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2022 NEWSLETTER

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SOUTHBRIDGE EMS



Did you know that it can take less than five minutes for a person to die from significant blood loss? Or how about that there are more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests that occur each year? These statistics may sound shocking, but these types of emergencies can happen anywhere. That is why it is important to learn the basics that can possibly save the life of those around you.



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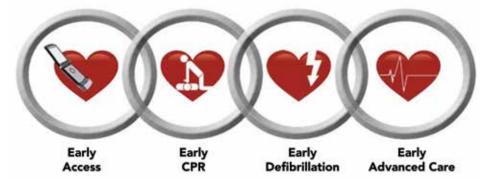
classes are designed to teach participants how to recognize life-threatening bleeding and the steps necessary to quickly and

effective control the bleeding. Instructors will teach the steps, demonstrate the skills,

and then provide you with the opportunity to learn and perfect the techniques yourself.

HANDS-ONLY CPR classes are designed to teach easy-to-remember CPR techniques that can increase the chance of survival for those in cardiac arrest. A victim's chance of survival decreases by 10% for every minute that effective CPR is delayed, therefore these classes will give you the tools to ensure you can begin life-saving intervention as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact SouthBridge EMS at (412) 221-5115 or email info@SouthBridgeEMS.com. As always, call 911 in the event of an emergency.





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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 require 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 apologies 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 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. ■



AMERICAN LEGION POST 54

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After two years of not having the annual Memorial Day parade, we are back! This year's Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30th, 10AM, starting at the Legion Post at the corner of Station Street and Shady Avenue and proceeds to the Melrose Cemetery. Hope to see you there!



Monday thru Saturday
Evening Hours Available
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Bridgeville, PA 15017
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BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE



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(left to right top row) Joseph Verduci, Bruce Ghelarducci, Justine Cimarolli, Nicholas Ciesielski, Joseph Colosimo (left to right seated) Nino Petrocelli Sr., Mayor Betty Copeland, William Henderson

	Mayor Betty Copeland, William Henderson
OFFICIAL TITLE	NAME
Mayor	Betty L. Copeland
President of Council	William Henderson
Vice President	Nino Petrocelli, Sr.
President Pro Tem	Joseph Colosimo
Councilman	Nicholas Ciesielski
Councilman	Bruce Ghelarducci
Councilman	Joseph Verduci
Councilwoman	Justine Cimarolli
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, Sewage Fee 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
West Penn Power (First Energy Co)	1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)
Peoples Gas Company (formerly Equitable Gas Company)	1-800-654-6335
Comcast 1-800-COMCAST	1-800-266-2278
Verizon 1-800-VERIZON	1-800-837-4966

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 14 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 21 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 21 President's Day Borough Building Closed
- 28 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM

MARCH

- Daylight Savings Time Begins, 2AM,Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- 14 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 21 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 28 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM

APRIL

- 4 Curbside Brush Collection Starts
- 4 Weekly Street Sweeping Program Starts
- 9 Easter Egg Hunt, Chartiers Park (tentative)
- 11 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Good Friday Borough Building Closed
- 18 Easter Monday Borough Building Closed
- 18 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 25 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 29 Curbside Brush Collection Ends

MAY

- 9 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 16 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 23 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 27 Weekly Street Sweeping Program Ends

- 30 Memorial Day Borough Office Closed, Trash Delayed, picked up Saturday
- 30 Memorial Day Parade, 10AM

JUNE

- 13 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 18 Community Event Day on the Avenue
- 20 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 20-24 Street Sweeping this Week
- 27 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 4 Borough Office Closed, Trash Delayed, picked up Saturday
- 11 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 18 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 18-22 Street Sweeping this Week
- 25 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM

AUGUST

- 8 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 22-26 Street Sweeping this Week

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day Borough Building Closed, Trash Delayed, Picked up Saturday
- 12 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 19 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 19-23 Street Sweeping this Week
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM

OCTOBER

- 10 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 10 Curbside Leaf Collection Starts
- 17 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 24 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 29 Halloween Parade
- 31 Trick or Treat, 6-8PM

NOVEMBER

- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends, Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- 7 Curbside Brush Collection Program Starts
- 14 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 21 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 24-25 Thanksgiving, Borough Building Closed, Trash Delayed, Picked up Saturday

DECEMBER

- Winter Blast, Triangle Park (tentative)
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 9 Curbside Leaf and Brush Collection Ends
- 12 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 19 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 23-27 Christmas, Borough Building Closed

Visit www.bridgevilleboro.com for more detailed info!

