



# BOROUGH OF BRADFORD WOODS

## NEWSLETTER

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### COMMUNITY CORNER

#### UPDATING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

The Borough is updating its Emergency Operations Plan. The purpose of the plan is to prescribe the procedure of the municipal government and other community officials to protect the lives and property of the residents in the event of a natural or human caused emergency or disaster, and to satisfy the requirements of the Pennsylvania Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. Section 7107 et seq). The plan consists of: a Basic Plan, which describes principles and doctrine; a Notification and Resource Manual, which provides listings and means of contacting local and needed resources; and a series of functional checklists which provide detail for the accomplishment of the specifics of the operation.

Information the Borough includes in the plan is related to residents' skills, equipment, and potential needs in the event of an emergency. This manual is confidential and the information is restricted to municipal and county Emergency Operations Coordinators. Any information is maintained to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974.

Please provide the Borough via email ([bradfordwoods@zoominternet.net](mailto:bradfordwoods@zoominternet.net)) or phone, the following information:

- Residents that need assistance in times of emergency. Please include name, address, phone, and any other additional information that would help (i.e. lives alone, particular illness, etc).
- Residents with skills that could be utilized in the event of an emergency. Skills included, but not limited to the following: carpenters; general help/traffic control; handymen; medical (doctors/nurses); plumbers; tree services. Please include name, address, and phone.
- Residents that have equipment that could be used in the event of an emergency: chainsaws; four-wheel drive vehicles; generators; tractor; or any other equipment. Please provide name, address, and phone.

#### CHANGES TO RECYCLING

Recycling is an important part of reusing resources for a more sustainable system. As part of the globalized world, changes in the market will affect how items are recycled. Residents received an informational flyer in February from Waste Management about recycling changes: plastics #3-7 and glass are now considered contaminants to the recycling stream. As of today, there have been no contractual changes agreed to with Waste Management in regards to the changes that were outlined in the flyer, but if you place those contaminants in the recycling, there is a good chance the batch of recycling will be discarded with trash. As of now, it is up to the individual to make those changes to ensure that items that are being accepted by the market, will be successfully recycled. Waste Management will continue to collect other recyclables as per the current contract, but it is likely that the items will not be recycled and will contaminate the load that is recyclable.

If you would like more information on why these changes are occurring and what is happening in the market, there is an informational document/presentation that can be found at <http://bradfordwoodspa.org/2169/Recycling>. Please do not hesitate to contact the Borough office for any questions or additional information.

## **BOROUGH ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Bradford Woods Couples Club**

For more information, email  
[bradfordwoodscouplesclub@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordwoodscouplesclub@gmail.com)

### **Bradford Woods Women's Club**

Contact President Paula Irwin at 724- 935-4485 or  
[Bradfordwoodspa.org/2206/Womens-Club](http://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](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/BWVFC)

## **SAFETY INFORMATION FROM NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Keeping Valuables Safe in Vehicles**

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau auto theft is on the decline, however, this does not mean your car is any safer. Vehicle "break ins" are steadily on the rise nationwide. The term "break in" is used quite loosely because the vast majority of the time no force is necessary to gain access to the vehicle. Thieves are merely entering unlocked vehicles and stealing your valuables. Recent trends are proving vehicles are primarily targeted for their contents. In 2018 the Northern Regional Police Department investigated 56 vehicle break in reports in which items were actually stolen. This does not include instances when vehicles were entered but nothing was taken. Victims often do not report attempted thefts or thefts of small amounts of change because they do not want to "bother" the police. Already in 2019, 7 "Theft from Vehicle" reports have been generated. FBI statistics show over 1/3 of all thefts from vehicles occur in suburban areas. Some of the most common items taken from cars include; money/loose change, electronics, purses, briefcases and firearms.

Here are some tips to help keep you and your car from being a victim.

- LOCK YOUR DOORS
- Do not leave valuables in your car
- If you must leave valuables in your car, store them out of sight.
- Use your alarm
- Try to park in well-lit areas.

Please be vigilant in your neighborhoods. Simply locking your door greatly decreases your odds of being a victim. Do not hesitate to call 911 if you see or hear anything that seems suspicious.

### **2019 ROADS PROGRAM**

The 2019 Roads program was placed out for bid in February/March and opened publicly March 15 at the Pine Township Municipal offices. The program to be awarded by Council at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. After the bid has been awarded, information will be posted on the Borough website. This year's road budget is less than the past few previous years, thus will result in a smaller road program for 2019.

