

EMILY ROTZ AWARDED MIRAGLIA SCHOLARSHIP

Bridgeport Borough wishes to congratulate Emily Rotz; the 2019 recipient of the Dr. Vincent Miraglia Scholarship. Bridgeport Borough's Scholarship Committee was tasked with yet another difficult decision this year, as they received numerous applications from students with extremely impressive resumes. Ultimately, after thoughtful consideration, Emily was identified as the student that best balanced academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. A lifelong resident of Bridgeport, Emily carries a 3.85 grade point average, is a member of the National Honors Society, participates in cross country, the marching band, and the Viking Channel, and volunteers for the Elk's Haunted House, among many other accomplishments. Emily plans to study Cinematography at Temple University, where she has already been accepted. Please join us again in congratulating Emily and wish her luck in her future endeavors!

BRIDGEPORT KAYAK LAUNCH TO BE READY IN JUNE

In late 2017, Bridgeport Borough officials were approached by the Schuylkill River Greenway Association, a non-profit whose mission is to connect residents, visitors and communities to the Schuylkill River and River Trail. SRGA was interested in funding and constructing two kayak launches on the Bridgeport side of the Schuylkill; one located above Norristown Dam and one below. Bridgeport Borough owns the property where SRGA wished to install the lower launch, and Borough Officials were excited over the opportunity to authorize this project. As we approach the Summer of 2019, Bridgeport residents as well as many other people in the region will now be able to easily access the Schuylkill River from Bridgeport. SRGA and Bridgeport Borough officials will be holding an opening ceremony for the kayak launch on June 6.

PA LYME PREVENTION PROGRAM COMING TO BRIDGEPORT

Will you "Dare 2B Tick Aware?" is the question the PA Lyme Resource Network wants to ask Bridgeport residents. The goal of this program is to improve the use of prevention strategies, reduce tick bites, and improve early diagnosis. So please, come join us to learn how to prevent tick bites and Lyme/tick-borne diseases at borough hall on July 25 at 6:30pm.

BRIDGEPORT EVENTS 'ON THE RIVER'

Growing Bridgeport Together is hosting multiple community events on the Bridgeport Riverfront this summer, so come out and have some fun in a beautiful setting! These events all run from May to September:

Twilight on the River Evening Market: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, 4:30-8:00pm.

Bike Night: 1st Wednesday of every month, 6:00-9:00pm.

Cruise Night: 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:00-9:00pm.

BRIDGEPORT'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

What is National Night Out? National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Please join us as Bridgeport places a spotlight on local and regional law enforcement and emergency services agencies. There will be food, games, demonstrations, and a chance to look at some of the equipment and vehicles used by law enforcement! National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Bridgeport's Night Out will take place on August 13 from 6:30-8:30pm, in the Borough's municipal parking lot at 63 West 4th Street.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: OFFICER JOHN PIZZA

For this edition of the newsletter, we shine a spotlight on Bridgeport Police Officer John M. Pizza. John, 54, has been a sworn police officer since 1988 and a full-time officer at Bridgeport Borough since January 1990. A Bridgeport product, John was born and raised here, and attended school at Our Lady of Mount Carmel until the school consolidated with Saint Augustine's. John attended Bishop Kenrick High School, graduating in 1982. John was a member of Goodwill Fire Company for over five years and served with the ambulance company as well. After high school, John worked for Builders Prime Windows in Bridgeport until being hired with the Department. John has a son, Nicholas, 24, and a daughter, Danielle, 22, and resides in King Manor. One of Officer Pizza's most high-profile cases took place when he and Detective William Murphy responded to a disturbance in progress on the DeKalb Street Bridge in January of 2018. The response culminated in the arrest and conviction of James Puia, 52, of homicide. Bridgeport Borough is proud to have this native son as a member of the Bridgeport Police Department.

ROCK CLIMBING GYM OPENS IN BRIDGEPORT

Bridgeport's Reach Climbing & Fitness, a 22,000 square foot rock climbing and fitness facility unlike anything else on the East Coast, will be holding their grand opening ceremony on June 1 at 401 East 4th Street. Owner Mike Feinberg, an avid climber, saw a need for better climbing facilities in the region, so he decided to build it himself!

USA Climbing recently announced that it has awarded the 2019 USA Climbing: Sport & Speed Youth National Championships to Reach. The Sport & Speed Youth National Championships will be held on July 11 through 14. The event will feature over 600 of the country's best youth climbers and offer them the chance to compete for a spot on the U.S. Youth National Team, in their respective disciplines. Please join us in welcoming Reach to the Bridgeport business community.



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Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30pm, at Borough Hall, 63 West 4th Street. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Keith S. Truman, Borough Manager
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REMINDER TO RESIDENTS OF BRIDGEPORT'S PET WASTE ORDINANCE

By Salvatore F. Bello, Esq. and Paul S. Peters III, Esq.

