

VACANT BOROUGH COUNCIL SEAT - WARD 3

The Borough of Bridgeport is accepting letters of interest for the vacated Ward 3 Council Seat. Letters of interest should include:

- 1) Name and physical address of applicant;
- 2) Brief introduction and background of applicant, and
- 3) Why the applicant is interested in this seat.

Please forward letters of interest to Keith S. Truman, Borough Manager, Borough of Bridgeport, 63 W. 4th Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405 or by email at

kt Truman@bridgeportborough.org.

Please submit by 4:00pm on Monday, December 10.

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT COMING IN 2019!

Earlier in 2018, Montgomery County named this year's group of 2040 Grant award winners. Bridgeport was awarded \$196,000 for its proposed project, the Bridgeport *Town Center Parking Lot & Civic Event Area*; more funding than any other municipality received in 2018. This project entails the construction of a municipal parking lot on the property surrounding borough hall at 63 West 4th Street, which would also serve as a community gathering place and site for the many events hosted by Bridgeport Borough. Having a centrally located municipal parking lot should greatly benefit the many businesses in our downtown area that currently suffer from a lack of parking, and hopefully attract new businesses that will see Bridgeport as a new opportunity. Additionally, it will accentuate how walkable Bridgeport is, and give residents an attractive venue to gather and enjoy community events.

Final designs for the project are currently being drafted, and Bridgeport hopes to break ground in early Spring 2019.



MESSAGES FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Leaf Collection 2018: Fall has certainly arrived, and with it the borough's leaf collection will commence. Street side leaf collection is performed by the public works department. Please place piles of leaves neatly along your curbside. Below are the remaining 2018 dates where the borough public works department will conduct curbside leaf pickups:

Monday, November 26

Friday, November 30

Leaves must be ready by 7:00am in order to be picked up on each respective day. Thank you for your time!

Winter Driving Tips: Public Works always strives to remove snow from the streets as quickly and safely as possible after a storm, and offers the following suggestions to ensure safe winter driving:

1. Try not to drive during a storm.
2. If you must drive, leave plenty of time for your travel, and leave extra space between vehicles to maintain a safe driving distance.
3. Give plows and snow removal equipment the right of way. Do not pass plowing equipment if active.

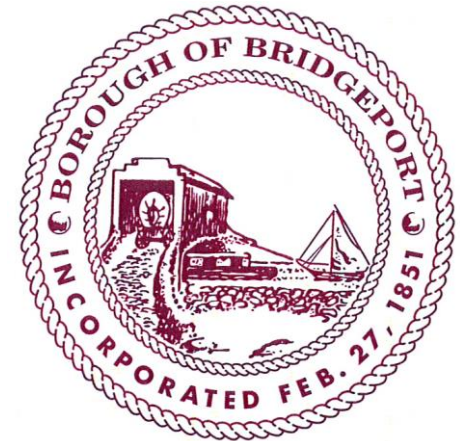
Snow Removal and Borough Streets: Please be aware, if you begin shoveling your walks and driveways before plowing has ceased, your driveway aprons may be plowed in. The Borough has no ability to eliminate this occurrence, however we do take every effort minimize this event. We also employ efforts not to cause windrows over sidewalks.

Throwing, shoveling and plowing snow from sidewalks or driveways into the street is strictly prohibited.

A twelve-inch path must be cleared on your sidewalk twelve hours after a storm has ceased. Friendly tip: It is much easier to clear your sidewalk path as soon as possible. Waiting too long could allow ice to form and make shoveling both difficult and hazardous to your health.

If your first strenuous physical activity of the year would be shoveling snow, think about having someone to do it for you.

If you have any questions, call the Borough Garage at 610-313-3138.



BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT

NEWSLETTER, WINTER 2018

BOROUGH COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Kyle Shenk, At-Large

VICE-PRESIDENT: Howard "Randy" Bennett,
Ward 1

Tony Heyl, Ward 3

Beth Jacksier, Ward 1

Diane Gundrum, Ward 2

Meghan Nolan, Ward 2

Vacant, Ward 3

MAYOR: Mark Barbee

Keith S. Truman, Borough Manager
Salvatore F. Bello, Jr., Borough Solicitor
Edward Woyden, Borough Engineer

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.

