



STAY INFORMED ON COMMUNITY NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Labor Day, September 1st – Borough offices closed, and trash collection postponed to Saturday, 9/6.

Street Sweeping during June-September, streets are swept the third full week of the month.

Real Estate Taxes: both Borough and School Tax Bills were mailed out in mid-July. Millage rates for both the School and Borough remain the same rates as last year. Payments are due at discount rates by August 31st, face amount by October 31st, and a 10% penalty is applied after November 1st. If you have any questions about your taxes, please call Tax Collector Anne Marie Parisi at 412-221-6012 x301.

Chartiers Valley Schools return to classes on August 25 – watch out for school buses and students and we wish our students success in the new school year!

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.

McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project Loss of Federal Funding Update from Borough Council

We, as a Borough Council, feel it is important to speak out and share what we've recently learned regarding a critical issue facing our community. In 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) selected Bridgeville's McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project, Phase 1, to be awarded \$5.33 million in Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) funding. In addition to this FEMA funding, the Borough was awarded another \$1.5 million in State grants and dedicated municipal funds towards this \$7 million dollar vital flood mitigation project. This project is designed to protect our residents and their homes, businesses, as well as to support redevelopment on the north end of town—bringing much-needed services and amenities to our community.

As part of the FEMA grant process, starting in late 2023, at the directive of FEMA we have completed several comprehensive and ongoing environmental and historical assessments and responses to FEMA's construction plan reviews. In addition, to ensure that the project stays on schedule as FEMA funding has been dedicated, the Borough invested over \$200,000 to the engineering necessary to secure DEP and Army Corps of Engineers Permits and legal clearances that included Right of Way acquisition from over a dozen property owners. This figure does not include the hundreds of hours our Borough Manager, Joe Kauer, has dedicated to preparing extensive documentation and coordinating communications for this project. However, in April, we were informed that the FEMA funds will not be released due to a blanket "no release of funds" decision by the Federal Government. This is unacceptable. Our taxpayers should not be penalized after making such a significant investment in both time and money.

Since receiving this news, Borough officials have reached out to all of our federal and state partners to seek a reversal of this decision. The Borough has been told that FEMA is reconsidering the cancellation of the previously selected BRIC projects, which Bridgeville was one of. We are calling on our citizens and business community to contact their Federal and State representatives (Senators McCormick and Fetterman, Congresswoman Lee and Governor Shapiro)—who have expressed full support for this Borough—and urge them to advocate for common sense and action. We must move this project forward for the safety and future of our community.

About the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project: Bridgeville has endured repeated and worsening floods, particularly along Carol Avenue and Baldwin Street from McLaughlin Run, where annual inundations have caused widespread damage to homes and businesses. The most severe flood in our history occurred in 2018, resulting in one tragic death and over \$5 million in damages, impacting 48 businesses and 127 homes. This pattern of destruction has not only disrupted lives but has held back the economic potential of our Borough. In response, Bridgeville Borough Council—guided by our residents and informed by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers report, commissioned a hydrological engineering study that led to the design of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project. This comprehensive initiative includes levee wall construction, culvert replacement at Commercial Street, and a modern stormwater sewer system with a pumping mechanism.



Green and Sustainable Bridgeville



Bridgeville is making substantial strides toward becoming a greener, more beautiful, and more sustainable place to live. This year, several community-driven initiatives have taken root, and we're proud to share the progress with you.

Following the success of recent community tree plantings, the Borough has established the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission. This new group will lead efforts to expand public tree plantings in parks, along streets, and on municipal properties. Borough Council will appoint members to the Commission later this summer. Our next community tree planting—once again in partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy—is scheduled for this fall. Stay tuned to the Borough website and Facebook page for updates and volunteer opportunities.

One exciting recommendation from our Comprehensive Plan is the transformation of the Borough-owned Baldwin Street lots into community gardens. Thanks to Planning Commission members Melissa Guiliani and Justine Cimarolli, along with dozens of dedicated volunteers and students from Chartiers Valley Middle School, the Baldwin Street Butterfly Garden is now a reality. Located across from Margaret Street, the garden features native plants, mosaic murals, and inviting stepping stones. We extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped bring this beautiful space to life.

At McLaughlin Run Park, the new Meadow Project is beginning to bloom! Wildflowers are blossoming, and thanks to the efforts of the Bridgeville Rotary Club and Lions Club, the park now includes educational signage about watersheds, riparian buffers, and meadows—plus several new benches. We invite you to stroll the path, take in the scenery, and enjoy this peaceful space, which also plays an important role in local flood mitigation. Downtown Bridgeville is also bursting with color, thanks to a group of volunteers led by Virginia Schneider. A dozen large, vibrant flower baskets now line Washington Avenue, welcoming more than 20,000 motorists who travel through our central business district each day. Combined with blooming rose bushes and public art displays, it's the perfect time to take a walk and support our wonderful small businesses.

