



# BOROUGH OF BRADFORD WOODS

## NEWSLETTER

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### COMMUNITY CORNER

#### WELCOMING A NEW MANAGER

Please join the Borough Council in welcoming new Borough Manager, Rusti Null. Rusti comes to Bradford Woods from Pine Township, where she served in the Finance Department for the last five years, and at the Pine Community Center for nine years before that. Rusti grew up in northeastern Indiana and earned a degree in finance from Indiana University in Bloomington. Prior to her career in local government, Rusti worked in corporate finance in the areas of financial planning and analysis, internal audit, and mergers and acquisitions. Rusti and her husband Jeff have been residents of Pine Township for the last 20 years. Please stop by the Borough office and introduce yourself to Rusti!

#### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION APRIL 22ND

The Bradford Woods Conservancy invites you to celebrate Earth Day in the Reserve on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free, and there will be activities for children and adults. For more information, please call 724-272-4400. The schedule of events is as follows:

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| 10:00 – 11:00: | Activity Tables (see below)               |
| 11:00 – 12:00: | Guest Speaker – Herpetologist April Claus |
| 12:00 – 2:00:  | Free Picnic Lunch and Activity Tables     |

#### Activity Tables

Monarch Station  
Arts & Crafts  
Nature Scavenger Hunt  
Make Deer Spray  
Repurposing  
Clean Juice Smoothies

**April Claus** will provide a hands-on interactive program that introduces you to the reptiles and amphibians of Pennsylvania. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their call, examine touchable models and learn how to identify the venomous snakes that live in our state. Meet and touch some LIVE snakes, toads, turtles, and salamanders that are native to western Pennsylvania. You will be amazed at the important role these animals play in our local ecosystem! After the live animal program, we will take a hike around a nearby pond and try to catch some slimy critters! Bring your boots, nets, small plastic containers and enthusiasm!

## **WE'VE GOT A PERMIT FOR THAT!**

Are you planning to make any changes in your home or yard this year? Chances are you will need a permit before starting the work. Here is a list of the permits issued by the Borough with examples of when they are needed:

- Building Permit – Interior or exterior renovation, addition, deck, deck/patio roof, accessory structure, fence, pool.
- Zoning Permit – Addition, deck, patio, accessory structure, fence, pool, satellite dish, playset.
- Sign Permit – Any sign other than a temporary real estate, event, or campaign sign.
- Grading Permit – New grading, excavation, or fill, unless a building permit is also needed.
- Driveway Permit – Installing a driveway, surfacing, or resurfacing.
- Demolition Permit – Demolition of any existing structure.
- Stormwater Plan (if the total surface area is over 400 square feet) – driveway, patio, new building, addition, pool.

Permit forms can be found on the website or at the Borough office. For questions, please call 724-935-2990 or email [manager@bradfordwoods.gov](mailto:manager@bradfordwoods.gov).

### **LET'S GET SOCIAL**



Like and follow our Facebook page:  
**Borough of Bradford Woods**

### **DO YOU HAVE A HOME BUSINESS?**

**BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS WITH THE  
BOROUGH!**

BUSINESS OCCUPATION PERMITS CAN BE FOUND AT  
BRADFORDWOODSPA.ORG, UNDER GOVERNMENT>  
DEPARTMENTS>BUILDING/ZONING.  
SEE §225-19 ( C ) FOR DETAILS REGARDING HOME  
BUSINESS OCCUPATION.

### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Residents of Bradford Woods have access to Waste Management's Household Hazardous Waste Program. Typical household materials that are accepted for collection include: *Paint Products, Automotive Products, Garden Chemicals, Household Chemicals, Swimming Pool Chemicals, Electronics, and Batteries.* There three easy ways to participate: Schedule a collection online; Call 1-800-449-7587 (Mon.-Fri., 5:00am- 5:00pm, PST); E-mail: [AtYourDoor@WM.com](mailto:AtYourDoor@WM.com) (with your list of items and your contact information)

### **Storytelling at the Reserve**

Mosey on over to the Reserve for an evening of storytelling that will entertain kids and adults alike! Enjoy a campfire and s'mores and then get cozy on your blanket or lawn chair and settle in for some stories. Feel free to bring your own stories to share. Parking at the Reserve (Bradford & Lincoln Roads) is limited, so please walk if at all possible. A good time is sure to be had by all!

