



Bridgeville Borough

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Garbage and Sewer Billing: you can now pay your bills online with a credit card. A link is at the top of the homepage, BridgevilleBoro.com Tired of sending in a check for your Garbage Bill? Consider signing up for recurring automatic electronic bank payment for your account

Shovel Your Sidewalk! Sidewalks are to be cleared of snow and ice within 12 hours of the end of a winter storm

Presidents Day, Feb. 21, Borough Offices closed, no delay in trash collection

Sign up for Text Message Alerts : text "Bridgeville" to 313131 or visit our website

Need Help with your Sewage Bill? ALCOSAN's Clean Water Assistance Fund may be able to help eligible homeowners. Call 1-888-282-6816 or www.dollarenergy.org

Bridgeville Park Shelter Rental Reservations open for the 2022 season to residents on March 1st. To schedule please visit the Borough Office

Borough Council Adopts 2022 Budget with No Tax Increase

Borough Council recently adopted the 2022 Budget, a balanced spending plan for the community that totals \$10,729,369.19 for all funds combined. There is no increase in Real Estate Taxes, millage remains 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. The quarterly fee for refuse service remains at the same rate for the fourth consecutive year at \$53 per quarter, and there is an increase in sewer fees that essentially passes on the ALCOSAN 7% rate increase. Monthly sewer fees overall are increasing from

\$15.83 per thousand gallons with a \$6.37 per month ALCOSAN service charge to \$16.47 per thousand gallons with the \$6.82 monthly ALCOSAN service charge, effective January 1st. The Bridgeville Borough portion of the sewer fee remains unchanged and represents \$6.73 per thousand gallons of the total fee.

The General Fund that provides the finances for the Borough's essential services will cost \$3,325,293.61. There is also \$4,514,088 worth of capital improvements planned for in 2022 that include major renovations to Chartiers Park, reconstruction and

slope stabilization on Werner Avenue, road paving, blight removal projects, police and public works equipment upgrades, improvements to public facilities and flood mitigation projects. Much of these projects and capital improvements are funded by awarded grants. The Sanitary Sewer Fund budget is set at \$2,303,830, Garbage Fund of \$448,700 and Liquid Fuels Fund is \$137,457.

The full 2022 Budget Report and a summary of 2021 projects and progress can be viewed at www.BridgevilleBoro.com

Planning for our Community's Future

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

At the December meeting of Borough Council, President of Council William Henderson announced that the Borough has received a \$37,500 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that will pay for half of the costs associated to update the community's Comprehensive Plan.

Also, by unanimous vote at this meeting, after a thorough vetting of proposals from six firms and upon the recommendation of the Bridgeville Planning Commission, Mackin Engineers and Consultants were retained to undertake this project.

The Bridgeville Comprehensive Plan Project is intended to create a fifteen year plan for the Borough of Bridgeville, creating an update to the Borough's 2005 Comprehensive Plan Update.

This planning project is estimated to cost \$74,842, take 18 months to

complete and will involve a great deal of public input and involvement to hear the community's concerns and desires to shape the future of Bridgeville. The first of a series of public meetings and surveys will be in early spring 2022. Leading up to this project after review of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Commission, analysis has shown various strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that currently exist in multiple Bridgeville matters such as: Transportation / Traffic, Trail Connectivity / Pedestrian Safety, Parking in the Commercial Districts, Land Use, Housing, Natural and Historic Resources, Community Facilities and Utilities.

Comprehensive planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The comprehensive plan expresses and regulates public policies on transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing.



ACTIVATING BRIDGEVILLE

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Bridgeville Borough and Traffic Planning Design, Inc. are working on a plan to improve walking opportunities around the Borough.

You are invited to a Community Open House Meeting Tuesday, February 8th, 6:00PM The Chartiers Room, BVFD

What we heard so far and a summary of the project at: <https://bridgevilleboro.com/active-transportation-plan/>



PennDOT has announced widening work on the Washington Avenue bridge over Chartiers Creek will begin Monday, Jan. 10, weather permitting.

Lane closures will occur from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. weeknights on Route 50 in each direction between James St. and Millers Run Road through late 2022. Lane restrictions on Route 50 and Chartiers St. will occur as needed at the beginning of the project and may not occur every day. Additionally, work will occur on weekends as needed without time restrictions. Work will include roadway excavation, widening, drainage improvements, utility work, signal updates, and bridge foundation construction. Lane restrictions controlled by flaggers will occur during the same timeframe on Chartiers St. between Route 50 and Werner St. Crews will conduct widening work, retaining wall construction, utility work, and pavement reconstruction.

