

BOROUGH OF BRADFORD WOODS

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COMMUNITY CORNER

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS SWORN-IN & REORGANIZATION MEETING UPDATE

At the January 2, 2018 Reorganizational and Regular Council meeting, five elected officials (one newly elected and four re-elected) were sworn in under oath to support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth. The sworn four elected Councilmembers were: Charles Coltharp, President (Personnel); Victoria Pongrace, Vice President (Police/Safety); David Baldonieri, President Pro-tem (Roads); Kevin Rhule (Environment). The mayor, Robert Murray, was also re-elected and sworn-in. Three Council seats will be up in 2019: Todd Hipwell (Finance); Thomas Kosmala (Library/COG/PR); Paula Hinton (Planning/Zoning).

Borough Council appointed volunteer positions to the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Vacancy Board, Environmental and Parks Advisory Committee, and emergency management coordinator. Council also made compensated appointments of Borough solicitor, engineer, tax collection, zoning/code enforcement, auditor, roads superintendent, and manager. You can find all appointments on the Borough's website as well as the last page of this newsletter.

Participating in an elected or appointed position in the Borough is a great way to serve your community. Local government is a direct democracy where you can see your elected officials walk in the neighborhood or at the grocery store. This form of government is there to address immediate needs such as roads and safety, as well as leisure areas such as our nature reserve. The Pennsylvania State's Association of Boroughs (PSAB) has created an educational video explaining local governments, a topic not taught in detail in primary education. To learn more, go to bradfordwoodspa.org, click on the "Government" tab to find a link to the video.

ROADS

The 2018 Roads Program was approved in March this year. Historically, bids are accepted around May or June. This year, the Borough is hopeful that with the early start in bid acceptance, road improvements will be completed earlier in the summer. The roads in the base bid are as follows: Burry Road; E. Harding Road; Chestnut Road; Cedar Road. The accepted add alternates are as follows: Lake Road (Woodland Road to Centervue Road); Glenmore Road (Wexford Run Road to Bellaire Road).

The Borough will also be working on Phase 1 of a stormwater improvement project on Willow Road. The Borough will be managing the runoff from Cedar Road to Willow Road. This project is funded in part by the Allegheny County Conservation district with a grant in the sum of \$15,000. This is a multi-phased project that will take a series of years to complete.

National Library Week

April 8- 14

Visit the Northland Public Library and support all it has to offer! Programs, electronics, and books!

BOROUGH ORGANIZATIONS

Bradford Woods Couples Club

For more information, email
bradfordwoodsclub@gmail.com

Bradford Woods Women's Club

Contact President Paula Irwin at 724- 935-4485 or
Bradfordwoodspa.org/2206/Womens-Club

The Heritage Committee

For more information contact June McCartney. (724-
816-3042) or visit Borough website.

Bradford Woods Conservancy

Go to bradfordwoodsconservancy.org for more
information on becoming a member of the
Conservancy, as well view monthly events they host!

fast for road conditions is illegal and dangerous. Residents enjoy taking walks and riding bike rides throughout our Borough. Driving over the speed limit can put drivers and non-drivers at risk of serious harm. We ask the following of our residents:

Drivers:

- Obey the posted speed limits
- Stop completely at stop signs & look carefully
- Yield to pedestrians and leave 4 feet between car & person

SAFETY INFORMATION FROM NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE

Stay Alive: Do NOT Text and Drive



- Texting while driving makes you 23 times more likely to crash than non-texting drivers
- Texting *slows* your brake reaction time by 18%.

◦ Texting while driving has the same risk factor as someone driving after drinking 4 beers.

◦ 5 seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 50 mph, that is enough time to cover the length of a football field

◦ Though 95% of drivers surveyed said texting while driving is unacceptable and unsafe, 21% admit to doing it anyway.

NO TEXT IS WORTH DYING OR KILLING SOMEONE FOR! IT CAN WAIT!

