

BOROUGH OF BRADFORD WOODS

NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Roads

- Spring is in the air, which means paving and other road projects are around the corner! The Borough is planning to pave the rest of east Bradford Road , as well as west Bradford Road. Columbia Gas has a line replacement project scheduled for this spring and summer. It is going through Marshall, Bradford Woods, and Pine Township. Be aware of Road Closure signs and any other information regarding the project.
- The Borough applied for a grant through Allegheny County Conservation District. The purpose of the project is to reduce the flow and rate of stormwater along the first 175 feet of Laurel Road and to eliminate stream sedimentation caused by the runoff. We will achieve this purpose by raising the first 175 feet of Laurel Rd directly off of Forest Rd Ext and pave the road, as well as create a 5 foot swale along the south side of the road to control the flow of water. The project entails installing a proper crown to control the water flow, which will be achieved by removing the current aggregate. The project includes rehabilitating the north side of the road to prevent erosion and create stability. Minimal vegetation will be removed on the north side, including a stump, for the purpose of the swale.

Parks

The Bradford Woods Conservancy received a grant through Dominion Gas for benches on the Lake Loop Trail. They were installed in February with the help of Borough roads supervisor, Jake Turner, and the gracious help of resident volunteers. There are three benches installed throughout the trail. People of all ages can sit and enjoy being in the presence of nature for years to come. Take a hike today to check them out yourself!

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Local elections are coming up! Primary Elections will be held MAY 16 at the BRADFORD WOODS COMMUNITY CHURCH. The last day to register for vote in the primary is April 17. The election is held on November 7 (last day to register for the election is October 10). There are five elected official positions (number includes Mayor) up for election. Remember that no level of government has more impact on daily life than local government, so it is imperative to vote! For the complete 2017 Municipal Elections calendar, visit: <http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/elections/election-calendar.aspx>.

BOROUGH ORGANIZATIONS

Bradford Woods Couples Club

For 60 years, Bradford Woods Couples Club has been a source of fun, friendship and community for couples and singles alike. Founded in 1957, the club meets on the first Saturday of each month, September through May at 7:00 pm (usually in the Bradford Woods Fire Hall) for food, drinks, entertainment and fun. Members range from young couples buying their first home in BW to residents in their 70s and 80s who have raised children and grandchildren in the neighborhood. A group of eight or more couples act as host for each meeting, which can range from a simple barbecue to a Halloween costume party. Highlights include the annual Christmas cocktail party at the Woodlands, as well as the progressive dinner and play which are hosted in May in alternating years. Annual dues are \$20 per couple or \$10 per single. Membership requires only a sense of humor, a love for BW, and an enthusiasm for making new friendships across generations. For more information, email ahipwell@zoominternet.net.

Bradford Woods Women's Club

The Bradford Woods Women's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Church to enjoy interesting programs and the company of friends and neighbors. The goal is "to promote friendship among local women; offer opportunity for self-development and enrichment; and emphasize programs or activities to enhance, beautify, or otherwise improve the community of Bradford Woods".

New members are always welcome. Contact President Paula Irwin at 724- 935-4485

The Heritage Committee

The Committee is dedicated to collecting, preserving and sharing the rich history of the Borough. We meet often to organize historical materials in the Borough Office. We also work with Northland Library and "Historic Pittsburgh" to scan our photos into a permanent digital archive. The Heritage Committee is always looking for photos and information about the history of our community. Please let us know if you have anything to share, or if you would like to work with us.

For more information contact June McCartney. (724-816-3042)

The Environmental and Parks Advisory Committee

EPAC is appointed by Borough Council to advise the Borough on matters relating to the protection, conservation, promotion and management of its natural spaces. EPAC identifies environmental problems and recommends plans and programs for improvement in an effort to sustain and enhance the many unique natural elements within Bradford Woods. EPAC's mission, in collaboration with the Borough staff, is to provide environmentally safe and inviting open spaces for the enjoyment of all residents.

