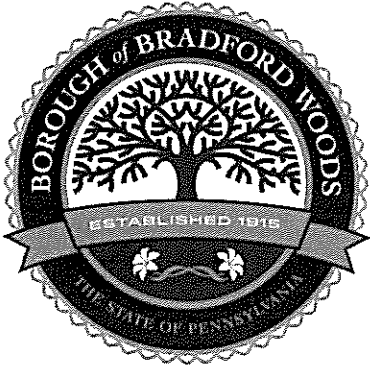


BOROUGH OF BRADFORD WOODS

NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CORNER

REMEMBER TO VOTE!!

Mark your Calendar!

Local elections are coming up! 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>.

Meet the Candidates:

Charles Coltharp (Current President) Chuck, 53, moved to the Borough in 1999. He is a dedicated member of the Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company, Bradford Woods Community Church and Couples Club. Chuck is a Principal with Indovina Associates Architects. He believes in the Borough and feels the Council should be a representation of the residents which it serves and wishes to continue to represent the community which he admires.

David Baldonieri (Current Vice President & on Roads Committee) Dave has lived in the Borough for 23 years and has served on Council since 1998. His 19 years of experience provides Council with a historical perspective on which to consider issues. His approach is Libertarian based.

Victoria Pongrace (Currently President Pro-Tem & on Public Safety Committee) Victoria is a long-time resident of Bradford Woods. She resides in "The Village", but grew up on Oak Road. She is finishing her first term as a member of Council. She has worked to re-institute the Borough newsletter, to attain additional funding sources for infrastructure management and to improve security measures at the Borough office. She is a committed fiscal conservative. Victoria remains vested in facilitating unity within the community and preserving Bradford Woods for future generations.

Kevin Rhule (First time running for Council) Kevin grew up in Bradford Woods and currently owns the house he grew up in on Oak Road. His grandfather, father and brothers built the house. He works in the flexible packaging industry for 25+ years and travels the Americas. He has lived in Texas, Colorado, Virginia, but had to return to the beauty of Bradford Woods 5 years ago. He and his wife, Susan, are a part of the Couples Club. He wants to give his time and effort to the community, assist in the operational and fiscal running of the Borough, as well as keeping Bradford Woods special.

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"Meet the Candidates Continued"

Robert Murray (Current Mayor) In 2008, after the passing of Ted Fithian, Bob was appointed to fulfill the remainder of Mayor Fithian's term. Bob has been the elected Mayor since 2009. He and his wife, Sandy, have lived in the Borough since 1971. He remains committed to the Borough's independence and enjoys working with citizens to ensure the Borough meets the challenges of evolving standards, while maintaining natural surroundings.

BOROUGH ORGANIZATIONS

conservation

Bradford Woods Couples Club

For more information, email Susan Rhule sjkkr2016@gmail.com

Bradford Woods Women's Club

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

The Heritage Committee

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

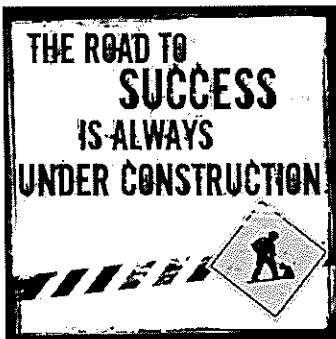
Fall and Winter Safety Information

Fall and winter can be dangerous times for driving: wet leaves and ice/snow are known to cause drivers to lose control over their cars which results in accidents. **It is imperative to obey the speed limits (especially 25 mph on Bradford Road) all the time**, but definitely in the fall/winter more than ever.

****NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING**

– this is especially important during the winter for **snow removal purposes**. It ensures the road can be paved safely and fully.

ROADS



It has been quite the nightmare summer with pipeline/road work within the Borough. The Columbia Gas pipeline replacement project (started mid spring: replaced line from West Bradford Road towards Wexford Run, then down Wexford Run down towards Shenot Road-Marshall Township) caused much aggravation and frustration for Borough residents. The Borough greatly apologizes on behalf of Columbia Gas for the inconveniences the necessary utility project may have created. The pipeline project created a delay in the Borough's paving project of paving the rest of Bradford Road within the Borough limits. The Bradford Road paving project includes a stormwater pipeline replacement. Fixing a portion Laurel Road (off of Forest Ext) is also a part of the paving project helped paid with funds by the

Allegheny County Conservation District Dirt and Gravel Grant.