ADMINISTRATION: 610-272-1811
POLICE DEPARTMENT: 610-272-5660

PARKING DURING SNOW EVENTS

Our first noteworthy snowstorm came extremely early this year. As such, the Borough would like to remind residents of some important points when it comes to parking in town and snowstorms:

1. **Saving spots:** In a small, densely-packed town like ours, it is only natural to feel some ownership of on-street parking, especially when you just shoveled that space out! However, residents are not permitted to place cones, chairs, or any other items in the street as a method of "saving a parking space." All on-street parking is public parking and thereby open and available to any vehicle.
2. **Public Works:** Once the public works crew has been able to successfully clear all of the borough streets and alleys of snow, they will also try to accommodate residents by clearing on-street parking areas. That is not to say that public works will be able to address every portion of on-street parking during every storm. However, if you are able to coordinate amongst your neighbors and clear the cars from your block, then try to flag down a passing borough plow driver and they should be able to help clear your block!

DONATIONS COLLECTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bridgeport Police Department will once again help collect for the following campaigns. All donations may be dropped off to the Police Department during normal business hours.

U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" Campaign: All donations of new, unwrapped toys will go to children in need in central and southeast Montgomery County.

Lt. Patty Simons Food Drive benefiting the **Salvation Army:** Any unexpired canned food will be distributed in the region by the Salvation Army.



INTRODUCING POLICE CHIEF TODD BEREDA

At the November 13 meeting of Bridgeport Borough Council, Todd Bereda was appointed the new Chief of Police for Bridgeport Police Department. Chief Bereda was born and raised in Upper Merion Township and is a graduate of Upper Merion High School class of 1985.

Following High School, Chief Bereda attended West Chester University, then enlisted in the United States Marines Corps and served from 1986 to 1992. While enlisted, he served as a Presidential Guard for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

In 1992, Chief Bereda was hired as an officer with Tredyffrin Township Police Department and retired on November 13 as Detective Sergeant. Additionally, Chief Bereda is a recent graduate of the West Point/NJSA COP Command Leadership Academy and a 2017 graduate of the FBI National Academy. Chief Bereda is also currently working on a degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Charleston. Help us congratulate and welcome Chief Bereda to Bridgeport!

SAYING GOODBYE TO MARY JO DICKINSON

At the end of 2018, the Bridgeport Borough staff will lose a true asset when Mary Jo Dickinson retires after 25 years of service. Mary Jo has long served as the Executive Assistant to the Manager, and has also served as Borough Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Interim Borough Manager. However, titles do not capture what Mary Jo means to Bridgeport. Mary Jo has been one constant in a department that has seen its fair share of change throughout the years and has always been there to assist the public to the best of her ability. Her kind nature, great attitude, and wealth of knowledge will be sorely missed. Please help us thank Mary Jo Dickinson for her 25 years of dedicated service!

2019 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

January 8; January 22; February 12; February 26
March 12; March 26; April 9; April 23
May 14; May 28; June 11; June 25
July 16; August 20; September 10; September 24
October 8; October 22; November 12; November 26
December 10; December 17
All Council Meetings begin at 7:30pm and are held at Borough Hall, 63 West Fourth Street.

BRIDGEPORT BUSINESSES REQUIRED TO RECYCLE

IN 2019

Earlier in 2018, Bridgeport Borough adopted Recycling Ordinance 2018-004, requiring:

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, 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).

BUSINESSES AND LANDLORDS: Effective January 1, 2019, businesses and apartments with four or more units are required to contract with a hauler for the collection of the listed recyclable materials and leaves. Bridgeport is committed to aiding businesses and landlords with this transition. Please contact the Borough at 610-272-1811 with recycling questions, problems, or to report illegal dumping or littering. For a copy of the new Ordinance, and more recycling information, please visit our website, www.boroughofbridgeport.com. We are all responsible for making Bridgeport cleaner and greener!

