



BOROUGH OF BRADFORD WOODS

NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CORNER

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE

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) 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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD VIRTUALLY

Due to COVID-19, the Governor's State Emergency Declaration, and State Act 15, Council has been having the monthly Council meeting virtually over Zoom. There is an option to either use the Zoom application or call in via a phone number. To attend the virtual meeting, residents must request via email or phone for the meeting information from the Borough office. Residents are to provide their name, address, and phone number. Any public comments regarding agenda items are to be submitted in writing the Friday before the meeting. Meetings are still held the second Monday of each month, unless otherwise advertised. October's meeting will be held Tuesday October 13 at 7 PM in observation of Columbus Day.

During this difficult time, Borough residents and organizations have gone beyond expectations for community support. The Borough shares its sincere gratitude for those who have stepped up for their community members-
THANK YOU!

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

A NOTE FROM NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the all the Officers of Northern Regional Police
Department, I would like to thank the residents of Bradford
Woods Borough. To say 2020 has been a challenging year
would be a complete understatement. We have seen a Pandemic
none of us have ever dealt with and social unrest not seen in
decades. The economic struggle and general uncertainty have
been troubling for everybody.

Many times this year I have been asked how my officers are
doing during these difficult times. My answer has always been
the same: My officers have never felt more appreciated or
loved. So many of you have put your problems aside and
thought of us. Whether it has been meals, handwritten notes or
drawings from children, the outpouring of support for the
Department has been overwhelming. Please know how
appreciative we are and how fortunate we feel to be able to serve
and protect the wonderful residents of Bradford Woods.

Be well,
John A. Sicilia
Chief of Police, Northern Regional Police Department

UPDATE FROM THE BRADFORD WOOD'S WOMEN'S CLUB

Due to the pandemic, **the club does not plan to meet in-person until our Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.** We will hold this luncheon only if conditions are safe for in-person gatherings. This will be determined closer to the date. Again, if conditions permit, we will be meeting in-person January through May. Some of the programs we have planned are: genealogy, basket making, the Olive Branch, and Angels of Harmony. **Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 9:30 am in the Bradford Woods Community Church.** Keep watching the Borough website for updates concerning future gatherings.

RECREATIONAL FIRES IN THE BOROUGH

It's Fall! Residents may want to get rid of unwanted wood or leaves. However, please keep in mind the following burn guidelines from Allegheny County:

Fast Facts About Open Burning in Allegheny County

Open burning is PROHIBITED except by permit or when it is done in a manner which contributes a negligible amount of air contaminants meaning:

- No material other than clean wood, propane, or natural gas may be burned EXCEPT for commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs, or wood pellets
- Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters for the purposes of starting a fire
- Charcoal for the preparation of food only
- Fires may be no larger than 3' wide by 3' long by 2' high.
- Fires must be at least 15' from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area including the property line, roadway, sidewalk, or other public access area

All wood burning activities are prohibited on Air Quality Action days, with the exception of burning for the commercial preparation of food.

Burning may be considered a nuisance due to the severity of the amount of air pollutants, the duration or frequency of the burning, the topography of the surrounding, or the meteorological conditions.

Smoky fire? Nuisance burning? Call ACHD's 24-Hour Complaint Line at 412-687-2243 **If an emergency- CALL 911**

ACHD does issue open burning permits for ceremonies, the fostering of agriculture, disposal of diseased vegetation, and firefighting instruction

BOO IN THE BOROUGH PROGRAM

The Borough of Bradford Woods is offering the following recommendations for a happy and healthy trick or treating experience for your child and/or charge. These are recommendations only and are not to be substituted for parental and/or guardian judgement if you believe your child and/or charge should go trick or treating during the COVID-19 pandemic. These recommendations should also not circumvent your judgement on whether you wish to hand out treats during trick or treating.

Homeowners who display a BOO IN THE BOROUGH!! sign are indicating that they are following the Borough's recommendations to the best of their ability.

