

Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia  
Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines (as revised 2010)  
August 7, 2011

1. The Position:
  - a. The Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia will have no authority or power.
  - b. The term will be for one year (from Beaverdam Heritage Day to following Beaverdam Heritage Day).
  - c. Benefits of being the Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia:
    - i. Be able to ride in the Beaverdam 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade as the Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia.
    - ii. Participate in National Night Out Hosted by Beaverdam Ruritan Club.
    - iii. Be the guest of honor at, and pick the music style, at the annual 'Mayor's Ball'.
    - iv. Be invited as the honored guest at the Beaverdam area's civic groups meetings.
    - v. Have bragging rights.
    - vi. There are no term limits.
2. Nomination:
  - a. The nominating period is from the first day after Beaverdam Heritage Day and ending on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Nominations for the position must be made in writing to either:
    - i. Association For the Preservation of the Beaverdam Depot.
    - ii. Beaverdam Heritage Days Foundation.
    - iii. Beaverdam Ruritan Club.
    - iv. Mailed to:  
Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam  
PO. Box 23  
Beaverdam, VA 23015
  - c. The nominee must be a living human being.
  - d. Residency rule, yes all nominees must be a resident somewhere.
  - e. A non-returnable \$5.00 registration fee must accompany the written nomination. This \$5.00 counts as 5 votes for that nominee.
  - f. If more than one nomination is submitted for the same candidate, the \$5.00 registration fee(s) for each duplicate fee(s) will be counted as 5 votes for that nominee.
3. Voting:
  - a. The voting period is from July 4<sup>th</sup> until twelve noon on Beaverdam Heritage Day.
  - b. Means of voting is by dollars donated.
  - c. Each dollar donated in a nominee's name equals one vote.
  - d. All are encouraged to voting more than once.
  - e. One does not need to live in the Beaverdam area to vote.
  - f. Voting early and often is encouraged.
  - g. Bribery, buying votes, PACs, and corporate sponsorship are allowed.
  - h. If a candidate wishes to give his/her votes to another candidate, the giving candidate must notify a member of the "Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia Committee" in writing (an e-mail is acceptable) no later than one week prior to the day (Beaverdam Heritage Day) the winner is announced.
4. Determining the Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia.
  - a. The nominee that has the most dollars (votes) donated in the nominee's name will be declared the Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia.
  - b. The winner will be announced at 1:00pm on the stage on Beaverdam Heritage Day.
  - c. An acceptance speech by the newly elected Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia is expected.
5. Who Benefits:
  - a. All donated dollars (votes) collected will be pooled.
  - b. All donated dollars (votes), after expenses are covered, will be split evenly between the Association for the Preservation of the Beaverdam Depot, the Beaverdam Heritage Days Foundation, and the Beaverdam Ruritan Club.
  - c. All donated dollars (votes), after expenses are covered, will be donated to the three sponsoring groups.
  - d. 10% of winner's funds will be donated to local charity of their choice.
6. Forms:

- a. Official nominating forms will be created and distributed in the area. They will also be available on the sponsoring group's WEB sites and on the Mayor of Beaverdam's WEB site.
  - b. Official voting ballots will be created and distributed in the area. They will also be available on the sponsoring group's WEB sites and on the Mayor of Beaverdam's WEB site.
7. Publicity:
- a. Banners will be obtained by the sponsoring group and displayed to inform and encourage participation from the residents (voters).
  - b. Nominees can create their own 'signs' and display them.
  - c. Available free print space will be utilized.
  - d. A "Meet The Candidates" event will be scheduled. All candidates present at the event will be given a limited amount of time to outline their 'platform' and why he/she should be the Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia. Time will be set-aside for a question and answer period between the votes and nominees.
  - e. All displayed material must meet the laws and regulations as provided by both the Commonwealth of Virginia and Hanover County, Virginia.
  - f. All candidates are responsible for all displayed material promoting their candidacy.
8. Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam, Virginia Committee:
- a. Beaverdam Heritage Days Foundation:  
Ron Umbel, [rumbel@embarqmail.com](mailto:rumbel@embarqmail.com), 449-6178
  - b. Association to Preserve Beaverdam Depot:  
Carole Umbel, [caroleu@embarqmail.com](mailto:caroleu@embarqmail.com), 449-6178
  - c. Beaverdam Ruritan Club:  
Theresa Neiss, [drneiss@montpelierchiro.com](mailto:drneiss@montpelierchiro.com), 883-7247
  - d. Friend of the Committee:  
Ron Nanni, [Ronzo\\_13@yahoo.com](mailto:Ronzo_13@yahoo.com), 647-1935
9. Misc:
- a. Post Office Box:  
Honorary Mayor of Beaverdam  
PO. Box 23  
Beaverdam, VA 23015
  - b. E-mail Address: [beaverdammayor@embarqmail.com](mailto:beaverdammayor@embarqmail.com)
  - c. WEB Site:
    - i. [www.mayorofbeaverdam.org](http://www.mayorofbeaverdam.org)
    - ii. [www.mayorofbeaverdam.com](http://www.mayorofbeaverdam.com)
  - d. Bank Account:
    - i. SunTrust Bank (Beaverdam branch)
    - ii. Signature Authority:
      - 1. Carole Umbel – Association for the Preservation of Beaverdam Depot
      - 2. Theresa Neiss – Beaverdam Ruritan Club