Bridgeville Voting Information:

2022 Election Days:

Polls Open 7AM to 8PM

Primary: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

General: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Polling Places:

District 1 & 2 – Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department – 370 Commercial Street

District 3 & 4 - Goodwill Manor -

McMillen and Gregg Street

How to Register to Vote:

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. Registration forms are also available at the Borough Building in the main lobby, or online at https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx

Election Complaints:

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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.

Chartiers Valley School District



At Chartiers Valley School District, there is a deep-routed tradition of compassion and service. Especially during times of adversity, the students and staff of Chartiers Valley find unique ways to support the residents in Bridgeville and surrounding communities.

When parts of Bridgeville endured the devastating effects of flooding, student groups raised money to provide relief, and counselors helped connect families with various programs and resources.

Amid recent hardships caused by the coronavirus pandemic, CV students and staff raised over \$7,000 and countless food items for the Bridgeville Food Bank, impacting hundreds of local families in need. Additionally, the Colts Athletics holiday toy drive gathered 750 toys and more than \$500 in cash that went directly to children of Bridgeville and surrounding areas.

Chartiers Valley students are given various service-learning opportunities in which relevant community service activities are integrated into the existing curriculum. Recently, for example, high school students enrolled in Applied Engineering and Technology courses worked to construct a storage shed for the Bridgeville Public Library.

Members of the school community also volunteer and fundraise for regional organizations like Meals on Wheels, The Caring Place, St. Clair Hospital, and local animal shelters, all of which serve the people (and pets) of Bridgeville.

The District is grateful for partnerships with local businesses of Bridgeville, and organizations such as the Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary and Southwest Communities Chamber of Commerce. Together, we are committed to fostering a culture of generosity and supporting service projects that address the needs of the Chartiers Valley community.

Bridgeville Athletic Association

Let's Meet in the Park:

Baseball / Softball Game Every Week Night T-Ball & Pre-T Games Every Saturday Morning Season starts end of April

Sponsors Needed:

The Bridgeville Athletic Association (BAA) is looking for the generosity of local individuals and companies to sponsor boys and girls baseball and softball teams for the upcoming season. Your help is greatly needed. Contact baa@bridgevilleball.com.

Annual Movie in the Park:

Chartiers Park, June 11th at sunset. Bring your chairs and blankets.

Birdhouses for Sale:

Purchase your one-of-a-kind birdhouse at the Bridgeville Athletic Association concession stand at Chartiers Park. Birdhouses are built from local, donated material. Contact info@bridgevilleball.com once the season begins at the end of April.

Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club

Joe Verduci Club President

The Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club has been making a difference in the lives of our community and the world since 1952 while socializing, building relationships, yet having fun. Our members strive to live up to Rotary's motto "Service above Self". The second motto in Rotary is not quoted as often, which is "They profit most who serve best".

This past year we have been helping so many community causes that make a difference in the lives of so many people. From the Bridgeville Area Food Bank to assisting the local EMS in purchasing valuable equipment, we have achieved so many of our goals during 2021. We are excited to see what is coming in 2022. For example, we are applying for a grant to assist in funding and installing the first BPL Story Walk down at Chartiers Park. Can't wait to see it "in action" coming this spring!

Our 2nd Annual Trivia Night is on April 9th. Information is available on our Facebook page or the website www.bridgeville-sfrotary.org or call 412-576-0940 for tickets. The 15th Annual Chili Cookoff will be held in the Fall, pending the release of the Steeler schedule, of course!

Last but not least, we are looking for new members to join our group. Are you looking to make positive changes in your community and the world? Our club members are dedicated people who share a passion for community service and friendship. Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group who share your drive to give back. If you would like to learn more about membership or to be a guest speaker at one of our Thursday lunch meetings please e-mail me at bvsfrotary@gmail.com or call 412-576-0940.