As always, children should not trick or treat without adult supervision and all candy should be inspected by an adult prior to consumption.

Recommendations for those trick or treating:

1. If you or anyone with you feels sick, have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 or someone awaiting test results do not participate in trick or treating.
2. Create an action plan with your trick or treater before you leave your home. They should know how they should approach trick or treating. This plan should include what items they may or may not accept, avoiding unnecessary contact with communal surfaces and communal candy bowls, limiting interactions with others, asking you before they participate in any activities, etc.
3. Limit trick or treating to your own neighborhood.
4. Trick or treat with household members and/or members of your social pod.
5. Limit groups of children trick or treating to 3 or 4. Discuss with them the need to social distance. Adults accompanying children should also socially distance. Social distancing is keeping a minimum of 6 ft. between individuals.
6. All members of your trick or treating group should wear a face covering. This includes both children and adults.
7. Select face covering friendly costumes. Costume masks that leave holes for breathing are not an appropriate substitution for a face covering.
8. Stress the importance of your trick or treater not touching their face.
9. Carry and use hand sanitizer frequently. Ensure that the costume selected is hand sanitizer friendly.
10. Limit the sharing of props (wands, swords, light sabers) between children.
11. Consider fun ways for your trick or treater to pick up candy without touching multiple pieces. Grabbers, kitchen tongs, and pliers are a few suggestions.
12. Keep interactions with other trick or treating groups and treat givers as brief as possible.
13. Wash your and your trick or treater's hands with soap and water immediately when returning home.
14. If you think it is best to let your trick or treater's candy sit for a period of time before an adult inspects it and your trick or treater enjoys it, consider having a special treat at home for them to enjoy Halloween night.

Recommendations for BOO IN THE BOROUGH!! participating homes

1. If you or anyone with you feels sick, have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 or someone awaiting test results do not participate in trick or treating.
2. Proudly display your BOO IN THE BOROUGH!! sign where it is clearly visible.

3. Consider giving only one type/flavor of treat so trick or treaters are not tempted to rummage for something they like. (i.e. one flavor of potato chips or one kind of candy bar)
4. Consider pre-packaging your treats if using multiple pieces of candy at least 48 hours before Halloween and placing them in your home where they will not be touched. Pre-packing options include Halloween treat bags or plastic baggies.
5. Consider giving out pre-packaged items such as bags of chips, popcorn balls, large candy bars, etc. Let these items sit untouched in your home for at least 48 hours before Halloween.
6. Do not hand out homemade goodies or unwrapped items. Do not ask children to participate in activities such as bobbing for apples or anything that would involve communal touching of surfaces.
7. If possible, set up a trick or treating station outside. Consider setting up a table and placing your treats out for the children. Create a touchless treat set up by using kitchen tongs, a grabber, pliers, etc. to set out the treats.
8. Please try to stay away from communal candy bowls, bobbing for apples, homemade treats etc.
9. Please maintain social distance between trick or treating parties and yourself. Social distancing means maintaining a minimum of 6 ft. between individuals.
10. Use hand sanitizer or wash your hands with soap and water frequently.
11. Please try to not touch your face.
12. If you are unable to set up outside, consider sanitizing hand rails, door bells, door knockers, etc. throughout trick or treating hours.
13. Wear a face covering when interacting with trick or treaters.
14. Keep interactions with trick or treating groups brief.

*****IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN TRICK OR TREATING, FOLLOW THE TRADITION
OF TURNING OFF YOUR FRONT PORCH*****

A Note from Chief Sicilia from Northern Regional Police Department:

One of our favorite nights of the year is quickly approaching. Whether you are a toddler or a senior, Halloween can be enjoyed by all. The Northern Regional Police Department enjoys this night as much as anybody else. So much so, we put extra officers out patrolling our neighborhoods. We do everything we possibly can to drive through all of our neighborhoods within our 53 square mile jurisdiction. Officers will be equipped with bags of candy to hand out to our Trick or Treaters. Please wave when you see the red & blue lights coming through to get a treat. We would like to share a few safety tips to make this night safe and enjoyable for the kids and motorists as well.

