (Amended March 1, 2007)

Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Beech Bottom that it shall be unlawful for any property owner or resident to permit real estate with in the Corporate Limits of the Village of Beech Bottom to permit growth of any sort, which appears unsightly on the real estate. The Council of the Village of Beech Bottom shall notify the property owner or



resident that the property is unsightly, having tall grass or weeds and shall permit said resident or property owner a period of seven (7) days to mow and condition the real estate. In the event the resident or property owner does not comply with the directions of Council, the Council may at its option, employ a

person or persons to mow and condition the property, and the property owner or resident shall be responsible to the costs of labor and material incurred. The property owner or resident may also be subject to fines and court costs through the Village of Beech Bottom Municipal Court.

FIRST READING: 3-20-07

Power Cemetery

On a damp May 12th morning Mayor Lewis, Councilman Bob Sadler, Judy Lewis, Annie Lewis, Charlotte Palmer, Sue Roder, Recorder Tara Sheperd and 2 Community Service guys tackled the overgrown Power Cemetery. The entire cemetery was covered with poison ivy, honey suckle, and broken

tree branches. Within four hours the cemetery saw the light of day. While cleaning off the steps we uncovered the original sidewalk that ran through Power. Everyone was hopeful that the fence was salvageable, however it was not. We will be looking into grants and to put up a new fence,

and a historical marker. If it wasn't for the locals, no one would ever know Power existed. I hope you enjoy the before and after pictures. Stop down and take a look! Thank you to all who made it possible.

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Citizen of the Year

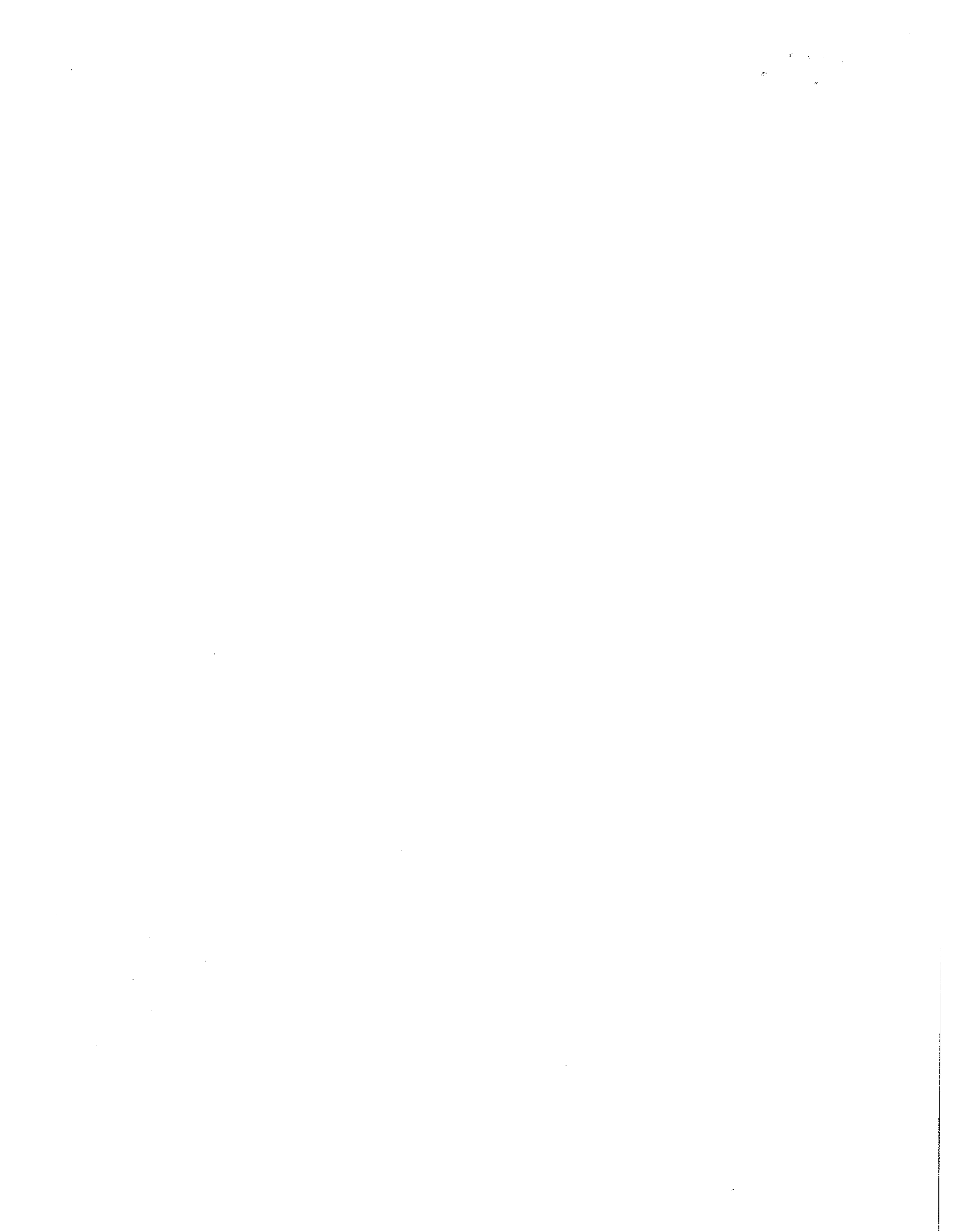
The Council of the Village of Beech Bottom feels that there are some special people in this town. This award is designed to honor those individuals that are model citizens in our community. Many such individuals perform acts that are to the larger benefit of their neighbors and the Village on a regular basis.

