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2021

A NEW YEAR, A NEW BUDGET

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Borough Council on December 14th adopted the 2021 Budget, a balanced spending plan for the community in the amount of \$7,913,483.65 for all funds combined.

Despite the effects

of the pandemic, the Borough did experience a rebound of earned income, real estate transfer and sales taxes allowing for a continued delivery of services with no increase in real estate tax which will remain at 10 mills on land and 6.5 mills on buildings. A mill is \$1 of tax money for every \$1,000 of a home's assessed value. In addition to Borough property tax, residents are assessed a 4.73 mill county rate and a school district rate of 18.2118 mills.

The General Fund that provides the finances for the Borough's essential

services will cost \$3,302,510.87. There is also \$2,381,985 worth of capital improvements planned for in 2021 that include major renovations to Chartiers Park, reconstruction and slope stabilization on Werner Avenue, road paving, innovative improvements to the storm sewer system and a new roof on the Borough Building. The Sanitary Sewer Fund budget is set at \$1,634,372, Garbage Fund of \$437,949 and Liquid Fuels Fund is \$156,666.

The full Budget Report can be viewed at www.BridgevilleBoro.com



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SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS FROM BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH

Public Safety \$1,138,904

As an additional tool to keep in communication with its citizens, the Borough has a program to send out text message alerts to those who sign up. Text message notifications are used to pass along emergency alerts, news on local road closures, updates on community events, reminders for street sweepings and delays in trash collection, and pass along any other important information in an instant. If interested in signing up, please visit: www.bridgevilleboro.com/texting or sign up by texting "Bridgeville" to 313131.

There are other ways to stay connected with Borough news, consider following us on Facebook at: @BridgevillePennsylvania, @BridgevillePoliceDepartment, and @BridgevilleVFD

The Borough website is www.BridgevilleBoro.com and quarterly update mini-newsletters are included with Trash Bills every three months.

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SNOW REMOVAL

Your Public Works Crew is at the Ready: Bridgeville DPW is on call 24 hours a day for snow and ice removal of over 25 miles of roadway within the Borough. The Borough uses on average over 800 tons of salt per year to treat our roads and operates with five snowplow trucks. Call outs for Public Works to clear snow from the streets in the evening and night hours is made by the Bridgeville Police who are out on patrol. During severe snow situations where plowing is needed, the main Borough roads have priority, which in some cases requires residential roadways and alleys to be designated as secondary. Priority roadways include the hilly areas of the Borough and the main thoroughfares. Alleys are typically cleared and treated last.

When streets are plowed, snow will be pushed in front of driveways, parked cars, and walking paths. Unfortunately, there are no other places for the snow to go. The Public Works Department apologizes for the inconvenience. We ask residents to please park in your driveway or garage if possible, rather than parking in the street. This will allow for easier access of snow removal equipment. When parking on the street, motorists must park their vehicles close to the curb. Parking your vehicle away from the curb due to snow buildup restricts traffic on the roadways and prevents the wide snowplows and emergency vehicles from traveling down streets. The Public Works Department is not



permitted to assist residents by clearing private driveways, sidewalks, or paths to mailboxes.

Clear the Walk: It is unlawful to shovel or plow snow back into the streets. Please place snow on the curb-line or next to your driveways. Offenders could be cited by the Police; fines are \$600. Sidewalks are to be cleared of ice and/or snow within 12 hours of the storm. Failure to clear sidewalks could be punishable of a fine of \$600. Complaints about sidewalks are addressed by the Code Enforcement. Please keep fire hydrants clear of snow. They are for your safety!

And Clear the Car: You may be dreaming of a white Christmas, but you gotta get that stuff off your car before you take it out. As you are clearing your windshield and windows, remember to take the snow off the roof and the back of your vehicle. If a big chunk of ice-crusted snow slides off your car and causes an accident, you could be subject to fines up to \$1,000.



