

Borough of BRIDGEPORT

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Around Town

CHESTER VALLEY TRAIL CONNECTS COMMUNITY, BOOSTS OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Great news for running, hiking, and biking enthusiasts: the new 3.8-mile stretch of trail connecting the Chester Valley Trail and Schuylkill River Trail is now open! The trail runs directly through the Bridgeport Borough and provides our residents with direct access to hundreds of miles of regional network trails. Accessible to riders of all skill levels, this new trail offers Bridgeport Residents easy access to many exciting destinations ranging from Center City Philadelphia, to Exton in Chester County, and as far as Pottstown and beyond to Reading. Grab your bike, pack some water and snacks, get outside and experience this exciting new addition to Bridgeport!



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EARTH DAY CLEANUP FOR CLEANER, SAFER COMMUNITIES

This year's Earth Day cleanup event sponsored by the Sustainability Advisory Committee was a huge success, thanks to the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers. Armed with gloves, garbage bags, and determination, over twenty volunteers came out to pick up trash, remove debris, and keep our community clean and beautiful. The benefits of the Earth Day cleanup go beyond just cleaning up trash; it's a chance for people to come together and make a positive impact on their community. It's a reminder that we all have a responsibility to take care of the environment and that we can make a difference by working together. Our next cleanup day will be in September. Thank you to Nonna Rosa and the Bridgeport Rib House for helping make this event possible!



SEDIA BISHOP AND JACOB GROVES AWARDED 2023 DR. VINCENT MIRAGLIA SCHOLARSHIP

At the May 9, 2023 meeting of Borough Council, the winner(s) of the 2023 Dr. Vincent Miraglia Scholarship were announced. Vice President Tony Heyl, a member of the Scholarship Selection Committee, noted that this was perhaps the best crop of candidates to select from in his ten years of service. The committee had a whopping ELEVEN applicants to select from, and each one of them had a resume that is worthy of admiration. We have students that will be heading to UPitt, UPenn, Jefferson, Rochester Institute of Technology, LaSalle, Temple, and Bryn Mawr College just to name a few. In fact, the candidates were so impressive that the Committee and Borough Council ultimately decided to award two winners for this year's scholarship award. Bridgeport Borough is proud to announce that this year's winners of the Dr. Vincent Miraglia Scholarship are Sedia Bishop and Jacob Groves! Miss Bishop has been accepted to LaSalle University, where she plans to study to become a social worker. Miss Bishop has been a part of numerous extracurricular groups during her time at UMHS, including student union, track & field, and the German club. Mr. Groves has been accepted to Harrisburg University of Science & Technology, where he plans to study e-sports management. He is an Eagle Scout, having earned this honor through a community service project he coordinated at Rotondo Riverfront Park, and has been a member of DECA and studied jiu-jitsu while at UMHS. Jacob Groves and Sedia Bishop were formally acknowledged and presented with their scholarship awards at the May 23 Borough Council meeting. Please join us in congratulating Sedia and Jacob, as well as our other fantastic applicants, and wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors!

REMINDER TO RESIDENTS OF BRIDGEPORT'S PET WASTE ORDINANCE

By Salvatore F. Bello, 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.

RIVER POINTE DEVELOPMENT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES

PRDC Properties, the developers of the riverfront residential development known as River Pointe, have informed Bridgeport Borough that construction of houses is scheduled to begin shortly after May 23. PRDC has brought on Lennar Homes, one of the largest builders in the nation, to construct the homes, which will have at least three different price points for interested homebuyers.

River Pointe, which will be located on the site of the former Continental Business Center, will consist of a 250-unit apartment complex, approximately 360 townhomes, and a 7,000 square foot commercial space with twelve condominiums atop. The first homes to be built will be located on the vacant lot at the corner of Ford and Fourth Streets.

The goal is to construct 80-90 homes per year, which means the entire project will have an estimated buildout period of four to five years. Once completed, River Pointe will result in an increase in population of approximately 1,100 residents – bringing our population from 5,015 to well over 6,000. When constructing a new development of this size, it is inevitable that the surrounding areas will experience inconveniences temporarily while trucks, dirt, and materials are imported onto the site. Bridgeport Borough and PRDC Properties would both like to thank the residents and businesses of Bridgeport for enduring these inconveniences throughout the construction.

Despite some temporary aggravations, borough officials would like to convey to residents just how important this project will be in terms of shaping our future landscape, as well as the positive financial impact this development will have upon our community.

This development will undoubtedly bolster the trend of revitalization that Bridgeport Borough has been experiencing in recent years – new businesses are quickly occupying many of the vacant storefronts that have been present along our commercial corridors.

The construction of new homes and commercial properties also aids in increasing tax revenues, which the borough relies upon to fund the services and amenities provided to our residents. The tax revenues that River Pointe and other new residential developments will generate will be incredibly crucial in not only funding the projects and services the borough provides; these additional revenues will also help to reduce the need for future tax increases.

Bridgeport Borough Council has worked very hard to ensure that there has not been a real estate tax increase in a dozen years, and the hope is that the revenues generated from River Pointe will benefit the entire community by extending that twelve year streak much farther into the future.

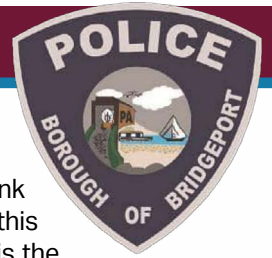
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Bridgeport Borough sends out updates and alerts about important topics around the community weekly. You can sign up to receive these news alerts by visiting www.bridgeportborough.org and locating the “E-Subscribe” icon under “Resources” along the lefthand side of the homepage. Just plug your email address in, and you will be registered for our email list. Whether it’s community events, detours for road work, or weather emergencies, Bridgeport Borough tries to keep its residents informed with up to date, topical information.

Thank You To The Businesses

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Hello, Bridgeport! I'm happy to be back for another season of Mayoral updates, but I'd first like to thank everyone for their support in all I've been able to accomplish this far. It likely isn't a surprise to anyone at this point that I'm a huge proponent of neighborly bonding, primarily through community events. Bridgeport is the only place I've been to where I really feel that residents are able to join together to celebrate their small town in such big and welcoming ways.

Our newest large-scale event, Founders' Day, was the biggest way to date that I've tried to push these ideals further. Thanks to the efforts of the Founders' Day Committee, this event was a success in giving residents an enjoyable afternoon learning about our roots with the map exhibit in Borough Hall, celebrating the Bridgeport of today by patronizing our small businesses at the vendor fair, and discovering the history of several locations throughout town with our scavenger hunt. We have already begun planning for next year's event and are taking the feedback we received from our survey into consideration as we move forward and add even more small town flair into the mix! If you'd like to receive updates about events like this and more, please ensure that you are signed up for the Borough's email list. Register at BridgeportBorough.org and click on "e-subscribe" to pick the notifications you'd like to receive.

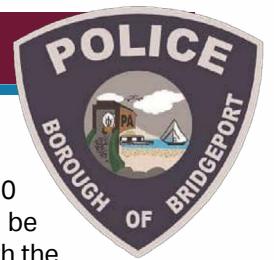
I am also thankful to all of the residents and vendors who joined me for my annual Mental Health Fair in May. Mental health is crucial to de-stigmatize and make relatable, so my goal is to teach residents what types of resources are available and ensure that nobody is embarrassed to ask for help. I'd love to receive recommendations for more events on mental health, public safety, or any other topic that residents are interested in learning about, so please send them my way!

In addition to all of the excitement that we've already seen this year, I'd like to share a few events that are coming up in the next few months. First is the Bridgeport River Market (originally Twilight on the River) hosted by Growing Bridgeport Together. This biweekly event will be taking place at Rotondo Riverfront Park (behind Frosty Falls) on 2nd and 4th Sundays through September from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. They will be highlighting food vendors, the arts, music, non-profits, and more! Next, while I was disheartened to postpone the Bridgeport Pet Fair back in April, I am pleased to announce its new date of Saturday, July 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Still taking place in the Borough Hall parking lot, you can meet adoptable cats and dogs, enter your dog into contests for Best Trick and Best Costume (extra silly and extra cute costumes are encouraged!), and peruse the shops and informational vendors.

