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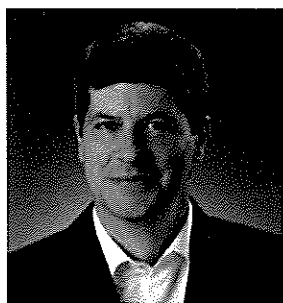
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COMMUNITY CORNER

NEWLY APPOINTED MAYOR

At the September public meeting, Council accepted Robert Murray's resignation as Mayor for Bradford Woods. Mr. Murray served as Borough mayor for the past 10 years. Mr. Murray appreciates the opportunity to serve the community and continually encourages residents to be involved with public service. He is known for his "boots on the ground" mayoral practices, often walking the Borough, making himself readily available for residents, and listening to their concerns. The Borough commends Robert Murray for his honorable and faithful service to the community of Bradford Woods.

At the October public meeting, Council reviewed 3 candidates who were interested in filling the mayoral vacancy. Kenneth Nickel, Anthony Muhlenkamp, and Douglas Marsico were all interviewed by Council. Each candidate was nominated and roll call votes were held for each nomination. Mr. Marsico was appointed to fill 1 year and 2 months of Mr. Murray's remaining 3 year and 2-month term (5 years- 1 abstaining). The mayor position will be on the ballot for 2019 election to fill the remaining 2 years (2020-2021) of Mr. Murray's term. Beginning in 2022, the mayor position will return to a 4-year term cycle. The Borough appreciates all the candidates' interest in serving as Mayor and hope they (and others) put their hat in the ring for the 2019 election.



Mr. Marsico resides on Wexford Run Road with his wife, Patty, and four children. He has lived in the Borough for 6 years and is currently employed by Bayer US as Head of Development Sourcing (Purchasing) Team. Statement from Mr. Marsico: "I wish to convey how excited and honored I feel to be given the opportunity to represent Bradford Woods as its Mayor. Over the years, I have had the privilege to get to know several residents and created new friendships through community events and my children's activities. I am making it a personal goal of mine to meet many more of you within the upcoming months. Please know that I will make myself available to any Bradford Wood's resident who wishes to learn more about our wonderful community and discuss ways that I can better serve."

OPEN APPOINTMENTS IN 2019

As the 2018 year comes to an end, there are open appointments for residents to seize the opportunity to serve their community. The current Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Alfred Akner, served for 10 years and is retiring at the end of the year. The Borough is calling for applicants to send resumes and letters of interest to Council. Description of the job can be found the Borough's website. It is not a full-time position.

There are also open seats on the following Commissions or Boards: Planning Commission (4-year term) 1 seat; Zoning Hearing Board (3-year term) 2 seats; Environmental and Parks Advisory Council (3-year terms) 2 seats; Vacancy Board (1-year term) 1 seat. NOW is the time for you to get involved for your community! Send resumes and letters of interest to the Borough. Information regarding the appointments can be found on the Borough website. Residents are welcome to call the Borough for further information as well.

BOROUGH ORGANIZATIONS

Bradford Woods Couples Club

For more information, email
bradfordwoodscouplesclub@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!

Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company

It's time to get involved and volunteer for your
community! Contact facebook.com/BWVFC

SAFETY INFORMATION FROM NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Get a Grip on Safe Driving During Adverse Weather

Preparation: Learning the art of safe driving in adverse weather requires preparation and training. Start with a vehicle that's ready for the rigors of winter driving: good tire tread, firm brakes and streak free wipers. Add in wet weather techniques; driving with reduced visibility and traction, steering, braking, and skid control. When a vehicle and driver are ready, practice in a safe and secluded area. The driver who knows what to do in an emergency is more likely to stay in control.

Emergencies: by definition- they happen suddenly with little time for evaluation and decision making. You have to act quickly to avoid a vehicle accident. A review of nearly 12,000 vehicle accidents found that more than 37% of drivers involved took no action to avoid the accident.

Think Caution- Get into the right frame of mind before you get behind the wheel. Never drive when you are emotionally upset or rushed. According to the traffic safety authorities, lack of attention is a major contributing factor to vehicle accidents.

Regardless of your driving experience, the odds are greater that you will have a vehicle accident in adverse weather conditions. A hard rain or snow can limit visibility so you cannot see the edges of the road, traffic signs, or other vehicles in the roadway.

To maximize driving safety, be aware of the road conditions, reduce your speed appropriately, and be prepared for challenging situations.