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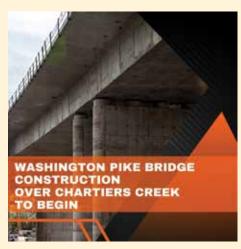


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SOUTH-END BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION OVER CREEK IS UNDERWAY



PennDOT has announced widening work on the Washington Avenue bridge over Chartiers Creek began in early January.

Lane closures will occur from 9AM to 4PM weekdays and 6PM to 6AM weeknights on Route 50 in each direction between James Street and Millers Run Road through late 2022. Lane restrictions on Route 50 and Chartiers Street 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 Street between Route 50 and Werner Street 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 Avenue to northbound I-79 will be constructed. Widening work will occur on the northbound I-79 on-ramp, and Chartiers Street 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. During the 2022 construction season, the bridge will be closed for three extended weekends and a 10-day closure of Chartiers Street will be required. Information will be provided in advance of all closures.

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 (Above-ground 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 residential 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 / INSPECTION PROGRAM

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 jkauer@bridgevilleboro.com.



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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., needs 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) - placed 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 and brush in the fall, and Christmas Trees can be placed out with the weekly trash pickup during the period from December 25, 2022 through January 15, 2023. 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.

TO REPORT A TRASH MISS:

Please call the Borough Office at 412-221-6012 x115 or email info@countyhauling.com.

RECYCLING SERVICES

Everyone in Bridgeville is mandated to recycle including commercial, industrial and residential properties.

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 or bagged. Leave it loose, but items must be rinsed, and no food items are permitted to remain in the material. 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 foil, chemical or paint cans.

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 6, 2022

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 6, 2022, 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, dehumidifies, 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 412-567-6566 or www.nobleenviro.com to REGISTER.

Bridgeville Community Food Bank

The Bridgeville Community Food Bank operates out of the Bethany Presbyterian Church. After 39 years of operation, it continues to serve the needy families living within the Chartiers Valley and South Fayette school districts.

The Covid 19 pandemic has had a varied effect on the Bridgeville Community Food Bank. There have been opportunities and challenges as well as great blessings. At the beginning of the shut down we added about thirty additional families almost immediately to our roster. For many of these new families, it was the first time they needed help. We welcomed them by telling them that everyone needs help sometimes in their life, and it's just their turn.

We were challenged with maintaining service to our many families with the church being closed for a while. From April 2020 through July 2021, we pre-packed bags of groceries for our families and served them outside. It was quite cold during the winter months! We are back inside now but strongly encourage mask wearing.

The Food Bank is completely self-funded and operates entirely on donations and the efforts of its volunteers. Community support is outstanding. Throughout the pandemic, the food bank has been greatly blessed with contributions and numerous food drives. All churches in the Bridgeville Ministerium contribute to us in some manner. The whole community has really stepped up their giving!

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed time, money, and food to the Bridgeville Community Food Bank. Without you, this mission would not be possible. ■





Though much has changed in our 123 year-long history, our commitment to our community has always been at the heart of everything we do. We are proud to have been founded here as we continue to serve generation after generation.



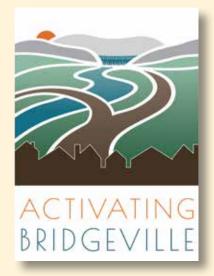
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Planning for our Community's Future

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

At its December meeting, Borough Council President 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.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – "ACTIVATING BRIDGEVILLE"

Working together with the community, PENNDOT, and key stakeholders over the last six months, the Borough and their consultant (Traffic Planning and Design) have prepared a draft Improvement Plan for the Activating Bridgeville active transportation plan.

The draft improvement plan to make our community more walkable is an envisioned, long-term blueprint for potential improvements over the next 10 or even 15 years. Advancing any of these projects will be dependent on further action by Borough Council, additional feasibility / engineering, and project funding and budgeting.

To see the plan visit: https://bridgevilleboro.com/active-transportation-plan/.

We're Here to Serve You

Navigating government and knowing where to go to find answers and solve problems can be confusing. My South Fayette office staff is ready and willing to serve you and help make the process easier.

Among the services my office offers are Port Authority ConnectCards for Seniors.



Rep. Jason Ortitay (R-Washington/Allegheny)

Only seniors who currently use their Medicare ID card to ride public

transportation for free must obtain a Senior ConnectCard. The Port Authority will continue to accept blue or yellow Pennsylvania Senior Transit Cards indefinitely.