Finally, make sure you attend our annual National Night Out event! This year's celebration promoting police-community relations will be taking place outside Borough Hall on Wednesday, August 16. As always, there will be free food, community resources, a DJ, activities for kids, opportunities to meet some of our newest officers, and more hosted by our Police Department as a way to give back to the community. These events have free entry, and all residents are encouraged to come out and join in the festivities to have an exceptionally fun time!

Another way to acknowledge our strong sense of community is by celebrating our small business community. I'd like to welcome some of our new businesses to town, namely Muffins, Phoenix Physical Therapy, and 4th Street Café, and encourage residents in Bridgeport and beyond to check them out! Both Muffins and 4th Street Café offer supremely delicious meals while Lauren of Phoenix Physical Therapy is an experienced and friendly professional looking to assist you in your PT journey. I am excited to live in a Borough that has so many wonderfully unique small businesses to help grow our community and make us an even more desirable place to live. We also now have an official Montgomery County trail running through Bridgeport that connects the Schuylkill River Trail to the Chester Valley Trail. While the traffic we endured during construction was not fun, the opportunities now available to us with this trail connection certainly will be!

As always, if you have any questions, I am readily available to chat. I have monthly office hours at Borough Hall and announce the dates in advance at Borough Council meetings (the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month September-June and the 3rd Tuesday of the month July & August) and on my Facebook page. You do not need to make an appointment during these blocks of time – just show up! I'm also available via email at bjacksier@bridgeportborough.org and you can leave me a phone message at 610-272-1811 x244 that I will respond to ASAP. Thanks for reading, Bridgeport – have a great summer! Mayor Beth Jacksier



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO BRIDGEPORT PD

The Bridgeport Borough Police would like to officially welcome a few new members to our community. Officer Noah Clemens, Officer Ryan Gredone and Officer Robert Keown have all come aboard within the last five months as part time officers. Officer Justin Broskey was sworn into the Full-Time position starting June 1st, 2023. Say "Hello" if you see them around the Borough!

NEWS AND NOTES

A reminder that there is a curfew in Bridgeport. In short it states, "It shall be unlawful for any person 17 or less years of age (under 18) to be or remain in or upon any public place, the streets or parks or any establishment between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM of the following day, official Borough time, except that on Fridays and Saturdays, the hours shall be 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM."

The Drug Take Back Day was a success and took in 7 lbs., Saturday, April 22nd along with the other 62 lbs. secured over the last several months. Remember to stop down to BPD and turn your old drugs in for safe destruction.

Bridgeport Borough also has a noise ordinance that allows for noise of 70 decibels from 7AM to 8 PM and 60 decibels from 8PM to 7 AM. Please be mindful of your neighbors, especially with the coming warmer weather and the open windows that it brings.

The metered areas in the Borough are FREE from 5PM to 9AM. They are also FREE from 12PM-2PM. If you have an issue with a meter, please contact BPD to report it.

BPD ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO JOIN RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CAMERA CAMPAIGN

Bridgeport Police are encouraging all residents who possess exterior residential/commercial cameras to contact the department and join in a campaign to help strengthen community security. By supplying their contact information, address, and the view description of the camera coverage, BPD will be able to develop a map all of these external resources to assist in investigations. Remember, your camera could be the key in helping keep your block safer! Please call the BPD non-emergency line at 610-272-5660 or email chief@bridgeportpd.com with questions and information.



Fire Department

BRIDGEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS COMPLETING WATER RESCUE TRAINING

Following the aftermath of the Hurricane Ida flooding, Bridgeport Borough Council and Fire Department made major commitments toward ensuring the safety of residents and enhancing borough emergency response procedures by purchasing two swift water rescue boats and enlisting several BFD members into swift water rescue training and certification. Members of BFD have been and continue to train on the emergency boat operations course in an effort to increase the number of certified volunteer fire department members among our ranks. Joining BFD in

this effort is Borough of Bridgeport Police Department, as both agencies work together to build a team of members certified in water rescue capabilities. At a recent training session, captured in the accompanying photos, members worked on boat control, rescuing a subject from the water, and other dangerous scenarios. Bridgeport Borough and our residents are extremely grateful to the men and women of both BFD and BPD for their dedication to protecting the community.



Parks and Recreation

SECURITY CAMERA PROJECT BRINGING UPGRADES TO MEMORIAL PARK, BOROUGH HALL

Bridgeport Borough has contracted with Valley Forge Security to perform some additions and upgrades to the security camera systems at municipal facilities. Valley Forge will be adding two cameras to capture new angles at Memorial Park that had not been as easy to monitor previously – one will be aimed at the pavilion that sits on the Grove Street hillside, and the other will capture more of the parking lot and 9th and Grove than previously. Further, this project will also increase the number of security cameras at Memorial Park from nine to eleven in total. Valley Forge will also be performing a major upgrade of the security camera system at Borough Hall. This project involves the upgrade from an analog to a digital camera system, as well as the addition of two new camera angles to help capture more footage of the surrounding parking lots plus the front door and first floor lobby of Borough Hall.



The pollinator garden at Rotondo Park recently got its spring plantings, plus a new sprinkler system!

Community Events

Bridgeport Carnival – June 20 – 24

This edition of the Bridgeport Borough newsletter will be hitting mailboxes right around the time that the 2023 Bridgeport Carnival will be in town. We hope that residents will have a chance to come on down to the corner of Fourth and Mill Streets this summer and enjoy another five days of family friendly and affordable fun. We are pleased to announce that this will be the sixth year for the Bridgeport Carnival. The event will take place from June 20 through 24 and hours of operation are 6pm-10pm the first four nights and 3pm-10pm on Saturday. The beer and wine garden will also be back, featuring beer from Conshohocken Brewing Company and wine from Cardinal Hollow Winery. Our local vendors market will be open on Saturday, June 24, featuring artisans and food vendors from the area. Face painting and caricature artists will be present on certain nights throughout the week for kids and families! In addition to the rides and games of the carnival midway, the Bridgeport Carnival will also offer other fun activities and entertainment for all ages. And of course, live music will make its return, with four fantastic local acts playing: Emmanuel Ohemeng & Perpetual Motion on June 21; AM Radio on June 22, The Might Manatees on June 23; and Whiskey Grin on June 24.



Parking and admission are free as always - ticket pricing will be as follows:

Single tickets **\$1.50**

Pack of 20 tickets **\$25.00**

Wristbands **\$22.00**

(not available Friday night 6/23)

We hope everyone that attends the carnival has a wonderful time!

2023 BRIDGEPORT 5K – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Bridgeport Borough 5K Committee wishes to announce that the date of the 2023 Bridgeport 5K will be Saturday, September 30. Additionally, the location of the start and finish line for the race will be moving back to Rotondo Riverfront Park. Due to the construction of the Chester Valley Trail, the 5K committee opted to hold the 2022 5K at the Borough Hall parking lot in order to avoid any detours and congestion created by the trail project. With the trail project completed, the 5K committee is pleased to be able to return the event back to the beautiful Bridgeport Riverfront for 2023. Additionally, the 5K committee is pleased to announce that there will be a new beneficiary for this year's race – Bridgeport Fire Department! The 5K committee has historically tried to rotate amongst multiple beneficiaries from year to year, as all proceeds from the 5K are donated to a local charity annually. The 5K committee is proud to be teaming with BFD yet again in 2023, and hopes that residents come out en masse to support our firefighters and cheer on our runners! Please stay tuned to the Bridgeport Borough facebook page and website for additional news regarding the 2023 Bridgeport 5K.



Summer has arrived, and with it, Bridgeport Family Movie Nights have again begun! Movie Nights are typically held on the third Saturday of every month, from May to September, although sometimes dates are changed due to conflicts. Movies start at sundown. Admission is free and there are \$1 bags of fresh popcorn at each movie. To the right are the dates and titles for each movie feature this summer.

2023 MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

June 17 - Jumanji

July 22nd - Encanto

Aug 19 - Wizard of Oz

Sept 16 – To Be Determined

UPDATES FROM BRIDGEPORT SEWER

2023 marks the 95th anniversary of the design and building of our own wastewater treatment plant. Originally located next to the PA Turnpike overpass, the plant was moved in the early 1960's just a few hundred yards from where it once stood to where it sits today. The sewer plant has 4 employees including 3 PA licensed treatment plant operators. As Bridgeport grows the plant has had to adapt and grow with it, not only to accommodate greater wastewater intake but also to keep with the standards set by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. For an inside look at what goes on at the wastewater treatment plant, residents can check out their Instagram page @BridgeportWWTP.



Many residents may have noticed towards the end of 2022 that Bridgeport was undergoing sewer main inspection and cleaning throughout various parts of town. The Borough contracted Pipe Services Corporation out of West Chester, PA to perform CCTV inspections as well as water jetting and high-power vacuuming of the sewer mains. This has been an ongoing project started in 2020 that is projected to wrap up by 2025. It is vital to do this type of work in order to locate and assess any possible issues within the sewer system. We'd like to thank the residents for dealing with any inconvenience this may have caused with parking and traffic in town.

The partial repaving of the sewer treatment plant parking lot was recently finished. The crew at M. Scavello Inc. came in and laid over 120 tons of fine dense-graded asphalt. The fresh paving looks even better accented by the newest addition to the Public Works fleet, a 2022 Ford F350. This truck will be replacing the current sewer department truck, a 2007 Ford F250. The new F350 is equipped with better safety strobe lights, a rear window protector and a convenient 120-volt outlet in the bed to ensure the crew always has a

power source when needed. It is also going to be outfitted with a new snowplow and will be set up to accommodate a newer model salt spreader already used by the Borough.



In order to keep our sewer system as well as the pumping and treatment plant equipment in good working order, it is of the utmost importance to monitor and control what is being put into the system. Residents and businesses should not be dumping any baby wipes, oil, grease, feminine hygiene products, or contraceptives

down the toilets or drains in their homes or in the storm drains on the street. These items cause excess wear on the system and can lead to clogs and breakdowns. A great way to remember what is acceptable to put in a sewer system is to use The 3 P's. The 3 P's are Pee, Poop, and (toilet) Paper. Despite what the

packaging may say "flushable" wipes should not, in fact, be flushed. These as well as other personal hygiene products should be thrown in the trash. Used cooking oil and bacon grease can be saved and reused. It's a great way to save money and more importantly save the potential cost of your own sewer lateral cleaning or replacement.



The systems and standards in the wastewater industry are always changing. Bridgeport itself is also growing. We are confident that our wastewater treatment plant will keep evolving and continue to serve our community for another 95 years and beyond!



PUBLIC WORKS ACQUIRES NEW SKID STEER

Being a smaller municipal public works crew, Bridgeport Streets Department does not frequently have need for larger construction vehicles such as bulldozers and road pavers, as most large projects require more than our four-person streets crew is capable of tackling while also fulfilling their many other duties.

However, one piece of equipment the streets crew relies heavily upon is our skid steer. In November of 2022, the Borough ordered a new Bobcat skid steer to replace the 1996 model that served the town well for over 25 years but had begun to break down too frequently. With the supply chain issues still causing problems, the Borough was not certain when we would receive our new skid steer – but amazingly one morning in early May, the streets crew arrived to find that the new Bobcat had been delivered!

The streets crew uses this machine for numerous different tasks – mostly importantly the loading and unloading of road salt into our facilities and plow trucks, but also for landscaping and brush clearing, pulling heavy debris out of culverts and ditches, and flood debris cleanup. The new Bobcat was purchased for \$53,463, an expense authorized in the 2023 capital budget.

DO I NEED A BACKFLOW PREVENTER?

Bridgeport Borough is a fantastic place to live, work, and relax – a quaint small town with great qualities. However, every town has its challenges – and some challenges that Bridgeport residents are faced with are a result of the fact that Bridgeport is situated along the side of a large hill that flattens out into the Schuylkill River Basin. This means that heavy rain and flooding events affect our residents much more than other communities not so centrally located near water. Further complicating matters is the fact that Bridgeport is a “combined sewer” community – meaning that both stormwater runoff and sanitary sewage water are collected and conveyed to the plant in the same pipe system.

Because our sewers collect stormwater in addition to sewage, heavy rain events can adversely affect Bridgeport properties more than some of our neighbors. When the Schuylkill River experiences elevated water heights, the result can often times leave water in the basements of residents, even those that might live higher up the hill. In the case of Bridgeport, a flooded basement is usually the result of backflow. When the town’s sewer system is completely full of water, the pressure of the water can cause water to flow backwards, re-entering the basements of homes. Backflow can be problematic because it can become a pollutant. Contaminants like pesticides, human waste, and chemicals can be in this water, causing a health concern. To save us from this hassle, backflow prevention devices were invented. Simply put, it prevents backflow from happening. It’s designed to keep water inside the systems, flowing in one direction.

Many Bridgeport properties have backflow preventers installed, but not all. Bridgeport officials always recommend installing a backflow preventer when folks are buying a home in town, as it can keep a family safe from potential health hazards and greatly reduce the cost of future repairs. You might ask, “how do I know if I already have a backflow preventer installed in my home?” Well, if you have a newer home, a backwater valve may have been installed during construction. If you are unsure, take a look around your basement — backwater valves are usually located in the floor and have a cover that can easily be removed for maintenance. The cover itself is likely round, but there may also be a rectangular panel on top. If you have a sump pump, the backwater valve is likely close by. If you have experienced flooding issues at your Bridgeport property before, it might be a good idea to contact a professional plumber and ask them about installing a backflow preventer in your home!

2023 PAVING PROJECT COMPLETED

In early May, Bridgeport Borough completed its 2023 paving project with the help of contractor Allan Myers. The total contract cost for this project is \$710,450. Due to COVID and other urgent town matters, no paving projects were conducted

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in 2020 or 2021. However, the borough still used that opportunity to apply for grant funding and obtain monies for future paving projects, which resulted in \$413,000 of the total project cost being funded by grant awards.

Borough officials are proud to be able to say that since 2016, nearly 100% of borough streets have been repaved; all of which has been achieved without taking on additional loan debt or increasing borough property taxes. Having paved every street in the borough except for Boro Line Road (which should take place in 2024) and Fourth Street/Route 23 (scheduled to be paved by PennDOT in Summer 2023), Bridgeport Borough officials are now turning their attentions to other infrastructural improvements in the next several years.

These projects will involve a heavier focus on repaving alleys, replacing failing sewer inlet boxes, and installing new pedestrian sidewalk ramps at intersections throughout town.

Recycling Roundup

Bulk Pickup Day Reminder

All residents may place one (1) bulk item curbside per month for collection on the last Tuesday of the month.

These items can include:

1. Furniture
2. Carpets (Carpets and padding must be cut into 3-foot widths, rolled, tied or taped. Only 10 rolls of carpet/ padding per pick up.)
3. Appliances (Appliances that do not use Freon)
4. Tree limbs or trunks larger than 3" in diameter (Cannot be longer than 36")
5. Windows, mirrors, glass panels in doors, etc. (Must be taped in a crisscross pattern to prevent breakage.)
6. Mattresses and box springs: Please note that a mattress + box spring is considered one (1) item, so both can be put out together. All mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic sheeting or bagged prior to putting them out for curbside collection. This is an attempt to protect collection employees from contact with bed bugs. Please understand that box springs and mattresses that are not wrapped/ bagged will not be collected).

Refrigerators, air conditioners, and humidifiers contain Freon, which is considered hazardous; you must call Mascaro to schedule a pickup 1-800-432-1616. An additional charge may apply.

"White" items such as washers and dryers require a call to J.P. Mascaro (610-272-2765) to schedule a pickup.

Please Note: Bulk pick up is not an opportunity to dispose of multiple items accumulated over a lifetime when you are moving. If you wish to dispose of more than one item, please call J.P. Mascaro at 610-272-2765 and they will arrange a special pick up for you. Multiple bulk items placed at the curb is prohibited without an agreement with Mascaro. This restriction will be strictly enforced.