**Friday, July 28**

**6:30 P.M.**

Brought to you by Bradford Woods Conservancy

### **ATTENTION DOG OWNERS**

Dogs must remain on a leash at all times when not on their owner's property according to Ordinance 463, adopted 9/14/2020.

## **BOROUGH ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Bradford Woods Couples Club**

For more information, email  
bradfordwoodsclub@gmail.com

### **Bradford Woods Women's Club**

Contact President Shelley Byers (412-973-6371) or  
Bradfordwoodspa.org/2206/Womens-Club

### **The Heritage Committee**

For more information contact June McCartney (724-816-3042) or visit Borough website.

### **Bradford Woods Conservancy**

Go to bradfordwoodsconservancy.org for more information on becoming a member of the Conservancy, as well view monthly events they host!

### **Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company**

It's time to get involved and volunteer for your community! Contact facebook.com/BWVFC.

## **OUR LOCAL LIBRARY**

When was the last time you visited the Northland Public Library? For some, the library is remembered as a stuffy, dark space to work on class assignments or term papers. Times have changed!

Libraries are more than books. The Northland Library is a living space filled with ongoing activities for children, tweens, teens, and adults.

Northland Library's children's section features chess, Storytime, Toddler Time, robots, and fire safety. Tween and teen programs include games, anime, writing and karaoke. Programming for adults includes caregiver support, book clubs, Movie Matinee, Herbal Tea Making and estate planning. Information on current activities is available on the library website.

The Northland Library Foundation is sponsoring a Gala on April 22 featuring food from local restaurants, wine and beer tasting, live music, raffle prizes and more! This adult event is followed by the Children's Gala on September 30.

The Northland Library is supported by municipal funding from Marshall, Franklin Park, McCandless, Ross and Bradford Woods.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

In April, Waste Management will transition to automated collection of solid waste (garbage). You should have received a new solid waste cart which you will be required to use for your garbage. If you did not receive a solid waste cart, please call the Borough office at 724-935-2990. If you would like to swap for a smaller cart, or if you would like an additional cart (\$100 fee, no increase in collection cost), please call Waste Management Customer Service at 1-800-866-4460.

Options for your current garbage can:

- Keep it for other uses at home
- Place it inside your new cart to dispose of it, if it fits
- Call Waste Management Customer Service to schedule a bulk item pickup (one free item collected each month)

## **2023 ROAD PROGRAM**

The 2023 Road Program was advertised for bidding in early March. Bids were opened publicly on March 29 at Pine Township's municipal office. The program will be awarded by Council at the April 10 Council meeting. After the bid is awarded, information will be posted on the Borough website.

## **FAST FACTS ABOUT OPEN BURNING IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Open burning is PROHIBITED except by permit or when it is done in a manner which contributes a negligible amount of air contaminants meaning:

- No material other than clean wood, propane, or natural gas may be burned EXCEPT for commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs, or wood pellets
- Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters for the purposes of starting a fire
- Charcoal for the preparation of food only
- Fires may be no larger than 3' wide by 3' long by 2' high.
- Fires must be at least 15' from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area including the property line, roadway, sidewalk, or other public access area

All wood burning activities are prohibited on Air Quality Action days.

## BRADFORD WOODS VOLUNTEER FIRE CO

### Scholarships for Volunteers!

The Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company is looking for volunteers to help with administrative tasks, organizing community events, and for those volunteers interested – responding to emergencies.

Become a General Member of the Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company and donate a few hours of your time to ensure our Bradford Woods first responders can focus their efforts on helping the community.

