



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.

Do you need a 2024

Garbage & Recycling Collection Calendar, they are posted at www.bridgevilleboro.com/trash-recycling and also at the Borough Office.

Bridgeville Park Shelter

Rental Reservations open for the 2024 season to residents on **March 1st**. To schedule please visit or call the Borough Office.

Presidents Day, Feb. 19,

Borough Offices closed, no delay in trash collection.

Good Friday & Easter Monday, March 29 and April 1,

Borough Offices closed, no delay in trash collection.

Sign up for Text Message Alerts:

text "Bridgeville" to 313131 or visit our website.

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.

New Trash Contract: What's New & What Stays the Same

After a public bid to seek proposals for trash and recycling collection services, a renewed five-year contract was awarded to County Hauling. During the bid process five trash haulers showed interest in serving our community, but only two provided bids, County Hauling and Waste Management. Waste Management only provided a bid for fully automated service that would have limited the citizens to the use of one 96-gallon cart with biweekly recycling collection and bulk items only taken once per month. The lowest bid on all bid options was County Hauling, and to keep costs at a minimum, the Borough Council accepted the bid option that limits the amount of trash you can put out for pickup to 10 bags per week and collects recycling bi-weekly. The quarterly fee for garbage service in 2024 is increasing to \$72 per quarter.

In December all households in the Borough received a letter from County Hauling that outlines service changes with the 2024 collection schedule. This information is also posted at: <https://bridgevilleboro.com/trash-recycling> Your collection day will remain the same and trash will be collected every Friday. Below are the changes that will occur beginning in January 2024:

- Recycling will begin on Friday, January 12th and will be collected every other week moving forward for all residences.
- There will be a weekly limit of ten (10) bags of trash and two (2) bulk items per house. Each bag of trash must be under forty (40) pounds. Most households will not notice this change unless you are cleaning out a house or apartment.
- New thirty-two (32) gallon recycling carts will be provided by the Borough to all residents and should arrive the week of January 15th. It is highly recommended to keep your old recycling bin as an overflow container in the event you fill the 32-gallon cart every other week.
- If you wish to purchase an additional recycling cart you may do so for a price of \$50.00 at the Borough Office. Please contact 412-221-6012 x 110 for more information.
- To save space in your recycling cart, it is recommended to flatten and stack large cardboard boxes and place them next to the recycling cart.
- Glass is again being collected with recycling. Only plastics 1 and 2 are being accepted. Plastics 3-7 are not recyclable.

Borough Council Adopts 2024 Budget with No Tax Increase

Borough Council on December 11th, adopted the 2024 Budget, a balanced spending plan for the community that totals \$7,933,161.93 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 General Fund that provides the finances for the Borough's essential services will cost \$3,667,861.13. The quarterly fee for refuse service has increased to \$72 based on a renewed contract with County Hauling, and there is an increase in sewer fees that essentially passes on the ALCOSAN 7% rate increase. Monthly sewer fees overall are increasing from \$17.14 per thousand gallons with a \$7.29 per month ALCOSAN service charge to \$17.87 per thousand gallons with the \$7.80 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.

Highlights of the 2024 Budget:

- Hiring of an additional full-time police officer, increasing the ranks to nine full-time officers.
- Significant increases to the municipal contributions to the Bridgeville Library, Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company and SouthBridge EMS.
- Replacement of a Public Works truck.
- New bulletproof vests and tasers for all the police officers.
- \$336,000 for road resurfacing, which is estimated to repave three streets.
- Contracted improvements to the Cook School Park

Basketball Court area with the addition of a pickleball court.

- Construction of the McLaughlin Run Park Meadow
- Active Transportation improvements including the construction of sidewalk bump-outs on Bank Street and new sidewalks on Chartiers Street.
- Consulting services to develop a downtown zoning ordinance amendment as recommended by the Comprehensive Plan.
- Investments to the Sanitary Sewer System which includes extensive pipelining work, repairs to reduce stormwater infiltration, and cleaning / inspection contracted work.
- A new garbage collection contract, and new recycling carts will be provided to all households in the Borough.
- Complete permitting and engineering necessary to start the construction of Phase 1A of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project.
- Installation of the first phase of Borough wayfinding signs to key locations within the community such as the downtown, public parking lots, parks, library and other public buildings.

Much of these projects and capital improvements are funded by awarded grants. The Sanitary Sewer Fund budget is set at \$2,297,193, Capital Project Fund of \$1,232,750, Garbage Fund of \$598,479 and Liquid Fuels Fund is \$136,877. The full 2024 Budget Report and a summary of 2023 projects and progress can be viewed at www.bridgevilleboro.com/budgets/

Are you willing to help a neighbor in need? If so, the Bridgeville Snow Angel Program Needs Your Help!!

