

BRIDGEPORT SUMMER CAMP WILL NOT OPEN IN 2018

It is with great regret that the Bridgeport Park and Recreation Board has announced that there will be no Bridgeport Park Summer Camp in 2018. Park and Recreation Board member Randy Bennett recently shared this as part of a larger message on social media: "After several registrations and even considering those who messaged and expressed interest [in registering for the program], the potential number of campers was still in the single digits. Factoring in the downward trend in registrations over the last three years, we decided not to offer the camp this year." In recent months, diligent efforts were made to find a new Summer Camp program director, and an extremely qualified candidate had signed on for the task. While sadly the camp will not operate in 2018, this individual has offered to offered to work with the Park and Recreation Board to "revamp and enhance the program on all levels from activities and facilities to the communication with the parents and campers and marketing to the public."

2018 MIRAGLIA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED

Please join us in congratulating the winner of the 2018 Bridgeport Borough Dr. Vincent Miraglia Scholarship; Maria Lattanze of 311 Union Avenue. Maria is a senior at Upper Merion High School, and plans to attend Cabrini University, where she has already been accepted. Maria is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society and has achieved distinguished honor roll and meritorious honor roll on multiple occasions. In addition to being a great student, Maria is a 2nd degree black belt and instructor at DeStolfo's Martial Arts, and a volunteer at her church. Maria will be presented with her \$2,000 scholarship award and recognized at the May 22 meeting of Bridgeport Borough Council, at 7:30pm. Selecting a winner was a difficult decision as always; the borough received applications from several excellent students. We wish all applicants and every graduating senior the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Bridgeport Borough and Police Department would also like to remind seniors and all students to have fun this summer but play it safe. Don't drink and drive, abide by the rules of the road, and always buckle up.

BRIDGEPORT RECEIVES \$196,000 MONTCO 2040 GRANT

Bridgeport Borough has received a 2018 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant for its Town Center Parking Lot & Civic Event Area project. The grant, aimed at implementing the county comprehensive plan, Montco 2040: A Shared Vision, is one of fourteen recently awarded by the Montgomery County Commissioners. These 2018 grant awards account for over \$1,500,000. Since the program's inception in 2016, over \$3.7 million has been awarded to projects. Bridgeport Borough will develop municipally owned land surrounding borough hall into a town center parking lot to aid commercial growth and encourage walkability along the Fourth Street corridor. The lot will also serve as a civic event area to host community events.

Other features of the project include a rain garden, permeable pavers, electric car charging port, drinking fountains, and a picnic area. "We are very excited to have received a 2040 award for \$196,000 to help build our town center lot," noted Borough Council President John Pizza. "It is our hope that this lot will not only provide more parking for our current and future downtown business district, but also offer residents and visitors an attractive venue to enjoy our many community events." Pizza also stated, "We thank the County for sharing our vision of Bridgeport's future, and believe that the finished product will be something residents can take pride in."



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NEWSLETTER, SUMMER 2018

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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.

Keith S. Truman, Borough Manager

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RIDING SAFE ON BIKES – THE HELMET LAW

Pennsylvania's mandatory bicycle helmet law requires that all children under age 12 wear a helmet while operating a bicycle or riding as a passenger in a restraining seat or trailer being towed by a bicycle. Anyone can purchase a helmet for a nominal price at a local toy store, bike shop or sporting goods store. Be sure that the helmet you purchase has a sticker certifying that it meets ANSI, Snell or any other nationally recognized certification. The maximum fine for those who choose not to wear a helmet is \$25.

HOME MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

As Memorial Day traditionally marks the beginning of summer, here are a few home maintenance reminders to get you ready for the summer months.

Gutters & downspouts: With spring and summer come heavy rain showers. Clear out your gutters and make sure your downspouts are working properly to avoid damage from backed up rainwater.

Exterior caulking: Inspect all caulked areas, especially atop windows. Remove and reapply caulk as needed.

Foundation: Check walls, floors, concrete and masonry for cracking, heaving or deterioration. If a significant number of bricks are losing their mortar, contact a professional.

Roof: Inspect roof surface flashing, eaves and soffits. Check flashing around all surface projections and sidewalls.

Yard maintenance: Borough code stipulates that residents must keep their grass under 12 inches in height, and also ensures that nuisance and noxious plants like poison ivy, kudzu, thistles and chicory do not proliferate in yards. The borough understands that this is the rainy season and sometimes grass may grow out of control before an owner has the time or opportunity to trim. However, consistent offenders and drastic cases may be subject to citations and fines. While a \$25 fine is standard for property maintenance issues like these, the maximum allowable fine is \$300. Please let's all work together to keep our yards tidy!



TWILIGHT ON THE RIVER

On May 9, Twilight on the River debuted in Bridgeport, and the evening went better than anyone could have imagined!

It is estimated that well over 1,000 people attended the event and we cannot thank residents and visitors enough for the support they showed in order to make Twilight's opening night a roaring success. If you haven't yet come out to experience the event, then what are you waiting for? In addition to some 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. *Twilight* takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month between May and October and run from 4:30pm-8:00pm. Below, please find a list of the rest of the Twilight dates: June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22, September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24.



MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE TO VETS AND FALLEN HEROES

Bridgeport Borough wishes to take a moment to recognize and honor all veterans of the United States Military, in particular those who lost their lives serving our great country. To the brave men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines – We Salute You.

2018 BRIDGEPORT CARNIVAL

June 19 through 23

Borough Hall, 63 West 4th Street.

Please come and join us for another five days of fun, food, and family entertainment!

June 19-20 (Tuesday and Wednesday), 6pm-10pm.

June 21-23 (Thursday through Saturday), 5pm-10pm.

NEW THIS YEAR:

MORE RIDES, INCLUDING A ROLLER COASTER AND GRAVITRON!

LOCAL VENDORS AREA WITH GREAT EATS AND COOL ARTISANAL GOODS BY BUSINESSES FROM BRIDGEPORT AND SURROUNDING TOWNS!

BEER GARDEN BY CONSHOHOCKEN BREWERY ON THREE NIGHTS - THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY!



LIVE MUSIC! THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY 5PM-10PM

Thursday night: Great Big House

Friday Night: Dirty Dozen Dance Band

Saturday Night: AM Radio

\$10 ADVANCE TICKET SALES AVAILABLE!

You can purchase \$10 advance tickets at the following locations: Bridgeport Borough Hall, Kagan's Deli, Nonna Rosa Pizzeria, Bridgeport Ribhouse.