The **Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST)** program provides full scholarships for an associate degree or certificate program at CCAC, as well as training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy. Of the 200 scholarships offered per year, 150 are earmarked for new recruits in exchange for a commitment of five years of service to a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County, while 50 scholarships will be awarded to existing volunteers in exchange for a commitment of five additional years of service. Students can attend part time if they:

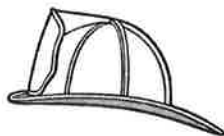
- Have at least one credit-bearing course every fall and spring term and take entry-level firefighting at the Allegheny County Fire Academy.
- Serve as a volunteer firefighter for five years in Allegheny County;
- Maintain an acceptable level of service as monitored by recipient's fire department;
- Complete two required courses at the Allegheny County Fire Academy;
- Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for the duration of the their studies.

What a great program for high school students looking for financial assistance, or a retiree that wants to take free courses at CCAC. Being a member of the Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company is a great start. More information on the FireVEST program may be found by logging onto [www.ccac.edu](http://www.ccac.edu), search keyword "FireVEST."

We appreciate community members volunteering to keep Bradford Woods safe. If you have any questions contact: [shellymuhlenkamp@zoominternet.net](mailto:shellymuhlenkamp@zoominternet.net)

### 2023 BWVFC COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 5/20 Firehall clean-up (outdoor and indoor)
- 8/26 Pancake Breakfast/Bike Parade
- 9/16 Spaghetti Dinner/ Bingo
- 10/27 Halloween Parade
- 12/16 Santa on the Fire Truck



## COUPLES CLUB

Bradford Woods Couples Club is still going strong after 66 years with over 125 members. Don't let the name deceive you, Couples Club is open for membership to all individuals residing in Bradford Woods as well as past residents. This local community social club meets on the first Saturday of each month from September through May.

During each monthly meeting/event, one couple acts as host and hostess and chooses a theme for the night along with activities or entertainment. All those attending arrive with either an appetizer, salad or main dish in a pot luck style dinner, in line with the night's theme. Themes range from Oktoberfest in October to the well-attended "A Night in Nashville" complete with line dancing instructors.

Every year the club ends in May with a bi-annual event. On odd years, a neighborhood-wide progressive dinner is planned. On even years, a variety play is organized to include multiple skits, dance numbers and songs. All proceeds from the three night show are donated to local charities and volunteer organizations. The skits are created, directed and performed by our own local Bradford Woods talent!

Bradford Woods Couples Club is a wonderful opportunity to meet neighbors, make new friends, and connect with this unique community of Bradford Woods.

## STORMWATER POLLUTANTS

Storm drains (like those found along curbs) do not go to wastewater treatment plants. Water entering storm drains flows untreated into streams, rivers, ponds, wetlands, lakes, sounds, bays, and oceans.

Since stormwater is not treated, it can pick up and carry numerous pollutants into our waterways. Many of these pollutants can cause problems in very small amounts. Polluted stormwater runoff is often considered a non-point source pollutant, meaning that it comes from such varied and widespread sources across the landscape that it is difficult to identify where the pollution starts.

Did you know that sediment is the number-one pollutant in the country? Sediment comes from anywhere soil is disturbed and is allowed to enter waterways. When it is suspended in the water, it clouds water and suffocates aquatic life. When it settles out of water, it deteriorates habitats for fish and plants by burying stream riffles, which add oxygen to water.

### "The Big 6" of Stormwater Pollutants:

- Yard Waste (grass clippings)
- Litter
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Pet Waste
- Auto Waste
- Household Waste

Check out the Borough website to learn more about stormwater and what you can do to help protect our streams from pollutants!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2023 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

### APRIL

3	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
10	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
18	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
22	Yard Waste Pick Up
22	Earth Day at the Reserve – 10 am–2 pm
22	Garden Gala at Northland Library

### MAY

1	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
8	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
9	Teen Safe Driving Program – 7:00 pm
16	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
20	Yard Waste Pick Up
29	Memorial Day – Borough Office Closed

