

## VACANT BOROUGH COUNCIL SEAT - WARD 2

The Borough of Bridgeport is accepting letters of interest for the vacated Ward 2 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 [ktruman@bridgeportborough.org](mailto:ktruman@bridgeportborough.org)

## 2018 BOROUGH STREET PAVING PROJECT

Bridgeport Borough will be commencing our 2018 street paving project in the near future. This year's paving will focus on two streets – Mill Street and Grove Street.

Specifically, the Borough will be paving:

1. Mill Street, from Fourth Street to Ford Street
2. Grove Street, from Ninth Street to Holstein Street

Keep an eye out, as these streets will be posted as “No Parking” for the days when work will take place. Failure to adhere to these postings may very well result in vehicles being towed at the owner's expense.

## CHANGES TO ABANDONED AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ORDINANCES TAKE EFFECT

Two ordinances were just recently modified by Borough Council. The first relates to abandoned vehicles. Vehicles will now be given a \$40.00 parking ticket when an officer sees that the vehicle meets the criteria for an abandoned vehicle. If the vehicle is not moved or repaired, it will eventually be towed.

The second ordinance concerns the commercial and large vehicles. Criteria has changed as to description of vehicles now being considered commercial and/or large vehicles and restrictions have changed as well.

For complete versions of each of these revised ordinances, please visit Bridgeport Borough Hall, or <http://www.boroughofbridgeport.com/codes/codebook.html>

## BRIDGEPORT AWARDED A 2018 GREEN REGION GRANT!

It's easy being green for nearly 20 local municipalities and nonprofits thanks to \$150,000 in grant funding from PECO Green Region, the company's municipal open space and environmental grant program. Through PECO Green Region, PECO has awarded more than \$1.9 million to over 260 projects since the program's inception in 2004.

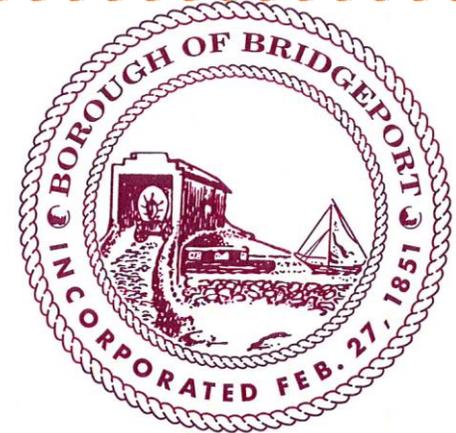
Bridgeport's winning grant application focuses on the planting of a pollinator garden on the borough-owned property along the Schuylkill Riverfront where Twilight on the River is held. Pollinator gardens consist of flowering plants and are important to the promotion of beneficial species such as butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees. Additionally, the project also includes the purchase and installation of park benches in a continued effort to beautify the parcel and make it more welcoming to visitors.



## TWILIGHT ON THE RIVER

Twilight on the River has proven to be a huge success in its inaugural year! *Twilight* offers a rotating group of vendors that sell anything from jewelry to organic soaps and cosmetics to flowers and product to chocolate and beef jerky! In addition to traditional market fare, visitors should expect live music and entertainment, a bit of the arts, and fun family activities, with a focus on promoting local artisans, non-profits and businesses. If you haven't yet come out to experience the event, then what are you waiting for? *Twilight* takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every month between May and October and run from 4:30pm-8:00pm. Below, please find a list of the remaining 2018 *Twilight* dates: September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24.

The Borough thanks Growing Bridgeport Together for bringing *Twilight On The River* to life!



# BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT

*NEWSLETTER, FALL 2018*

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

**PRESIDENT:** John Pizza, Ward 3  
**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Howard “Randy” Bennett, Ward 1  
Tony Heyl, Ward 3  
Beth Jacksier, Ward 1  
Bill Lawless, Ward 2  
Vacant, Ward 2  
Kyle Shenk, At-Large  
**MAYOR:** Mark Barbee

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

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

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

## FROM THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

As school is about to begin, the Bridgeport Police offer the below tips published by the American Automobile Association.

**Slow down.** Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason. A pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling just 10 mph faster.

**Come to a complete stop.** Research shows that more than one-third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and in crosswalks before proceeding.

