



Bridgeville Borough

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OCT — DEC, 2023

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Fall Leaf Collection:
 - Oct 9—Dec 8
 - Following street-sweeping routes
 - Pile leaves at the edge of roadway
 - No sticks or debris

Brush Grinder Collection:
 - Nov 6-30
 - No brush larger than 12" in diameter
 -No roots or dirt

Election Day is Tues, Nov 7, polls open 7A—8P

Borough Offices closed
Nov. 23-24, Dec. 25-26, and Jan. 1. Trash collection postponed one day each of these weeks.

Small Business Saturday, November 25 – celebrate and support Bridgeville’s small business community. Parking Authority is offering free public parking that day.

Winter Blast is Friday, Dec. 8 at Triangle Park, 6:30-8p. Join your friends and neighbors for family fun and a magical lighting of the Christmas Tree with Santa and Mrs. Claus to kick off the holiday season.

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 Awarded \$5.33 Million Flood Mitigation Grant

Over the past two years the Borough has completed a series of engineering studies and planning efforts to design a project that will help mitigate future flooding threats along McLaughlin Run. In late 2021, a plan was approved that proposes the construction of levees along the creek and is broken into four phases. Phase 1 is estimated to cost over seven million dollars and will construct a levee along Carol Avenue from the area behind the Dari Delite to the Chartiers Creek Back Channel, replace the Commercial Street double culverts with a single-span bridge, install a pumping system and make improvements to the existing storm sewers. Earlier this year, with the support from Senator Devlin Robinson, the Borough secured a \$1,000,000 grant from the Commonwealth to start this project, and now is excited to announced that the Borough was awarded a second grant from FEMA for this project in the amount of \$5,330,000. The Borough Council and Mayor are on track to have Phase 1 of this project fully funded by grants! Once completed, the limits of Phase 1, the west side of McLaughlin Run along Carol Avenue, Bower Hill Road, Washington Avenue, Brookfield Street, Irwin and Darby Ways, will be out of the floodway protected by a levee that is three feet above the 100-year flood stage. This will also enable this area of Bridgeville to be redeveloped, enable growth, business expansion and improvement. The Borough is currently working on the process of securing environmental permits and easements for the project’s construction. It is anticipated that construction will start within the next two years. Once the borough completes all four project phases, mitigation efforts will benefit 172 structures.



Senator Devlin Robinson Presenting Council and Mayor with State Flood Grant

Playground Improvements Underway at Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks



New Playground Plan for McLaughlin Run Park

The playgrounds at both Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks are in the process of being updated and improved. Both new playgrounds will have interactive and special features that will make them unique and enjoyable. The new playgrounds will have a soft rubber walking surface like the new playground that was added this spring at Chartiers Park. This project was made possible with a \$272,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and funding matched by the Borough’s Capital Project Fund. The Borough Council just authorized another recreation project to be bid that will reconstruct the basketball court, while also adding a new fenced in pickleball court to this same area at Cook School Park. This project is anticipated to be constructed next spring.

With a goal to improve the quality of life in Bridgeville, over the past two years the Borough Council and Mayor have strategically invested in our parks; significantly rehabilitating all four of them. There have been three new playgrounds constructed, new picnic shelters added, improved roadways, sidewalks, and parking lots; improved lighting, fencing, security features and landscaping, and new amenities such as the story-walk, cornhole courts, new benches and additional picnic tables.

All Households to be Provided a New Recycling Cart



In January, all households in the Borough will be receiving a new recycle cart. These wheeled carts will hold up to 32 gallons and

have an attached lid. The new carts will allow for a little more storage over the current 25-gallon can and will keep the community cleaner on windy days with the attached lid. To get rid of your old can after you receive your new cart, you can put it out with your recycling to be collected. If you desire to purchase an additional recycling cart, they can be purchased at the Borough Office. These new carts were made possible by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Also come January there may be changes in trash and recycling collections in the Borough as the Borough's agreement with County Hauling is set to expire at the end of this year. The new 2024-2028 trash contract is currently out to bid. Several options for the new contract are being considered to keep costs down and deliver a quality service including the possibility of fully automated collection with each house being provided one 96-gallon cart, limits on the amount of trash you can put out, and keeping the service as-is with an unlimited amount of trash being put out that would be collected manually. The Borough Council will be reviewing these options at their November 13th meeting. Regarding the quarterly garbage bill of \$53, the Borough has been able to hold that rate for five consecutive years without an increase! A rate increase in 2024 is expected, but unknown until bids from haulers are received.