The Senior ConnectCard permits adults, 65 or older, to ride for free on Port Authority vehicles, including buses, light rail, and inclines, during all hours of operation. Those who register need to bring valid proof-of-age documentation to the district office. My office can accept a photo driver's license, Pennsylvania identification card, passport, PACE identification card, armed forces discharge/separation papers or a birth certificate.

Cards will be ready for pickup within two to four weeks.

Another area where we help a lot of people is with applications for the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program.

This program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities. Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent and/or property taxes paid in 2021.

Complete and updated eligibility information is available at www.revenue.pa.gov.

The earlier you complete your application, the sooner you will get your rebate check. The Department of Revenue will begin sending out checks on July 1.

When claimants applied for their rebate, they may check the status of the claim online at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling, toll-free, 1-888-PATAXES or my office at 412-221-5110.

For more information on either of these services, call my office at 412-221-5110 to schedule an appointment.

The 46th Legislative District includes Collier and South Fayette townships and Bridgeville, Heidelberg, McDonald and Oakdale boroughs in Allegheny County. It also encompasses Canton, Cecil, Mt. Pleasant, Robinson and Smith townships and Burgettstown, McDonald and Midway boroughs in Washington County. ■



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2021 YEAR END REPORT

As a community, united together with a common goal of making our town a better place to live, do business and visit, the Bridgeville Borough Council, Mayor, officials 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:

Public Works Projects:

- Paved Terrace Street, Calvert Street, Spruce Street, Ramsey Avenue and portions of Church Street, Almo Alley, Bower Hill Road and Cook School Road.
- Construction began on the widening of Chartiers Street and the construction of the new seven-lane south-end bridge on Washington Avenue.
- Replaced the aging roof on the Borough Building and rehabilitated facilities within our parks.
- Installed stormseptor devices to our storm water system reducing pollution that runs off to our streams and creek.
- Purchased a new utility body truck.
- Constructed new ADA accessible sidewalk ramps on Station Street and Murray Avenue.

Flood Mitigation Work:

- Completion of the flood mitigation project at McLaughlin Run Park that included installing the trash rack and lowering of the ballfield.
- Constructed the Jane Way Access Ramp / Flood Wall and storm sewer improvements on Bower Hill Road near Union Street.
- Long-term planning and engineering were completed and adopted that would potentially solve flooding issues in the McLaughlin Run watershed in the Borough. Council authorized to submit funding requests to the federal government to implement Phase 1A of this Flood Control Plan. The Borough also assisted in the emergency response, cleanup and repairs after two flooding events this summer in this watershed area; both events being declared State of Emergency.
- Completed Phase 4 of installing sanitary sewer backflow devices at properties along McLaughlin Run Road.
- Public Works crews removed thousands of tons of sediment from McLaughlin Run Creek and the Chartiers Creek Back Channel with hopes to reduce the impacts of flooding and severe rainstorms.

Parks and Recreation Improvements:

- Completed improvements at McLaughlin Run Park that included construction of two new picnic shelters, a paved parking lot, road and trail, improved entrance area, skate park equipment and numerous site improvements.
- Initiated improvements to Chartiers Park including the repair of the streambank, roadways and construction of a new playground that will be installed in 2022.
- Installed security cameras within the parks.

Public Safety:

- The Police Department responded to 4,275 requests for service, completed 1,833 business checks, patrolled over 29,231 total miles, made 98 criminal arrests and issued over 223 traffic citations.
- Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department responded to 494 emergencies and dedicated 926 hours to training.
- SouthBridge EMS responded to 788 calls for service in the Borough.
- Drafted and adopted an updated Emergency Operations Plan for the Borough.
- Replaced a police cruiser.

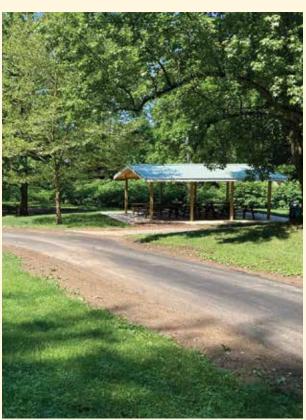
Planning and Code Enforcement:

- Improved gateways to the community with new welcome signage.
- Started work with community input on an Active Transportation Plan, funded by the Active Allegheny Program, being completed by Traffic Planning and Design.
- Hired Mackin Engineers to start work on the Borough's new Comprehensive Plan.
- Code Enforcement investigated and issued 344 property maintenance and zoning violation notices and issued 73 building / zoning permits.