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BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE



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(left to right top row) Virginia Schneider, Joseph Verduci, Bruce Ghelarducci, Nino Petrocelli Sr., Nicholas Ciesielski

(left to right seated) Joseph Colosimo, Mayor Betty Copeland, William Henderson

	Betty Copeland, William Henderson
OFFICIALTITLE	NAME
Mayor	Betty L. Copeland
President of Council	William Henderson
Vice President	Nino Petrocelli, Sr.
Councilman	Nicholas Ciesielski
Councilman	Joseph Colosimo
Councilman	Bruce Ghelarducci
Councilwoman	Virginia Schneider
Councilman	Joseph Verduci
Borough Manager	Joseph Kauer
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
Emergency Calls	9-1-1
Non-Emergency Calls for Police Dispatch	412-279-6911
Bridgeville Borough Offices	412-221-6012
Bridgeville Police Station Office (non-emergency)	412-221-6052
Bridgeville Fire Department Office (non-emergency)	412-221-1711
Bridgeville Parking Authority Office	412-221-4404
SouthBridge EMS Office	412-221-5115
Bridgeville Tax Office, Anne Marie Parisi Kean's Office	412-221-6055
Jordan Tax Service (Wage & Business Tax Collector)	412-835-5243
County Hauling (Trash and Recycling Service Provider)	724-929-7694
District Court - Magistrate's Office	412-221-3353
Bridgeville Public Library	412-221-3737
Historical Society	412-221-4052
PENNDOT	412-429-5000
Chartiers Valley School District	412-429-2201
UTILITIES	
PA American Water Company	800-565-7292
Comcast 1-800-COMCAST	1-800-266-2278
Verizon 1-800-VERIZON	1-800-837-4966
West Penn Power (First Energy Co)	1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)
Peoples Gas Company (formerly Equitable Gas Company)	1-800-654-6335

2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 8 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 15 President's Day Borough Building Closed
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM

MARCH

- 8 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins, 2AM, Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- 15 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 17 Bridgeville Historical Society 10 Year Anniversary in the Railroad Station.
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM
- 27 Easter Egg Hunt, Chartiers Park (tentative)

APRIL

- Good Friday Borough Building Closed
- 5 Easter Monday Borough Building Closed
- 6 Curbside Brush Collection Starts
- 6 Weekly Street Sweeping Program Starts
- 12 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 19 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM
- 30 Curbside Brush Collection Ends

MAY

- 10 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 17 Parking Authority Meeting,
- 7:30PM
- 18 Primary Election Day
- 24 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM

- 28 Weekly Street Sweeping Program Ends
- Memorial Day Borough Office Closed, Trash Delayed, picked up Saturday
 Memorial Day Parade. 10AM
 - Memorial Day Parade, 10AM (tentative)

JUNE

- Borough Council Meeting, 7PMCommunity Day Day on the
 - 9 Community Day Day on t Avenue (tentative)
- 21 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 21-25Street Sweeping this Week28Planning Commission Meeting,
7:30PM

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Borough Office Closed, Trash Delayed, picked up Saturday
- 12 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 19 Parking Authority Meeting,
- 7:30PM
- 19-23 Street Sweeping this Week
 26 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM

AUGUST

- 9 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM16 Parking Authority Meeting,
- 7:30PM
- 23 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM
- 23-27 Street Sweeping this Week

SEPTEMBER

6 Labor Day – Borough Building Close, Trash Delayed, Picked up Saturday

- 13 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 20 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 20-24 Street Sweeping this Week

27 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM

OCTOBER

- 11 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 11 Curbside Leaf Collection Starts
- 18 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 23 Halloween Parade (tentative)
- 25 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM
- 31 Trick or Treat, 6-8PM

NOVEMBER

- 1 Curbside Brush Collection Program Starts
- 2 Election Day
- 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends, Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- 8 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 25-26 Thanksgiving, Borough Building Closed, Trash Delayed, Picked up Saturday

DECEMBER

- 3 Winter Blast, Triangle Park (tentative)
- 6 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM
- 10 Curbside Leaf and Brush Collection Ends
- 13 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 20 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 24-27 Christmas, Borough Building Closed

Visit www.bridgevilleboro.com for more detailed info!