Quick tips: ° Keep tires properly inflated ° Drive at a speed appropriate for weather (less than posted speed) ° Always use your seatbelt ° Never use cruise control in wet weather driving conditions ° Always pay attention to the road

2018 BUDGET

The 2019 Budget is under deliberation by Borough Council. The balanced budget and tax millage rate will be set and passed in December 2018. The major sources of revenue are: real estate tax and earned income tax. The major expenses are: roads; safety (police and fire); administration (includes legal and engineer); library. Budget discussions occur at the public meetings (second Monday of the month at 7 PM) nearing the end of the meeting.

CERTIFIED GOLD SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPALITY AND LIVE WELL ALLEGHENY

Bradford Woods is among a select group of high performing municipalities to become certified through Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. The Borough is recognized at the Gold Level of certification for meeting the program's rigorous performance criteria which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community. The Sustainable PA Community Certification is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. The certification is implemented statewide. In earning the Gold certification, the Borough is acknowledged for its progress in areas such as community design/land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling/waste, fiscal controls, and internal management/operations. The Borough is honored to receive the Gold Sustainable Certification through Sustainable Pittsburgh. Visit sustainablepacommunitycertification.org for more information.

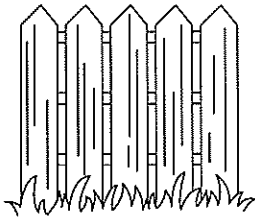
At the July public meeting, Council approved Resolution 13 of 2018 joining Allegheny County in accomplishing the goals of the Live Well Allegheny Campaign. Living well is a broad goal that incorporates all aspects of health and safety. Visit the Borough website or www.livewellallegheny.com for more information on the campaign.

FENCE ORDINANCE: EXPLAINED

If you would like to install a fence on your property, a complete zoning and building permit application is now required in the Borough. A permit fee and drawings (with required features) are to be submitted with each application. There are location and other requirements associated with installation:

In the front yard: fences are limited to a 4-foot height maximum and be at least 50% open; chain link fences are prohibited; no fence shall be located closer than 8 feet from the road. In the side/rear yard: no fencing shall exceed 6 feet (may be increase to 8 feet when installation of fence is intended to restrict deer-top 2 feet shall be no more than 60% solid); fences higher than 4 feet, the fence shall be located no closer than 2 times the height of the fence from the road. No fence can obstruct sight distances; cannot be located within right-of way; electric, barbed, concertina, razor wire fences prohibited.

This is not an all-inclusive description of the fence ordinance, but a summary of the ordinance. When seeking to install a fence, please refer to Chapter §225-19 (E) of the Borough Code, found at ecode360.com/BR1973.



WOMAN'S CLUB POINSETTIA SALE

The BW Women's Club will have their annual poinsettia sale. Have your order in to Sandy Murray by November 10. Pick-up will be December 8 (9-11 am) at the Fire Hall.

All proceeds benefit Women's Club and charities. For more information and to place orders, call Sandy Murray 724-935-2661

EVENING BW WOMEN'S CLUB FORMING

An evening Bradford Woods Women's Club will be forming after the first of the year to accommodate those not available for morning meetings. If you would like to be included in an email notification, please send your request to june.mccartney@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY DAY RECAP!

The Borough organized the first Community Day for the residents of Bradford Woods! The purpose of the event was to bring residents together under the umbrella of community and create an opportunity to learn about all the wonderful organizations that make up the Borough. The following organizations were present at the event: Bradford Woods Fire Company; Northern Regional Police Department; Northland Public Library; Bradford Woods Couple's Club; Bradford Woods Conservancy; Women's Club; Heritage Committee; Bradford Woods Democratic Committee; Bradford Woods Republican Committee; Bradford Woods Community Church; Woodlands Foundation. Johnson Foundation (not a Borough organization) was also present to represent safe driving, an importance across municipal boundaries.

There were crafts for children to do, including a popsicle pumpkin and bird feeder. Food vendors were also present to satisfy the mid-day hunger. Entertainment included Dan Sty Music playing soothing live music in the background.

County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Allegheny County Director of Health Dr. Karen Hacker were at the event to announce Bradford Woods joining Live Well Allegheny (further information found on page 2). Councilmembers Victoria Pongrace and David Baldonieri accepted the plaque recognizing the Borough. Speaker of the House Mike Turzai was also present at the event to speak on healthy living and the unique community of Bradford Woods. All currently held elected officials were invited to speak. Congressman Keith Rothfus was also present at the event. There were also several candidates present for the upcoming election.

The Borough thanks all the residents for coming out to enjoy the event. The Borough appreciates all the organizations who participated in the event—it wouldn't be what it was without them! A special thank you to the Fire Company for all their help in staging the event.