Borough Council discussed potential 2018 paving project roads, which included E. Harding, Chestnut, N. & S. Burry; alternates included Crystal Springs (grant dependent), Cedar, and Spruce.

Parks/EPAC

The Reserve has been a sanctuary for community events this past spring and summer. The Conservancy held the Earth Day Event, nature programs/workshops, and Storytelling Night, as well as the special monarch release event.

In the last newsletter we discussed that EPAC's mission, in collaboration with Borough staff, is to provide environmentally safe and inviting open spaces for the enjoyment of all residents. Since then, EPAC has been advising Borough Council on specific projects. One project is herbicide treatment and installation of a solar powered aerator into the pond at the Reserve. Penn State Extension performed a water quality assessment in June of this year. The water quality in the pond is great, but as an effort to improve the aesthetics (i.e. less algae), an aerator was recommended. We are looking at solar powered aerator options to place in Spring 2018. Council voted (4-3) in August 2017 to move ahead with the herbicide/solar power aerator project.

BOROUGH COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Volunteer your time to help improve the beauty of the community, as well as keeping storm drains, streams, and oceans clean by partaking in the Mingo Road Clean-Up coordinated by the Conservancy on Saturday September 30 at 9:00 am- meet at the Fire Hall.

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BINGO AT THE FIRE HALL

Take part in a yearly tradition! Saturday October 14 is the annual Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night. Enjoy a night with your neighbors and support your local VFC.**

END OF SEASON CONSERVANCY PRESENTATION

On Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 PM in the Bradford Woods Borough Council Chambers, Randy Soergel of Soergel Greenhouses and Garden, will present a talk about preparing our lawns and gardens for winter. A question and answer session will follow.

.HALLOWEEN PARADE

Come parade your costume around the Borough at the annual Halloween parade hosted by VFC! Be sure to join the Halloween display Friday, October 27.**

WOMAN'S CLUB POINSETTIA SALE

The BW Women's Club will have their annual poinsettia sale. Have your order in to Sandy Murray by October 31st. Pick-up will be early December. All proceeds benefit Women's Club and charities. For more information and to place orders, call Sandy Murray 724-935-2661.

LIGHT UP NIGHT AT THE RESERVE

Share your holiday spirit and sip hot coco with your neighbors on Sunday December 3 at 5:00 PM. Remember to dress warmly, bring something to sit on if needed, a light source to see in the Reserve, and coordinate transportation to the Reserve since parking is limited.

**Times for the VFD events were not provided at time of print. Keep an eye out for times closer to the event day.

Nearly 57 years ago several members of the **Bradford Woods Couples' Club** decided to stage a "play" of their own. The first play, entitled "That Old Spring Thing" premiered in 1961. Since 1962, the Club has produced an original variety style show in the Spring of every even numbered year. That is 29 plays and counting! Plans are already underway for our 30th show! The comedy show will be performed in mid May 2018! Please stay tuned for details regarding dates, times and how to get involved. Questions? Please contact Victoria Pongrace at vpongrace@zoominternet.net

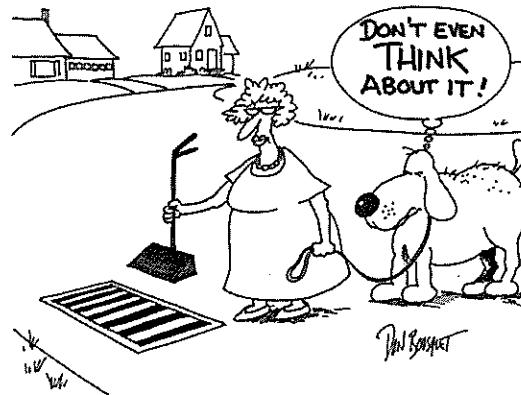
STORMWATER:

What do leaves and storm drains have in common?
Hopefully nothing!

Please always bag or compost your leaves. Never rake leaves into the street or into the storm drain. Although they are "natural," leaves not only clog drains, they also alter the ecosystems of local water bodies when dumped in larger amounts than would naturally fall there.

Other stormwater-friendly tips for the time of year include:

- 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. A rain garden or other planted area is the perfect place for shoveled snow.
- **PICK UP PET WASTE.** The Borough receives multiple complaints about dog owners not picking up their dog waste. The harmful chemicals make it to our streams, which is our drinking water! Please clean up after your pet.



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 see what stormwater is, why it is an issue, and what everyone can do to make sure our water is clean now and in the future. Keeping our water clean requires the efforts of us all!