Bridgeville Voting Polling Places:

District 1 – Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department – Commercial Street

District 2 – Bridgeville Volunteer Fire

- Department Commercial Street
- District 3 Goodwill Manor McMillen and Gregg Street

District 4 - Goodwill Manor - McMillen and Gregg Street

Allegheny County Elections Division - main phone

412-350-4500. You may register to vote at the Allegheny County Elections Division, Room 609 of the County Office Building, located at the corner of Ross Street and Forbes Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219. Regular business hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The telephone number for registration is 412-350-4510.

Election Complaints - The Notice and Statement of Complaint are available at your polling place, the County Board of Elections, or at the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling 1-877-VOTES-PA (1-877-868-3772), or visit dos.pa.gov



2020 YEAR END REPORT

As a community, united together, with a common goal of making our town a better place to live, work and visit, the Bridgeville Borough Council, Mayor, and staff have made great progress at just that. This past year has brought about the following highlights and accomplishments that are worth recognizing and sharing:

- Sustained municipal operations during the pandemic without any service cuts, furloughs, or layoffs.
- Reconstructed the Maple Avenue Wall in McLaughlin Run Creek.
- Paving of Elizabeth Street, Maple Street, Josephine Street, Hickman Street
 Extension, the alley behind Hall Street, and portions of Chess Street, Terrace Street and Liberty Street.
- Construction of the new parking lot at the Borough Building that included erection of the LED message board along Bower Hill Road.
- Renovations to the Borough Offices and Police Station Sally Port.
- Retirement of Borough Manager Lori Collins and hiring of a new Manager, Joe Kauer.
- Repairs to the Commercial Street culverts were completed, and DPW crews removed thousands of tons of sediment from McLaughlin Run Creek in this area.
- Renovations to McLaughlin Run Park including new picnic shelters, parking areas, entrance area, skate park equipment and numerous site improvements.
- Flood Mitigation efforts including installing trash racks and lowering of the ballfield at McLaughlin Run Park and storm sewer improvements on Bower Hill Road near Union Street.

- Secured grant funding and awarded contracts for the upcoming Jane Way Access Ramp / Flood Wall project and the construction of four storm sewer pollution separator structures.
- Long-term planning and engineering were advanced that will potentially solve flooding issues in low lying areas of the Borough.
- Completed two phases of installing sanitary sewer backflow devices at properties along Baldwin Street and McLaughlin Run Road, these devices will prevent sewer backups into basements during heavy rains.
- Adopted the 2021 Budget, a balanced spending plan without a tax increase.
- Strict financial management resulted in ending 2020 with a surplus that will be allocated for the Borough's budgetary reserve and future capital projects.
- Sponsored a successful Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Event
- The Police Department responded to 2,283 requests for service in 2020.
- Fire Department responded to 341 emergencies.

Sharing a vision for a brighter future we stand poised to use the progress made in 2020 as a catalyst for an even better 2021. We thank everyone for their involvement this past year, as we all have played a role, working as a community, in moving Bridgeville forward.

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PERMIT INFORMATION AND RESOURCE GUIDE

BUILDING PERMITS:

In 2004 the Borough of Bridgeville elected to administer and enforce the provisions of the Pennsylvania Construction Code, Act 45 of 1999. The Uniform Construction Code is the code established in Section 301 of the Act. The purpose of the Act is to Protect Public Health, Ensure Safety of Building Occupants, and Protect Property from Failure and Destruction. A Building Permit is required to verify compliance with the Uniform Construction Code.

Building Permits are required for:

• Single Family Dwellings, Manufactured/ Modular Homes, Two-Family Dwellings, Townhouses & Apartments, Additions, Alterations/Repairs, Decks, Porches/ Porch Roofs, Swimming Pools (Aboveground and In-ground, greater than 24" deep), Spas and Hot tubs, Accessory Structures 1,000ft² and over, Fences over 6ft. in height, Retaining walls over 4ft. in height, Sidewalks/Driveways more than 30in. above adjacent grade, Demolition of existing structures, Commercial Buildings & Commercial Renovations

Application for Building Permit is available at the Borough Office or at www. BridgevilleBoro.com

The Borough's 3rd Party Inspection Firm for Building Permits is Building Inspection Underwriters. Fees range from \$64.50 and up depending on the size and scope of your project. Drawings are required to be submitted with application.