Borough Nature Reserves

The lovely tranquility of the Reserve is a great space for daily walks or for fishing in the bluegill and bass stocked pond. The Lake Loop property provides a beautiful woodland trail that is a shortcut connecting Delmar to Lake Road. Find more information on the Borough website by clicking on the drop boxes found under the Community heading.

SUMMER SAFETY INFORMATION

- Wear bright colors when running, walking, or riding your bike, especially on Wexford Run Road and Bradford Road. Wear reflective clothing at dusk or night and be sure to have a light source for visibility.
- Wear a helmet while riding a bike. Parents, ensure your children have helmets on when they ride their bike. Even if it doesn't look 'cool' be sure to educate them on the importance of helmet protection.
- Bike riders have to obey traffic laws, so be sure to stop at stop signs.
- Walk or run on the left side of the street (opposing traffic) and bike ride on the right side of traffic (with traffic).

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.

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 .

- Remember to properly store your garbage cans in a timely fashion before and after pick-up days. §183-4(6).
- 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
- No overnight street parking §225-17
- Residents must obey 3 P.S. § 495-302 of the Pennsylvania Dog Law, including the regulation or prohibition of dogs running at large. Also, please clean up after your pet! Pet waste washes into our storm drains and pollutes are streams! Keep it clean—we all live downstream!

BOROUGH COMMUNITY EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Come to the Bradford Woods Church softball field for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 15 from 10: 30 am to 12 pm.

Please bring your own basket. Light refreshments will be served after the event. Ages 10 and under: egg hunt areas separated by age.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Shelly Muhlenkamp 724-799-8275

EARTH DAY

Visit the Bradford Woods Reserve on April 29 at 11:00 AM for Earth Day! It will be followed by a picnic and feature presentation!

SPRING PLANT SALE

MAY 13 - Hanging Baskets & Perennials

MAY 20 - Annuals & Herbs

9 - 11 am at the Bradford Woods Community Church. All proceeds benefit Bradford Woods Borough and North Hills charities. For more information, call Peggy Kipp at 412-630-9770.

BIKE PARADE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Take part in a yearly parade tradition! Saturday August 26 at 9:30 am is the annual Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company Bike Parade and Pancake Breakfast.

STORY TELLING NIGHT AT THE RESERVE

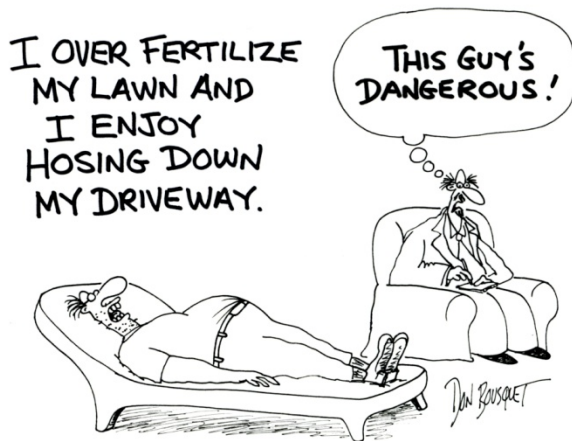
Come share your tales and hear your neighbors' tales on Friday July 28th at 7:00 PM. Remember to bring something to sit on, a light source to see in the Reserve, and coordinate transportation to the Reserve since parking is limited.

**APRIL IS NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH AND NATIONAL
SAFE DIGGING MONTH!**

Remember to visit the library and call 811 before you dig in your yard!

STORMWATER:

A SMART LOOK FORWARD TO SUMMER GARDENING



For many people, spring is the true beginning of summer gardening. And while achieving a lush green lawn, beautiful flowers, and hearty summer vegetables are understandable gardening goals, some gardening and lawn care practices can have detrimental effects on our local water resources. In keeping with your town's efforts to reduce the effects of stormwater pollution, there are a few gardening tips that will minimize the impact on your local waters:

- Fertilize sparingly. If you must fertilize, September is the best month. And be sure to use slow-release fertilizer.
- If you fertilize more than once, don't fertilize in the spring until you have mowed the lawn three times.
- Check the weather forecast before fertilizer or pesticide applications, and don't apply lawn chemicals when there is rain predicted. It increases the chances of those chemicals washing right into local waters.
- If any lawn chemicals or yard debris get on the sidewalk or driveway, sweep them back onto the lawn to prevent them from washing into storm drains. Even grass clippings and excess leaves don't belong in our streams and rivers.

