

# Bridgeville Borough

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# **2024 BOROUGH GUIDE**

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## BRIDGEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION



New Cook School Park Playground

One of Bridgeville's greatest assets is its four parks and whether you are looking to have a picnic, play sports, take your children to the playground, walk the nature trail or attend community events – Bridgeville's parks are the place to be!

Over the last year and continuing into this spring, you may have noticed a lot of improvements and additions being made at each Bridgeville Park. There are new playgrounds installed at Chartiers, Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks. Each playground has been designed to be inclusive and have a rubber safety surface. Work on the McLaughlin Run and Cook School playgrounds are on track to be completed by spring; please stay tuned for details on a grand opening ceremony! At Triangle Park the sidewalks have been reconstructed, widened and new benches and tables have been installed. Two other great projects are in the works to be started this year including reconstruction of the basketball court area at Cook School Park. The basketball court will be resurfaced, new fencing added, and a new fenced in dedicated pickleball court will be constructed. As part of the community planning that created our new Comprehensive Plan, a concept has been advanced to turn the field at McLaughlin Run Park, that is serving as a flood control

tool, into a wildflower meadow with trees, mowed walking paths with benches and informative signage. These improvements to the Bridgeville Parks have been made possible with multiple awarded grants, the Bridgeville Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Bridgeville Borough has 35 acres of park space and this is a summary of each facility:

CHARTIERS PARK is Bridgeville's largest park and is located along the banks of Chartiers Creek at 1100 Chartiers Street. The park has two picnic pavilions, restroom buildings, a football/soccer field, picnic tables, two large playgrounds, a walking trail with story walk, two baseball fields, and a cornhole court. Chartiers Park is home to the Bridgeville Athletic Association.

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. Located in the heart of Bridgeville on Station Street, it is picturesque and reflective of Bridgeville history—adjacent to the old railroad station which is now home to the Bridgeville Historical Society Kathleen Banks Building

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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**, a neighborhood park located at 1300 Cook School Road has one large picnic pavilion, cornhole court, restrooms, picnic tables, a new playground, a ballfield and a basketball court that includes a separate area for pickleball.

MCLAUGHLIN RUN PARK at 1250 McLaughlin Run Road, has three picnic pavilions, several picnic tables, two playgrounds, a cornhole court, skate park, sand volleyball court, a multipurpose court (four square, tennis, pickleball) and a basketball court.

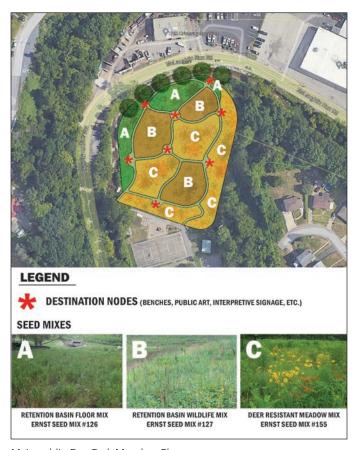
# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RENTING A PARK PICNIC SHELTER?

There are picnic shelters available to rent at each park. Residents may begin reserving park pavilions as of March 1st of each year, non-resident reservations begin March 15th. Permit applications are available at the Borough Office and https://bridgevilleboro.com/parks-recreation/. Each picnic



Chartiers Park New Playground

shelter now has a barbeque grill and there are permanent cornhole courts near most of the shelters to add to your picnic.



McLaughlin Run Park Meadow Plan





## LEBANESE CUISINE & WEEKEND BREAKFAST

200 Washington Avenue Bridgeville, PA 15017 412.221.2595

# BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE



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(left to right top row) Justine Cimarolli, Jason Ferri, Jason Sarasnick, Shane Franchick, Bill Henderson

(left to right seated) Bruce Ghelarducci, Mayor Betty Copeland, Joseph Verduci

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President of Council	Joseph Verduci
Vice President	Bruce Ghelarducci
Councilwoman	Justine Cimarolli
Councilman	Jason Ferri
Councilman	Shane Franchick
Councilman	Bill Henderson
Councilman	Jason Sarasnick
Borough Manager	Joseph Kauer
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
Emergency Calls	911
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
Allegheny County Dept of Human Services – Senior Services	412-350-6905
Allegheny County Dept of Human Services – Behavior Health	1-888-424-2287
Allegheny County Dept of Human Services – Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-932-0313
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

# **2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **MARCH**

- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins, 2AM, Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- 11 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 18 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- Easter Egg Hunt, Chartiers ParkPlanning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 29 Good Friday Borough Building Closed

## **APRIL**

- Easter Monday Borough Building Closed
- 1 Curbside Brush Collection Starts
- 1 Weekly Street Sweeping Program Starts
- 8 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- Primary Election Day, Polls Open 7AM-8PM

## **MAY**

- 3 Curbside Brush Collection Ends13 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 20 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- Memorial Day Borough Office Closed,
   Trash Delayed, picked up Saturday
- 27 Memorial Day Parade, 10AM
- 28 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 31 Weekly Street Sweeping Program Ends

#### JUNE

- 10 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Community Event Day on the Avenue
- 15 BAA Movie in the Park at Dusk

- 17 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 17-21 Street Sweeping this Week
- 24 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 29 Free Electronics Recycling Event at Fire Station, 10AM-2PM

#### **JULY**

- 4 Independence Day
- 4 Borough Office Closed, Trash Delayed, picked up Saturday
- 8 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 15-19 Street Sweeping this Week
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 24 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at Fire Station, 9AM-1PM

#### **AUGUST**

- 12 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 19 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 19-23 Street Sweeping this Week
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Labor Day Borough Building Closed,
   Trash Delayed, Picked up Saturday
- Paper Shredding Event sponsored by
   Rep Kulik at Fire Station, 9AM-11AM
- 9 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 16 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 16-20 Street Sweeping this Week
- 23 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM

#### **OCTOBER**

- 14 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 14 Curbside Leaf Collection Starts
- 21 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 26 Halloween Parade
- 28 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 31 Trick or Treat, 6-8PM

## **NOVEMBER**

- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends, Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- 4 Curbside Brush Collection Program Starts
- 5 Election Day, Polls Open 7AM-8PM
- 11 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 18 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 28-29 Thanksgiving, Borough Building Closed, Trash Delayed, Picked up Saturday

## **DECEMBER**

- 2 Planning Commission Meeting, 7PM
- 2 Winter Blast, Triangle Park (tentative)
- Curbside Leaf and Brush Collection
   Ends
- 9 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Santa Visit BVFD
- 16 Parking Authority Meeting, 7PM
- 25–26 Christmas, Borough Building Closed , Trash Collection delayed to Saturday

#### Visit

www.bridgevilleboro.com for more detailed info!