### **NOVEMBER 15 ICE STORM & ALL OTHER TREE DAMAGE**

Bradford Woods was one of the few municipalities in Allegheny County that was heavily affected by the November 15, 2018 ice storm. The Borough acknowledges and appreciates all the work the Bradford Woods and Marshall Volunteer Fire Companies, as well as Borough public works, did to clear the roads and ensure proper safety protocols relating to downed wires. It was an overwhelming event, but due to the efforts of the fire company and electrical company, there was thankfully no injuries during that event.

We understand the weather has impeded progress cleaning up the storm debris, we want to remind you that it is the property owner's responsibility to clean up the storm debris, especially from the sides of the road. If left, it can interfere with traffic or stormwater, potentially causing major issues. As the weather warms up, take a walk around your property to ensure you are aware of the debris that needs to be cleaned up, especially by the sides of the road.

As noted in the Conservancy newsletter, it is also important to be aware of the health of your trees (although this storm affected mostly live trees) as well as any maintenance that should be completed to ensure a safe environment around your home and property.

## STORMWATER:

The spring and summer signals the start of the official yard care season! Your yard care routine can be stormwater friendly! Just follow the tips below to help reduce stormwater pollution, for a healthier future.

### Don't Dump Into Storm Drains

Everything that enters a storm drain goes directly to local waters- *without treatment!*

- Don't dump, wash, or rake anything directly into a storm drain or into the path of storm drain.
- Keep all lawn chemicals and yard debris out of storm drains. Even grass clippings and excess leaves don't belong in our streams and rivers.

### Fertilize Sparingly

Unfortunately, lawn care chemicals often wind up washing right into local waters.

- Go natural -and you may not need any fertilizer at all! Mow high and leave grass clippings on the lawn. It helps improve the lawn's health and quality, and you're less likely to need fertilizer.
- If you fertilize, September is the best month. Be sure to use slow-release fertilizer.
- If you want to fertilize more than once, wait until after the spring green-up. A good rule of thumb: wait until you've mowed the lawn three times.
- More is not always better! Skip the "step programs" offered by many lawn care companies, and be sure to apply fertilizers and pesticides only as directed. Using less will save you money, too! If you do use a lawn care company, ask them about their environmental options and certifications.
- Avoid using fertilizers or pesticides near wellheads or within 75 feet of waterways.
- Check the weather forecast before applications, and don't apply fertilizers or pesticides when there is rain predicted.
- Avoid using combination fertilizer/pesticide products. Hand pick weeds when possible, and if you must treat weeds or insects with pesticides, spot treat them rather than dousing the entire lawn.

### Sweep Spills Back Onto The Lawn

Anything that's lying on pavement is more easily washed by stormwater down storm drains.

- If any chemicals or yard debris get on the sidewalk or driveway, sweep them back onto the lawn to prevent it from washing into storm drains.
- Don't hose the driveway or the sidewalk to get it clean.

### Water Wisely

Conserving water when you're working outdoors can reduce the potential for contaminants to wind up in local waters.

- Established lawns are happy with one inch of water per week, including rainfall. And if you must water, water just once a week for a deep soaking.
- Adjust sprinklers so that they don't water paved surfaces. In the event that it's unavoidable, direct the flow of water toward your lawn or garden.
- Check the weather forecast, if you have automatic sprinklers, be sure they aren't programmed to come on in the rain.
- Don't water in the heat of the day. Water early in the morning or in the evening minimizes the water lost to evaporation.
- Consider using slow-watering techniques such as drip irrigation or soaker hoses.

### Recycle Rainwater

The water that runs off roofs and other hard surfaces often flows directly to the nearest storm drain. Instead, consider one of the following methods to keep stormwater on your property and out of storm drains!

- Get a rain barrel- a small, aboveground storage tank installed under a roof downspout or sometimes connected directly to the downspout. The water that's captured can be used for irrigation.
- If the runoff from your roof flows directly onto pavement, consider using downspout extenders to direct the water to a landscaped area instead.
- A rain garden, an area that collects and treats runoff, is a stormwater-friendly addition to any yard.
- If you're thinking of re-paving your driveway, consider an alternative: a wide range of porous materials have become available that allow water to pass through their surface (in the case of porous asphalt or concrete) or through void spaces (in the case of concrete or grid pavers). Many times, these porous materials are the same price or cheaper than installing conventional asphalt or concrete.



For more stormwater information, visit the Borough website at [bradfordwoodspa.org](http://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:  
BRADFORD WOODS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

We are members of the community who have made a commitment to help our neighbors when misfortune occurs. The Fire Company along with the Northern Regional Police and the McCandless Ambulance Service are the first responders: when you call 911, we are the ones who come to help.