SPEED LIMIT 25 MPH

Did you know that speed is the 3rd leading contributing factor in traffic collisions? It is behind distracted driving (#1) and impaired driving (#2). Please note that driving *above the posted* speed limit as well as driving too



Pedestrians:

- Walk along the left side (facing on-coming traffic)
- Please move off the road when vehicles approach
- Curb your dog

2018 BUDGET

The 2018 budget was passed in December of 2017. The balanced budget totals \$817,095. The Borough's major sources of revenue are real estate tax (at .0243 mils), earned income tax, and liquid fuels. The Borough's major expenses include road construction/maintenance (43%), public safety (29%) (police and fire), administration (14%), and library (10%). Please visit the Borough website or call/email the office for further details.

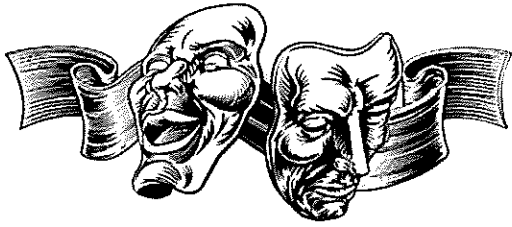
PARKS/EPAC

As previously reported, Council voted (4-3) in August 2017 to move ahead with the herbicide/solar power aerator project. This project will commence Spring 2018. It includes herbicide treatments and installation of a solar powered aerator. The aerator will increase the oxygen flow to the pond which will help control the algae growth during the warm months.

- April 28 at 10 am the Conservancy is hosting **Earth Day** with special guests from the Humane Animal Rescue Organization
- May 12 at 10 am the Conservancy is hosting a clean-up/maintenance day at the Borough's Lake Loop Trail. The trail heads are located at the end of Delmar and intersection Centervue/Lake Road.



**COUPLES CLUB BIENNIAL PLAY:
THE TRUTH? THE ½ TRUTH. AND ANYTHING BUT
THE TRUTH!!!**



It's Show Time!

To tell the truth, truth or dare, fact or fiction? The Truth is often described as absolute and undeniable...but is it really? Join the Bradford Woods Couples' Club as they explore the countless variations of the truth that exist in history, the reality of today and the possibilities of tomorrow.

This spring, the Bradford Woods Couples' Club is proud to present their 30th original Show; *"The Truth? The Half Truth. And Anything But the Truth!!"* This biennial event began in 1961 and has recurred every even numbered year since 1962. The Bradford Woods Couples' Club has a 57-year history devoted to the arts! Generations of Club members have written, rehearsed, performed, designed sets, directed and produced an original variety style comedy show. This year is no exception!

"The Truth? The Half Truth. And Anything But the Truth!!" Opens May 17, 2018 for a 3-night run at the Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Hall. Showtime is 8 PM Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Tickets are just \$12.00 and are available at the Borough Office, Berry Vine Gifts or by calling: 724-934-0731.

This is an all-volunteer cast and crew. As always, proceeds benefit local non-profit organizations. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the Fire Hall Theater mid-May!

**2018 Bradford Woods Couples' Club Play Committee*

BRADFORD WOODS FIRST COMMUNITY DAY!!!

Bradford Woods is hosting the first community day celebration late summer/early fall. Full day of vendors, activities, and an evening bonfire at the Reserve.

The Borough will be sending out postcards closer to the day of the event with further details regarding the Community Day.

It will be a special day to celebrate the wonderful organizations and people who make the Borough such a special place to live.

STORMWATER:

"Running off" to summer vacation!

The spring and summer signals the start of the official vacation season. Most Pennsylvanians spend at least some time at their local pools each summer, enjoying the sun, and the water.

Stormwater runoff is the main source of water pollution – to freshwater, drinking water and marine waters – not industrial discharges or sewage treatment plants.

If you've ever noticed water flowing down the street when it rains, then you've noticed stormwater. When stormwater hits the pavement, it picks up and mixes with what's there. That may include:

- Oil, grease, and automotive fluids
- Fertilizer and pesticides from gardens and homes
- Bacteria from pet waste and improperly maintained septic systems
- Soap from car washing
- Debris and litter

Many people assume that stormwater flows down storm drains and then to a treatment facility. That is almost never the case. It either flows directly into local waters or down storm drains, which channel it into local water bodies, posing a health risk as well as spoiling a nice day at the ocean, bay, river or pond through its presence in the water.