To all Bridgeport Residents and Businesses:

Bridgeport Borough Recycling Ordinance #2018-004, requires the following:

1. All residents and businesses must separate recyclables, including glass, plastics #1, 2, 3, and 5, aluminum and bimetallic cans, paper, and cardboard, from their solid waste.
2. All residents and businesses must separate leaf waste, including leaves from trees, bushes, and other plants, garden residue, chipped shrubbery and tree trimmings, but not including grass clippings, from their solid waste, and either compost leaf waste on their property, set leaves out during municipal leaf pickup days (please view the Yard Waste Collection page for annual dates), self-haul the leaf waste to a state-approved composting facility (such as the Heuser Park Compost Site in Upper Merion Township) or have a hauler collect the leaf waste, to be delivered to a state-approved composting facility.
3. All residents and businesses are prohibited from burning recyclables and leaf waste or including these items with their other solid waste (trash).

Single-stream recycling allows Bridgeport Borough residents to place all recyclables: cans, bottles and plastics together with newspapers, cardboard, etc. in one container. There is no need to separate items since the "single stream" recycling process used allows all recyclables to be mixed together.

How do I separate Trash from Recycling?

It is easiest to have a container or two set up where it happens, like a bin in the kitchen for bottles and cans you have washed out, and another in the office for used paper and mail. Just remember that with single stream recycling, it can all go in the same container – we do the sorting for you. Single stream recycling will be collected by a compaction truck. Only recyclables will be on this truck on your recycling day, it cannot collect non-recyclable items.

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Acceptable Recycling Materials

Metal: Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and foil plates, etc. Metal lids, Metal food cans (tin/steel).

Glass: Glass bottles and jars (food and drink only, any color). Please rinse all food waste from bottles and cans before recycling.

Plastic Containers: Plastic bottles and containers labeled #1 through #7 (soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, detergent, condiments, salad dressing, yogurt, margarine).

Mixed Paper and Cardboard: Newspaper and inserts, magazines and catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, file folders, white/colored/computer paper (staples and paper clips ok), corrugated cardboard, paper bags, phone books, wrapping paper (remove metallic paper and bows). Please remember to flatten all cardboard/paper boxes and containers.

Unacceptable Recycling Materials

Ceramics, dishes, coffee cups, drinking glasses, glass oven ware, Pyrex, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, plastics without #1 - #7 labeling, plastic bags, styrofoam, bubble wrap, tissue or paper towels, wax paper cartons, metallic or coated paper, waxed boxes, and food contaminated cardboard (i.e. pizza boxes).

E-Waste Alert! Disposal Ban

Solid waste disposal facilities in Pennsylvania are no longer allowed to accept televisions and computer devices including hard drives, monitors, keyboards, mice and printers or their components. Retailers such as Staples® and Best Buy® often have e-waste recycling options at no charge. Check their websites, restrictions may apply.

Use Retrievr for your Electronic Waste Recycling Needs!

Montgomery County has recently partnered with RETRIEVR to provide local electronic waste recycling services. For a small fee, Retrievr will take just about any clean and dry textile or fabric in your home, and most electronic devices or accessories including TVs, computers, monitors, and mobile phones. For more information, contact Retrievr.com or text "PICKUP" to or call 757-703-3824.

Please note that we do not take household appliances, such as dishwashers, refrigerators, toasters, vacuums, hair dryers and the like. Please see our Greater Philadelphia Area page for the full list of accepted items.

Disposal of Household Paints

Latex paint: Let paint dry in can. Adding kitty litter or a commercial drying agent will speed up the drying process. When paint is dry, double bag the can before putting it in the trash. Leaking paint will damage our trucks and stain your street. Oil based paint: Is hazardous waste and will not be collected. Call Montgomery County Recycling (610-278-3618) for drop off locations and dates.

Bridgeport Borough Blue Recycling Containers

Blue Borough containers are for recycling collection use only. Remember: If you move, the blue container should be left behind at the household as they are the property of Bridgeport Borough. If you need a replacement, call the Borough Offices at (610) 272-1811.

Questions or Problems? J.P. Mascaro Office Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Saturdays 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Call 1-800-432-1616 or visit us on the web. Residents are also encouraged call the Borough Offices with collection problems, at (610) 272-1811.

Bridgeport Borough Fall Leaf Collection

Bridgeport Borough Public Works performs residential fall leaf collection every year in November. The 2022 fall leaf collection schedule will be every Monday and Friday during the month of November. Please gather leaves along the curb line of your property, unbagged. Public Works will remove them from the curb line of your property during their normal daytime hours of operation.