2024 Election Day - April 23, 2024 & November 5, 2024

## **Bridgeville Voting Information:**

## 2024 Election Days:

Polls Open 7AM to 8PM

Primary: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 General: Tuesday, November 5, 2024



**District 1 & 2** – Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department – Chartiers Room, 370 Commercial Street

**District 3 & 4** – Bridgeville Manor – McMillen and Gregg Street

## How to Register to Vote:

Allegheny County Elections Division – main phone number 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 15216. Regular business hours are 8:30AM – 4:30PM. The telephone number for registration is 412-350-4510. Registration forms area also available at the Borough Building in the main lobby and online at https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationapplication.aspx

## **Election Complaints:**

The Notice and Statement of Complaint are available at your polling place, the County Borough 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 Coffee Tree Roasters**



Something new is brewing at Chartiers Valley High School. Located near the high school gymnasium and the Digital Media Center is Coffee Tree Roasters, the result of a new partnership between the Pittsburgh-based coffee company and Chartiers Valley School District.

The class associated with the coffee shop is called "Brewing Success."

Mr. Chris Meyer teaches the business course, while Ms. Buffie Faes teaches the Life Skills class at the HS, and both teachers team up to make the coffee shop a success. The business students run the day-to-day operations, including creating a business plan, marketing via social media, paying invoices, crafting drinks, and serving customers. Ms. Faes's students work to help customers and learn on-the-job training when they visit the Coffee Tree Warehouse, filling orders and restocking inventory.

Funding for the startup of the school business came with the help of a \$25,000 grant from the Grable Foundation, and Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund money helped pay for the equipment. Now, students work to earn money for the program by selling hand-crafted drinks, which are often featured on their Instagram page (@ chartiersvalley.ctr)

While Coffee Tree Roasters is open for students and staff, it is not a public coffee shop. Sometimes, the shop is open for events, such as Unified Bocce's Senior Night and the upcoming Celebrate CV event on March 20.

# **Bridgeville Athletic Association**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY TO MARCH PRE-T (3-4 YEARS OLD) THROUGH AGE 18 FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

SEASON STARTS AT APRIL THROUGH MID-JUNE ALL STARS TOURNAMENTS KICK OFF IN JULY CONCESSION STAND IS ALWAYS OPEN

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# Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club

Joe Verduci Club President

The Bridgeville-South Fayette
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a difference in the lives of our
community since 1952 while
socializing, building relationships,
yet having fun. Our members strive
to live up to Rotary's motto "Service
above Self". There is a second
motto in Rotary that is not quoted
as frequently "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 Recognizing students through our Student of the Month Program and Scholarships. We also were able to work on assisting the Borough with the upcoming Meadow Park that is coming in 2024. We have achieved so many of our goals over 2023 and are excited to see what is coming in 2024!

We will be having our **4th Annual Trivia Night on April 6th**. All the

information is available on our Facebook page or the website www.bridgeville-sfrotary.org or call 412-860-6931 for tickets. And of course, the 17th Annual Chili Cookoff will be held in the late September/ early October, pending the release of the Steeler schedule of course!

Last but not least, welcome our new members Ben Meyer and Tom Vetterly! We are excited that our Club is growing and looking for new members to join our group! If you are looking to make positive changes in your community? 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 and let us buy you lunch at our Thursday meeting please e-mail me at bysfrotary@gmail.com or call 412-576-0940.





Since our founding in 1899, we have seen our community grow and thrive generation after generation. Our devotion to the people we serve has remained at the heart of everything we do. From sponsoring local events, to volunteering to clean up our neighborhoods, to funding scholarships for high school students, Washington Financial Bank remains completely focused on making an impact - not just for our customers but for the areas we serve. When you walk into our bank, expect to be greeted by name and treated like family. Because we believe that when you choose to bank with a local bank, it should feel like home.

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# 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 (BIU). 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 including 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 1,000ft<sup>2</sup>, 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.

#### **RENTAL REGISTRATION 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 a proactive approach toward addressing and correcting property maintenance violations. In addition to regulating the minimum standards for habitability and 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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# Bridgeville Community Food Bank

The Bridgeville Community Food Bank, after 41 years of operation, continues to serve the needy families living within the Chartiers Valley and South Fayette school districts.

The Food Bank is completely self-funded and operates entirely on donations and the efforts of its volunteers. Community support is outstanding! All churches in the Bridgeville area contribute to us in some manner.

Even though we are now in what is considered the post-pandemic era, the community need is as great as ever. Statistics regarding those that have received food from the food bank have been kept since 1999. November 2023 was record-breaking. We served 153 families corresponding to 279 individuals during this distribution.

Throughout the year several new immigrant families from the middle east came to us for help. Google translate was a blessing in helping us to communicate with them!

We benefited from 26 food drives throughout 2023. Donations were abundant. For the last few months of 2023, we were in the thank you letter business almost as much as serving the needy families in the community!

The Bridgeville Community Food Bank is richly blessed allowing us to fulfill our mission by assisting on average 145 local families (corresponding to on average 238 individuals) each month.

