

IN MEMORY OF

RETIRED BPD OFFICER STEPHEN SAVO

Bridgeport Borough Administration and Police Department wish to communicate to residents the recent passing of retired Police Officer Stephen Savo. Stephen, 64, passed after an eleven-year battle with ALS. Born in Philadelphia on March 8, 1956, Stephen is the son of Mary (Russo) Savo and the late Louis V. Savo of King of Prussia. He was a graduate of Upper Merion High School, Class of 1974, and LaSalle College with a degree in Business Personnel and Labor Relations. A dispatcher for Whitmarsh Police Department before becoming a police officer for the Borough of Bridgeport for 30 years, from 1981-2011, Stephen served in many capacities within the Bridgeport Police Department (BPD). Stephen was the BPD rangemaster and firearms instructor, ensuring that the other officers were professionally trained and certified on multiple weapons systems. He was a founding member and sniper for the Central Montgomery County Emergency Response Team for 10 years and an active member of the Montgomery County F.O.P. Lodge 14. During Officer Savo's career, he distinguished himself on a multitude of occasions, including an arrest for an armed robbery suspect on January 11th, 1990 and was honored as the BPD Officer of the Year for 1991. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, loved gardening, cooking, the beach, and listening to country music. Most importantly, he was a loving husband and devoted father who enjoyed spending time with his family. Survived by his wife of 35 years, Anita (Niedzielski) Savo, a son, Christopher, and a daughter, Stephanie; his brothers Michael Savo of King of Prussia, John Savo and his wife, Debbie of Brigantine, NJ, and a sister, Barbara Gordon of Harleysville, his godmother Joan (Russo) Capone, many nieces and nephews, three great-nieces and many cousins. Please join us in honoring Officer Savo and acknowledging his contributions to the community.



2021 MIRAGLIA SCHOLARSHIP ROUND OPENS SOON

Every year, Bridgeport Borough provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a worthy student through the Vincent Miraglia Scholarship. The scholarship is named after Dr. Vincent Miraglia, long time health officer for the borough and principal of the former Bridgeport High School. The scholarship is open to all Bridgeport residents who are high school graduates and have lived in Bridgeport for at least 2 years prior to April 1, 2021, who are seeking further education that will result in degree, diploma, or certificate. 2021 applications will be sent to Upper Merion High School and local parochial schools in early April, with a decision rendered in May. Please call 610-272-1811 for more information.

TWILIGHT ON THE RIVER CHANGES VENUES IN 2021

2021 will mark the 3rd year of existence for Twilight on the River – the open air evening market Bridgeport has hosted in Rotondo Riverfront Park in both 2018 and 2019. However, those visiting “Twilight” this year will be in for a change of scenery. In a move that is considered temporary in nature, Twilight on the River will be held at Borough Hall's Town Center Parking Lot in 2021 due to county road construction. Montgomery County recently began construction on the Chester Valley Trail; a biking and walking trail that connects Chester County's Struble Trail to Montgomery County's Schuylkill River Trail. A large portion of this project is located in Bridgeport, as the trail will run alongside of DeKalb Street (Route 202), and the concern of Growing Bridgeport Together (GBT), who operates “Twilight”, is that the road construction and traffic will make it difficult for both vendors and visitors to access the Rotondo Riverfront Park location. Both Bridgeport Borough and GBT are hopeful that a change in location not only avoids a potential traffic jam, but also that being situated right on Bridgeport's “Main Street” brings the event better exposure to traffic and visitors. Below are the 2021 dates for Twilight on the River, which is held from 4:30pm to 8pm:

May 12	May 26	June 9
June 23	July 14	July 28
August 11	August 25	September 8
September 22		



BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT

NEWSLETTER, SPRING 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.

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

BRIDGEPORT THANKS RESIDENTS

Bridgeport Borough wants to thank its residents and businesses for the patience and cooperation demonstrated throughout the snowstorm that hit town on February 1 and 2. Having over a foot of snow dumped on Bridgeport is a different kind of inconvenience altogether! However, with few exceptions, the community banded together; helping one another dig out of the mess and working with our street crews to coordinate the removal of snow from parking areas. Please remember that our #1 obligation is to make sure that Borough streets and alleys are cleared and safe for travel; this often means that vehicles, driveways and parking spaces are going to get plowed in as a result. There is no other viable alternative. However, once our crews have cleared the streets and municipal lots of snow, their goal is to help residents and businesses whenever they are able.