BOROUGH CODE SPOTLIGHT

Spring is approaching! The warmer weather encourages many of us to venture outside on a more frequent basis. One of the many great things about our Borough is the small town feel of knowing your neighbors. However, every now and then we may spot a person or two that is unfamiliar. At times, they may be travelling door to door and asking if we would like to have our house painted or our windows replaced. Some may be asking us to sign a petition for a political party or to support an environmental cause.... Are they peddling? Soliciting? If so, which of these activities, if any are permitted within the Borough of Bradford Woods?

Chapter 164 of the Borough Code entitled; "Peddling & Soliciting" will give us some guidance in this area.

1. Is soliciting in Bradford Woods against the law?

Answer: It is unlawful to peddle, solicit, canvass within the Borough of Bradford Woods without a license.

2. How is a license obtained?

Answer: An application is filed with the Clerk of the Northern Regional Police Department (NRPD). The application fee is \$175.00. An individual license is required for each person soliciting within the boro. The license fee is \$15.00 per individual, per day.

3. Are there any exemptions to the license requirement?

Answer: The following organizations are exempt; religious, charitable, patriotic, political, philanthropic, public interest or community service organizations.

4. What can I do if I don't want peddling or soliciting at my door?

Answer: Contact the borough manager, Natalie Thiess, in writing and ask to be placed on the "No solicitation list".

When an entity receives a license to peddle/solicit/canvass, they are provided with a list of residences/ dwellings that they are not permitted to visit. This list is provided by the Chief of Police from the NRPD at the time the license is issued. You may also display a "no solicitation" sign in your window or door.

5. How will I know if someone has a license to solicit?

Answer: It is the responsibility of the peddler/ solicitor/ canvasser/ merchant to produce his/her license upon request to any resident of the Borough with whom he/she would like to do business.

6. Are there time restrictions associated with a licensed solicitor/ peddler?

Answer: Yes, they are prohibited from operating before 9:00 am and after 9:00pm Monday through Sunday.

7. What can I do if I am on the "no solicitation list" and I receive a knock at my door and/or an individual does not produce a license upon request?

Answer. Report the incident to the NRPD at 724-625-3156. However, if you feel it is an emergency, please dial 911.

8. Are members of religious organizations, political parties etc.... allowed to knock on my door if I have displayed a 'No Solicitation' or "No Trespassing" sign?

Answer: No. Even though these groups do not need a license, they must obey the resident's wishes.

DISPOSE OF UNWANTED/ EXPIRED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS SAFELY!

A prescription drug collection box has been permanently installed at the Northern Regional Police Department located at 230 Pearce Mill Road, Wexford.

Residents can bring prescription drugs to the station during regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Please remove personal identifiable information from packaging.

For information and inquiries, please call 724-625-3156 or visit NRPD website at www.nrpolice.com.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Hydrogen Peroxide, Inhalers, Aerosol cans, ointments, needles, thermometers.

2017 YARD WASTE DATES

March 25	August	19
April 22	September	23
May 20	October	28
June 24	November	18
July 22	December	2

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

Northern Regional Police: 724-625-3157· www.nrpolic.com

Website: www.bradfordwoodspa.org

Borough Code: www.ecode360.com/BR1973

Email: bradfordwoods@zoominternet.net

2017 BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

2017 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	Weiss Burkardt Kramer
Case Sabatini/CPA Firm	Auditor
Borough Manager	Natalie Thiess
Borough Solicitor	Goehring Rutter Boehm
Borough Mayor	Robert Murray

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)

Mailing address