



Bridgeville Borough
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

4th Quarter 2020

A MESSAGE FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL AND MAYOR:

Greetings! This brief Community Update is being provided quarterly in hopes of keeping a well-informed citizenry. You can expect to receive an in-depth annual newsletter early in the new year, and this update with future trash bills.

Bridgeville Borough Council and Mayor have recently authorized several capital improvements that are going to greatly enhance the community for many years to come. Construction on Phase 2 of McLaughlin Run Park improvements started in September and include an improved entrance, parking facilities, two new picnic pavilions, skate park improvements and other amenities. This park will remain closed through the end of the year to facilitate this construction.

There are several flood mitigation projects also underway including adding trash deflectors in McLaughlin Run Creek and lowering the existing ballfield at the park to accept debris and high-water during flood events. It is the goal of this project to keep the creek free of debris and to prevent backups at the bridges and culverts downstream. Contractors are also creating an access ramp at Jane Way and making repairs to the Commercial Street Culverts. Additional Storm Sewers on Bower Hill Road are also under construction, funded by a grant from the County. Public Works crews have been very busy removing massive amounts of sediment from both McLaughlin Run and Chartiers Creek under approved DEP permits. A large project on Maple Street was recently completed where the creek-wall was reconstructed, and the street was resurfaced as part of that project. The Borough Engineer is also finalizing a plan for a long-term solution to flooding in the Borough, that would create a series of levies and pumps along McLaughlin Run Creek. This plan will be presented at the October 26th, 7:30PM, Planning Commission Meeting. Road paving work for the year is to be completed in late October on Terrace Street and make improvements to Liberty Street. Public Works Crews have completed several alley resurfacing improvements over the summer months around town. A parking lot is also being constructed at the Borough Building. As part of this project, a Community Message Board will be built on Bower Hill Road in front of the new parking lot. This message board will help us keep the community informed about events and issues.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Borough Council meetings are continuing to be held virtually via conference call and online at [www.Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us). Majority of the wonderful community events that make Bridgeville a special place to live have also been cancelled for the year. Stay safe and healthy!



FALL LEAF AND BRUSH GRINDER COLLECTIONS

Bridgeville Public Works Crews will be collecting leaves starting October 12th through the first week of December. Leaves are to be swept into piles at the curb. Please do not place any other yard waste such as sticks and debris in the leaf piles. As a safety reminder, be cautious about idling vehicles near leaf piles as this poses a fire hazard. For tree trimmings, the Brush Grinder Crew will be collecting trimmings and limbs placed at curbs during the month of November. All brush material must be no larger than 12 inches in diameter. Due to a safety hazard for our public works crew, all brush material must be free of roots and dirt or they will not be taken. Please visit our website at www.bridgevilleboro.com or call the Borough office for the clean-up schedule.

STAY CONNECTED:

Sign up for community text messages at www.BridgevilleBoro.com. Borough office 412-221-6012

Follow us on Facebook at: @BridgevillePennsylvania, @BridgevillePoliceDepartment, @BridgevilleVFD

Borough Council Meets the second Monday of the month at 7PM.

Members of Borough Council: William Henderson, Nino Petrocelli Sr., Bruce Ghelarducci, Joseph Colosimo, Joseph Verduci, Virginia Schneider, Nicholas Ciesielski, and Betty Copeland—Mayor

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE 4TH QUARTER

October 27, 7:30PM at Chartiers Room, Historical Society Speakers Program: Salem Witch Trials

October 31, 6PM to 8PM – Halloween Trick or Treat

November 3, 7A – 8P – Election Day, polls at Bridgeville VFD and Goodwill Manor Gym.

November 9, 7PM – Borough Council Meeting.

November 24, 7:30PM at Chartiers Room, Historical Society Speakers Program: Allegheny Regiments Fights During Civil War

November 26 – Thanksgiving: Trash / Recycling will be collected on Saturday, November 28th. Borough Offices closed November 26 and 27.

December 14, 7PM – Borough Council Meeting.

December 20, starting at Noon, Santa tours the Borough with Bridgeville VFD

December 25 – Christmas: Trash / Recycling will be collected on Saturday, December 26th. Borough Office closed December 25 and 28.

January 1 - New Year's Day: Trash / Recycling will be collected on Saturday, January 1st. Borough Office also closed.

January 11, 7PM – Borough Council Meeting.

SEWER PAYMENTS: are no longer being accepted at the Borough Office. This was done to prevent late charges being assessed on your sewer bill by Jordan Tax Services. Please mail your payment in the provided return envelope or you can arrange for direct bill pay.



CODE ENFORCEMENT - MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS:

The Borough has recently increased efforts to make code enforcement more proactive. Being a considerate good neighbor and abiding by the adopted regulations keep a safe, welcoming, and more investable community. The following are a few notable Property Maintenance Code and Zoning regulations that everyone should be aware of:

- Owners are responsible for maintaining their properties, and grass and weeds are not permitted beyond six inches tall.
- Owners of dogs and cats must restrain their pets and not allow them to run loose.
- Property owners/residents with sidewalks in front of their property are responsible for keeping them clear of ice and snow and clearing them within 12 hours of a snowfall. Snow is not permitted to be shoveled from the sidewalk into the street.
- House numbers are required on all buildings in the Borough. The letters must be 3 inches (4 inches if replacing) high and readable from the street.
- Repair and replacement of curbs and sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owners.
- Cars not in running condition and/or without a valid inspection sticker or registration are not permitted on residential property for more than 30 days.
- The Borough prohibits the parking of any motor vehicle on any Borough street the day of scheduled street sweeping. Please be reminded, residents will be required to remove their vehicles for sweeping.
- Parking any vehicle of 19,500 pounds or more upon private property or upon any public area in a residential area is prohibited. Trailers, boats, motor homes and other recreational vehicles may not be stored in front yards.
- All residents of Bridgeville are required to be good neighbors and not allow activities on their property to generate excessive noise, accumulate trash or allow yards to be unkempt.
- Zoning and Building Permits are needed for new construction, including fences, walls, sheds, garages, swimming pools, and driveways.



OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH-

The Bridgeville VFD will perform fire safety checks free of charge to Bridgeville residents and businesses. We will also come out and check smoke detectors as well. Contact Fire Chief Ray Costain at 412-266-1043 to schedule your safety inspection. The BVFD is seeking members of our community with a passion to serve. Responding to emergency calls not your thing? We also have administrative positions available. Please contact Fire Chief Ray Costain or Captain Jim Altwater at 412-508-3861 for details. Regarding upcoming fundraisers: Sleigh Full Of Cash tickets are on sale now. \$20 per ticket for a chance to win \$10,000 on Christmas Day.

Please see a fire dept member for tickets. The Chartiers Room has dates still available for 2021. For details on the hall please contact Dawn Costain at 412-736-6866. Lastly, the BVFD is sponsoring a scavenger hunt around Bridgeville. This is free to the public. Check out the Bridgeville VFD Facebook page for details.