We are a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers. Our funding comes in part from the voluntary contributions made by the residents of Bradford Woods. Our members are nearby residents who volunteer their time not only to respond to emergencies, but also to train on equipment and procedures so we can be effective when you dial 911. In addition to our role as first responders, we also organize community activities: the annual Halloween parade, spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts. We also rent out the firehall to residents for events.

Pennsylvania relies on volunteers for firefighting. Sadly, individuals willing to volunteer and assist their neighbors have decreased drastically. We need your support to remain effective. We'd like to encourage you to consider volunteering with us.

We appreciate active volunteers; you don't have to do the physical work of fighting fires. You could assist with road crew at traffic incidents, maintaining the building and grounds, or rolling hoses and assisting with equipment after an emergency. We have a junior firefighter program for teens age 14-18. Teens can receive training on firefighting skills but aren't allowed to go inside burning buildings. They are also eligible for college scholarships through the FIREVEST program at the community college.

You can also assist with planning and running community events. Right now, the few emergency responders that we have are also organizing community events. If you want to help but not in firefighting, how about signing up to assist with a community event and give the responders a break?

If you are interested in emergency response, training is conducted on Tuesday nights from 7-9pm. We have our membership meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, training on the second Tuesday, maintenance on the third Tuesday of the month, and our officer meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Please feel free to stop by and meet your borough volunteers and learn more about what we do. If you would like to learn more about how you can help out, contact us at [bradfordwoodsvfc@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordwoodsvfc@gmail.com) or go to our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BWVFC](http://www.facebook.com/BWVFC)

Our Fire Chief, Vince Cannella, is also the emergency coordinator for the Borough. He maintains a list of residents who have special needs or who have skills or tools that could be used to help in the event of a weather emergency (a backhoe, a salvage pump, chain saw, winch, etc).

**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 20, 10 AM. @ Firehall parking lot.

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

MAY 11 - Hanging Baskets & Perennials MAY 18 - 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](mailto:khwpak@verizon.net) for more information

**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 18 at 9 AM.

**BIKE PARADE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Take part in a yearly tradition! Saturday August 24 is the annual Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company Bike Parade and Pancake Breakfast!

**ELECTIONS 2020**

Local elections will be occurring for terms commencing 2020 which means there will be primary elections May 2019. The mayor position will be on the ballot as well as three Council seats. For more information, contact the Borough office or visit the website.

## ORDINANCE/NEIGHBORLY REMINDERS

The complete Borough Code can be found at [www.bradfordwoodspa.org](http://www.bradfordwoodspa.org) or directly at [www.ecode360.com/BR1973](http://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](mailto:bradfordwoods@zoominternet.net).

- Fence Permitting- It is required to obtain a zoning and building permit before the installation of a fence. §225-19(E)
- 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](http://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 need help or have questions with 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](mailto: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](http://BRADFORDWOODSPA.ORG), UNDER "GOVERNMENT"> DEPARTMENTS>BUILDING/ZONING.  
 SEE §225-19 ( C ) FOR DETAILS REGARDING HOME BUSINESS OCCUPATION.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

APRIL 13	10 AM	EASTER EGG HUNT	COMMUNITY CHURCH
APRIL 20	10 AM	COMMUNITY ROAD CLEANUP	MEET @ FIREHALL
APRIL 28	1:30 PM	EARTH DAY CELEBRATION	RESERVE
MAY 11 & MAY 18	9 AM	WOMEN'S CLUB FLOWER SALE	COMMUNITY CHURCH
MAY 18	9 AM	FIREHALL CLEANUP	FIREHALL
AUG 24	9 AM	BIKE PARADE/ PANCAKE B-FAST	FIREHALL

BE SURE TO VISIT [NORTHLANDLIBRARY.ORG](http://NORTHLANDLIBRARY.ORG) TO SEE A LIST OF LIBRARY EVENTS! THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

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**2019 YARD WASTE DATES**

March 16	August 17
April 20	September 21
May 18	October 19
June 15	November 16
July 20	December 7

**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](http://www.bradfordwoodspa.org)  
**Borough Code:** [www.ecode360.com/BR1973](http://www.ecode360.com/BR1973)  
**Email:** [bradfordwoods@zoominternet.net](mailto:bradfordwoods@zoominternet.net)

**Northern Regional Police:**  
(Non-Emergency) 724-625-3157 · [www.nrpolice.com](http://www.nrpolice.com)  
(Emergency): 911

**2019 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	

**2019 APPOINTMENTS**

Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement	Albert Kohan
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)**