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. ■



# Trash Collection and Recycling Service in Bridgeville

#### WEEKLY TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES

Service is provided weekly, collected on Fridays and limited to 10 bags and two bulky items each week. 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. Cans or bags should weigh no more than 40 lbs. If you cannot lift it, we cannot

# 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.

#### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**

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. Recycling is biweekly, collected every other Friday. The collection schedule is posted online at: https://bridgevilleboro.com/trash-recycling/

#### **RECYCLE PREPARATION GUIDELINES**

The Borough provides a large uniform recycling cart 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. Place bin at curb or in an accessible area for pick up. Accepted recyclables include: glass jars and bottles, 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.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS All events to be held in the Bridgeville VFD parking lot at 370 Commercial street:

#### FREE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

COLLECTION EVENT, Saturday, June 29, 2024, 10AM to 2PM. Materials Collected at no charge include televisions (all types and sizes), computers, laptops, computer monitors, printers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, computer equipment, radios, telephones, gaming consoles and systems. Not accepted are loose batteries, smoke detectors, medical equipment, chemicals or household hazardous waste. Those materials are collected at the July 24th event

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT, Wednesday, July 24, 9A to 1P. 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,

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.

microwaves, laptops and more. PRE-

## PAPER SHREDDING EVENT, Saturday,

September 7th, 9A-11A
State Representative Anita Kulik is sponsoring a FREE paper shredding event.
Protect your identity and have personal documents shredded. Destroy all those old tax returns and important papers you have been holding onto, papers with personal information including social security, credit card or bank account numbers. Papers must be loose—no binder clips or paper clips, and not in binders. Documents will be shredded on-site by reputable and bonded company. www.nobleenviro.com to REGISTER.



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# **Bridgeville Borough - 2024 Calendar**

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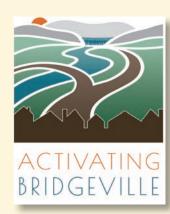
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# Bridgeville's Plan for a Brighter Tomorrow

The Bridgeville
Planning Commission
is an advisory board
to Borough Council
charged with the
review of proposed
subdivisions, lot
consolidations,
land development
applications,
changes to the
Zoning Ordinance
and for creating
long-term plans for



the Borough's future. Members of the Planning Commission include Chairman Dale Livingston, Vice Chairwoman Melissa Guiliani, Secretary Mike Tolmer, Elizabeth Bellaver and Justine Cimarolli. The Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month, 7PM in Council Chambers and meetings are also live streamed on www.zoom.us. Citizens are welcome to attend and participate in the meetings.

Over the past year, the Planning Commission, with valued input from the community, has developed a new Comprehensive Plan. 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. The new 2024 Comprehensive Plan focuses on four focus areas: 1) Downtown & Business, 2) Traffic, Parking & Signage, 3) Quality of Life, and 4) Flooding. The Comprehensive Plan is available for the community to read at www.BridgevilleBoro.com. This new plan will take 10-15 years to implement, and the projects it proposes will greatly reimagine the landscape of our community. To make sure that the plan's focus areas become reality and are implemented, the Planning Commission discusses quarterly the projects identified in the Comprehensive Plan and Active Transportation Plan. These quarterly discussions allow the Planning Commission to work in partnership with the Borough Council, Mayor and Borough Manager to identify outside funding sources, strategize budgeting, and roles the community and its volunteers can take to complete projects in the plans. These efforts will ensure that our plans remain on track to be implemented.

The Commission's monthly meeting agendas, meeting minutes and meeting videos are all posted online at https://bridgevilleboro.com/planning-commission/. ■

# What My Office Can Do for You



Sen. Devlin Robinson (R-Allegheny)

It has been over three years since I took the oath of office as Pennsylvania State Senator for the 37th District. It is my great honor to serve you in Allegheny County and be your voice in Harrisburg. 2023 was a busy year full of community events, and I look forward to seeing you all at events in our neighborhood in 2024.

Throughout my first term as your senator, I have sponsored several important legislative initiatives focused on protecting taxpayers, assisting small businesses, bringing jobs to our region, helping veterans and EMS providers, and modernizing and streamlining local government.

I am thrilled to say that we have brought in more than \$20 million in funding to the 37th district in the past three years, with some of that funding going directly to projects here in Bridgeville. These funds are allocated to improve infrastructure, better manage stormwater and flooding, update trails and parks, promote recreation and tourism in our area, assist in the expansion of local businesses and make our region more appealing and accessible.

Your time is valuable. This is why staff in my offices in Bethel Park and Robinson Township are ready to assist you in the often-frustrating process of dealing with state government. We can help with a wide range of services, including:

- PennDOT registrations
- Notary applications
- Property tax and rent rebate applications
- Birth and death certificates
- Veterans' services
- Status reports on legislation

If you are 65 or older, we can process your Pittsburgh Regional Transit's ConnectCard that you've earned. The ConnectCard allows you to ride PRT vehicles, including buses, light rail, and inclines FOR FREE during all hours of operation. Simply stop by our offices with valid proof-of-age documentation like a passport, driver's license, PA ID card, armed forces discharge papers, or birth certificate to take advantage of this opportunity. No appointment necessary.

My office can also assist with The PA Department of Revenue's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities can benefit from a rebate of up to \$1,000. Income thresholds have been increased to \$45,000 a year for both homeowners and renters, so more Pennsylvanians than ever quality for larger rebates.

For more information on any of these services, please call my office at 412-785-3070 or visit my webpage at https://senatorrobinson.com.