However, their humble nature causes their model citizenship to go unnoticed or unrewarded. The Citizen of the Year should be an example for the youth of the Village to follow thus promoting future generations of the Community involvement.

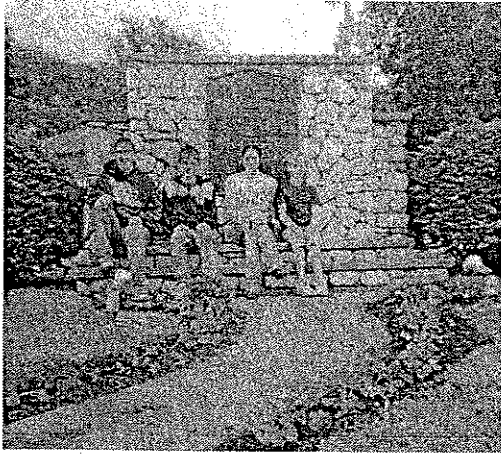
There are no age restrictions for

nominees. Applications must be received in the Village office by October 31. The Award is selected by majority vote of Village Council at their first regular meeting in

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Planting Flowers at the Monument for Memorial Day



Annie Lewis, Mark Jordan, Laura Haas, Taylor



Taylor Jordan

The Playground Crew



Power Cemetery After



Planting Trees on 3rd Street



Mayor Lewis With the Kids



A Job Well Done!



November each year and will be awarded at the following meeting. Village Council does retain the right to not name a recipient in any given year.

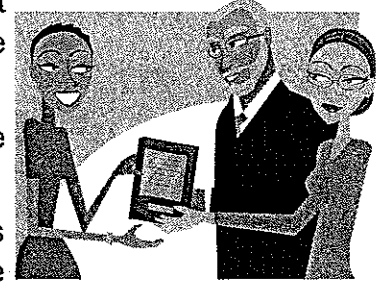
The nominee must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible.

1. Reside in the Village of Beech Bottom
2. Employed within the limits of the Village of Beech Bottom.

3. Recognized act/project/event occurred within the limits of the Village of Beech Bottom.

*Note: Elected officials of the Village are not eligible.

If you know someone who is qualified for this award, please stop down to the Village office and pick up a form.



Village Office Hours

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



WATER BOARD MEETINGS

The Water Board Meetings are on the First Thursday after the First Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

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.



Council Meetings

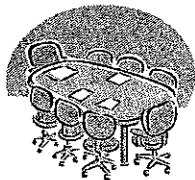
Council meetings start at 7:00 PM Hope to see you there!



Don't Forget!

The Beech Bottom Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry the last Friday of every

July	3
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August	7
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September	4
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Special Thanks

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

Judy Lewis, Annie Lewis, Councilman Bob Sadler, Mayor George Lewis, Sue Roder, Charlotte Palmer, Tara Sheperd,

Bethany College Circle K, Wheeling Jesuit Circle K, Ethel Haddon, Sean Jackson, Councilman Greg Sheperd, Carol Yarling, Wheeling Island Race Track and Gaming Resort.



New Council Members

Council said good-bye to Rich Westfall and Bill "Twig" Watson. Rich moved with his family to Follansbee and Bill moved to Georgia.

Council welcomed Ted Westfall and Linda Clennon as the new-

est members.

Best wishes to Rich and Bill and thank you for all you have done for the Village.



If you would like to rent the Village Park for your special event, please contact Carol at the Village Office during business hours to check for availability!

