



# BOROUGH OF BRADFORD WOODS

## NEWSLETTER

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### COMMUNITY CORNER

#### COUNCIL NEWS

In June, Borough Council enacted Ordinance No. 468 adopting the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). The purpose of the IPMC is to provide for the regulation and safe use of existing structures in the interest of the social and economic welfare of the community. Some items covered by the IPMC include unsafe structures, disposal of rubbish and garbage, and inoperative or abandoned vehicles. Please refer to the Borough Code on our website for the full text of the new ordinance.

#### 2023 ELECTIONS

This year's municipal elections will take place on Tuesday, November 7 at Bradford Woods Community Church. There are three candidates running for three vacant Council seats.

Todd Hipwell (Democrat)	Michael Kelly (Republican)	Christopher Mansfield (Republican)
<p>Todd is a current member of Council and head of the Finance Committee. He has been a Council member since 2016. Todd grew up in Bradford Woods and currently lives on Edgewood Road. He is the Vice President and CFO of the Heinz History Center, and previously was the Vice President of Finance for Dick's Sporting Goods for over twenty-two years. Todd and his wife, Alisha, and their three boys moved back to the Borough in 2002 and he hopes that someday all three of his kids and their future families will also reside in the Borough. Todd also volunteers for the Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company.</p>	<p>Michael has lived in Bradford Woods for over 5 years. He currently volunteers on the Village of Bradford Woods HOA Board and is a member of the Architectural Committee. Michael has two teenage daughters: one at Fairmont State University and the other a junior at NA. Michael works as an account executive for a national supplier of sign supplies. He also owns Michael Kelly Marketing Services, for which he recently created a mobile app. Michael has always had an interest in government and has found that even on a small scale, such as an HOA, his common-sense approach can significantly impact the challenges faced by our aging community.</p>	<p>Christopher and his wife, Kaitlin, moved to the Borough in 2012. He grew up in a small borough in Westmoreland County and loves the small-town feel of Bradford Woods. Christopher is a CPA with an accounting degree from Penn State and currently works in the field of Business Analytics. He's interested in serving on Council because, "After a decade here I'm more excited about the Borough than ever and am ready to give back. I'm passionate about making sure that everything we all love about Bradford Woods is sustainable for many years to come." Christopher's interests include home improvement projects, outdoor sports, and animal charities.</p>

## BOROUGH ORGANIZATIONS

### Bradford Woods Couples Club

For more information, email  
bradfordwoodscouplesclub@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 the 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.

## SPOTTED LANTERNFLIES

The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive species first found in Pennsylvania in 2014. Currently at least ¾ of the state has a large enough population of spotted lanternflies to pose a threat to vegetation. Allegheny County is in the quarantine area for spotted lanternflies. This means that before leaving the county, people are required to check their vehicles, belongings, and themselves to ensure that they are not taking spotted lanternflies or their eggs with them. What should you do if you see a spotted lanternfly or their eggs? Kill it! Squash it, smash it...just get rid of it. In the fall, these bugs will lay egg masses with 30-50 eggs each. Eggs hatch in May/June and the nymphs become adults in late summer. After laying their egg masses, the adults die in the winter.

For more information about spotted lanternflies, please go to pa.gov and search for "spotted lanternfly".



## BRADFORD WOODS WOMEN'S CLUB

Bradford Woods Women's Club is a local non-profit organization whose stated goal is *"to promote friendship among local women; offer opportunity for self-development and enrichment; and emphasize programs or activities to enhance, beautify, or otherwise improve the community."* We also *"provide support to local charities and organizations through donations and contributions."* Last year these included: BW Community Church, BW Volunteer Fire Company, Crisis Center North, Good Samaritan House, HEARTH, North Country Meals on Wheels, North Hills Community Outreach, and the Spina Bifida Association of PA.