### JUNE

2	Last Day of School for North Allegheny
5	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
12	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
20	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
24	Yard Waste & Bulk Item Pick Up

### JULY

3	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
4	Independence Day - Borough Office Closed
10	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
18	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
22	Yard Waste Pick Up
28	Storytelling at the Reserve – 6:30 pm

### AUGUST

7	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
8	Teen Safe Driving Program – 7:00 pm
14	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
15	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
21	First Day of School for North Allegheny
26	Yard Waste Pick Up
26	BWVFC Bike Parade & Pancake Breakfast 9 am

### SEPTEMBER

4	Labor Day – Borough Office Closed
11	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
16	BWVFC Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo 6 pm
19	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
23	Yard Waste Pick Up

### OCTOBER

2	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
9	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
17	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
21	Yard Waste Pick Up
27	BWVFC Halloween Parade - 6:15 pm
31	Trick-or-Treat – 6-8 pm

### Revenue

Real Estate	479,674
Deed Transfer	45,000
Income Tax	349,000
Sales Tax	16,000
Permits/Fees	5,500
Liquid Fuels	48,306
Other	20,356
Capital Reserve Transfers In	260,600
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,224,436</b>

### Expense

Administration	181,090
Tax Collection	3,000
Building	20,304
Library	29,075
Public Safety	291,930
Roads	417,762
Insurance	20,200
Capital Improvement	242,500
Other	18,575
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,224,436</b>

### ROAD CLEAN-UP

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS TO HELP KEEP BRADFORD WOODS BEAUTIFUL AND STREAMS CLEAN! EVENT HOSTED BY THE CONSERVANCY

**APRIL 1-15**  
**SEPTEMBER 16-23**

EMAIL ART KASSON IF INTERESTED  
ART.KASSON@GMAIL.COM

### TEEN SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

THIS HIGH-ENERGY PROGRAM WILL EDUCATE TEEN DRIVERS ON THE DANGERS OF RECKLESS AND DISTRACTED DRIVING. IT PROVIDES STRATEGIES TO KEEP TEEN DRIVERS, THEIR PASSENGERS, AND OTHERS ON THE ROADS SAFE. CHECK THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION. PROGRAM DATES ARE 5/9/23 AND 8/8/23.



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4908 Wexford Run Road  
Bradford Woods, PA 15015

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**2023 YARD WASTE DATES**  
(yard waste must be in paper bags)

April	22	August	26
May	20	September	23
June	24	October	21
July	22	November	25

**Borough Address:** (Mailing) P.O. Box 163  
4908 Wexford Run Road  
Bradford Woods, PA 15015  
Physical location: behind the Fire Hall  
**Borough Phone:** 724-935-2990  
**Website:** [www.bradfordwoodspa.org](http://www.bradfordwoodspa.org)  
**Borough Code:** [www.ecode360.com/BR1973](http://www.ecode360.com/BR1973)  
**Email:** [manager@bradfordwoods.gov](mailto:manager@bradfordwoods.gov)

**Northern Regional Police:**  
(Non-Emergency) 724-625-3157  
(Emergency): 911  
[www.nrpolice.com](http://www.nrpolice.com)

**2023 BOROUGH COUNCIL**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Committee Chairman</u>
Public Safety	Dan Dimond
Personnel	Victoria Pongrace
Roads	David Baldonieri
Finance	Todd Hipwell
Environment	Kevin Rhule
Planning/Zoning	Jennifer Griffin
COG Rep/Library	Thomas Kosmala

**2023 APPOINTMENTS**

Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement  
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator  
Earned Income Tax Collector  
Property Tax Collector  
Del. Real Estate Tax Collector  
Maher Duessel  
Borough Manager  
Borough Solicitor  
Borough Mayor

Albert Kohan  
Vince Cannella  
Keystone Collections  
Jordan Tax Services  
Goehring Rutter Boehm  
Auditor  
Rusti Null  
Goehring Rutter Boehm  
Doug Marsico

**BOROUGH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM**