

2021 DR. MIRAGLIA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

At the May 11 meeting of Borough Council, the announcement was made that Dominic Orangers of 200 Union Avenue was selected as the 2021 winner of the Dr. Vincent Miraglia Scholarship. Dominic, Class of 2021 at Upper Merion High School, will be attending Saint Joseph's University and pursuing a degree in finance. Dominic finished high school with a 4.0 GPA, and participated in the National Honor Society, Upper Merion Baseball, the Viking Channel, and several other clubs and organizations. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Orangers, as well as all our graduating Bridgeport seniors, and wish them well in this next chapter of their lives!

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BRIDGEPORT WELCOMES THREE NEW PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

In June of 2021, Bridgeport Borough was lucky enough to find three new individuals to serve as part-time police officers in our department – Tyler Smith, Ryan Stead, and Kiser Terry. **Tyler Smith** was the first to join our ranks, having been sworn in on June 9. Smith, 26, a graduate of both Downingtown East High School and Lock Haven University, enjoys competitive shooting contests and has formerly worked for Collingdale Borough Police. **Ryan Stead** was sworn in on June 23, along with Kiser Terry. Stead, 23, is a 2017 graduate of Pope John Paul II HS, where he excelled in wrestling, basketball, and baseball and a 2019 graduate of the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy. Ryan is the sixth member of his family to serve in law enforcement, following in the footsteps of his grandfather who served both as a Norristown Borough PD officer and Montgomery County Detective as well as his father, uncle and cousin currently serving Montgomery County officers. Ryan's hobbies are the martial art of Jiu Jitsu, fishing and physical fitness. **Kiser Terry**, 27, is married and a graduate of Temple University and Wagner College. Kiser graduated from the Montgomery County Community College Act 120 Police Academy in 2020 and worked with the Bensalem Twp. Police Department until 2021. Kiser is a former Division One football player, receiving a championship ring in 2015 with Temple for the Boca Raton Bowl. Please join us in welcoming these three young men to the Bridgeport Police Department.

BRIDGEPORT UNVEILS VISION OF FUTURE WITH BRIDGEPORT 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

At the June 22 meeting of Borough Council, Bridgeport Borough unveiled the final draft of the Bridgeport 2040 Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan sets forth a vision and goals for a borough's future and provides the overall foundation for all land use regulation. Pennsylvania state law requires all municipalities to prepare and implement a comprehensive municipal plan. The full comprehensive plan document may be viewed by visiting the official borough website, www.bridgeportborough.org, and selecting the *Public Documents* option. Hard copies of the comprehensive plan are also available at Bridgeport Borough Hall. We welcome any questions and comments regarding this document. This plan is the culmination of a multi-year planning process that was led by a community steering committee. Extensive public input was gathered during the comprehensive planning process through online surveys, a community open house, a virtual workshop, and monthly steering committee meetings.

REMEMBERING AMEDEO "MID" BARBINE

With great sadness, Bridgeport Borough wishes to note that former borough employee Amedeo "Mid" Barbine passed away on May 15, 2021, at the age of 93. Mr. Barbine served as Building and Code Official for Bridgeport Borough from 1991-2005, after having worked as a carpenter for General Electric for over 20 years. A former Golden Gloves boxer in his youth, Mr. Barbine was a lifelong fan of the sport. He had over twenty fights as an amateur and also boxed during his service in the U.S. Army. When at home, Mr. Barbine spent many evenings walking, talking to neighbors, and patronizing Franzone's, Demetris Uptown Market and other Bridgeport institutions. Mr. Barbine was a long-term parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and a proud World War II Veteran. Please join us in offering condolences to the Barbine family.



BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT

NEWSLETTER, SUMMER 2021

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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.

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BRIDGEPORT MOVIE NIGHTS ARE A BIG HIT!

If you haven't come out and experienced a Bridgeport Movie Night, then what are you waiting for? Movie Nights are held once monthly on Saturday nights from May to October. The next Bridgeport Movie Night is coming up on August 14 where will be featuring The Princess Bride – Rob Reiner's 1987 classic fairytale film. Be sure to check out the official Bridgeport Borough Facebook page as well – residents can play a role in selecting which movies get featured from month to month by voting! Below please find our remaining scheduled movie nights for 2021:

September 18 – Spaceballs

October 16 – The Lost Boys

TRASH AND RECYCLING REMINDERS

Fall Leaf Collection: Public Works will continue collecting fall leaves from curb side until the first major snow of the season. Leaf collection days are Mondays and Fridays, every week.