Fortunately, there are simple steps that you can take to help safeguard our water supply:

- Utilize Waste Management's At-Your-Door service for safe collection of harmful chemicals. If oil is spilled, use appropriate oil absorbing products and properly dispose.
- Use fertilizer responsibly: use sparing applications and be mindful not to cast onto roadways/driveways/walkways
- Clean up animal waste and properly dispose
- Wash your car on a pervious surface, like your lawn, as to not have soap enter into our streams
- Pick up litter when you see it

For more stormwater information, visit the Borough website at bradfordwoodspa.org. Go to the "Residents" Tab; let the box drop down; select pages under "Stormwater" to what stormwater is, how it is an issue, and what everyone can do together to make sure our water is clean now and for the future. Keeping water clean is an effort to be made by all for ultimate success.

Contact the Borough office to learn more, talk about stormwater, or schedule an educational stormwater session.

**HELP KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN:
COMMUNITY ROAD CLEAN-UP**

Come join your community to keep it beautiful and clean! Litter not only effects the land, but also gets into our streams and pollutes our water. Conservancy-hosted event: Saturday April 21, 9 AM. @ Firehall parking lot.

**BRADFORD WOODS WOMEN'S CLUB FLOWER
SALE**

MAY 12 - Hanging Baskets & Perennials MAY 19 - Annuals & Herbs. 9 - 11 am at the Bradford Woods Community Church. All proceeds benefit Bradford Woods organizations and North Hills charities.

Look for our order forms or contact Peggy Kipp at khwpak@verizon.net for more information

YOGA PROGRAM COMING TO BOROUGH OFFICE



Resident Diana Berendowski is putting on a yoga program through the Borough. Each class will consist of basic postures of Hatha Yoga, breathing, and maintaining physical health.

Dates are Thursdays for 8 weeks starting May 3rd at 9:00-10:15 am. Residents: \$40 Non-residents: \$56. More information and applications can be found at bradfordwoodspa.org under "Residents". Please sign up for class prior to it beginning. Per class payments available as well.

**HERITAGE COMMITTEE: INSTALLATION OF THE
BRADFORD WOODS TIME CAPSULE!**

On December 11, 2017 the Heritage Committee concluded the centennial celebration of the Borough by installing the time capsule in the Council Chambers. Members of the committee worked diligently and collected memorable, historic content. The time capsule is scheduled to *be opened in 2065*. To see pictures, or read more about the Heritage Committee, go to the Borough website, under "Community" tab > "Heritage Committee". This is a special item to preserve today for tomorrow.

Fire Alarms

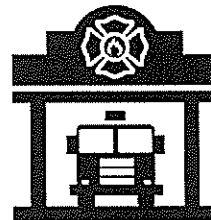
Do You Smell Smoke?

Don't rely on your sense of smell to notify you if your house is on fire! The Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company wants to remind all residents of the importance of having working smoke detectors in your home!

60% of all fire-related deaths occur in properties without a working smoke detector. Installing and maintaining working smoke detectors cuts your chances of dying in a house fire in half.

Ionization and photoelectric smoke detectors detect different types of fires. Dual style smoke detectors detect both types and are recommended for home use. Smoke detectors should be placed on every level of your home, including the attic. Placing them inside and outside of each bedroom is optimal. Smoke detectors are most effective when installed on the ceiling or high on the wall. Smoke detectors can be hard-wired, or battery operated. Having them interconnected is the best-case scenario; when one sounds they all sound.

Remember a smoke detector will only help if it is in working order. Test your alarms monthly. Replace batteries yearly and replace smoke detectors every 10 years. Never take the battery out of your smoke alarm. Disabling a smoke alarm or removing a battery can have deadly consequences.



FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

FIREHALL CLEAN-UP

Come volunteer your time to help with the spring-cleaning of the Firehall for anyone interested in helping the volunteers that keep our community safe! May 26 at 9 AM.

BIKE PARADE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Take part in a yearly tradition! Saturday August 25 is the annual Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company Bike Parade and Pancake Breakfast!

ORDINANCE/NEIGHORLY REMINDERS

The complete Borough Code can be found at www.bradfordwoodspa.org or directly at www.ecode360.com/BR1973
 If residents have any questions regarding the Borough Code, contact the Borough office at 724-935-2990 or bradfordwoods@zoominternet.net.