We've accomplished many things over the last 3 years. My staff and I remain committed to working hard to serve you throughout 2024. ■



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# 2023 YEAR END REPORT

A community that is engaged and working together can be a powerful force, and 2023 is a great example of just that! Last year the Borough completed a year's worth of long-range planning to shape Bridgeville's future, secured millions of dollars in grant funding for capital improvements to stretch the municipal budgets, improved roads and sewer infrastructure, made significant investments in the parks and advanced efforts to improve the delivery of public services. This has been and continues to be an ongoing effort by the members of Bridgeville Borough Council, Mayor, Borough Manager and the staff to keep improving and to make our community an even more wonderful place to live, raise a family and operate a business. 2023 has brought about the following highlights and accomplishments that are worth recognizing and sharing:

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT & ADMINISTRATION:**

- Applied for and received over \$6.3 million dollars in federal, state and local grant money in 2023. Funding provides the financing to begin Phase 1A of the flood control project for McLaughlin Run, new playgrounds and in-car and body worn cameras for our police officers. Since July 2020, Bridgeville Borough has secured \$9.8 million in grant funding providing the money to significantly improve our parks, streets, sewer infrastructure, Police and Public Works equipment. Additionally, several flood mitigation improvements, blight removal, and community planning projects have been either fully or partially funded. Equal to almost three years of our annual General Fund Budget, the grant funding made many capital projects possible allowing Bridgeville Borough to maintain its current tax rate while improving the community for its residents.
- Recognized by the Allegheny League of Municipalities as a 2023 Banner Community and the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's, earning first prize recognition for the Borough's annual newsletter-guide.
- Strict financial management resulted in ending 2023 with a surplus that will be allocated for the Borough's budgetary reserve, save for emergencies, and for future capital projects. The Borough continues to maintain a healthy fund balance
- Adopted the 2024 Budget, a balanced spending plan without a tax increase.
- Created the Snow Angel Program that connects community volunteers to elderly or disabled citizens.
- Sponsored a successful Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Event that collected 9,702 pounds of electronics and hazardous waste from 110 citizens
- Implemented Positive Pay bank account protection measures to help guard the Borough's bank accounts against fraud.

#### PUBLIC WORKS/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:

- Completed the 2023 Road Program that paved Greenwood Place, Perrett Street and half of Laurel Street; this project was completed by Youngblood Paving. The Public Works employees resurfaced the alley between Elm and Chestnut Street, and portions of Almo Alley and May Avenue Alley in the 200 block. After multiple requests by the Borough, PENNDOT also resurfaced Bank Street, which is a state-road.
- Partnered with PENNDOT for the completion of the new south-end seven-lane bridge into Bridgeville from South Fayette on Washington Avenue, which also included the widening of Chartiers Street. The Borough contributed \$788,000 to this project, with \$500,000 funded by a County GEDF Grant. This project has aided in reducing traffic congestion in the southern corridor of the municipality.
- Cleaned, televised and inspected over 15,000 linear feet of sanitary sewers; work completed by Robinson Pipe Co., costing \$47,712.
- Completed the repairs of the Union Street Landslide; work completed by A. Merante Contracting. The project included the construction of a steel soldier beam and concrete lagging retaining wall, guardrail installation and roadway restoration.
- Started the repair of the Werner Street landslide; contract was awarded to
  A. Merante Contracting. The project has been delayed due to overhead
  utility conflicts and the adjacent Washington Avenue Bridge replacement
  project.
- Replaced all Street Name Signs in the Borough with a new Borough logo design that meets Federal Department of Transportation standards.
- Completed extensive emergency sanitary sewer repairs on Center Street that replaced approximately 400 feet of pipe and replaced multiple manholes. The work was completed by Independent Enterprises and cost \$89,000
- 365 linear feet of sanitary sewer was lined on Critchfield Drive in a large section that was full of deficiencies caused by tree roots. This repair cost \$16,016 and was completed by Insight Pipe Contracting.

Improvements were made to the Borough Building including renovations
to the rear exterior façade, garage doors on the Public Works garage were
upgraded and a vehicle repair lift was installed so that the Borough fleet
can be better taken care of in-house.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- Fully funded by grants, new in-car camera equipment was purchased for all
  of our police cruisers.
- Retired Patrolman Bill Young and hired Patrolman Robert Spencer to fulltime status.
- Replaced a police cruiser.
- The Police Department responded to 7,730 requests for service, completed 4,837 business checks, patrolled over 39,869 total miles, made 129 criminal arrests and issued over 560 traffic citations.
- Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department responded to 407 emergencies and had an average response time from dispatch to arrival of seven minutes.
- SouthBridge EMS responded to 788 calls for service in the Borough.

#### FLOOD MITIGATION WORK:

- 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 during severe rainstorms.
- Added sanitary sewer backflow preventors at eleven properties on McLaughlin Run Road as part of Phase 6 of the Backflow Valve Program.
- Completed the engineering and submitted permit applications to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to start construction of Phase 1A of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project.

#### PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Completed community planning to update the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. The project took over a year to complete.
- Implemented multiple recommendations of the 2022 Active Transportation Plan including street lighting upgrades and park trail improvements.
- Code Enforcement investigated and issued 229 property maintenance and zoning violation notices and issued 91 building & zoning permits.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS:

- Constructed new playgrounds at Cook School, McLaughlin Run and Chartiers Parks. The projects at Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks were partially funded by a grant from the Commonwealth. The new playgrounds all have an improved rubber fall surface in lieu of wood mulch and have amenities that are inclusionary to those with disabilities.
- Reconstructed the sidewalks within Triangle Park. The project also included new picnic tables and benches.
- Installed new street and parking lot lighting, including new poles, within Chartiers Park. The project was completed by Westmoreland Electric, costing \$114,019. The Public Works Department also upgraded the lighting in all of the park shelters and restroom buildings at all four parks to LED fixtures to help reduce energy consumption and improve effectiveness.
- Assisted with multiple Community Events including Day on the Avenue, Halloween Parade, Memorial Day Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Winter Blast, and in partnership with the Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club, held a summer movie series at Cook School Park.
- With the assistance of Tree Pittsburgh improvements were made to one of the recently acquired Baldwin Street Flood Lots. A project initiated by the Planning Commission; the new trees were planted by community volunteers on October 21st.
- Partnered with Public Art Bridgeville to host the second year of the outdoor sculpture exhibition.