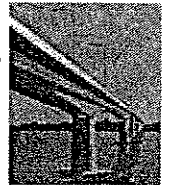
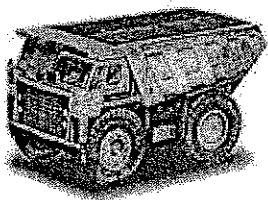
New Water Board Member

After serving on the Water Board for several years, Scotty Smith resigned to make more time to further his education. Council posted the position and voted Sue Roder in as the newest member of the Water Board. Thank you Mr. Smith for serving with the Village and we wish you good luck for the future.

OHIO RIVER BRIDGE TASK FORCE

On Wednesday August 7th, Mayor George Lewis, Councilman Bob Sadler, Councilwoman Linda Clennon, Councilman Greg Sheperd, and Recorder Tara Sheperd attended the Ohio River Bridge Task Force meeting at the Brooke County Library. There we met with Delegate Jack Yost, Commissioner Marty Bartz, Mayor and Council from West Liberty, West Liberty State College, citizens of Brooke

and Jefferson Counties. We are fighting for a bridge to be placed in Southern Brooke County, WV across the river to Jefferson County, OH. We will have more to come on this project and look for the support of every citizen. Our next meeting is on September 5th at 7:00 PM in the Brooke County Library. Hope to see you there!



Dirt, Dirt, and more Dirt!

There are a lot of rumors flying around the Village about all the dirt between Murphy's Construction and Waldorf Distribution. Well, here's the "Dirt"! The "Dirt" came from the Rt. 2 slip. The State Road needed a place to dump it and with all the

rain we were getting the water was pooling between Murphy's and Waldorf. This pooling water could have potentially flooded the Village's pump houses and contaminated the drinking water. Fortunately, that did not happen but the Vil-

lage wanted to take proactive measure to prevent future "close calls". Therefore, Mayor Lewis arranged for the dirt to be placed and graded to protect the pump houses at no cost to the Village for the dirt or labor.

A Message from the Chief

As your Chief I would like to thank the citizens who have complied with our new Ordinances in reference to abandoned vehicles and property maintenance. For those who may not be aware, Village Council recently passed 2 Ordinances to help beautify our Village. The first has to do with Abandoned Vehicles. To state it simply, if you have a vehicle in the Village of Beech Bottom on Private Property or Village Streets they must be in working order and have a current West Virginia Registration and Inspection. All vehicles that are owned or operated by West Virginia Residents must have a valid West Virginia Registration as well. Secondly those that own or rent property in the Village of Beech Bottom, must maintain their property. Grass and weeds must be cut, and the property must be free of garbage and debris. As stated before our goal is to improve our Village and to rid it of Health Hazards.

Playground from Pg 1

placed and it also received a fresh coat of paint. A very special thank you to Ethel Haddon for the Kool-Aid and use of her porch

We are a part-time Department, if you have a complaint, need any assistance or questions answered, please feel free to call us. Our Office number is 394-4771. Leave me a message, and I will return your call on my next scheduled day. If you have an situation that requires immediate assistance, contact the Brooke County Sheriff Office 737-3660 and if we are on duty in the Village one of us will respond, or a Deputy will be dispatched to handle your call. For emergencies call 911.

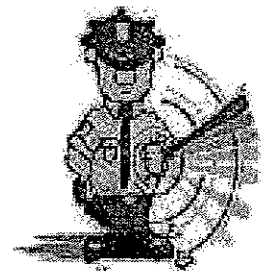
I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer. Please be careful when driving in our Village. Our Children are everywhere. Some of you have asked if we have a curfew. We currently have adopted the County Curfew which is: Under the age of 18 all children must be in their residence by 11:00 PM.

As citizens of Beech Bottom you are our eyes and ears. We can't be everywhere at all times, so if you see any suspicious activities, PLEASE call and leave me a message. You will remain anonymous. Together we will make our Community Safe. You have our promise that we will, to the best of our ability make the Village of Beech Bottom a safe place to live.

It is an honor to serve all of you.

Matthew H. Rogerson

Chief of Police



and ladder and Mary Lou Lyanette for use of her electric. Judy Lewis for the cooler of water and Carol Yarling for watch-

ing our supplies while we ate lunch.

Pictures see Pg 5

Play Ground Project

Prior to the new administration taking office, the previous administration started plans for a new playground on 3rd Street. Councilman Greg Sheperd took the project under his wing and started soliciting donations from companies in the area. Thus far he has received a check for \$1,000.00 from Wheeling Island Race Track and Gaming Resort. "This is just a start", Per Councilman Sheperd, "the total

cost of the project is over \$200,000.00. We are currently seeking grants and donations to fund the project." If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to Village of Beech Bottom with Playground Project in the Memo line. Or if you will like to help out with the fund raising, please contact Councilman Sheperd at the Village office. You may stop in the

Office during business hours to view the plans for the new playground. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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