2025 Bridgeville Day on the Avenue Sponsors

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible businesses and community members whose generous support made our annual Bridgeville Day on the Avenue possible. Your contributions helped bring our town together for a memorable celebration!

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What's Going on Around Town

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, Wednesday, July 23, 9A to 1P at BVFD. 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, dehumidifiers, mini fridges, microwaves, laptops and more. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IF YOU WISH TO RECYCLE ELECTRONICS OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AT THIS EVENT. PLEASE CALL 412-567-6566 or www.nobleenviro.com to REGISTER.

FREE Electronic Recycling Collection Event, Saturday, August 9, 2025, 10A to 2PM at BVFD. 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.

Paper Shredding Event, Saturday, September 13, 9A-11A, at BVFD. 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 a reputable and bonded company.

Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club's Free Summer Outdoor Movie Series, all

films will be held outdoors at the Library on the patio, weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair and movies start at dusk! 1) Friday, July 18th, "A Shot in the Dark", 2) Friday, August 15th "The Seven Year Itch", and 3) Friday, September 12th, "The Thomas Crown Affair".

Road paving is scheduled for completion this summer on Mill Street, Cook School Road, Oelschlagel Way, and select sections of Liberty Street and Bower Hill Road.

The reconstruction of the Gregg Avenue Stairs, funded in part by a state grant covering 70% of the project cost, is also expected to be finished by late summer. Plans have been finalized for the replacement of the main picnic shelter at Chartiers Park. The project will include the installation of a new 30' x 52' structure with a concrete floor, utility connections, new picnic tables, buffet tables, and trash cans. Construction is scheduled to take place this fall.

Bridgeville VFD's 2025 donation drive has officially begun, and community support is more important than ever. Fund-drive letters were mailed earlier this summer, and your contribution directly supports the essential operations and emergency services provided by our dedicated volunteers. Thanks to strong community backing and ongoing fundraising efforts, the BVFD has placed an order for a new fire engine, scheduled to arrive in Bridgeville in the fall of 2026. To stay up to date on fundraising events and raffles, follow the Bridgeville VFD on Facebook. Your support helps keep our firefighters equipped, trained, and ready to serve.

The Southwest Communities Chamber of Commerce has their annual Car

Raffle underway, details at: <https://southwestregionalchamber.org/>

Let's welcome the following new businesses to Bridgeville: My Life Counseling and Pittsburgh Insurance Advisors at 449 Shady Ave. and Coldwell Banker Realty at 521 Washington Ave.

The Planning Commission has proposed a new "Downtown" zoning district encompassing all of Washington Avenue. This district is designed to support a vibrant business environment and encourage redevelopment aligned with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for early fall.

Community Events at the Bridgeville Library

What's the Buzz About Honeybees?: Monday, 7/21 at 6:00 p.m., for adults

Ten Hangouts: Watercolors with Karen Hartman: Thursday, 7/24 at 5:00 p.m., for ages 12 to 18, registration required

Pittsburgh Public Zoo- Wonders of Wildlife: Friday, 8/8 at 2:00 p.m. for children, registration required.

Save the Date: Library Trivia Night Fundraiser: Friday, 9/26, for adults. Sponsorship opportunities available, contact Erin Weaver at 412-221-3737 for details!

Bridgeville Public Library Storywalk at Chartiers Park on the walking trail has returned for the warmer seasons. Stories will change frequently, so be sure to visit often for a new experience! This is a great opportunity for small children and makes for a nice walk between playgrounds. Learn more: <https://bridgevillelibrary.org/storywalk/>

Actions of the last Borough Council Meetings

April 14, 2025

The Council & Mayor:

- Adopted Ordinance No. 1033 that created the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission.
- Authorized the Manager to apply for a grant to improve storm sewers within the limits of the Phase 1A of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project.
- Authorized the Manager to apply for a state grant to upgrade the field lighting at Chartiers Park.
- Accepted the lowest bid

received from Independent Enterprises for the 2025 Road Program in the amount of \$333,917.50.

- Authorized the sale via online public auction of a surplus dump truck and police cruiser.

May 12, 2025

The Council & Mayor:

- Accepted the 2024 Borough Audit report.
- Approved the Chabala Corner Plan of Lots Subdivision Plan.
- Authorized sanitary sewer

repairs on Lurry Street at the corner of Chess St.

- Promoted Gary James to Chief of Police

June 10, 2024

The Council & Mayor:

- Authorized the filing of a petition to the PA. Liquor Control Board to exempt an area of Washington Avenue from the LCB's regulations regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises in favor of enforcing the Borough's noise regulations.