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BEAVERTON CELEBRATES 125 YEARS!

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The city of Beaverton celebrates its quasiquicentennial (kwos-kwi-sen-ten-ee-uhl) on Feb. 10—that’s 125 years since officially incorporating as a city on this day in 1893. In celebration, a cake cutting and proclamation will happen at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Additional opportunities to show your Beaverton pride and mark this milestone will occur throughout 2018.

Beaverton History: The Tualatin Valley and Beaverton area was originally the home of native people who referred to themselves as Atfalati and occupied a village located on the Beaverton and Fanno creeks that was called Chakeipi. Although the name meant “place of the beaver,” early settlers called the village Beaverdam and later changed it to Beaverton.

Since then, explorers and pioneers established the area as an agriculture, logging and transportation community. In the spring of 1847, the first land claim located in what is now Beaverton was taken up by Lawrence Hall. He and his brother built a grist mill near present-day Walker Road.

In 1893, the city was formally incorporated with a population of approximately 350 people. Alonzo Cady, a local businessman became the first mayor. Beaverton shares its incorporation with the cities of Cornelius and Sherwood that were all formed as part of the Oregon Incorporation Act of 1893.

In the 1950s, Beaverton’s population was approximately 2,500 people. The downtown area began to expand to include Old Town and what is now the Beaverton Central area. Early downtown features included a post office, general store, bank and the city’s first library. Founding families including the Halls, Denneys and Allens helped shape the Beaverton we know today.

Beaverton Today: With more than 95,000 residents and Oregon’s sixth largest city, we maintain the traditions established decades ago as we continue to welcome emerging industries and new community members with diverse backgrounds.

We are a friendly, active and responsive city well-known for our exceptional community services and amenities, helping Beaverton residents enjoy a high quality of life. Ranked in *Money* magazine’s Best Places to Live, Beaverton truly is “The Best of Oregon.”

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