**Meetings are held August through May on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/Wednesday of the month, at 9:30 am in the Bradford Woods Community Church unless noted otherwise.** No reservations needed, just come on in and join us. Below please find the program information for our 2023-2024 programmatic year. (Subject to change)

October 10	Borough Management – Rusti Null, Bradford Woods Manager
November 14	CPR Instruction – Jovanna DiFiore
December 13	Christmas Luncheon – Blueberry Hill Barn (Wednesday)
January 9	Station 5 – Christi Wilcox
February 13	Shenot's Farm Market – Leah Shenot
March 12	Exploring Racism – Linda Philpot
April 9	History and Information about the Doak House
May 8	Spring Luncheon – Blueberry Hill Barn (Wednesday)

Please contact Shelley Byers, President, if you would like more information: [shelley496@yahoo.com](mailto:shelley496@yahoo.com)

## THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Please join the Borough Council in thanking Jennie Griffin and Tom Kosmala for their service to the Borough! Their terms on Council expire at the end of this year, and they have decided not to run for re-election. Tom has been a Council member for 8 years; during that time, he was Council's representative to the Northern Allegheny Council of Governments as well as the Northland Library Board Authority. Tom will continue to serve the community as the president of the Library Board Authority and president of the Bradford Woods Democratic Committee. Jennie has been a Council member for 4 years, serving as the Council representative to the Planning Commission. Jennie has been and will remain a very active volunteer for various community organizations such as Couples Club, and the North Allegheny School District, just to name a few.

### 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)

### OPENINGS ON EPAC, ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR 2024

EPAC (the Environmental and Parks Advisory Council) will have one open seat in January for a 3-year term. EPAC advises the Borough Council on natural resource protection and improving the quality of the environment.

The Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) will have one open seat in January for an Alternate Member for a 3-year term. The ZHB conducts hearings for residents appealing a decision made by the Borough's Zoning Officer. Alternate members are needed in the event that a member is unable to attend a hearing or has a conflict of interest in a particular case.

The positions above are appointed to volunteers by the Borough Council. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your community through one of these vacant positions, please email or mail a letter of interest and resume to the Borough office by December 1, 2023. Please email the Borough manager if you have any questions or would like more information about the open positions.

### Waste Management Once Again Recycles Glass

Please resume placing glass for recycling into your recycling bin for Waste Management (WM) pick up. WM has added advanced sorting technology to its Material Recovery Facility on Neville Island to allow for capturing and recycling glass bottles and jars.



### Other Waste Management News

**New Rate for 2024:** Per the current 4-year contract, the 2024 contract rate for WM service will increase 9% to \$33.26/month.

**Senior Discount Available:** Seniors 65+ are eligible for a 10% discount on their WM fees. Please call WM Customer Service (800)866-4460 to initiate the discount.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER	
2	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
9	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
14	Conservancy Tree Give-away - 10:00-1:00
17	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
17	Conservancy Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
21	Yard Waste Pick Up
27	BWVFC Halloween Parade - 6:00 pm
31	Trick-or-Treat – 6-8 pm
NOVEMBER	
6	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
10	Veterans Day – Borough Office Closed
13	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
14	Conservancy Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
<b>18</b>	<b>Yard Waste Pick Up *one week early*</b>
21	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
23	Thanksgiving – Borough Office Closed
24	Borough Office Closed
DECEMBER	
3	Light Up Night in the Reserve – 5:00 pm
4	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
11	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
16	Santa on the Fire Truck – Noon Start
19	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
22	Christmas Eve Observed – Borough Office Closed
25	Christmas – Borough Office Closed
29	New Year’s Eve Observed – Borough Closed
JANUARY	
1	New Year’s Day – Borough Office Closed
1	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
2	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
16	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
FEBRUARY	
5	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
12	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
20	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
MARCH	
4	Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
11	Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
19	EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm

### **NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING**

### **NO STREET PARKING WHEN IT SNOWS**

WINTER WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT. PLEASE  
DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET WHEN IT SNOWS,  
REGARDLESS OF THE TIME OF DAY.



BOROUGH CODE FORBIDS SHOVELING SNOW FROM  
DRIVEWAYS ONTO THE ROADWAY.