When is a building permit not required?

You do not need to obtain a building permit for the following maintenance related types of projects: Replacing doors and windows of the same size within existing structure, replacing downspouts, gutters, soffit and fascia, replacing kitchen and bath fixtures such as cabinets, countertops, and sinks. Also you do not need a building permit to replace roof shingles. These are just some examples to give you a general guideline. You can contact our office if you have any questions.

ZONING IN BRIDGEVILLE:

The Borough is zoned for your property's protection and is governed by Chapter 27 of the Bridgeville Code of Ordinances. The Borough is made up of multiple zoning districts include Residential 1 and 2, Conservation, Industrial, and Mixed-Use Business Districts. Each district has its own special regulations that permit the approved uses of the properties in these areas and provide regulations as for sizes of structures and setbacks.

Zoning Permits are required for:

• Fences, Signs, Accessory Structures under 1,000ft², Sheds, Detached garages, Carports, Pavilions, Gazebos, Greenhouses, Agricultural Buildings

A Zoning Certificate is required to verify compliance with the Borough Ordinances regarding use, size and setback requirements. Application fee for a Zoning Permit is \$20 and applications are available at the Borough Office or www. BridgevilleBoro.com

FENCES:

There are regulations in place that govern the construction of fences in the Borough. If you are constructing a new fence or changing the height and location of an existing fence, a Fence Permit is required. Application fee for a Fence Permit is \$20.

In residential districts, fences may not exceed six feet in height from the front building face back and may not exceed four feet in height from the front property line to the building face. There are variations to approved fence height depending on what Zoning District your property is located within.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS AND SIGNS

All businesses require a Commercial Occupancy Permit prior to opening.

If you desire to install business identification signage, the type of sign, size and placement of signs are regulated by the Zoning Ordinance. Permit application fee is \$25 if the value of your sign is under \$1,000; over \$1,000 the sign permit fee increases by \$5.

RENTAL REGISTRATION

All Rental Properties in Bridgeville are required to be registered. Landlord-Tenant registration is processed by the Police Secretary.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE / CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINTS

The International Property Maintenance Code of 2009 is the code used by the borough as its criteria. This code covers the inside and the outside of all properties in the borough and sets forth the minimum standards of maintenance. The Borough takes an aggressive approach toward addressing and correcting property maintenance violations. In addition to regulating the overall appearance of properties, the code regulates quality of life issues such as maintenance of grass, weeds, trash, debris, building exteriors, fences, and vehicle storage. How to Make a Complaint: If you have a complaint about an unsightly property in the Borough, you may contact the Borough Manager at 412-221-6012 x111 or email jkauer@bridgevilleboro.com

INTERESTED IN A VACANT PROPERTY IN BRIDGEVILLE?

The Borough is a participating community in Allegheny County's Vacant Property Recovery Program. This program is a unique effort by the County's Redevelopment Authority to make possible the sale of vacant lots or structures at reduced costs with clear titles. Fees are typically nominal compared to average prices for real estate and are typically the appraised value of the property, plus a parcel fee and closing costs. The program will be accepting applications to acquire vacant properties for side yards to an owner-occupied primary residence or blighted structure remediation at a reduced cost to the applicant.

Property Eligibility Requirements

Property eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon consideration of a variety of factors related to blight.

- The property must be a vacant lot or vacant structure.
- Have at least three years of tax delinquency and meet any other applicable criteria related to blight.

• May be subject to additional eligibility requirements.

Identifying a Property

Applicants must identify a potential property. The program does not maintain a list of all properties that may be eligible. The County's Real Estate Website contains property information that may be helpful.

Once you have identified a specific property you would like to acquire, contact us and we will let you know if the property appears to be a potential candidate for the program. Questions? Call 412-350-1090 or email VPRP@AlleghenyCounty.us.

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Must be current on taxes, water, sewage, and refuse bills on all properties owned in Allegheny County.
- Must not have any outstanding code violations or municipal liens on properties owned in Allegheny County.