Under Chapter 155 of the Bridgeport Borough Code, the rules, requirements, and penalties regarding the removal of Pet Waste from the Borough's streets and sidewalks is addressed. Section 155-9 of this Chapter makes it unlawful for any owner, keeper or walker of any dog or cat to allow that animal to discharge its waste upon the Borough's streets and sidewalks. If the owner, keeper, or walker does permit the animal to discharge its waste upon the Borough's streets and sidewalks, that owner, keeper, or walker is then required by law to immediately remove and clean up the animal's waste. Failure to follow Section 155-9 will result in a ticket being issued to the owner, keeper, or walker. Failure to pay the fine stated on the issued ticket within 10-days of issuance will result in the owner, keeper, or walker being given a non-traffic citation with a requirement to appear before the local Magisterial Judge. If found guilty before the Magisterial Judge, the owner, keeper, or walker will be subject to a fine of up to \$300.00, plus costs of prosecution and reasonable attorney's fees of the Borough. Failure to pay any fines and costs ordered by the Magisterial Judge may result in imprisonment up to 30 days.

This ordinance was enacted, and a reminder is being given, due to the health risks and concerns, as well as quality of life and aesthetic issues created. Furthermore, it is common courtesy and an act of being a good neighbor and citizen to pick up the waste of one's pet. No Borough resident wants to walk out of their home and find pet waste on their property on sidewalk, or to experience the unfortunate action of stepping in pet waste left on Borough streets and sidewalks. Additionally, this is a safety and sanitary hazard for children playing outside in the Borough.

Cleaning up after one's pet is not a tedious, burdensome, or unreasonable action for pet owners, keepers, and walkers. Therefore, it is asked of all Borough residents to be responsible pet owners, be respectful and mindful neighbors, and clean up pet waste left on the Borough's streets and sidewalks. The courteous and required action of picking up one's pet waste from the Borough streets and sidewalks furthers the beauty, cleanliness, and appeal of our Borough as a place to live, conduct business, and visit. We thank you for your consideration and cooperation with this matter.

CALLING ALL VENDORS AND VOLUNTEERS TO THE 2019 BRIDGEPORT CARNIVAL!

The Bridgeport Carnival will return for its 3rd year in 2019, running from June 18 to 22. Located on the property surrounding borough hall, we encourage residents to come on out for another five days of affordable family fun! Here are some important details on the event:

1. Bridgeport is seeking volunteers to staff the Carnival. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Keith Truman at ltruman@bridgeportborough.org, or call 610-272-1811.
2. We still have some openings in our local vendor area. The Carnival is a great way to gain exposure, as we have about 200-600 visitors per night. Again, contact Keith Truman using the methods listed above. You may also visit www.boroughofbridgeport.com, where you will find a vendor application on our homepage.

2019 CARNIVAL WILL HOST BEST PIZZA IN BRIDGEPORT CONTEST

When: Contest to be held during Bridgeport Carnival, June 19, 2019, beginning at 6:30pm.

Participants: Dino's, Franzone's, Little Sicily, Nonna Rosa, and Taphouse 23.

What's at stake: Bragging rights, Awards/Trophies for the "Best Slice" (celebrity judge vote and public popular vote), Publicity in the local media outlets, Shining a regional spotlight on our great community.

Why: Everybody in the region knows that Bridgeport has a history and tradition that is influenced heavily by the Italian families that settled in town in the early 20th century. Because of this, Bridgeport is also known as one of the best places in the region to get a great slice of pizza. Some of our restaurants in town already have a widely-known reputation for having some of the best pizza around, whereas others are more of a best kept secret. Either way, every family in Bridgeport has their own favorite pizza shop! So, what better way to shine a spotlight on our local pizza restaurants that to invite them to take part in a "Best Pizza in Bridgeport" contest? During this year's carnival, we will invite 5 of the best pizza makers in the Borough to take part in a judging – by both celebrity judges and by a public vote. This way we have outside, unbiased celebrity judges giving their opinion, and we also give the local residents a chance to weigh in on what they think! We will also be commissioning awards/trophies for the contest, that will be presented to the winners of both the celebrity vote and public vote. We think that this is a great opportunity for our local pizza restaurateurs to attract further publicity and notoriety, and to gain the attention of a regional audience and let them know what we have all known for years: Bridgeport has some of the best pizza in the Philadelphia Area.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY PREVENTION

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive planthopper native to China, India, Vietnam. It was first discovered in Pennsylvania in Berks County and has spread to other counties in the southeast portion of the Commonwealth. This insect has the potential to greatly impact agricultural crops such as grapes, hops, and hardwoods. It is also reducing the quality of life for people living in heavily infested areas. Below are some tips on how to identify and destroy SLF egg masses, which will keep the pest from reproducing and spreading further:

1. Kill adult bugs.



2. Find and destroy egg masses. These can be found on rocks, trees or any hard surface. You can smash, burn, or submerge egg masses in rubbing alcohol.



3. Remove and/or treat Ailanthus, also known as Tree of Heaven. These are the favorite food of SLF.
4. Use sticky bands to catch bugs crawling up trees.
5. Look before you leave. Make sure you aren't carrying bugs or eggs with you on a vehicle!

For more information on SLF prevention and treatment, please visit the following sites:

agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx

extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h/counties/montgomery

montgomeryconservation.org/

Thank you for your reading this edition of the Bridgeport Newsletter. Have a fun and safe summer!