Sharing a vision for a brighter future we stand poised to use the progress made in 2023 as a catalyst for an even better 2024. A summary of projects that are planned to be completed this year include reconstruction of the basketball court to include a new pickleball court area at Cook School Park, creation of the McLaughlin Run Park meadow with walking trails, Active Transportation improvements include the construction of sidewalk bump-outs on Bank Street and new sidewalks on Chartiers Street, multiple streets will be repaved, multiple public safety and public works equipment upgrades, consulting services to develop a downtown zoning ordinance amendment as recommended in the Comprehensive Plan, and 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. We thank everyone for their involvement this past year, as we all have played a role, working as a community, in moving Bridgeville forward.

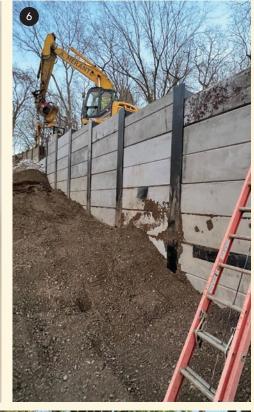
















1: New Playground at Chartiers Park 2: Road Resurfacing 3: Public Works Equipment Upgrades 4: Bridgeville Officials with Sen. Robinson presenting \$1,000,000 Flood Mitigation Grant 5: PA State Assoc of Borough's 2023 Newsletter Award 6: Union Street Landslide Repair Project 7: Triangle Park new sidewalks and benches 8: New Bridge into South Fayette

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# BRIDGEVILLE GREATER AREA LIONS CLUB SERVING BRIDGEVILLE, SOUTH FAYETTE, COLLIER AND HEIDELBERG



LIONS (left to right): Joe Meliton (treasurer), Tom Hand, Joan Kerlin (president), Dale Livingston, Doug Thames, Dave Borra, Laura Underhill (vice president); UPMC: Clay Rehm, UPMC Development Coordinator for Community Fundraising

We are pleased to have the opportunity to serve those in need in Bridgeville and our surrounding communities. In January 2016, we received our charter from Lions Clubs International. Since that time, we have proudly completed various service projects and fundraisers.

We started by providing two defibrillators to the Bridgeville Police Department. We have provided smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to the Bridgeville Fire Department, who donate them to families who are without those life saving devices. We have rescued food from food establishments and delivered it to people with food insecurity. We have collected eye glasses at the local libraries for reuse. And, we sell brooms and garbage bags as a fundraiser. Over the last couple of years, we have been collecting plastic film and recycling it to a company that produces decking, benches and fencing using recycled plastic. Through this project we have been able to donate five new benches to local libraries and parks in Bridgeville, South Fayette, and Collier Township. For six years, we have conducted an annual pasta dinner. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the participation of hundreds of people in our community, we have been able to donate over \$30,000 to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and other organizations that serve children with cancer or Type 1 diabetes.

We are looking forward to continuing serving our communities in 2024 and beyond. Although we are proud of our accomplishments, we could do more if others would join us on our mission of service. If you know of a need or a way we can be of service, you are welcome to attend one of our meetings. We hope that some of you will join us in fulfilling our motto of "Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

To learn more about joining the Bridgeville Greater Area Lions Club, please contact Joan Kerlin by telephone at 412-833-9579 or by email at randjdog@comcast.net. Or, visit our website at https://www.bgalions.org and click more info. ■

## SouthBridge EMS

## A CRUCIAL COMMUNITY ASSET

As we reflect on 2023 and the essential role played by SouthBridge EMS in the community, let's take a moment to recognize the dedicated individuals behind the uniform.

SouthBridge EMS employs 14 full-time and 13 part-time staff members. These resilient professionals come from diverse backgrounds, but share a common goal: providing compassionate and exceptional pre-hospital care to the residents of our community.



In 2023, our crews responded to 4,853 emergency 911 calls, transporting 2,935 patients. Additionally, crews responded and assessed 480 patients who did not require ambulance transport. Our team covered 94,014 miles, delivering critical services and handling 203 requests for medical assistance or lift assists, while also responding to 232 requests for assistance in surrounding areas.

In the communities we serve, our team is motivated by the tangible impact they make on people's lives daily. Our commitment is unwavering, even as SouthBridge confronts many of the same challenges faced by other EMS agencies statewide. The dedication and resilience of our team continues to represent the heart of the EMS profession, as it has since 1971.

# BRIDGEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bridgeville VFD is a 100% all volunteer fire department that has been serving Bridgeville and surrounding communities for the last 108 years. Our current membership consists of 24 responding members, 8 associate members, and 1 junior firefighter member. Our membership has donated approximately three thousand man hours in 2023 serving this community with pride and dedication. Our mission is to respond to and mitigate all emergencies in Bridgeville Borough, respond mutual



aid to neighboring communities when they require assistance, assist in community events such as Day on the Avenue, Winter Blast, the Easter Egg Hunt, and let's not forget the Santa Detail.

The Bridgeville VFD not only responds to fire calls, but vehicle accidents, hazardous conditions, and natural disasters as well. We also respond to high priority medical calls with our QRS (Quick Response Unit) and begin lifesaving care prior to the ambulance arriving at the scene. This unit is staffed with a minimum of 1 volunteer EMT or volunteer paramedic who takes this vehicle home with them. This allows us to respond right to the scene from our home vs responding to the fire station, picking up the unit, then responding to the scene which saves on average 3-4 minutes. This program has proven to be successful and is credited with saving a child's life within the first month of its inception. We currently have 8 Firefighter EMTs, and 2 Firefighter Paramedics. The Bridgeville VFD also provides community outreach such as fire extinguisher training, first aid/CPR training, monitored fire drills, and smoke detector inspection/installation.