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TRASH COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICE IN BRIDGEVILLE

WEEKLY TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES

Service is provided weekly, is unlimited (except as noted below) and collected on Fridays. Please do not put your trash out for pickup

until 6PM the night before collection. However, please ensure your trash is at the curb by 6am on Friday morning.

GARBAGE PREPARATION GUIDELINES:

Freon from refrigerators, dehumidifiers, freezers, etc., need to be removed and proof of removal taped to the front of the item and visible to the collection crews. Paint cans - must be dried out (kitty litter works well) - place next to garbage cans with lids off. Carpeting and tree branches must be less than 3 to 4 feet in length and bundled. All trash must be properly bagged. Needles are not permitted to be thrown away in regular household trash. Borough Public Works will collect leaves in the fall, and Christmas Trees can be placed out with the weekly trash pickup during the period from December 25, 2021 through January 15, 2022. Cans or bags should weigh up to 40 to 50 lbs. If you cannot lift it, we cannot either.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED AND WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BY CONTRACTOR:

No tires, automobile parts or building, construction or remodeling materials (including block, brick, plaster and wood) will be picked up or collected. No paving materials, cement, sand, broken concrete, stones, dirt, ashes, metal 55-gallon drums or grease drums will be collected. Appliances containing Freon will not be collected.

All garbage pickup will be delayed by one day if one of the following holidays fall on a weekday preceding to or on a Friday: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Please call 724-929-7694, 412-221-6012 x115 or email info@countyhauling.com.

RECYCLING SERVICES

Recycle Preparation Guidelines: The Borough provides a large uniform recycling bin for your use. Place all your recyclable materials in the blue bin. No need to separate it. Leave it loose, but items must be rinsed, and no food items are permitted to remain in the material. Do not place any of it in a plastic bag. Glass of any kind is not accepted. Place bin at curb or in an accessible area for pick up.

Tin/Metal/Aluminum: Rinsed out and emptied of contents. No chemical or paint cans. Clean pie plates, foil.

Plastic- #1 and #2: (PET& HDPE) rinsed out and empty of contents. Lids must be removed.

Newspaper, Office Paper, Magazines and Cardboard: Loose or placed in paper bags only. Do not bundle with twine or tape.

Electronic and hard-to-recycle Collection Event – Saturday, August 7, 2021

In partnership with Noble Environmental a household hazardous waste and electronic collection event will be held at the Fire Station, 370 Commercial Street on Saturday, August 7, 2021, starting at 9AM. Electronics will be collected for a nominal fee per pound for all devices including tube CRT televisions, non-CRT devices and other electronics. What can be recycled include: paint / workshop products, automotive products, cleaning products, lawn and garden products, pesticide, car / household batteries, light bulbs, flammables and accepted Electronic / Freon Waste include: TVs, computers, printers, phones, AC units, dehumidifiers, mini fridges, microwaves, laptops and more. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IF YOU WISH TO RECYCLE ELECTRONICS OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AT THIS EVENT. PLEASE CALL 412-221-6012 or www.nobleenviro.com to REGISTER.

TO REPORT A TRASH MISS:

SANITARY SEWER BACKUPS AND YOUR HOMEOWNER'S COVERAGE

The Borough maintains an extensive network of underground sewer lines. There is no way to predict when the next sanitary sewer backup will occur. While only a handful of our citizens experience a significant sanitary sewer backup each year, we know that when it does occur, it is a distressing situation. It can be even more devastating if a citizen is not insured for losses, losses that can easily run into tens of thousands of dollars.

Sewer Backup Insurance

Homeowners can alleviate possible sewer-related

damage expenses by contacting their property insurance provider to verify that they have sewer backup coverage. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not automatically include coverage for these occurrences. Given the potential for significant loss, it would be advisable for homeowners served by a public sewer system, particularly those with finished basements, to obtain some level of coverage.

Lastly, if you experience a floor drain backup or otherwise suspect a sanitary sewer problem, contact he Borough's Public Works Department immediately at 412-221-6012.