For older residents and citizens with mobility issues, winter elements can be hazardous. Fostering the bonds of community, the Bridgeville 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 10-minute walk from your residence. Bridgeville Borough will confirm all of 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. To volunteer and learn more about the Snow Angel Program: <https://bridgevilleboro.com/snow-angels/>

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

Historical Society's Monthly Speakers Program has resumed. Events are held at the BVFD Chartiers Room, starting at 1:30PM, Jan 28th: "The Legendary Route 66" presented by Dick Gaetano, and Feb 25th: "Bridgeville Mining" presented by Warren Merritt.

At the December Council meeting, Councilmen Joe Colosimo, Nino Petrocelli, Sr., and Nick Ciesielski were recognized for their service to Bridgeville. Mr. Petrocelli has served the Borough for 34 years, Mr. Colosimo has 13 years and Mr. Ciesielski has served for four years. Their terms on Borough Council ended in 2023. We thank them for helping to make Bridgeville an even better place!



Bridgeville has two new full-time police officers; join us in welcoming Robert Spencer and Jeffrey Slagle to the BPD. This increased the roster from eight to nine full-time police officers.

Construction of the new playgrounds at both Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks has stalled due to winter. Both playgrounds are substantially completed and will be finished in the spring. We thank everyone for their patience.

2024 BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND MAYOR



(l-r top row) Justine Cimarolli, Jason Ferri, Jason Sarasnick, Shane Franchick, Bill Henderson (l-r seated) Bruce Ghelarducci, Mayor Betty Copeland, Joe Verduci

Three new Councilmen took office on January 2nd. Mayor Betty Copeland administered the oath of office to Councilmen Jason Ferri, Shane Franchick and Jason Sarasnick. The Council also reorganized; Joe Verduci was elected Council President and Bruce Ghelarducci as Vice President. The following board appointments were also made: Nino Petrocelli to the Parking Authority Board of Directors, Elizabeth Bellaver, Dale Livingston and Mike Tolmer to the Planning Commission, Lin St. Clair and George Aspiotes to the Zoning Hearing Board, and James Haley as the Vacancy Board Chairman.

Community Events at the Bridgeville Library

Library Penny Drive is Underway! Support your Library by dropping off your pennies until 2/19/24 for their President's Day Penny Drive. Also plan on attending the Library Chipotle Fundraiser on Sunday, 3/3/24, 4PM-

8PM at Chipotle, 3009 Washington Pike.

Basic Mending Workshop- Mondays at 6 p.m., for adults:
Part 1- Invisible Mending, 1/29
Part 2- Hand Stitching for Strength, 2/12
Part 3- Patterns for Beginners, 2/26
Cooking with Eric, 2/13/24, 5:30p
Crafting with Colleen, 3/12/24, 5:30p

Time for Tea: Facts and Flavors Wednesday, 3/13 at 6 p.m. Sample different kinds of tea as you learn about its history, how tea is produced, and how to brew the perfect cup.

More information and sign up at the circulation desk at the library. Email us at friendssofbpl@aol.com For more details on Library events and classes, please visit their "Calendar of Events" at www.BridgevilleLibrary.org

Home & Garden Workshops from the Pennsylvania Resources Council and the Bridgeville Planning Commission, registration required in advance at <https://prc.org/workshops>

Backyard Composting, 4/3/24, 5-6PM. Everything you need to know about setting up and maintaining a compost bin to turn kitchen scraps, yard waste, and more into natural, home-made compost. Cost is \$70 for class + bin or \$20 for the class only.

Watersheds & Rain Barrels, 4/3/24, 6-7PM. Learn how we impact watershed health and explore ways to promote healthy waterways— including setting up and maintaining a rain barrel! Cost is \$80 for class + barrel or \$20 for the class only.

Actions of the last Borough Council Meetings:

October 9, 2023

The Council & Mayor:

- Requested PENNDOT to review and implement a roadway improvement and traffic calming plan for the intersection of Prestley Road, Perrett Street and Charlet Street.

November 13, 2023

The Council & Mayor:

- Authorized the Borough Manager to apply for State Local Share Account grants to

complete Chartiers Park Improvements and Active Transportation Plan Improvements projects.

- Authorized the Borough Manager to submit a Community Development Block Grant that would reconstruct ADA sidewalk ramps on Station Street.
- Hired Robert Spencer as a full-time police officer.
- Awarded a five-year contract to Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill to provide Solid Waste and

Recycling collection services.

December 11, 2023

The Council & Mayor:

- Adopted the 2024 budget and set the 2024 tax rates and fees.
- Hired Jeffrey Slagle as a full-time police officer.
- Authorized LM&R Excavating to repair a storm sewer at 1321 McLaughlin Run Road at a cost of \$7,900.
- Advertised the 2024 sewer pipelining project.