So, after a snowfall, if you are able to coordinate with your neighbors to remove cars from your block temporarily, then contact Borough Hall at 610-272-1811 and we will send a plow to help clear out the on-street parking on your block as they become available. And, as a reminder, on-street parking spaces are located in the Borough right-of-way and do not belong to any one resident or business. People should not take the parking space that you just cleared out, but it does happen. Placing an item in the street, like a beach chair or trash can, in order to reserve your space is not legal. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and let us hope the snow is over for 2021.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS COMING IN 2021!

Let's try this again! After being derailed in 2020 due to public health concerns, Bridgeport Borough is once again excited to announce that beginning in 2021, the borough will begin hosting "Family Movie Nights" in Borough Hall's Town Center Parking Lot. Bridgeport has purchased a 17-foot inflatable movie screen that will be placed along the side of the building; parents and kids can bring their own lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of family friendly movies. While full details are still being worked out, the plan is to hold these movie nights at least once a month, on a Friday or Saturday evening, during the warmer weather months – likely May to September. The full assortment of movies has yet to be released, but includes classics such as Jurassic Park, Beetlejuice, Top Gun, and more. Bridgeport is proud to be able to offer another addition to its growing lineup of community events and encourages residents to stay tuned for more details in the coming months!

BRIDGEPORT TO HOST COUNTY RAIN BARREL AND COMPOST BIN EVENT

The Bridgeport Sustainability Advisory Committee has partnered with Montgomery County Recycling to bring a beneficial event to Borough residents. On June 5th, Bridgeport Borough will host a rain barrel and compost bin distribution, at the Public Works garage from 9am-11am. In the weeks leading up to the event, there will be an opportunity for Bridgeport residents to go online and place an order for either a rain barrel, a compost bin, or both. As an added bonus, residents will be able to take advantage of an exclusive-to-Bridgeport coupon code to use in order to receive a deeply discounted price on these items! On Saturday, June 5th, the rain barrels and compost bins will be delivered to Bridgeport for residents to pick up, plus there will be an on-site demo on proper installation of your new purchase. Please stay tuned to the official Borough Facebook page and website for additional details on the event, as well as the coupon code!

DROP-OFF RULES FOR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Bridgeport Borough wants to thank its residents and other local patrons who have made the Little Free Library (LFL) a big success in recent years. However, the LFL is at a point where the donations are coming in faster than can be collected, stored, and put into circulation. Residents may not realize this, but the LFL is not a borough-run program - the library is run by one borough resident, Beth Jacksier. Moving forward, therefore, we ask residents to adhere to the following guidelines with regard to donating books:

1. If you see that the LFL box is already full, please do not leave boxes of books and DVDs on the ground surrounding the library.
2. The LFL is not an opportunity to clean out your closet. Please do not leave items other than books or DVDs as a donation.
3. If you have a somewhat large donation you'd like to give to the Bridgeport LFL, please contact Beth Jacksier (bjacksier@gmail.com) to arrange the donation. Beth is willing to come to your house to collect your donation, as it helps her keep the area surrounding the LFL in order.

Bridgeport Borough appreciates your cooperation in this matter, and thanks you for helping to keep the front of our building a bit more cosmetically appealing. Keep on reading!

SPONSOR A VETERAN'S BANNER THROUGH THE HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM

The Bridgeport Community Fund, with support from the Bridgeport Business Association, is proud to announce the introduction of the Hometown Heroes program to Bridgeport Borough. The Hometown Heroes program honors the men and women of Bridgeport that have served in the U.S. Military by placing a banner with their name and photograph on the Borough streetlight poles along DeKalb Street and Fourth Street. The Bridgeport Community Fund has undertaken a fundraising campaign that allows for residents to sponsor a banner. Residents may sponsor a banner for one of their own Bridgeport family members who have served in the military, or for another unrelated veteran that has yet to be sponsored.

The cost of sponsoring a banner is \$75, though donations of smaller amounts are also incredibly appreciated, as they can be paired with other donations to sponsor banners for veterans who may no longer have local family members aware of the Hometown Heroes program. Donations to this effort to honor the Heroes of Bridgeport can be made payable to the Bridgeport Community Fund, PO Box 67, Bridgeport, PA 19405. It is the goal of the Community Fund to have the first wave of banners installed in advance of Memorial Day, May 31, 2021. Any questions regarding this program may be directed to Randy Bennett, rbennett@bridgeportborough.org. Below is a sample.

