



**STAY INFORMED
ON COMMUNITY
NEWS, EVENTS &
HAPPENINGS**

Fall Leaf Collection:

- Collected through Dec. 5
- Following street-sweeping routes
- Pile leaves at the edge of roadway
- No sticks or debris

Brush Grinder Collection:

- Nov 3—December 5, picked up at the edge of roadway
- No brush larger than 12" in diameter
- No roots or dirt

Election Day is Tues, Nov 4, polls open 7A—8P

Borough Offices closed Nov. 27—28, Dec. 25-26, and Jan. 1.

Trash collection postponed one day each of these weeks.

Small Business Saturday, November 29—celebrate and support Bridgeville's small business community. Parking Authority is offering free public parking that day and for the Holiday Season, December 17—January 1.

Winter Blast is Friday, Dec. 5 at Triangle Park, 6:30p—8p. Join your friends and neighbors for family fun and a magical lighting of the Christmas Tree with Santa and Mrs. Claus to kick off the holiday season.

The BVFD will tour Santa around Bridgeville on Dec. 21 starting mid-morning.

Trash and Sewer Payments are accepted online. Visit our website, links provided at the top of the homepage. Service charges apply. Save time and money by signing up for recurring automatic electronic bank payments from your account. The form is available on the Trash and Recycling page of the website. You can also sign up for E-Bills and have them emailed to you. Give us a call at the office and we will be happy to add your email address to your account.

Every Second Counts—And So Does Your Support for SouthBridge EMS

SouthBridge EMS is committed to being ready when our community calls, but readiness comes with a steep price. Recently, the organization ordered a new ambulance, an essential piece of equipment for lifesaving care, at a cost of \$320,000. Modern ambulances are more than transport vehicles; they are mobile emergency rooms equipped with advanced technology, safety features, and the tools required to provide critical treatment before a patient ever reaches the hospital. Investing in these resources ensures that you and your neighbors receive the best possible care when seconds matter most.

Beyond the ambulance itself, keeping a crew ready to respond around the clock is one of the largest expenses EMS agencies face. Salaries, training, medical supplies, fuel, and maintenance all add up quickly, and yet they are necessary to maintain the high standard of service our community expects and deserves. While the price of readiness may seem high, the true value is measured in lives saved, families kept whole, and peace of mind knowing that when an emergency strikes, professional paramedics and EMTs will arrive without delay.

To support SouthBridge EMS, please visit www.SouthBridgeEMS.com and support our fall donation drive. With your partnership, we can continue to stand ready for you, your family, and our entire community.



Meet Bridgeville's New Police Chief

This summer, Borough Council and the Mayor Copeland proudly promoted Gary James to Chief of Police. Chief James has dedicated more than 35 years of service to our community, steadily rising through the ranks from Patrolman to Sergeant, and now Chief. His experience, leadership, and lifelong commitment to Bridgeville make him the perfect choice to guide our police department. The Bridgeville Police Department, comprised of nine full-time officers, is devoted to community-oriented policing. Their new motto, "Police and Community Together" now displayed on patrol cruisers, reflects that commitment.

Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission

The Borough is proud to announce the creation of the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission, an official board dedicated to the planting, care, and preservation of trees in our public spaces—including parks, municipal properties, and rights-of-way. The Commission held its inaugural meeting on October 6th, with members Courtney Tolmer, Virginia Schneider, Kayla Lawrence, Alison Thomas, and Jen Brilmyer already hard at work. Their first project is coordinating Bridgeville's 4th Annual TreeVitalize Community Tree Planting. **Join us on Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 AM** at the Borough Building as we plant new trees along Baldwin Street and at McLaughlin Run Park. All supplies are provided—and volunteers can enjoy coffee and donuts to kick off the morning!

Zoning Changes Underway for Washington Avenue

During the development of Bridgeville's 2024 Comprehensive Plan, residents emphasized the importance of preserving and enhancing our traditional downtown business district along Washington Avenue. While this area is currently zoned as Mixed Use—the same designation as other commercial areas in the Borough—the current zoning allows uses that don't fully align with the community's vision for a vibrant, walkable downtown.

To address this, the Comprehensive Plan recommends creating a new Downtown Zoning District specifically for properties along and near Washington Avenue. This district would establish tailored regulations for permitted uses, building size and placement, parking and loading, design guidelines, and other standards that support the plan's goals.

Over the past eight months, the Bridgeville Planning Commission and Borough Council have worked closely with a planning consultant from Mackin Engineering to draft a proposed zoning amendment. This process included multiple public meetings and opportunities for community input. Following a public hearing in September, the amendment is now being finalized and is scheduled for a vote at Council's November meeting.

The full draft can be reviewed at the Borough office or online at www.BridgevilleBoro.com.

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.

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 Glowark at 412-221-6012 x112

ZONING TIDBIT

Turning your home or property into a short-term rental such as Airbnb or Vrbo is only permitted in the Borough's Mixed Use Zoning Districts and not in the Residential districts. An Occupancy Permit for this use is required to be obtained before this use can start and the short-term rental needs to be registered with the Allegheny County Treasurer.