The bridge over Chartiers Creek will be widened to seven lanes using Accelerated Bridge Construction techniques as part of this \$10.78 million improvement project. Additionally, an exclusive lane from southbound Washington Pike to northbound I-79 will be constructed. Widening work will occur on the northbound I-79 on-ramp, and Chartiers St. will be widened to include a turning lane. The project began in 2021 with utility relocation work and is anticipated to conclude in late 2022.

What's Going on Around Town

Repairs to the streambank of Chartiers Creek and a section of roadway that slid within Chartiers Park was recently completed. The \$192,632 project completed by G. Salandro Excavating took one month to complete and included 600 tons of R-7 large stone to stabilize the streambank and restore the section of roadway that was affected by the landslide. In the spring two other contracts will be released for improvements within Chartiers Park including the construction of a new playground next to Shelter No. 1 and full reconstruction of the Park's roadways and parking lots. This paving work will upgrade roadway lighting within the park and install a guardrail along the recently improved section of streambank. All work is planned to be completed by July 2022.

Upon the retirement of Police Officer Chris Manolakas in early January, Council and Mayor promoted part-time officer Daine Lower to full-time status. We congratulate Officer Manolakas and thank him for his 26 years of service.

Bridgeville Borough recently joined a lawsuit with South

Fayette and Collier Townships against PENNDOT to block the proposed tolling of I-79 at the Bridgeville Interchange. A special legal counsel has been appointed.

The Borough is moving forward with purchasing seven flood prone homes as part of an awarded FEMA hazard mitigation grant on Baldwin and Margaret Streets. Properties are slated to be purchased by the Borough in early 2022 and demolished by the spring. The lots then will remain as open greenspace, mitigating future flood damage losses.

Borough Council welcomed a newly elected member in January, Councilwoman Justine Cimarolli. Council also reorganized: President Bill Henderson, Vice President Nino Petrocelli, and President Pro-Tem Joe Colosimo.

Bridgeville Area Historical Society monthly speakers' program has resumed for the year. Events are held at the BVFD's Chartiers Room. January 30, 1:30PM: "Operation Pastorius the Nazi Plan to Blow up America" presented by Todd DePastini. February 27, 1:30PM: "Heroic Women of the American Revolution" presented by Deborah

Morinello, March 29, 7:30PM: "Fred Rogers" presented by Chris Rodell.

The Fire Department is continuing their special tip-board raffles, please visit and follow their Facebook page (@BridgevilleVFD) and support this great cause.

Four Councilmen were recently recognized by the PA State Association of Boroughs for their years of service. Awards were presented by Mayor Copeland to Councilmen Petrocelli (30-year award), Henderson (10-year award), Ghelarducci (10-year award) and Colosimo (10-year award).



Councilmen Colosimo, Ghelarducci, Petrocelli and Henderson

Actions of the last Borough Council Meetings

October 11, 2021 The Council:

- Adopted an Ordinance creating a No Parking / Loading Zone at Station Street and Taylor Way.
- Authorized applying for a grant to fund the Werner Street Slope Stabilization Project.
- Entered into an agreement with the County Health Department regarding the operations and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system.
- Approved a lot-line revision plan for the development of a car dealership in Newbury and entered into an agreement to share real estate taxes between Bridgeville and South Fayette.

- Awarded contract to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$95,710 to clean, televise and inspect over 40,000 feet of sanitary sewers.

November 8, 2021 The Council:

- Approved final design of the new "Welcome to Bridgeville" wall to be built at the corner of Chartiers St. and Washington Ave.
- Requested PENNDOT to complete a speed reduction study of Bank Street. (Note: PENNDOT is to resurface Bank Street in 2022.)
- Authorized Engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertise the Blight Removal project.

- Approved renewed Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Police and Public Works employees.

December 13, 2021 The Council:

- Adopted the 2022 Budget with no tax increase.
- Entered into agreement with PENNDOT to make sewer adjustments for the paving of Bank Street.
- Purchased a new police cruiser.
- Hired Mackin Engineers to prepare the Borough's new Comprehensive Plan.
- Authorized the Manager to submit a federal grant for the construction of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project.