- Have your child wear some type of reflective material or glow sticks
- We highly recommend a parent or adult guardian escort children under 12.
- Try to limit your driving between the hours of 6pm-8pm.
- If having food delivered, please try to have it done prior to 6pm or after 8pm.
- Make sure all masks properly fit your child so they can properly see out of them.

On behalf of the Northern Regional Police Department family, we wish you all a safe and happy Halloween.





BOO IN THE BOROUGH

**WE ARE FOLLOWING THE
RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES**

**FOR THE BOROUGH OF
BRADFORD WOODS**

October 31st 6-8 PM



GLASS RECYCLING OPTIONS

Saturday, September 26 – Thursday, October 1
WEEKLONG TRAVELING GLASS BIN
Findlay Township Public Works Garage
1058 Clinton Road, Clinton, PA 15026

Saturday, October 3, 2020 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
SPECIAL ONE-DAY EVENT
Settlers Cabin Park Wave Pool Parking Lot
635 Ridge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Saturday, October 10 – Thursday, October 15
WEEKLONG TRAVELING GLASS BIN
Hampton Community Swimming Pool
3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

Saturday, October 17 – Thursday, October 22
WEEKLONG TRAVELING GLASS BIN
Thornburg Borough Maintenance Facility
25 Rutgers Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Saturday, October 24 – Thursday, October 29
WEEKLONG TRAVELING GLASS BIN
Hosted by Plum Borough
Boyce Park Soccer Fields (Pierson Run Rd and
Centerview Dr)
William D. Boyce Park, Pierson Run Rd, Plum, PA
15239

Saturday, October 24, 2020 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
SPECIAL ONE-DAY EVENT
Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills
590 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15084

STAY UPDATED WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION

Learning about changes and developments related to elections, particularly as election day nears, can be a challenge. Consider these options to stay updated:

Allegheny Votes E-Newsletter

In the past 12 months, there has been a lot that has changed regarding elections in Allegheny County and the Commonwealth. The more we can share with the public about what we're doing and how we're doing it, the better it is for everyone. During the months of August and September, the e-news will be issued every other week. In October, the e-news will come out on a weekly basis. In the 10 days leading up to the election, the e-news will come out on a daily basis. Following the election, there will be a more frequent release as updates are provided on the Return Board and certification process. Once results

are certified, the e-newsletter will move to a monthly basis.

Allegheny Alerts

Allegheny Alerts is a free subscription service that allows you to get notifications about important community news by signing up and choosing what you want news about and how you want to receive that news. One of the subscriptions is for elections – sign up today to have information sent to your home, mobile, or business phones, email address, text messages, or through the app.

What to Expect on Election Day

Getting Ready

Check if you're registered to vote, and that all of your information is correct. Need to change something? You must do so no later than 15 days before the election.

Visit the polling place locator to find where you will go to vote, and get directions to your polling place.

Polling Places

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Anyone in line at 8:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote. **Polling place: Bradford Woods Community Church. Allegheny County will be mailing a postcard for the official polling place.**

A few things to note:

COVID-19 Mitigation Measures will be in place on Election Day. Voters are asked to wear a face covering, observe physical distancing and to be cognizant of others around you.

First-time voters - including individuals are voting for the first-time at the polling place, will be asked to show an approved form of identification.

Visit www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/index.aspx for more election information.

CANCELLED FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

(EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO
COVID-19)

10/30/20 Community Halloween Parade

11/7/20 Fall Firehall clean up

**12/12/20 Santa on the Truck through
Bradford Woods**

ARE YOU HAVING EROSION ISSUES ON YOUR PROPERTY DUE TO STORMWATER?

Introduction

Scientific research clearly documents that riparian buffers, particularly forested buffers and those along headwater streams, deliver tremendous benefits. Through the interaction of their soils, hydrology, and biotic communities, riparian buffers serve many important physical, biological, and ecological functions (Klapproth, 2009).

