**OUARTERLY UPDATE** 



# Bridgeville Borough

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JAN — MAR, 2023

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

## 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. 20, Borough Offices closed, no delay in trash collection

#### Good Friday & Easter Monday, April 7 & 10, Borough Offices closed, no delay in trash collection

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

#### Bridgeville Park Shelter Rental Reservations open for the 2023 season to residents on March 1st. To schedule please visit the Borough

**Garbage and Sewer** Billing: did you know you can 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 payments for your account. You can also now sign up for E-Bills and have them emailed to you.

### Bridgeville Snow Angels Offering Support for the Residents

Aside from the cold, winter brings us snow-covered sidewalks and driveways. For older residents and residents with mobility issues, winter elements can be hazardous. Fostering the bonds of community, the Snow Angel Program works to pair residents in need with helpful volunteers to ensure sidewalks and driveways are clear of snow and ice. Clear walkways make our sidewalks safer for everyone, including our community workers, like postal carriers, emergency services, and trash collectors.

#### **Snow Angel Program Guidelines:**

 Matches are made on a rolling basis and may not be made right away. Requests and volunteers are accepted throughout the season and matches will be made as they are available.

- Those requesting services are expected to provide a shovel and salt to the Angel volunteer.
- Those requesting services should not need to be home to receive services.
- Areas are expected to be clear as soon as possible, but within 24-hours of the end of a snow event.
- No payment is required.

Volunteer to be a Snow Angel: As a Snow Angel, you will be paired with a resident in need located within a 10minute walk from your residence. Bridgeville Borough will confirm all the details with your match as a match is made. If you are willing to help more than one neighbor, please let us know on the registration form.

#### Request help from a Snow Angel: If

you are at least 60 years old or have a physical disability and live within Bridgeville Borough, you are eligible to participate in the Snow Angel Program. Due to the demand of this program, we ask that you only apply if you have a definite need and you do not have the financial means, or friends or family in the area to assist with snow removal. To volunteer or request help please visit: <a href="https://bridgevilleboro.com/snow-angels/">https://bridgevilleboro.com/snow-angels/</a> or call Cheryl at 412-221-6012 x112.

## Changes to be Made to Prohibit Left Turns onto Chartiers and Church Streets from Washington Avenue

As part of the widening of Washington Avenue at the south bridge into the Borough over Chartiers Creek from the current four-lanes to seven-lanes this spring, an Ordinance was recently adopted that will prohibit left turns from Washington Avenue onto both Chartiers and Church Streets. This

prohibition will be in place daily, including Sundays, 7AM to 7PM. The intention of this Ordinance is to reduce traffic backups and improve safety. PENNDOT will be posting signage of the No Left Turn regulations, and once this in place the Police Department will help promote the traffic change before

enforcement is commenced. The traffic signal timing at Station Street will be upgraded as part of this project to safely accommodate the increase in turning vehicles from the dedicated turning lane on Washington Avenue that once would have turned at Chartiers Street.

### Borough Council Adopts 2023 Budget with No Tax Increase

Borough Council adopted the 2023 Budget, a balanced spending plan for the community that totals \$9,454,077.40 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 fifth consecutive year at \$53 per quarter. There is an increase in sewer fees that pass along the ALCOSAN 7% rate increase. Monthly sewer fees overall are increasing from \$16.47 per thousand

gallons with a \$6.82 per month ALCOSAN service charge to \$17.14 per thousand gallons with the \$7.29 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 \$3,482,338.20. There is also \$3,215,396 worth of capital improvements planned in 2023 that include new playground equipment at

Chartiers, Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks, reconstruction and slope stabilization on Werner Avenue, road paving, police and public works equipment upgrades, and improvements to public facilities. Much of these projects and improvements are funded by awarded grants. The Sanitary Sewer Fund budget is set at \$2,166,066, the Garbage Fund at \$454,509 and Liquid Fuels Fund is \$135,766. The full 2023 Budget Report and a summary of the 2022 projects and progress can be viewed at <a href="https://www.bridgevilleBoro.com">www.bridgevilleBoro.com</a>

#### Bridgeville Comprehensive Plan Update: A Roadmap to Success

Bridgeville Borough has been working with Mackin Engineers & Consultants over the past several months to update the Borough's Comprehensive Plan, which was last developed in 2005. A Comprehensive Plan provides a vision for the future of the community along with the steps needed to turn the vision into a reality. The process has been designed to provide as many opportunities as possible for the residents, business owners and other Bridgeville stakeholders to become involved in developing the plan. To date, the project has included a public survey, stakeholder outreach, and a public input session in October.

Through the public outreach there have been several areas of focus identified: business and downtown development, traffic control, quality of life preservation and flood mitigation.

Next steps will include finalizing the Vision for the Borough as well as developing the Action Plan. The Action Plan is one of the most important pieces of a Comprehensive Plan because it will identify priority recommendations to address the identified issues. In addition, there will be another public input session and several focus groups over the coming months to gather additional information for the plan.