- **Council Discussion on New Ordinance:** Council and the Planning Commission have been working on developing a fence ordinance that outlines an application process and regulations for installing a fence on residents' properties. Currently, there is no ordinance in place, but Council is on the final stages for adoption.
- Homeowners are responsible for the removal of hazardous trees on their property. Please take note of dead/hazardous trees on your property as they are a danger to life and property. §210-4
- Remember to properly store your garbage cans in a timely fashion before and after pick-up days. *Remember there are fines associated with not bringing your refuse cans away from the curb.* Full ordinance: §183-4.
- Driveway permits are required when installing a driveway (new or from gravel to pavement). If over 400 square feet, a stormwater plan is required. §110
- Residents must obey 3 P.S. § 495-302 of the Pennsylvania Dog Law, including the regulation or prohibition of dogs running at large. **YOUR DOG MUST BE ON A LEASH.** Also, *please clean up after your pet! Pet waste washes into our storm drains and pollutes our streams!* Keep it clean—we all live downstream!

NEW: Northern Regional Safe Internet Purchase Exchange Location established at Police Station

The Northern Regional Police Department is happy to provide an Internet Purchase Exchange Location. The Police Department is located at 230 Pearce Mill Rd Wexford, Pa 15090. The exchange location is at the Department's main entrance which is also video recorded 24hrs a day. Please continue to be vigilant when selling or buying from an unknown person on the internet. Our hope is by utilizing the safety of a well-lit police office another layer of security is added.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: WASTE MANAGEMENT

With spring cleaning around the corner, it's important to know that residents of Bradford Woods have access to Waste Management's Household Hazardous Waste Program. Typical household materials that are accepted for collection include: *Paint Products, Automotive Products, Garden Chemicals, Household Chemicals, Swimming Pool Chemicals, Electronics, and Universal Materials* There three easy ways to participate: Schedule a collection online; Call 1-800-449-7587 (Mon.-Fri., 5:00am- 5:00pm, PST); E-mail: AtYourDoor@WM.com (with your list of items and your contact information

If you have any issues with scheduling a pick-up, please contact the Borough office.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 21	9 AM	Community Road Clean Up	Meet at Fire Hall
April 28	10 AM	Earth Day	Bradford Woods Reserve
May 3	9 AM	Weekly Yoga Begins	Borough Office
May 12	9-11 AM	Hanging Basket/Perennial Sale	Bradford Woods Church
May 12	10 AM	Lake Loop Clean-up	At Lake Loop
May 17-19	8 PM	BW Couples Club Play	Fire Hall
May 19	9-11 AM	Annuals/Herb Sale	BW Church
May 26	9 AM	Clean Up Day	Fire Hall
May 28		Memorial Day	
TBA		Bradford Woods Community Day	
Aug 25	9 AM	Bike Parade & Pancake BFast	Fire Hall

Bradford Woods Borough
PO Box 163
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Bradford Woods, PA 15015

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2018 YARD WASTE DATES

March 24	August	18
April 21	September	22
May 19	October	20
June 23	November	17
July 21	December	1

Borough Address: (Mailing) P.O. Box 163
4908 Wexford Run Road
Bradford Woods, PA 15015
Physical location: behind the Fire Hall

Borough office: 724-935-2990

Website: www.bradfordwoodspa.org

Borough Code: www.ecode360.com/BR1973

Email: bradfordwoods@zoominternet.net

Northern Regional Police:

(Non-Emergency) 724-625-3157 · www.nrpolice.com

(Emergency): 911

2018 BOROUGH COUNCIL

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Committee Chairman</u>
Public Safety	Victoria Pongrace
Personnel	Chuck Coltharp
Roads	David Baldonieri
Finance	Todd Hipwell
Environment	Kevin Rhule
Planning/Zoning	Paula Hinston
COG Rep/Library	Thomas Kosmala
Public Relations	

2018 APPOINTMENTS

Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator
Earned Income Tax Collector
Tax Collector
Del. Real Estate Tax Collector
Case Sabatini/CPA Firm
Borough Manager
Borough Solicitor
Borough Mayor

Alfred Akner
Vince Cannella
Keystone Collections
Jordan Tax Services
Goehring Rutter Boehm
Auditor
Natalie Thiess
Goehring Rutter Boehm
Robert Murray

BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 4908 Wexford Run Road (unless otherwise advertised)