If you have some free time and are looking for ways to serve your community, we would love to hear from you. If firefighting is not your thing, there are plenty of jobs you could help with that will not involve you ever being on an emergency scene such as fundraising or administrative positions. All training and equipment are provided to you at no cost. Outside of volunteering, there are additional ways to support the BVFD through fundraising and events. Please check out our facebook page at Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department or our website at Bridgeville-vfd.com.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss being a member of the Bridgeville VFD, please call Fire Chief Ray Costain at 412-266-1043 or by email at bridgeville117chief@gmail.com. ■

# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SNOW REMOVAL

Your Public Works Crew 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 900 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 apologizes 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. Sidewalks are to be cleared of ice and/or snow within 12 hours of the storm. Failure to clear sidewalks could be subject to a fine. 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.

# **BRIDGEVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Bridgeville Area Historical Society has nine Programs per year and are free and open to the public. Upcoming programs are on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM and are held at the BVFD Chartiers Room.

The March 26th topic is THE WHISKEY REBELLION; A DISTILLED HISTORY OF AN AMERICAN CRISIS by Brady Crytzer.

April's program is THE LIFE OF ROBERTO CLEMENTE by Gary Euler. May 28th's program will be presented by Layla Asbury from South Fayette. She will be speaking on six PRESIDENTS' WIVES. June 25th will have Todd DePastino talking on the BERLIN AIRLIFT.

Our old Borough street signs are still available for \$25. These signs have been selling like hotcakes. We have Cook School Road, Carol Avenue, Hickman Street, Washington Avenue and Brookfield to name just a few.



We continue to receive new donations/artifacts to add to our growing collection. Stop in any Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 10AM and 2PM to see what's new. Be sure to check out our website; www.bridgevillehistory.org and our Facebook page.

# Bridgeville Public Library



Adventure awaits at the library! From picture books to mysteries, there is something for everyone on the library's shelves.

The library offers both print and digital resources. Our print materials come in various formats, such as large print, audiobooks, and picture books. Check out a DVD today or access streaming movies, music, and magazines through Libby and Hoopla. Looking for something a little more unique? Our library and many others offer a library of things featuring museum passes, games, and mobile hotspots.

Library infrastructure supports internet and technology access, including print and copy services. The library provides a welcoming space for patrons to study, play, and relax.

At Bridgeville Public Library, we love our community, and offer fun and educational programs for all ages. For children, we have programs like Preschool Story Time, Puppy Tales, and STEAM Club. For tweens and teens, we have Tweentastic Club, Teen Hangouts, and activities on our Teen Discord server. Adults can enjoy game nights, lectures, and movie matinees. Looking for ways to get even more involved? Explore opportunities with the Friends of the Library organization.

Grab your library card or sign up today, it is always the right time to find your story.

Bridgeville Public Library is a member of the Allegheny County Library Association and generously supported by Bridgeville Borough, the Regional Asset District (RAD), the Bill and Grace McDivitt Endowment, and donors (like you)!

To learn more, follow the library on social media, subscribe to our newsletter, visit our website at bridgevillelibrary.org, or call 412-221-3737. ■

# The One Music Fest, Inc.

A Faith-Based Community Service Organization

The One Music Fest, Inc., is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring people together throughout the South Hills using the "universal power of faith-based music". The organization has held six MLK: National Day-of-Service Celebrations, eight food/donation drives for the Bridgeville Community Food Bank, partnered with the American Legion Post #54 in the dedication of their Memorial Stone to Bridgeville veterans, and hosted a booth at Bridgeville Day-On-The-



Back row (I-r): Curtis Copeland Jr., Glenn Schillo, Greg Jones; front row (I-r): Jackie Nixon, Tina Jones, Paul Klisavage

Avenue the last 3 years, among other activities.

The genesis of the organization was the Bridgeville Borough flood in June of 2018. A small group of churchgoers in the Bridgeville/South Fayette area decided to band together to form an organization that would produce a faith-based music festival to raise funds for those affected, as well as raise the spirits of the community. In the run-up to the musical event, Covid-19 hit and large gatherings of people were canceled. The organization was forced to regroup and re-invent itself.

This year, our flagship, The MLK: National Day-Of-Service Celebration, was held on the federal holiday in partnership with New Life Fellowship Church. It was another wonderful tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. featuring area talent and speakers. The event has been held in six different Bridgeville churches. The organization is committed to community engagement and plans to participate in Bridgeville Day-On-The-Avenue this year while also organizing an outdoor, faith-based musical concert.

"The One" is always looking for additional volunteers and/or organizations to partner with or new projects to join. If you are interested in being a part of a local organization doing great things and with long-term plans to expand into the South Hills area, please make plans to attend one of our Zoom meetings by contacting, Curtis Copeland Jr., VP of The One Music Fest, Inc. by cell phone (202-578-0230) or email: curtcopel739@aol.com.

# MESSAGE FROM TAX COLLECTOR ANNE MARIE PARISI



The 2024 Real Estate tax time is soon upon us. Once again, taxpayers will be able to pay the School tax in quarterly installments (1/4 of the face amount) on the following dates: October 15, December 15, February 15 and April 15. Please take notice of the blue slip included with your tax statements for instructions. If you do not pay by the discount date of August 31st, or by the face date of October 31st, it is recommended that you take advantage of the installment plan. If the School taxes are not paid by the end of December, the unpaid taxes are turned over to Jordan Tax Service, and extra penalties and costs will be added to the tax bill. I think that is something you may want to prevent.

The Borough tax payments will remain the same as indicated on the statements. However, if the taxes become delinquent, you may face the possibility of a trip to the Magistrate's office or having the unpaid taxes sent to Jordan Tax Service as well. When paying your taxes, if you wish to receive your receipts in a timely manner, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

As always, I am willing to work with you in getting those taxes paid.



# PRAY FOR PEACE

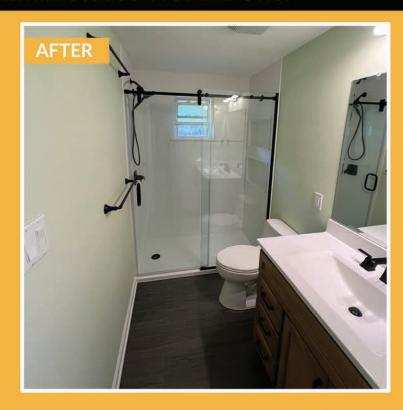
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# The Bridgeville Parking Authority

2023 was a year of new direction for the Bridgeville Borough Parking Authority.