Christmas Tree Collection: This coming year, Christmas tree collection will take place on Friday, January 9, 2021. Please have your trees out at the curb by 7:00am that morning.

Bulk Items: All residents may place one (1) bulk item curbside per month for collection on the last Tuesday of the month. These items can include: Furniture, Carpets (must be cut into 3-foot widths, rolled, tied or taped. Only 10 rolls of carpet/ padding per pick up.), Appliances that do not use Freon, Tree limbs or trunks larger than 3" in diameter (Cannot be longer than 36"), Windows, mirrors, glass panels in doors, etc. (Must be taped in a crisscross pattern to prevent breakage.), and Mattresses and box springs (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. Please understand that box springs and mattresses that are not wrapped/bagged and fully sealed will not be collected.

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.

BRIDGEPORT 5K RETURNS IN OCTOBER 2021

Bridgeport Borough is excited to announce that we will be hosting our 4th Annual Bridgeport 5K on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The Bridgeport 5K has again named The Montgomery County Hero Fund as the beneficiary of the race. Once again, we will welcome runners throughout the region to *test their skills on our hills* and join us in supporting this great charity. With the help of local businesses, participants, and volunteers, we believe that 2021 can be our biggest and best Bridgeport 5K yet. The Montgomery County Hero Fund was founded in 2012 by Sharon and Sean E. Cullen in response to the murder of Officer Brad Fox of the Plymouth Township Police Department and United States Marine Corps (Ret.). The purpose of the fund is to provide immediate and ongoing relief and services to any Law Enforcement Officer, Military Personnel, Firemen, Paramedics and/or first Responders or their loved ones as a result of tragedy on duty in or in service of the people of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The mission of the Bridgeport 5K is to showcase our town to visitors and residents alike, encourage volunteerism, and provide a different, challenging, and unique course for avid runners and walkers alike. The 2021 Bridgeport 5K will include a 5K run/walk, a Kids Fun Run, live entertainment and award ceremony. Please join us on Saturday, October 2, at Rotondo Riverfront Park, 98 DeKalb Street behind Frosty Falls. Registration will begin at 7:30am, the 5K will commence at 9:00am, and the Kids Run Fun will start after the 5K has concluded.



SAVE THE DATE! NOVEMBER 27 – FESTIVE LIGHTS

Saturday, November 27 will mark this year's date for Bridgeport's annual Festive Lights Ceremony – where the borough welcomes in the holiday season with a tree lighting ceremony, live entertainment and a visit from Saint Nick himself, all capped off with a tremendous fireworks display. In addition to the traditional events of this evening, the borough hall parking lot will again play host to a Winter Holiday Village. Introduced in 2019, the Winter Holiday Village was greeted with positive feedback and will again feature games, crafts, and vendors geared toward the family.

BOROUGH HALL ADDS NEW EV STATION

Attention electric vehicle drivers! The EV charging station at borough hall has been so popular since being installed in 2019, that the decision was made to add a second charging station. We have also recently painted the parking stalls to more easily identify the two EV charging stations. So, if your electric vehicle is in need of a charge, come on down to Bridgeport Borough Hall.

CHESTER VALLEY TRAIL CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN BRIDGEPORT

By now, many of you may have noticed the construction taking place back along Ross Road, leading up to the intersection of Fifth Street and DeKalb Street; not to mention the closure of Saulin Boulevard over in Upper Merion Township. This is all a result of the same project – The Chester Valley Trail, a 13 mile stretch of retired railbed being converted into a hiking and biking trail that will connect two larger trail systems when completed: the Struble Trail of Chester County and the Schuylkill River Trail of Montgomery County. Once construction of the paved trail along Ross Road has been completed, trail construction will move to DeKalb Street, as the Chester Valley Trail will run parallel to DeKalb heading toward Norristown, until it ultimately crosses the Schuylkill River Bridge, replacing one of the two southbound lanes on the bridge currently dedicated to traffic. In addition to the construction of the trail along DeKalb, this project also involves the reconstruction and realignment of the intersection at Front Street and DeKalb Street. The estimated completion time for this project is some time late in 2022; therefore, residents should plan on having a construction presence along the DeKalb corridor for the next twelve months. Bridgeport Borough administration and police will keep residents informed on the news and updates regarding any impacts to traffic or the overall welfare of the community resultant from this project, so please periodically check our official Bridgeport Borough website and Facebook pages for the latest!

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