

NEW MEMBERS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL IN 2020

The Borough of Bridgeport would like to congratulate two new incoming members of Borough Council, as well as thank two outgoing members for their service. At the November 5 municipal elections, Cory Scott and James Fee were elected as new members of Borough Council, to the At-Large and Ward 1 posts, respectively. Borough Council will be saying goodbye to Kim Shronk and Howard "Randy" Bennett. Kim served the community admirably for over a year, having been appointed to fill the vacant Ward 3 seat in December 2018. Kim served on both the Finance and Sustainability Committees, and always placed a keen focus on providing transparent dialogue and information to residents on social media. Randy served a four-year term, beginning in 2016, representing Ward 1. Randy always demonstrated a passion for preserving and honoring the heritage and history of Bridgeport, which can be seen in his commitment to the Bridgeport Hall of Fame and service on the Bridgeport Park Board. We thank both Randy and Kim for their dedication and service to Bridgeport and wish them well.

PARKING DURING SNOW EVENTS

In a small town like ours, it is 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. 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. Public works may not 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!

LEAF COLLECTION 2019

Below are the remaining 2019 dates where the borough public works department will conduct curbside leaf pickups:

Monday, December 2
Friday, December 6

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

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 ON 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.

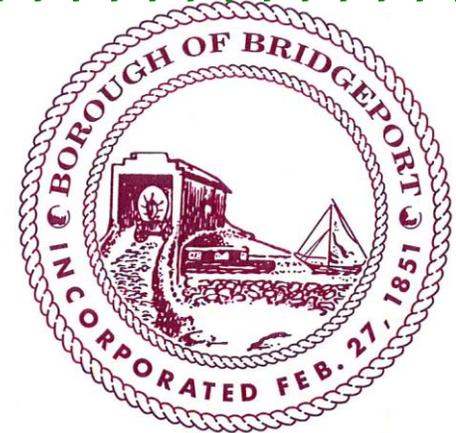
A twelve-inch path must be cleared on your sidewalk twelve hours after a storm has ceased. Friendly tip: It is much easier to clear your sidewalk path as soon as possible. Waiting too long could allow ice to form and make shoveling both difficult and hazardous to your health.

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.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS COMING IN 2020!

Bridgeport Borough is excited to announce that beginning in 2020, the borough will begin hosting "Family Movie Nights" in the Town Center Parking Lot! We are in the process of purchasing 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. 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!



BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT

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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
Kim Shronk, Ward 3
MAYOR: Mark Barbee

Keith S. Truman, Borough Manager
Todd Bereda, Chief of Police
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

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. For more information, please call Bridgeport Police at 610-272-5660.

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.



LONGTIME COMMUNITY LEADER HONORED

At the October 22, 2019 meeting of Bridgeport Borough Council, Mr. Richard "Dick" Tarmin was recognized for his many years of service in and around the community. In addition to having previously served on Borough Council himself, Mr. Tarmin served for 15 years as the Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of Bridgeport, and for 12 years as the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus Post 3327. Through his positions with both of these groups, Mr. Tarmin has been instrumental in funding many projects in and around Bridgeport. In addition to the commemorative resolution, Council cemented Mr. Tarmin's place in history by dedicating one of the new benches in the Bridgeport Town Center Parking Lot in his honor. Please help us in congratulating Mr. Tarmin and thanking for him for his years of service to the Bridgeport community.

BRIDGEPORT UNVEILS NEW PARK NAMED IN HONOR OF ROTONDO BROTHERS

On October 19, a crowd of about one hundred people gathered along the Schuylkill Riverfront to recognize two brothers who made lifelong contributions to the Bridgeport community. The borough-owned parcel located at 98 DeKalb Street and situated along the riverfront behind Frosty Falls has been renamed as Rondo Riverfront Park, in honor of native sons Salvatore "Sal" and Nicholas "Chief" Rondo. Both career educators, the Rondo brothers made an impact on the lives of countless young men and women in Bridgeport and beyond. Sal was a teacher and principal in Upper Merion Area School District, who counted among his greatest accomplishments the honor of obtaining "Blue Ribbon School" status during his time as principal of Bridgeport Elementary. Chief taught special education in Norristown School District and was also instrumental in developing the Bridgeport Park and Recreation program. Bridgeport Borough was honored to be able to show its appreciation through this park dedication.



NEW BOROUGH WEBSITE IN 2020!

Bridgeport Borough is currently in the process of redeveloping its municipal website. Bridgeport has hired CivicCMS, a national firm that specializes in building websites for local government, in an effort to provide its residents and businesses with better technology and faster connection to news and current events in the community. In addition to a more user friendly look and feel, residents will soon enjoy benefits such as online bill pay and video feeds of public meetings. Be sure to check back in early 2020, and look for the new web address: www.bridgeportborough.org

THE JOY OF DRIVING IN THE SNOW

By Salvatore F. Bello, Jr., Esquire and Paul S. Peters III, Esquire, Borough Solicitors

Pennsylvania has two laws pertaining to legal requirements while driving in snow conditions or after a snowstorm. Pennsylvania statute 75 § 4524, requires that drivers always have a clear and unobstructed view of the road. Snow and ice — along with any other debris — must be removed from all windows before driving. State troopers and local officers may initiate traffic stops for violations. The fine for driving with an obstructed view is \$25 but with administrative and other fees added on, violators can expect to pay more than \$100.

Regarding snow accumulated on a vehicle's roof, Pennsylvania statute 75 § 3720, states that if snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury, the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 for each offense. This is in addition to other legal consequences one may face in such a situation. For additional safety measures, Pennsylvania statute 75 § 4310 requires drivers to have their vehicle's front lights fully on: (1) Between sunset and sunrise; (2) Any time when the operator cannot discern a person or vehicle upon the highway from a distance of 1,000 feet due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog, smoke or smog; and (3) Any time when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture, including rain, snow, sleet or mist.

Bridgeport Borough staff and officials and the team at Bello, Reilly, McGrory & DiPippo, P.C. wish all Bridgeport residents a happy, joyful, safe, fun, and prosperous winter season. Hopefully Bridgeport's children receive the gift of a snow day or two. Safe driving!