If you are interested in helping with next year's event, contact the Borough to be added to the community committee list!

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members" – Coretta Scott King

STORMWATER:

The Season for Giving!

December is a busy month for many people, and these days, a lot of that busy-ness centers on gift-giving. Municipalities in Allegheny County are working hard to reduce the effects of polluted stormwater runoff. So, we thought this might be an appropriate time to provide a list of unusual but thoughtful gifts that can benefit us all.

For the person who likes to garden, or for a new home owner, why not give them a rain barrel? Diverting rooftop runoff to a rain barrel not only reduces the amount of water that flows to the street, but it also can be used for irrigation. It's estimated that a rain barrel can save 1,300 gallons of water during the summer season.

For the car enthusiast, try a gift certificate for an oil change at a local garage, or a nice clean and wax at the local car wash, one that recycles its dirty water. Keeping oil and soapy water out of storm drains benefits us all.

For the dog lover, a gift of a portable bag dispenser that attaches to a dog's leash will ensure that Fido's waste is kept off the sidewalks and out of local waters. That's something we all can enjoy.

And for any children who enjoy feeding local waterfowl, buy them a disposable camera for those trips to the pond instead of edibles. Feeding geese and ducks causes them to concentrate in higher numbers than they would if they had to rely solely on natural food supplies, and results in large quantities of their waste polluting those local waters.

Here are some simple steps that you can take to help safeguard our water supply this fall and winter:

- Clean leaves from gutters to properly maintain your stormwater systems.
- Do not overuse salt when deicing driveways. Shovel early and use alternate methods safer for water protection.
- Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas; **never dump it into streets or streams.** The more water can be absorbed by plants or sink into the ground, the less water will run off, carrying pollutants into streams.
- 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.
- Clean up animal waste and properly dispose
- 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.

MESSAGE FROM BRADFORD WOODS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY: Winter Holiday Fire Safety

Did you know?

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

o Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.

o Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.

o Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.

o If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.



2018 ROADS PROGRAM

The 2018 roads program was completed this spring. Roads completed: Chestnut; Cedar; E. Harding; Glenmore (Wexford to Bellaire); Lake; Burry. The total cost was \$264,302. There were also repairs completed on Bellaire. Council has discussed 2019 roads program and has tentatively planned for Crystal Springs/Oak Grove.

ORDINANCE/NEIGHBORLY 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.

- **New Ordinance: Fence Permitting** Council has passed a fence ordinance that outlines an application process and regulations for installing a fence on residents' properties. Details are found on the center page.
- 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 (surfacing or resurfacing). 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!

STAY INFORMED WITH BRADFORD WOODS NEWS

FLASH!

1. Go to www.bradfordwoodspa.org
2. Click "Notify Me" on the left-hand side. You will find instructions on the page.
3. Choose Borough News for current information and choose Main Calendar for events. You have the option for email and/or SMS (text).
4. You will now be updated with current Borough information and news!

*All emails are treated confidentially by the Borough.
 Call the Borough if you have questions or need help signing up.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: WASTE MANAGEMENT

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.

DO YOU HAVE A HOME BUSINESS?

BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS WITH THE BOROUGH!

BUSINESS OCCUPATION PERMITS CAN BE FOUND AT BRADFORDWOODSPA.ORG, UNDER "GOVERNMENT"> DEPARTMENTS>BUILDING/ZONING.
 SEE §225-19 (C) FOR DETAILS REGARDING HOME BUSINESS OCCUPATION.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OCT 25	7 PM	DRIVING SAFE	BOROUGH OFFICE
OCT 26	6:15 PM	HALLOWEEN PARADE	LOWER LOT (COMMUNITY CHURCH)
OCT 31	6-8 PM	TRICK OR TREATING	BRADFORD WOODS
NOV 6	7 AM 8 PM	ELECTION	COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOV 10	6 PM	SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO	FIRE HALL
DEC 2	5 PM	LIGHT UP NIGHT	RESERVE
DEC 15	12-4PM	SANTA ON THE TRUCK	THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH

BE SURE TO VISIT NORTHLANDLIBRARY.ORG TO SEE A LIST OF LIBRARY EVENTS! THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

Bradford Woods Borough
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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	Alfred Akner
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	Vince Cannella
Earned Income Tax Collector	Keystone Collections
Tax Collector	Jordan Tax Services
Del. Real Estate Tax Collector	Goehring Rutter Boehm
Case Sabatini/CPA Firm	Auditor
Borough Manager	Natalie Thiess
Borough Solicitor	Goehring Rutter Boehm
Borough Mayor	Doug Marsico

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