Heuser Park Composting Site in Upper Merion Township

All Bridgeport residents are permitted to use the composting site at Heuser Park in Upper Merion, 694 W. Beidler Road for disposal of residential yard waste. A couple notes to be aware of before going:

1. You must bring photo ID to verify that you are a Bridgeport resident. Only Upper Merion and Bridgeport residents are permitted to utilize this free service.
2. This service is for residential yard waste only. Commercial landscapers will be denied access.
3. You must have grass clippings separated from tree and bush trimmings, but you may bring both. There are two separate dumping locations for each of these within the site - please tell the attendant what you have and they'll direct you where to dump each.
4. You must check in at the weigh scale shed as you enter the park, and drive over the weigh scales before entering the composting site. All vehicles are weighed before and after dumping to accurately gather tonnage data.
5. No dirt, rocks or mud, thus no sod as well. If you have large root balls that you are discarding, you must hose/knock off as much dirt from between the roots as possible before dumping. Dirt and rocks damage the grinder used to process the yard waste.

Please feel free to take advantage of this free service available to all Borough residents. Bridgeport Borough thanks Upper Merion Township for continuing to provide this ability to the Bridgeport community. Please visit the Upper Merion Township website for more information including hours of operation.

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Recycling Roundup *continued*

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT 2023 COLLECTION CALENDAR



TRASH COLLECTION:

One (1) time per week collected Tuesdays

RECYCLING COLLECTION:

One (1) time per week collected Tuesdays

BULK ITEM:

One (1) time per month collected last Tuesday of each month.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION:

2 collection dates, May & October

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Trash and Recyclables Bulk item Holiday Yard Waste Christmas Tree

PARKING IN A SMALL BOROUGH

By Salvatore F. Bello, Jr., Esq., and Salvatore F. Bello, III, Esq.

As many of us are aware, vehicle parking in a small, older Borough can be extremely difficult and frustrating. As far back as the 1950's, parking has been at a premium in the Borough of Bridgeport. With changing demographics, family structure and shared living arrangements, parking is at an all-time premium. For example, in 1960, nearly fifty-seven percent (57%) of households owned only one vehicle and over twenty percent (20%) of households owned no vehicles at all.

Conversely, by 2021, ninety-two percent (92%) of households had one vehicle, thirty-seven percent (37%) of households had two vehicles and over twenty-two percent (22%) had three or more vehicles. This is a staggering number of vehicles seeking to park in the finite spaces along the roadways.

While parking has become difficult across the country, it is particularly pronounced in smaller municipalities, with long histories and building grids from a much earlier time.

Anyone who has been to Phoenixville, Manayunk, Wayne, or Bridgeport, knows that parking can be trying.

There are remedies in many circumstances. Specifically, a resident can seek development of parking spaces in former yards. Care must be given to overburdening a real estate parcel with "impervious" coverage, which can increase storm water issues. Residents have often used access through alleys to create parking.

The Borough of Bridgeport Council, as well as the Borough Manager and Staff, have made great strides in securing "public parking" as part of its ongoing effort to revitalize our public and commercial areas. The hope is to create ample parking for public spaces and commercial uses in the Borough. Given the growth in vehicle ownership, parking will remain a challenge in all municipalities such as the Borough. But efforts to mitigate the difficulties are a priority for the leadership in the community.

PA TREASURY DEPARTMENT ASKS RESIDENTS TO CLAIM THEIR MONEY

Did you know that 1 in 10 Pennsylvania residents have unclaimed property? The PA Department of Treasury wants to make sure this property goes to the rightful owners, and wants you to know that you may be entitled to money through the Department's Bureau of Unclaimed Property. Every year, PA Treasury receives hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed property. These items and funds go missing, often times for something as simple as a misspelled name or out of date address, and can include things like abandoned bank accounts, forgotten stocks, uncashed checks, and stolen property. To find the property that might belong to you, visit their website at www.patreasury.gov and search their database under the unclaimed property program. Should you have questions, you can visit their website at www.patreasury.gov or email them at TUPMail@patreasury.gov.



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