**Eliminate distractions.** Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. And children can be quick, crossing the road unexpectedly or emerging suddenly between two parked cars. Reduce risk by not using your cell phone or eating while driving, for example.

**Reverse responsibly.** Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, in the driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to never play in, under or around vehicles.

**Watch for bicycles.** Children on bikes are often inexperienced, unsteady and unpredictable. Slow down and allow at least three feet of passing distance between your vehicle and a bicyclist. If your child rides a bicycle to school, require that he or she wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet on every ride.

## PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS AND ZONE STOPPING/DRIVING LAWS

By Salvatore F. Bello, Jr., Esquire and Paul S. Peters III, Esquire  
With neighborhood children heading back to school, it is crucial for drivers to be aware of stopped School Buses, children walking to and from school, and driving through active school zones. An inattentive or speeding driver may cause a tragic and grave accident in such a situation. Pennsylvania has two specific laws regulating the actions of drivers near Stopped School Buses and Active School Zones.

### Stopped School Buses

Pennsylvania law 75 §3345 regulates driving near a stopped school bus and the penalties if violated. When you meet or overtake a School Bus/Van or approach an

### Stopped School Buses, continued

intersection with a School Bus/Van that has its Red Signals Flashing and Stop Arm Extended, you must:

- 1) Immediately STOP at least 10 feet away from the school bus;
- 2) You MUST STOP regardless of whether you are behind the bus, approaching an intersection with a stopped bus, or approaching a bus from the opposite direction;
- 3) WAIT until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm withdrawn; and
- 4) NOT MOVE until all children have reached a place of safety out of the roadway.

If you violate Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you face **1) A 60-day driver's license suspension;** **2) 5 points on your driving record and the additional punishments triggered by the 5 points;** and **3) \$250.00 fine.**

A law enforcement officer does not have to witness you violating this law. School bus drivers may submit a written and signed report of the violation with your car's license plate, color and make, time and location of violation, and any other identifying characteristics of your vehicle. Once the report is properly submitted to law enforcement, a traffic ticket may then be issued to you.

### School Zone Speed Limit

Pennsylvania law 75 §3365 regulates the actions of drivers in an active school zone. An active school zone means an area of roadway in which there are official traffic control devices indicating the beginning and end of the zone that either inform the driver of the hours of operation, and/or use blinking lights to indicate when the zone is in effect. In active Pennsylvania School Zones, you are prohibited from traveling at a rate of speed over 15mph. If you violate the speed limit, you face: **1) Up to a \$500 fine;** **2) 3 points on your driving record;** and **3) If a second offense, a 60 day license suspension.**

School Bus and Zone laws are in place for the safety and welfare of children's lives, not to delay you in getting where you need to be. School zones are usually short distances and school buses stop for less than a minute. Therefore, BE PATIENT and understanding of the need for the rules. Violating the laws may cost you your license and payment of significant fines, or worse, lead to you harming or killing a child. Please drive safely and we wish the children in Bridgeport a wonderful, enjoyable, safe, and successful school year!



The Borough of Bridgeport is very excited to announce that we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Bridgeport 5K on Sunday, October 7, 2018. The Bridgeport 5K will have two beneficiaries this year – Addie's Angels and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Once again, we will welcome runners throughout the region to "test their skills on our hills" and join us in supporting two wonderful charities. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is at the forefront with the battle against cancer, having invested over \$1.2 billion in cancer research since 1949. Addie's Angels is a newly-formed non-profit, created by the family of Addie Auth. The daughter of Bridgeport Borough employee David Auth, Adelynn "Addie" Auth is a four year old who was diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia in March 2018. The mission of Addie's Angels is to support the family in their time of need, while also drawing awareness to the search for a cure.

The 2018 Bridgeport 5K will include a 5K run/walk, a Kids Fun Run, live entertainment and race ceremony. This event will be staged outdoors in Bridgeport. 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. The Bridgeport 5K is pet and stroller friendly!

You can register for the Bridgeport 5K by going directly to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Bridgeport/Bridgeport5KRun>

### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

The borough is seeking volunteers to help operate the 5K. Race marshals are extremely important, as they guide the runners along the correct path through town! Please contact Keith at 610-272-1811 or [ktuman@bridgeportborough.org](mailto:ktuman@bridgeportborough.org) for more details!