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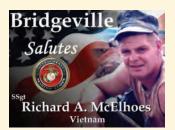
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BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

Bridgeville Borough has always taken great pride in the men and women who have served our country. Now we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to help us honor your friends and family who have served our great country.

The Military Banner Program salutes our brave men and women who are currently serving and those who have served in the military by creating and displaying a 24" x 18" military banner to be exhibited between Memorial Day and Veterans' Day for years to come.

This program includes:

1) One 24" x 18" Military Banner with mounting bracket to be displayed by the borough

2) One 24" x 18" banner for your own personal display.

3) Web presence on the Bridgeville Borough Military website at www.troopbanners. com/bridgeville/

The one-time cost to join the program is \$50. Please note that there are no special placement requests accepted on banners for where they will be displayed.

Application can be found at www.troopbanners.com/ bridgeville/ and also at the Borough or Parking Authority Offices.

BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH

Chief of Police Chad King

Mayor Betty L. Copeland

Just a friendly reminder for the winter months, and... It is a \$600 fine!

§ 301Responsibility for Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks. [Ord. 753, 5/7/1985, § 1]

The owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting upon or alongside of any of the streets in the Borough of Bridgeville is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from all the sidewalks in front of or along-side of such property all snow and ice thereon fallen or formed, within 12 hours after the same shall have ceased to fall or to form. Provided, that snow or ice that has ceased to fall or to be formed after 6:00 p.m. in any evening shall be removed at any time before 10:00 a.m. of the next morning. Provided, further, the owner of a property shall be responsible for conforming to the requirements of this Section where such property is occupied by such owner or is unoccupied; the tenant or occupier thereof, where such property is a multiple-business or multiple dwelling property, occupied by more than one tenant or occupier.

§ 303Depositing of Snow and Ice Restricted.

[Ord. 753, 5/7/1985, § 3]

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice on or immediately next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, roadway or loading and unloading areas of the public transportation system except that in the business district, snow and ice may be mounded on or immediately adjacent to the curb.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR

Help Wanted! - Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department is looking for you!

Are you looking for an exciting way to get involved within your community? Would you be willing to help a neighbor? Do you want to be part of something meaningful? If you answered yes to any of these three questions, the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department is for you.

Bridgeville volunteer firefighters assist in all aspects of firefighting, emergency work at vehicle accidents and medical calls, assist with traffic control and respond to a plethora of calls throughout the year in the Borough. Being a member of the Bridgeville VFD is a unique way to play an active and positive role within the community. The volunteer firefighters receive free training, equipment, and insurance incentives for answering calls and attending functions.

If firefighting is not for you, there are roles within the BVFD such as assisting with fundraisers, community events or administrative work that you can be part of. To join the Bridgeville VFD, please contact Chief Ray Costain at 412-266-1043, email: bridgeville117chief@gmail.com or visit the fire station.

The BVFD thanks the community for their support during this past difficult year, as we could not have made it through this without your support both in prayer and financially. To keep up with BVFD events and news, please like and follow us on Facebook: @BridgvilleVFD

BRIDGEVILLE PARKS

Bridgeville Borough is home to four parks. Residents may begin reserving park pavilions as of March 1st of each year, non-residents reservations begin March 15th. Please contact the Borough office for permit applications and current fees associated.

Chartiers Park has two pavilions, two restroom buildings, a football/ soccer field, picnic tables, playgrounds and walking trail (ADA compliant), two ball fields, horseshoe pits and a volleyball court. You can rent the Pavilions, Volleyball Court, Football/Soccer Field and the other Ball Fields at Chartiers Park. Chartiers Park is home to the Bridgeville Athletic Association and to the Beadling Soccer Club.

Triangle Park has a gazebo in the park suitable for wedding photography



or a picnic. It is often the location or meeting place for community activities, such as the holiday event "Winter Blast" sponsored by the Bridgeville Community Association, Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department and Bridgeville Borough. It's picturesque and reflective of Bridgeville history - adjacent to the old railroad station which is now home to the Bridgeville Historical Society Kathleen Banks Building and the Caboose. You can rent the "Gazebo in the Park" for a special event. A permit is available at the Municipal Office.