Definition

Riparian buffers are the lands and assemblages of plants bordering rivers, streams, bays and other waterways. They directly affect and are directly impacted by the aquatic environment. Buffers have high levels of soil moisture, experience frequent flooding, and are populated by plant and animal communities that are adapted to life along the water. The boundary between the buffer and adjoining uplands is gradual and may not be well defined.

Benefits

Scientific research clearly documents that riparian buffers, particularly forested buffers and those along headwater streams, deliver tremendous economic, ecological and other benefits. Among these benefits, riparian buffers:

- protect the quality of the water we drink;
- intercept non-point source pollutants carried by surface water runoff and remove the excess nitrogen, phosphorus and other substances that can pollute water bodies;
- stabilize stream banks and minimize erosion;
- decrease the frequency and intensity of flooding and low stream flows;
- prevent sedimentation of waterways;
- through shading, reduce swings in stream temperatures and prevent elevated temperatures harmful to aquatic life;
- provide food and habitat for wildlife of the land, water and air and allow for wildlife movement within natural corridors; and
- replenish groundwater and protect associated wetlands.

Width

The width needed for a riparian buffer to be effective depends on a number of factors, but, in general, the wider the buffer, the greater the benefits delivered.

Forested Versus Grass Buffers

Forested riparian buffers provide substantially more and better ecosystem services than grass buffers (Burgess, 2004). The roots of herbaceous and woody plants strengthen the stream bank and prevent stream bank erosion. Roots and downed trees slow the flow of stormwater and form a physical barrier to the stream or river, which allows sediment to settle out and be trapped. The forest canopy shades water, moderating water temperature. The plants are an important source of woody material in streams, which provides habitat and food for aquatic wildlife. They also provide quality habitat and food for terrestrial wildlife. These services are discussed in detail below.

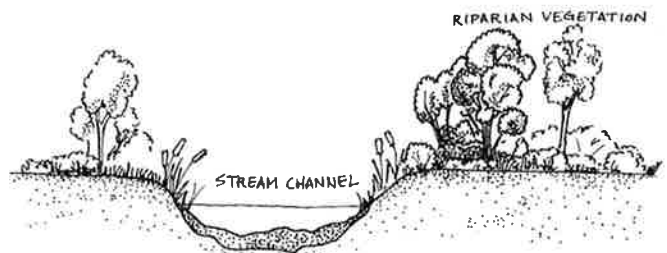
Buffer Functions

The following sections highlight key ecosystem services delivered by riparian buffers:

- reducing erosion;
- filtering sediment;
- filtering pollution;
- providing shade to moderate water temperatures;
- providing habitat; and
- storing water and reducing flooding.

Higher than Average Rainfalls

The National Center for Environmental Information has reported “much above average” rainfalls for the region. The short and heavy rainfall storms greatly affects the stormwater system as well as private properties. There are things homeowners can do to manage stormwater on their property. DEP has created a “Stormwater Guide for Homeowners” which can be found on our website. Unfortunately, we cannot control the amount of water that falls from the sky, but all of us together can manage it and keep our waters clean for generations to come.



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.

- **Council recently passed an ordinance** requiring dogs to be on a physical leash. 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!
- 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

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 need help or have questions with signing up.

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.

NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING

NO STREET PARKING WHEN IT

SNOWS

As winter is fast approaching, it's important to remember to not park in the street when it snows, regardless of time of day.



Also, it is against Code to push snow from driveway onto roadway

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.

Bradford Woods Borough
PO Box 163
4908 Wexford Run Road
Bradford Woods, PA 15015

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2020 YARD WASTE DATES

March 21	August 15
April 18	September 19
May 16	October 17
June 20	November 21
July 18	December 5

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

2020 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	Jennifer Griffin
COG Rep/Library	Thomas Kosmala
Public Relations	

2020 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)