This new direction came about with changes in the BBPA Board leadership and management of day-today operations.



The BBPA also brought on new personnel to re-emphasize parking enforcement to discourage improper use of parking throughout the Borough, which allows availability for visitors to frequent local businesses.

As noted in our mission statement, the BBPA:

- provides clean, safe and well-maintained lots
- is self-supporting and does not rely on tax dollars or additional cost to the Borough
- reinvests future profits to upkeep and for possible acquisition of new lots
- interested in the future of Bridgeville and seeks out opportunities to make parking in Bridgeville more convenient

# South West Meals on Wheels



South West Meals On Wheels, who has been in business since 2017, services seniors and those in need of meals in the South Hills daily.

South West Meals On Wheels operates solely on client contributions, donations, our WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS and community assistance

South West Meals on Wheels clients receive nutritious homemade food that consists of a hot meal that includes a protein, starch and vegetable; a sandwich or cup of soup, salad, fruit, dessert and a quart of milk and or juice once a week.

Our clients receive a visit from a volunteer who delivers the food and provides contact. In some cases, this may be the only person that client sees all day. South West Meals On Wheels will provide service to any individual that cannot prepare their own meals for whatever reason. Our program has no age limit. Please visit our website for more information on ways to volunteer, donate or receive services. For more information, visit our website at www.southwestmealsonwheels.org or call (412) 279-5670.



# South West Regional

# **Chamber & Commerce**

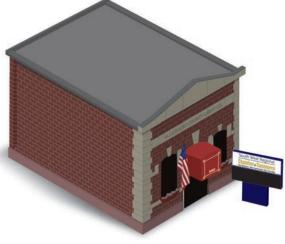
Your Business. Your Community. Your Chamber

In the heart of our vibrant community, the South West Regional Chamber of Commerce and the forward-thinking vision of Bridgeville Borough will be working together in 2024 to foster new relationships with the local business owners of the bustling Bridgeville area.

The SWR chamber, with its finger on the pulse of local businesses, and the borough, with its commitment to community well-being, will work together to bring more businesses growth within the municipality.

Through joint initiatives, events, and promotions, the chamber and borough shine a spotlight on the unique offerings of your community. From quaint family-owned shops to service focused storefronts, as well as innovative startups, each business is an important part of the borough's current economy and the chamber is dedicated to helping them prosper.

"The South West Regional and Bridgeville Borough relationship is coming up on it's 100 year relationship in 2028 and we can't wait to celebrate with all of you. Let's see how far we've come and start planning for how far we'll go"-Mandi Pryor, Executive Director, South West Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Other initiatives of the South West Regional Chamber of Commerce include:

- Launching a FREE App to help local area businesses
- Working with PITT University's Non-Profit Clinic for New Programming
- Event Planning to Help Bring Business Owners Together and Foster New Relationships
- Executive Roundtable Meeting to Help Regional Business Owners
- New Exciting Events to Help Encourage Networking and New Partnerships

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# Flood Mitigation Improvements Planned for McLaughlin Run

Over the past three 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, with the input of the community, a plan was created and 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 at Commercial Street 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. Last year, with the support from State 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. 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 project will enable this area of Bridgeville to be redeveloped, facilitate 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

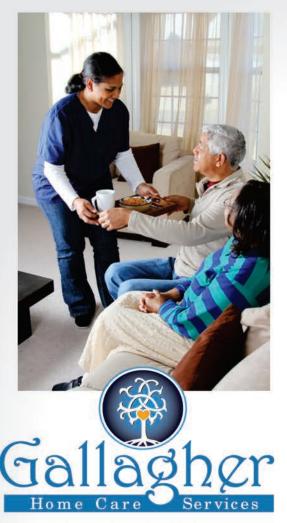
years. Once the Borough completes all four project phases, mitigation efforts will better protect 172 structures.

In addition to this much larger planned project, since 2020, Bridgeville Borough has reconstructed areas of flood walls, created access points into the stream for debris removal and routine maintenance, sacrificed the McLaughlin Run Park baseball field by lowering it to accept flood waters, installed a trash rack in the creek to prevent debris from blocking downstream culverts and bridges, installed sewer backflow preventors at close to one hundred homes, purchased and demolished seven flood prone properties on Baldwin and Margaret Streets, and under approved DEP permits our Public Works Department has removed gravel bars and sediment from key areas within the waterways. Much more work is needed, but flood mitigation remains a priority of the Borough Council to keep achieving progress.

# BRIDGEVILLE ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Bridgeville has an amazing business community, made up of close to 200 small businesses! Some interesting numbers, there are twenty food & drink establishments, thirteen hair salons & barbershops, three dance schools, eleven automotive related shops, six dentists all here in the Borough. Please support these great businesses that make our community special. A Bridgeville Business Directory that is broken down into category and includes their address, phone number and website link is posted at: https://bridgevilleboro.com/businesses-in-bridgeville/





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# STREET SWEEPING, LEAF & BRUSH CURBSIDE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**STREET SWEEPING:** Weekly street sweeping begins the first full week of **APRIL** through the last full week of **MAY**. From **JUNE** through **SEPTEMBER** streets will be swept the <u>third</u> week of each month.

Ordinance No. 868 prohibits the parking of motor vehicles on Borough streets at the time the streets are to be swept.

**FALL LEAF COLLECTION:** Begins the second week of **OCTOBER** through the first week of **DECEMBER**. Leaves are to be swept into piles at the curb. Please do not place any other yard waste such as sticks and debris in the leaf piles. As a safety reminder, be cautious about idling vehicles near leaf piles as this poses a fire hazard.

**BRUSH COLLECTION:** Tree trimmings and limbs are to be placed at the curb during the months of **APRIL & NOVEMBER**. For the safety of the Public Works crew, all brush must be free of roots and dirt, no larger than 12" diameter, and no longer than 4 ft. long.