Cook School Park has one large pavilion, restrooms, picnic tables, playground, ball field and a basketball court. You can rent the pavilion or the ball field at Cook School Park for a special family or company outing. Or, just come out and spend an afternoon to picnic and enjoy our community parks.

McLaughlin Run Park has three pavilions, several picnic tables, two playgrounds, horseshoe pits, Skate Park, volleyball court and a multipurpose court (four square, tennis, pickle ball) and a basketball court. You can rent the pavilion at McLaughlin Park by contacting the Borough Office.

BRIDGEVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bridgeville Area Historical Society is located at 441 Station Street in the old Railroad Station and Caboose. Our hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10AM to 2PM.

Our February Program will be:

History of Sailing Ships on the Ohio River Presented by Norene Beatty

This program will be presented at the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, February 28th at 1:30PM. This is providing there are no COVID-19 restrictions at that time.

Our Building is crammed with historical items and memorabilia, family histories and many photographs of the area. We welcome donations of such items.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the computer and marketing. Our phone number is 412-221-4052. Please stop in!





BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY: DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW!

The thing people most often associate with libraries is, obviously, books, and rightfully so. American libraries, in one form or another, have been lending books and other materials since the 1700s. But if you talk to a librarian, you will soon find out our real mission is access. Accessing ideas and imagination to connect, inform, and entertain you. This year has taught us to be more creative and flexible than ever before, which means there are plenty of great and safe ways to use your library.

Library cards are now available online; you can sign up in a matter of minutes and begin borrowing items almost immediately. You might be wondering, "what can I borrow?" Digital books and magazines are available through Libby, while movies, TV, and music can be borrowed from Hoopla. With close to 1 million digital items available there is something for everyone! Of course, books, DVDs, and many other items are still available for contactless pick-up at the library. Simply call or go online to request items and schedule an appointment. You can also follow our social media (Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube) for new virtual programs each week. Ms. Karen offers weekly live storytime for kids, while Ms. Carrie has a new DIY project every Friday for teens, and Erin shares new recipes and local topics for adults, to name just a few.

Every month new take and make kits are available for pickup. Offering an activity or craft, the kits will provide some hands-on entertainment. This December some of the activities included candy cane reindeer, gnome ornaments, and waterless snow globes. Kits have been very popular and often go quickly; subscribe to our newsletter to be the first to know when they are available.

While we hope we have given you something new to explore, we also are looking forward to welcoming you all back to the library with in-person programs and services. In the meantime, thank you for your continued kindness and support.

To learn more, visit our website: bridgevillelibrary.org or call 412-221-3737

IMPROVEMENTS AT MCLAUGHLIN RUN PARK

In the later part of 2020, made possible by a \$215,500 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Sciarretti Site Development and Paving Company was awarded a \$418,082 contract to make renovations to McLaughlin Run Park. As part of this project improvements included: renovating the front entrance, adding fencing, landscaping including additional shade trees, a new decorative main gate, creating an improved parking area, paving an access road to the back of the park, constructed two new picnic shelters, rehabilitating the skateboard equipment, added a flagpole, new drinking fountain and some other small improvements.

As we are now in the middle of winter, work will resume in the spring at McLaughlin Run Park. Work slated for the spring include restoring the athletic field, paving work and maintenance of the playgrounds.

EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO MITIGATE FUTURE FLOODING IN BRIDGEVILLE

Measures to mitigate and minimize future flooding is a priority of Bridgeville Borough Council and Mayor. Over the past year and continuing forward there have been several large projects completed, ongoing or planned for that will hopefully save life and property. The Borough has been very successful in securing grant funds to help make these projects possible. There is not one simple solution to this historic challenge that has had lasting effects on generations of Bridgeville citizens for over a century; however, many small and large projects will need to be undertaken to address it. Current Flood Mitigation Projects underway or completed this past year include:

McLaughlin Run Trash Rack and Lowering of the Ballfield: The ballfield has been lowered 4'-6' and a trash rack has been installed in the stream which will prevent large debris during high water from blocking downstream culverts and bridges in town. This debris will then be diverted into the field area that will also capture some of this water. Over 1,200 truckloads of earth have been excavated. This spring, the field will be restored. This project cost \$273,500 and was funded by a \$425,000 grant from Allegheny County and the State.