General Government:

- Secured \$1,665,654.57 in grant funding for multiple projects.
- Negotiated renewed multi-year Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Police and Public Works employees.
- Took part in a multi-municipal campaign to oppose the proposed bridge tolling of I-79 at the Bridgeville interchange.
- Drafted and adopted an Employee Handbook.
- Added flower baskets to lampposts in the Central Business District on Washington Avenue.
- Improved communication with the annual newsletter, four quarterly newsletters and the installation of the LED community event sign at the Borough Building.
- Adopted the 2022 Budget, a balanced spending plan without a tax increase.
- Strict financial management resulted in ending 2021 with a surplus that will be allocated for the Borough's budgetary reserve and future capital projects. The Borough continues to maintain a healthy fund balance.
- Sponsored a successful Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Event that collected 22,000 pounds of electronics and hazardous waste from 227 citizens.

Sharing a vision for a brighter future we stand poised to use the progress made in 2021 as a catalyst for an even better 2022. We thank everyone for their involvement this past year, as we all have played a role, working as a community, in moving Bridgeville forward.







Top left: Chartiers Park landslide repair, **Top right:** McLaughlin Park new shelter and trail **Bottom left:** Paving of Calvert Street, **Bottom right:** New welcome signage

The Bridgeville Parking Authority



The Bridgeville Parking Authority serves the Borough of Bridgeville, guests, and its residents by providing clean, safe and well-maintained lots. The Parking Authority is selfsupporting and does not rely on tax dollars to operate. The Parking Authority reinvests all profits back into the upkeep and possible acquisition of new lots. All of the lots in Bridgeville are maintained, cleared and policed by the authority at no additional cost to the borough. The cost of operating the lots is generated from parking revenues. The Bridgeville Parking Authority is also interested in the future of Bridgeville and constantly seeking opportunities to make parking more convenient.

Parking paystations accept coin and credit card payments. Three pay-by-phone mobile parking application options available.

Visit the borough website for additional information.



WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS A LION

This is the mantra of all Lions Clubs. Bridgeville and the surrounding communities have not had a Lions Club to help with critical needs since 1984. On November 2016, the Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club was chartered by Lions Clubs International (LCI). LCI has 2.4 million members with clubs in 270 countries. We are the largest service organization in the world. All clubs provide fundraising and services directly to serve those in need in their communities. Lions Clubs have 6 Focus Areas: vision, youth, hunger, environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes, for which they conduct fundraising and service activities. However, all clubs respond to any need that arises for which we have the capabilities or funds.

The Bridgeville Greater Area Lions have 25 members. Our first service project was the purchase and delivery of 2 AED Defibrillators for the Bridgeville Police Department and also donating a supply of smoke detectors to the Bridgeville VFD. Every year we participate in the Bridgeville on the Avenue Day, South Fayette Community Day and Heidelberg Community Day. In June 2018, Bridgeville Greater Area Lions was confronted with our first critical community need. 126 homes were seriously damaged by flooding in Bridgeville alone. We joined the efforts of many within the community to assist in the relief and recovery. Initially we donated \$1,000. Through a grant from Lions Clubs International we were able to contribute another \$10,000 for repairs to homes in Bridgeville and surrounding communities.

Some other examples of volunteering are to water the plants that are mounted on the street light poles along the main street in Bridgeville and collecting clear plastic bags to help the environment, to date over one thousand pounds have been collected. Another is a food collection activity with 412 Food Rescue where we take fresh food to people who really need it.

One of our most important fundraisers is an annual Pasta Dinner and basket auction. The profits from last year were over \$8,000, and were donated to Children's Hospital. This money will be earmarked to help fight pediatric cancer and childhood diabetes.

The Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club creates and fosters a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world and promotes the principles of good government and good citizenship.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police-Chad King

Mayor-Betty L. Copeland

After nearly 26 years of dedicated service, the Bridgeville Police Department has bid adieu to Patrolman Chris Manolakos, badge #209. Officer Manolakos officially retired on 1/08/22. Officer Manolakos began his career in Bridgeville on 6/24/96. He was one of the departments Firearms Instructors, Firearms Armorer, Evidence Officer, and served time as the departments Drug Task Force Coordinator. Prior to his service for Bridgeville Borough, he served in the United States Air Force. We wish Officer Manolakos well in his future endeavors.



Ptl. Daine Lower will be replacing Officer Manolakos on the roster and was promoted to full-time on 2/01/22. Officer Lower has been a part-time officer in Bridgeville since 8/18/20. ■

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



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.

BVFD recently renovated the Chartiers Room and held an open house to showcase it on February 13th. If you are interested in renting the hall, please call 412-266-1043.

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, news and fundraisers, 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, two baseball fields, and horseshoe pits. You can rent the Pavilions, 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, ballfield and a basketball court. You can rent the pavilion or the ballfield 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.



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



BRIDGEVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Early Bridgeville history is fascinating and this article is about the time period of 1880 and the Gould Railroad.

The Gould house was built on Ramsey Avenue. The gentleman was a railroad millionaire. He had plans for a huge railroad repair building from Bridgeville to South Fayette, employing about 300 to 500 men. The railroad line was to go out to Pittsburgh, however, that didn't work well.

In 1883, J. Gould had owned the entire property which was approved by Allegheny County to list block / lot numbers for the entire top of the hill (at the top of the hill you can see long distances in each direction, north, south, east and west.) There were a few homes on Ramsey and Patterson Avenue, with some steep hills which ended at the Collier Township line, out two streets, Ramsey and Patterson, and all the way up the hill, which represented gorgeous scenery, to St. Barbara Church. Question: What influence did all this do? Petitions were being obtained for separation from Upper St. Clair, which resulted for the residents to celebrate in 1901, Bridgeville freedom! J Gould was quickly "broke and bankrupt."

In the late 1930's a group of Methodist Women held their monthly meeting in a private home. There was one duplex at the bottom of what became Calvert Street. How the women did it, I don't know.



There was not the steep Chess Street Hill at that time. In the 1950's, after World War II, the entire area and hills were developed.

The Wabash Railroad and Station, remained in business for awhile. On January 1, 1913, Rev. Robert Wilson Martin arrived from Wintersville Ohio to Bridgeville at the Wabash Station. The Wabash Railroad Station burned down in 1965, but the railroad line is still very busy. When you drive up Murray Avenue, toward the railroad tracks, there is a beautiful red brick street on the right. This was the roadway to the Station, and after all the time that has passed, it still remains.

The name, Gould City Hill still lives on! ■

BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY: Our Diamond Anniversary

2022 will surely be a landmark year as the library celebrates our 60th Anniversary!

1962 includes many notable events in America's history: the Cuban Missile Crisis, the premiere of Andy Warhol's Campbell's Soup Cans exhibition, and the publication of Madeleine L'Engle's A Wrinkle in Time, to name just a few.

While the names of Louise Bergstrom, Grace McDivitt, Betty Mihalyi, Betty Mincemoyer, Sylvia Saperstein, and Betty Sutton may not be as immediately recognizable they are equally remarkable as this group of astounding women gathered in 1962 to organize a public library to serve our community. It is almost hard to believe it has been 60 years and the library is in its fourth location (including, of course, almost 40 years in the Penn Central Railroad Station and Caboose). Our physical collection now includes over 20,000 items, evolving beyond books to include games, puzzles, early literacy kits, Wi-Fi hotspots, and cake



pans, not to mention our robust collection of eResources. Plus, the library offers almost daily programs, in-person and virtually, and there are always opportunities to get involved with the Library Board of Trustees or Friends of the Library organization.

Most importantly, our 60th anniversary is a moment to honor and reaffirm our mission to serve as a center for lifelong learning, supporting individual achievement and strengthening the bonds of community. Our values of trust, service, and free and open access to knowledge and opportunity are as essential today as ever before.

We hope you join us as we celebrate this milestone all year long. ■

From the desk of State Senator Devlin Robinson:

It is hard to believe that I've already completed one year in office. Although COVID-19 may have provided challenges in 2021, in the district I was able to tour 66 businesses, corporations, nonprofits, and manufacturing plants. I also



attended 325 community events including parades, festivals, and grand openings. Meeting the people of the 37th district was also my top priority. My team and I attended 283 in-person meetings and 156 zoom meetings.