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

BOROUGH CODE SPOTLIGHT
DRIVEWAYS

Bradford Woods Borough residents have a proud history of maintaining our homes and surrounding landscapes. The beauty of our quiet, tree-lined streets makes our community one of the most desirable in the northern sub-burbs. We frequently are inspired to improve the curb appeal of our homes. Enhancements are often associated with front yards and driveways. Sometimes in our zeal to complete a project, we might overlook our responsibilities as a homeowner.

Borough Code Chapter 110; "Driveways" and Borough Code Chapter 194; "Streets & Sidewalks" provide guidance for driveway improvements and maintenance.

How does the Borough Code define the term "Driveway"?

Answer: Any private street, lane, avenue, alley or other private drive which abuts, intersects, adjoins or leads into a public street.

"I have an existing gravel driveway. Can I have it paved without a permit?"

Answer: No, you cannot pave your driveway without a permit. It is unlawful for any person to surface or resurface any existing driveway in the Borough, or proceed with the laying, installation and construction of drains or pipes for drainage purposed on, over or under private roads, driveways, or ditches, without first making application and securing a permit.

"Where do I submit my driveway permit application?"

Answer: A Permit application must be made to the Borough Manager in writing, using forms furnished by the Borough.

"What information may be requested on the application?"

Answer: Information includes, but is not limited to the following: name, address, phone number. Fees. Exact location of the subject driveway, preferably on a property survey. Length, width, depth & grade of the driveway. Description of material to be used for surfacing or resurfacing of the driveway. Locations/ details related to drains/pipes for drainage purposes. Lastly, applicant agrees that the work shall be done in compliance with Borough ordinances and laws of the commonwealth. This list is not complete. *Please

consult 110-4 of the Borough code for additional/ specific requirements.

Who issues the permit?

Answer: a permit is issued or denied by the Zoning Officer. Al Akner is the current Zoning Officer for the Borough.

What type of Surfacing materials are acceptable?

Answer: The surfacing materials of driveways may be asphalt, stone, brick, concrete or any other approved material. Dirt driveways are not allowed.

Are there grading and drainage requirements?

Answer: Yes. All driveways shall be graded for proper drainage. It is the owner's responsibility to control any water runoff by means of drainage pipes and/or grating placed at the bottom of the driveway to prevent water from being diverted to roads or adjacent property.

Do I need a storm water plan when installing or resurfacing my driveway?

Answer: Yes, if the driveway surface area is over 400 square feet.

I have noticed debris migrating from my driveway onto the street. Is the borough responsible for cleaning it up?

Answer: No. All residents are responsible for any gravel or aggregate/debris/silt/dirt that migrates onto a public roadway from their private property by runoff, plowing, maintenance, construction, or any other direct or indirect means.

**Please see Ordinance 194-34 "Responsibility of driveway aggregate on public roadways" for details related to this ordinance.*

Note: After a homeowner receives written notice and fails to remove the aggregate in a timely manner; It will be removed at the homeowner's expense. The Borough is not responsible for any damage to the driveway during clean up, nor is the Borough responsible for replacing any aggregate on the private property.

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 For information and inquiries, please call 724-625-3156 or visit NRPD website at www.nrpolicy.com. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Hydrogen Peroxide, Inhalers, Aerosol cans, ointments, needles, thermometers.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: WASTE MANAGEMENT

With end of summer 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.

- **NEW ORDINANCE:** All residents are responsible for any gravel or aggregate/debris/silt/dirt that migrates onto a public roadway from their private property by runoff, plowing, maintenance, construction, or any other direct or indirect means. The aggregate must be properly removed from the public roadway by resident. Full ordinance: (§194-34).
- Remember to properly store your garbage cans in a timely fashion before and after pick-up days. **There are now fines associated with not bringing your garbage 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
- No overnight street parking §225-17 **THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR WINTER PLOWING.**
- 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 are streams!*** Keep it clean—we all live downstream!

VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUT

Bradford Woods greatly appreciates all volunteers who put their time and passion into keeping Bradford Woods a beautiful and special place. We would love to name you all individually, but we have been blessed with far too many to keep track of and would not want to miss anyone—so here is a great big thank you to those volunteers—you know who you are!! At the end of each monthly Council meeting, we acknowledge the special volunteer moments individually when we become aware of them. Thank you again!

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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
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Physical location: behind the Fire Hall

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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
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
Weiss Burkardt Kramer
Auditor
Natalie Thiess
Goehring Rutter Boehm
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)