Jane Way Access Ramp and Streambank Stabilization Project: also funded by this same \$425,000 grant is this recently awarded contract to Brex Enterprises in the amount of \$106,811. This project is slated to start in February and includes creating a boat-launch styled access ramp into McLaughlin Run behind the Beer Warehouse to allow Public Works crews to immediately remove debris that becomes lodged in front of the Bower Hill Bridge and Commercial Street culverts. This will allow the stream to stay free flowing. The project will also install a stop-log wall across the ramp to keep the creek contained and install backflow preventors on the storm sewer outfalls at this location to prevent them from backing up onto Baldwin Street.

Union Street at Bower Hill Road Storm Sewer Improvements: funded by a \$100,000 grant from the County and State, additional storm sewers and catch-basins will be installed at this intersection that have historically flooded the homes in this area. A contract for \$89,860 has been awarded to Jet Jack, Inc. to make this improvement.

Basement Flooding from the Sanitary Sewers: Phase 3 of installing sanitary sewer backflow preventor devices at homes along Baldwin Street and McLaughlin Run Road areas recently got underway. As part of Phase 3, 17 homes were improved for a cost of \$117,800 in a contract to Jet Jack, Inc. Planning on Phase 4 of this project continuing up McLaughlin Run Road is now being designed.

Dredging, Removing Sedimentation and Repairs to Existing Infrastructure along McLaughlin Run: Starting in late summer last year, masonry repairs were made to fix damage caused to the Commercial Street Culverts and major renovations to the Maple Street Wall containing McLaughlin Run were completed. As part of the work at Commercial Street, our Public Works crew removed thousands of tons of sediment from the culvert tunnels and creek improving the water channel. A DEP permit is in place to allow the Borough to complete this work routinely now. In the spring, the Public Works, under approved DEP

permits, will be removing sediment from the backchannel of Chartiers Creek at the confluences of both McLaughlin Run and Painters Run.

Ongoing Planning and Pending Demolitions of Flood Prone Structures: The Borough Engineer has been studying models to help reduce flooding in low lying areas of Bridgeville in the future. The planning is ongoing and was reviewed at the October Planning Commission Meeting. The initial plans presented include construction of levies and pumps along Carol Avenue, Baldwin St., and McLaughlin Run Road. This plan also calls for the replacement and a new design for both the Bower Hill Road and Baldwin Street bridges. This planning is continuing as alternative designs are being considered. Estimates for these projects range from \$21-\$23 million dollars. This planning will continue through 2021 until an acceptable concept can be adopted. Once adopted a funding campaign to lobby for grants to make it possible will be initiated. Coupled with this project was another grant application that was recently submitted to FEMA seeking \$987,000 to purchase and demolish eleven flood prone structures along Baldwin Street. The goal of this project would be to minimize future losses. A decision on this grant has yet to be announced.

All this work would not have been possible without the assistance of State Representative Jason Ortitay, Senator Pam Iovino, Allegheny County Council, County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald, former members of Borough Council, former retired Borough Manager Lori Collins, the support of our citizens and the hard work of our Public Works Department – Bill Bott, Foreman.



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REGISTRATION STARTS: Mid-January thru March

Pre-T 3-4 years / T-Ball 5-6 years, Baseball 7 to 18 years, Softball 7 to 18 years

The BAA is Looking Forward to:

Evening Games under the Lights, T-Ball Saturday Mornings, Bridgeville on the Avenue, and Movie Night at Chartiers Park

2021 BAA OFFICERS:

Tim Efthimiades, President Dave Potanko, Vice President Michele Rutkowski, Secretary **2021 BAA DIRECTORS:** Vanessa McKelvey Shane Franchick



Contact Michele – mrutkowski@bridgevilleball.com With questions, sponsor or volunteer opportunities. Play Ball!!

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