Please contact Brandi Rosselli, Mackin's Community Planning Manager, at <a href="mailto:brosselli@mackinengineering.com">brosselli@mackinengineering.com</a> (412.788.0472) if you have questions or to be added to the email distribution list for the Comprehensive Plan.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: In person and virtually on www.Zoom.us Borough Council: 2nd Mon. 7p Parking Authority: 3rd Mon, 7p Planning Comm.: 4th Mon, 7p

### What's Going on Around Town

With the start of the new year, Bridgeville is now part of new legislative districts at the County, State and Federal levels. Our US Congresswoman (12th District) is Summer Lee, State Representative (45th District) is Anita Kulik, and Allegheny County Council (12th District) Member is Robert Palmosina. US Senators are Bob Casey Jr. and John Fetterman. State Senator is Devlin Robinson.

Slight changes have been made to the street sweeping and leaf collection schedule in 2023. The revised and improved street sweeping collection schedule and routes will be included in the 2023 Borough Guide that will be mailed out in February and is online at <a href="https://www.bridgevilleboro.com">www.bridgevilleboro.com</a>

Construction has started to repair both the Werner Street and Union Street landslides, both projects are to cost \$1,202,877, contract awarded to A. Merante Contracting. Projects include retaining wall construction, guardrail, storm sewer and roadway improvements and are largely funded by grants in the amount of \$1,014,004.



Union St. Landslide Repairs

PENNDOT has reported that the new seven-lane Washington Avenue bridge has been delayed due to fabrication issues. The widening of Chartiers Street has been completed and the new turning lane will open once the new bridge is in place.

Historical Society Monthly Speaker Programs are held at the BVFD Chartiers Room, starting at 1:30PM and are free to attend. January 29 is "Early Railroads in the Chartiers Valley," presented by John Oyler, and February 26 is "Bridgeville WWII POWs: Abood, Calabro and Shady," presented by Georganne Abood Hensen. The Historical Society is once again selling 2023 Bridgeville History Calendars for \$10 each and can be purchased at the Historical Society.

Borough Council and Mayor renamed the alley that connects McMillen Street to Chartiers Street in honor of Mary Weise, a former member of Borough Council and long serving President of the Bridgeville Historical Society.

#### **Actions of the last Borough Council Meetings**

#### October 10, 2022 The Council & Mayor:

- Authorized applying for a grant to reconstruct the basketball court at Cook School Park and the floor within Shelter 1 at Chartiers Park.
- Implemented the tax penalty waiver provisions of PA Act 57 of 2022.
- Purchased a 2023 Ford F-600 Dump Truck for the Public Works Dept.
- Transferred 2022 General Fund surplus to Capital Project Fund.
- Sold surplus DPW equipment via online auction.

#### November 14, 2022 The Council & Mayor:

- Adopted an Ordinance that renamed the alley connecting McMillen Street to Chartiers Street as Weise Way and recognized Mary Weise's service to the Borough.
- Recognized State
   Representative Jason Ortitay for his service to the Borough.
- Authorized right of entry agreement for the construction of the Union Street landslide retaining wall construction and

- hired a geotechnical engineer to provide inspection services for this project.
- Accepted a \$350,000 grant from ALCOSAN for sanitary sewer source reduction and rerouting.
- Purchased a new leaf vacuum trailer and truck-mounted collection boxes.
- Awarded contract to Swede Construction to replace sidewalks within Triangle Park and add ADA picnic tables, project is funded by a CDBG grant
- Requested PENNDOT to install bump-outs on Bank Street at the corners of Winfield Street and Gregg Avenue (project to be completed in 2024 with ADA ramp upgrades.)
- Designated the Almanac / Observer-Reporter as the alternate newspaper to advertise public notices.

#### December 12, 2022 The Council & Mayor:

- Adopted and approved the 2023 Budget, tax millage, and sewer rates.
- Adopted an Ordinance that prohibits left turns onto

- Chartiers Street and Church Street from Washington Avenue, 7A-7P, all days of the week.
- Authorized applying for grants to reconstruct the Gregg Avenue Public Steps, storm sewer improvements that are part of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project, and sanitary sewer source reduction and rerouting.
- Authorized Insight Pipe Co to line 364 linear feet of sanitary sewer on Critchfield Drive.
- Approved changes to the 2023 Street Sweeping, Leaf & Brush Collection Schedule.
- Purchased a tractor for Public
   Works and Parks maintenance.
- Executed agreement with Seward Johnson Atelier for the 2023 lease of two sculptures to be part of the 2023 Public Art Bridgeville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, and pledged support to this project.
- Appointed Dennis Orient to the Zoning Hearing Board, Ed Pelino to the Parking Authority Board, Justine Cimarolli and Melissa Guiliani to the Planning Commission.