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

Halloween Happenings in Bridgeville

- Visit Bridgeville Library for "Halloween at the Haunted Library" on Friday, October 24th from 6pm to 8pm. It's a family friendly event. Sign up at: www.bridgevillelibrary.org
- The annual Halloween Parade is Saturday, October 25th, lineup on Gregg Avenue at Bridgeville Manor starting at 10AM for judging, parade starts at 11AM and marches to the Firehouse.
- New Life Fellowship Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 26, 1:30-3:30, 56 Prestley Road.
- Bridgeville Trunk or Treat, Thursday, October 30th, 6P to 8P at the BVFD Chartiers Room Parking Lot.
- Trick or Treat, Borough-wide, Friday, October 31st, 6P to 8P.

Fall Craft Show at the BVFD, Sun. 11/16, 11A-3P, 70+ crafters, vendors, food trucks, basket raffles and 50/50 raffle. Free entry for guests.

BVFD 12 Days of Giveaways Raffle, win \$1,000 cash every day, Dec 1-12, 2025. Based on PA Pick 3 evening number, \$20 ticket—see any firefighter for a ticket or purchase at <https://bridgeville-vfd.square.site/s/shop>

Bridgeville Area Historical Society Monthly Speaker's Programs, held at the BVFD Chartiers Room, starting at 7:30PM the last Tuesday of each month. Oct 28: "Theodore Roosevelt" and Nov 25: "Ancestry".

Borough Council and the Mayor will hold the annual Budget Meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers to review and discuss the proposed 2026 Budget. Community members are encouraged to attend and learn how Borough funds and your tax dollars are planned to be allocated in the coming year.

Road paving has recently been completed on Cook School Road along with sections of Mill Street, Liberty Street, Vesper Street, Oeschlager Way, and Bower Hill Road as part of the Borough's annual paving program. The new Gregg Avenue stairs are also finished, with the entire project funded through a state grant. In addition, sanitary sewer repairs were completed on Lurry Street and Chestnut Street, and over the past several months, Public Works crews have reconstructed dozens of storm sewer catch basins across the Borough.

At McLaughlin Run Park Meadow, new amenities such as benches and educational signage have been installed. A dedication ceremony was held on September 18th with representatives from the Rotary Club, Lions Club, PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, and Borough officials to celebrate this community partnership.

Do you need an additional recycling cart or a replacement? If you do, recycling carts can be purchased at the Borough Office for \$50. There is no limit on the amount of recyclables put out for biweekly collection.

The 2026 Biweekly Recycling and Garbage Collection Calendar is now available for download and printing at bridgevilleboro.com/trash-recycling. Pickup day remains on Fridays.

Community Events at the Bridgeville Library

- Author Talk: Local mystery writer, Annette Dashofy-Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6:00 p.m.
- Medicare 101 with Humana-Wed., November 5 at 6:00 p.m.
- Crafting with Colleen - Tuesday, November 11 at 5:45 pm
- Partner Paint Night- Monday, November 17 at 6:00 pm, Registration required
- Set up Christmas Trees for the Festival - Sun., Nov. 30 at 11:00 am
- Christmas Tree Festival - starting December 1 until Christmas
- Cooking with Eric - Tuesday, December 9, at 6:00 pm
- Holiday Happy Hour at the Library - Fri., Dec.12, at 6:00 pm
- All Day Christmas Celebration at the Library - Saturday, December 13, starts at 10:00 am
- How Birds Survive in Winter with the Audubon Society of Western PA- Wednesday, January 14 at 6:00 pm
- Turkish Coffee and Culture with the Turkish Cultural Center of Pittsburgh- Thursday, January 22 at 11:30 am, Registration required

More information and to sign up for events, please visit the circulation desk at the library. Email us at friendsofpl@aol.com

Actions of the last Borough Council Meetings

July 14, 2025

The Council & Mayor:

- Recognized the Teodori Family and Silhol Builder's Supply Co, upon the retirement of Richard Teodori.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to apply for a multimodal grant to improve the pedestrian crossing at Bower Hill Road and Commercial Street.
- Appointed Courtney Tolmer, Virginia Schneider, Kayla Lawrence, Alison Thomas and Jen Brilmyer to the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission.

- Entered into agreement with Allegheny County to perform winter maintenance of Bower Hill Road for 2025-2028.
- Authorized the purchase of a new picnic shelter, tables, amenities and electrical improvements at Chartiers Park.
- Retained the Cohen Law Group to assist with the renewal of a Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast.

August 11, 2025

The Council & Mayor:

- Administered oath of office to Chief of Police Gary James and

provided civil service status to the Chief of Police.

September 8, 2025

The Council & Mayor:

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed zoning amendment that would create the Downtown Zoning District.
- Authorized the Borough Manager to apply for a GEDTF grant to fund a portion of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project.
- Entered into agreement with Compass Minerals America for winter rock salt.