I am proud to say that we were able to advocate and award \$6,923,645 worth of funding towards district projects. This money will enable municipalities and boroughs in the 37th district to create green space, improve flooding and stormwater conditions, and enhance recreational trails and parks. Specifically, to Bridgeville, \$500,000 was allocated to Werner Street Slope Stabilization and Stormwater Improvements. As a Bridgeville resident myself, I know firsthand how many businesses, families, and important roadways have been impacted by stormwater damages.

Legislatively, I had four bills passed by the Senate of Pennsylvania, which are SB 403, SB 706, SB 550, and SB 96. SB 550-Act 89 and SB 96-Act 55 made it to the Governor's desk and were passed into law.

I serve on seven committees including Law & Justice (Vice Chair), Appropriations, Community Economic & Recreational Development, Game & Fisheries, Health & Human Services, Labor & Industry, and Local Government. Right now, we are beginning our Appropriations meetings to hear from each of the state agencies so we can prepare to present a state budget.

My office staff is available to assist with state-related issues such as PennDOT inquiries, state tax issues, and unemployment compensation concerns. We also have wonderful opportunities for veterans and business owners. Please call 412-785-3070 to learn more about the services we provide. ■

South West Communities Chamber of Commerce

Promoting our Business District for almost 100 years

The South West Communities Chamber of Commerce is a proud partner of the Bridgeville Borough. In the 1920's, the Bridgeville Chamber of Commerce was formed, and we are now at almost 100 years of service



to the local thriving Bridgeville business district. The South West Communities Chamber of Commerce has grown to over seven regions and 350 members and our coverage doesn't stop at the business level, but the chamber has also stepped in to support local non-profits and community organizations. The chamber lends it's support to helping feed hungry families, collecting clothing for women re-entering the workforce, as well as award local area students with scholarships to help give them a step up for their future. We at the chamber hope to support the Bridgeville region for centuries to come and thank you to all the local businesses who support us as well.

An Update on Flood Control Projects

The Borough recently submitted a funding request to PEMA and FEMA seeking 75% of the costs to construct Phase 1A of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project. This application request is for \$4,203,285.75 and if awarded the Borough's match would be \$1,401,095.25.

Phase 1A is projected to cost \$5,604,381 and includes the construction of a levee along Carol Avenue that would start at the limits of the Chartiers Creek Back Channel and run up to the culvert behind Dari Delite on Bower Hill Road. The project also would replace the double Commercial Street culverts with a single span bridge / culvert, make improvements to the storm sewers and install a pumping system along Carol Avenue. This project has been designed to eliminate flooding associated with future 100year storm events and minimize flooding associated with the 500-year storm event to the extent practical for properties included in the limits of Phase 1, which is west of McLaughlin Run and north of Bower Hill Road. The Borough anticipates a decision on this funding request by mid-2022.

The McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project is a four-phase project that is estimated to cost \$21,482,219 and would protect properties along McLaughlin Run within Bridgeville Borough with a construction technique like what is included in Phase 1A. This plan has been developed by the Borough Engineer, vetted and recommended by the Bridgeville Planning Commission and adopted by Bridgeville Borough Council in August.

Recent other measures to mitigate flooding in Bridgeville authorized by Borough Council includes gravel and sediment removal from the waterways, installation and operation of the trash rack at McLaughlin Run Park to catch problematic debris, the lowering of the McLaughlin Run ballfield to slow the water coming into town and create some storage capacity, repairs to flood walls on Maple Street, construction of an access ramp to maintain the bridges at the end of Jane Way, five phases of installing sanitary sewer backflow preventers at properties within the flood zones, and buyouts of seven flood prone properties on Baldwin and Margaret Streets. Seven homes will be purchased and demolished as part of an awarded \$1,201,701 FEMA grant project. 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.

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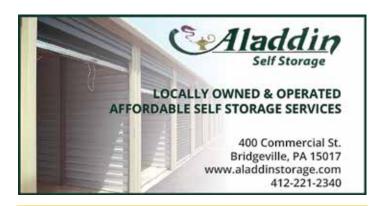
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