## **SWEEPING & COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Calvert St.	Coolidge St.	Baldwin St.	Alice Dr.	Chartiers St.
Charlet St.	Critchfield Dr.	Bank St./Ext.	Bluff St.	Cherry Way
Chess St.	Forbes St.	Bower Hill Rd.	Center St.	Chestnut St.
Church St.	Grandview Ave.	Brookfield St.	Cook School Rd.	Dewey Ave.
Coulter St.	Harding St.	Carol Ave.	Edna St.	Elizabeth St.
Crestvue Dr.	Laurel St.	Commercial St.	Ella St.	Elm St.
Eisner Ave.	Lesnett Rd.	Darby Way	Fryer St.	Gilmore St.
Ewing Ave.	Missouri Ave.	Jane Way	Garden St.	Greenwood Pl.
Gilbert St.	New York St./Cir.	Maple St.	Josephine St.	Gregg Ave.
Hall St.	Pennsylvania Ave.	Margaret St.	Liberty St.	James St.
Hickman St.	Pine St.	McLaughlin Run Rd.	Luna St.	LaFayette St.
Hill St.	Romano Dr.	Railroad St.	Main St.	McMillen St.
Irwin Way	Sarah St.	Station St.	Mill St.	Morningside Dr.
Locust St.	Spruce St.	Union St.	Nancy Dr.	Orchard Ave.
Lurry St.	Winfield St.	Washington Ave.	Pesavento Dr.	Werner Ave.
May Ave.			Ridge Rd.	
Moore Ave.			Short St.	
Murray Ave.			Sunset Way	
Osceola Dr.			Sylva St.	
Patterson Ave.			Terrace St.	
Perrett St.			Universal St.	
Peollot St.			Vesper St.	
Prestley Rd.				
Ramsey Ave.				
Schulte St.				
Shady Ave.				
St. Clair St.				
Taylor Way				

# State Representative Anita Kulik

It was an amazing first year representing the good people of Bridgeville Borough. I know that 2024 will be filled with so many good times and experiences in the Borough!

Many good things came out of state government this year, including increased funding to our public schools, increased help for seniors and parents, as well as extra funding and support for our police, fire and EMS personnel.



Anita Kulik

I am proud to have supported the grant opportunities for which Bridgeville Borough has applied and received in 2023 and will work hard to see that more monies come into this community.

With the start of the new session in 2023, I was appointed Chair of the House Game and Fisheries Committee. Hunting and fishing have been integral traditions in our communities, and I am pleased to oversee this worthwhile committee.

My staff and I are here to help with all state related needs as well as utility issues, Veteran's issues and helping residents connect to federal and county agencies. We can help with Rent and Property Tax Rebates, LIHEAP, Unemployment issues, Connect Cards, DMV issues, DHS matters, professional license matters, consumer complaints, state documents, PUC matters and many other issues.

Our main office is located at 1350 5th Avenue in Coraopolis, and we are open Monday – Friday from 9AM to 4:30PM. Our Carnegie office is in the Carnegie Municipal Building at 1 Veteran's Way and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 4PM. Our main number is 412-264-4260. While most issues can be resolved over the phone, we can also make visits to the Borough to assist residents who cannot get to our offices.

Residents can sign up for weekly email blasts by visiting my webpage at www.RepKulik.com. Event announcements will be sent via email or on Facebook @RepAnitaKulik.



# Bridgeville Snow Angels Offering Support for the Residents

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 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: https://bridgevilleboro.com/snow-angels/ or call Cheryl at 412-221-6012 x112. ■



# Bridgeville Set To Get New Round Of Outdoor Sculptures This Spring

By Tim McNellie

For some Western Pennsylvania residents who don't get out this way much, "Bridgeville" is more a vague mental concept than an defined geographical area.

Bridgeville is the name of an interstate exit. Or maybe Bridgeville is where the K-Mart and Rax used to be. Wait, is Bridgeville a part of South Fayette?

But for anybody who has visited—or at least driven through—the community lately, it would be hard not to leave with the lasting impression that Bridgeville is that place with the fun and funky statues peppered around town.

This began back in 2022, when Elizabeth "Bitsy" Bellaver and her husband Guy Bellaver moved to Bridgeville after many years in the

Chicago area, where they were involved with a public arts group. (Guy is a sculptor, and Bitsy runs a business consultancy.)

They decided that their new community would do well with its own arts organization, and thus Public Art Bridgeville was born. The group quickly made a splash by installing statues around town, including some quirky, eye-catching pieces created by artists from across the United States, and some extremely life-like sculptures by the late Seward Johnson of New Jersey. Some of Johnson's sculptures require double-and-triple takes to verify that they are indeed bronze, and not flesh-and-blood.

Soonafter Public Art Bridgeville collaborated with the public library to host art shows and ongoing indoor exhibitions, including two Society of Sculptors exhibitions, and a show celebrating Native American Heritage Month.

In April 2023, a new round of outdoor sculptures were placed around Bridgeville. If you've been anywhere around town, then you



"Crossing Paths" by Seward Johnson, currently on display in Columbus, Ohio, is coming to Bridgeville this spring.

have seen the man with the lawnmower in front of Sarasnick's Hardware (a piece called "Hell, Time to Go Fishin," by Johnson) or the little girl swinging from a stop sign on Bower Hill Road (called "Waiting to Cross"). Those pieces will remain on display throughout the borough until the end of February.

This spring, in April 2024, Bridgeville will get its third round of outdoor sculptures, featuring works by artists from with the community and across the country.

## About the Public Art BRIDGEVILLE Project

The goal of the Public Art BRIDGEVILLE Project is to celebrate public art, and private art sited in public places, and to add to it. The arts included initially in this project are visual art and music. We will work to include performing art, such as dance and theater, in the future. More Information: PublicArtBRIDGEVILLE.com



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