What's Going on Around Town

Halloween Happenings in Bridgeville: the Bridgeville Library will be hosting Halloween at the Haunted Library on Friday, October 27th from 6pm to 8pm. It's a family friendly event. Sign up on the library website, www.bridgevillelibrary.org. The annual Halloween Parade is Saturday, October 28th, lineup on Gregg Avenue at Bridgeville Manor starting at 10AM for judging, parade starts at 11AM and marches to the Firehouse. Bridgeville Trunk or Treat is Monday, October 30th, 6P to 8P at the BVFD Chartiers Room Parking Lot. Trick or Treat, Borough-wide, Tuesday, October 31st, 6P to 8P.

Borough Council and Mayor will hold the annual budget meeting to review and discuss the 2024 Budget on Monday, November 6th, 7PM in Council Chambers. The community is invited to attend to hear how your tax dollars will be allocated next year.

New Street Sign Upgrades: Public Works crews are installing new Borough street name signs throughout town; this project is anticipated to be completed by early winter. The new signs feature the Borough logo and meet new federal transportation standards for reflectivity and size of font. The old street name signs are going to be sold by the Historical Society as a fundraiser later this year. Please stay tuned for details!

Congratulations to Police Officer Bill Young who retired from the

Borough's Police Department on October 1st after 28 years of service. Happy retirement Bill!

Historical Society's Monthly Speakers Program have resumed. Events are held at the BVFD Chartiers Room, starting at 7:30PM. October 24: "Brick Collecting" presented by Jean Bear, November 28: "1940's Bridgeville" presented by John Oylar.

After over one year of community planning, the Bridgeville Planning Commission is nearing the completion of developing a new Comprehensive Plan for Bridgeville. The draft plan will be available for review and your final comments starting October 27th, posted on the Borough website and hardcopy in the Borough Building Lobby. The plan will be presented to Borough Council and a public hearing will be held in early 2024 for its adoption. Thank you to everyone who participated and let us know your thoughts, hopes and suggestions for the community's future.

Bridgeville VFD's Truck Raffle is underway again. The drawing is for a 2023 Chevy Silverado or \$45,000 Cash, based on January 1, 2024 PA Lottery. Tickets are \$20, with two chances per ticket. See any firefighter or visit the Borough office for a ticket.

BVFD Craft & Vendor Show, Sunday, Nov. 19, 11-4 at the Chartiers Room. There will be baked goods, jewelry, home items, crafts, raffles, clothing vendors and more.

Community Events at the Bridgeville Library:

Cooking with Eric - Saturday 10/28/23 at noon - Fall Flavors. Tuesday, 12/12/23 at 5:30 - Christmas Traditions.

Native American Drum and Dance Demonstration on Friday, November 10th, 7PM, doors open at 6PM. Presented by the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center, dancers will demonstrate three different Native American dance styles and will discuss the history and origin of each. They will be accompanied by a drummer / singer. For all ages. Tickets available at www.bridgevillelibrary.org

Crafting with Colleen - Tuesday 11/14/23 at 5:30 - Aromatherapy Shower Melts.

Christmas Tree Festival will start Monday, December 4, 2023. It's free to set up a tree! You pick a family friendly theme and join us for this fun and exciting annual event. Registration forms available at the library.

Friday, December 15, 2023 - Adult Night at the Library - Wine and Chocolate Pairings.

Saturday, December 16, 2023 - Family Fun Day at the Library with Santa, crafting and music!

More information and sign up at the circulation desk at the library. Email us at friendsofbpl@aol.com

Actions of the last Borough Council Meetings

July 10, 2023

The Council & Mayor:

- Authorized the Borough Manager to apply for a grant to reconstruct the Gregg Avenue Public Steps.
- Approved the First United Methodist Church Subdivision Plan of 244 and 310 Station Street
- Amended the grant contract with the State to reconstruct the Cook School basketball court to also include the addition of a pickleball court.
- Authorized replacing and upgrading all street name signs in the Borough.

August 14, 2023

The Council & Mayor:

- Released the Request for Bids of the 2024-2028 Garbage and Recycling Collection Contract.
- Purchased a new 32-gallon recycle cart for all households in the Borough.
- Transferred the 2022 General Fund Surplus to the Capital Project Fund and the Budgetary Reserve Fund.

September 11, 2023

The Council & Mayor:

- Granted retirement to Patrolman William Young.
- Requested the Civil Service Commission to test and prepare a hiring eligibility list for the position of probationary full-time officer.

- Approved the Marie-Johnson-Jass Subdivision Plan of 1401 Union Street.
- Accepted the 2024 municipal obligations to the Borough's Pension Funds.
- Requested PENNDOT, while working collectively with Upper St. Clair Township, to study the concept of improving the intersection of Bank St., Chartiers St., Lesnett Rd., Mayview Rd. with a roundabout.

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