## MESSAGE FROM THE NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

It’s hard to believe we are already into the Fall season. Everyone knows how beautiful Western Pennsylvania is, especially this time of year. While many enjoy taking drives and viewing the fall foliage, we at Northern Regional PD would like to share some safety tips for driving during the autumn.

- Be mindful that children will be at bus stops early in the morning and during the late afternoon. Many will also be walking home after dark due to after-school activities.
- Deer will be much more mobile during their mating season. If you see one deer crossing the road, assume there are more behind it.
- Wet leaves on the roadway can be as slippery as ice.
- With autumn comes drastic fluctuations in temperatures. Be cautious of icy road conditions, especially in the early morning hours.
- **This would be a good time to make sure your car is adequately serviced for the upcoming winter season.**



### **PET ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 463** requires dogs to be on a leash at all times when not on the property of the dog owner.

**Ordinance No. 460** requires the prompt removal and proper disposal of pet waste. Pet solid waste must be removed from the ground at once, without delay, and disposed in a solid waste receptacle (garbage can). This applies to waste on both public and private property within the Borough. Violators can be fined up to \$500 per occurrence.

**Ordinance No. 235** declares noisy animals a nuisance. Residents whose animals disturb the peace can be fined up to \$600 per occurrence.

## BRADFORD WOODS VOLUNTEER FIRE CO

We had a fun “Touch a Truck” day on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. We got to show residents and visitors our equipment that we train with to keep our community safe. Thanks to your donations and participation in fire company events, we can keep our equipment maintained and response ready. We recently received radios that allow us to communicate better with nearby counties and other emergency responders.

When you volunteer with us, you don’t have to sign up to just fight fires. We have many different roles for citizens to help with: assisting with fire prevention and education, helping with administrative work, driving fire vehicles, operating water pumps, assisting with traffic safety outside the scene of a fire, as well as community events. All these roles are equally important to the community of Bradford Woods.

We are excited about sharing these opportunities and how you can contribute to your volunteer fire company. The first Tuesday of the month is our monthly in-house meeting. We train on the second Tuesday of the month and perform equipment maintenance on the third Tuesday of the month. If you would like to learn more, please email [bradfordwoodsvfc@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordwoodsvfc@gmail.com). Our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BWVFC>, offers information about the fire company, how to keep you and your family safe in emergencies, and how to contribute to your volunteer fire company through volunteering or donations.

The BWVFC is resuming the engraved brick memorial program. Consider honoring a family member, friend, or colleague in a long-lasting way with their name engraved on a brick. The brick you order will be placed at the front of the Bradford Woods Firehall near the flag post walkway, a prominent location in the heart of Bradford Woods. Our Facebook page will have updates on how to participate.

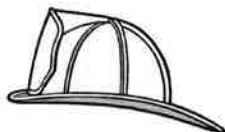
We look forward to meeting you! If you have any questions, contact: [shellymuhlenkamp@zoominternet.net](mailto:shellymuhlenkamp@zoominternet.net)

### 2023 BWVFC COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 for a potluck 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 CORNER

Stormwater issues are exacerbated any time a permeable surface becomes impervious, for example when a new building is erected or when a new patio or paved driveway is installed. Borough Code Chapter 190 regulates Stormwater Management. The Code requires a **zoning permit** for any activity that will result in an increase in the impervious surface area on a property. Zoning approval will likely depend on the Borough engineer reviewing and approving a **Stormwater Management Plan**.

One purpose of Chapter 190 in the Borough Code is to protect residents of Bradford Woods from stormwater problems created when a neighbor develops his or her property. Managing stormwater properly also prevents pollutants from entering our streams, rivers, lakes and oceans and it protects wildlife in and around those bodies of water. Please reach out to the Borough Manager for the necessary permits before embarking on any of these projects:

- **Paving or resurfacing a driveway**
- **Erecting or adding to any structure**
- **Grading or adding retaining walls**
- **Adding or expanding a patio or walkway**

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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	18*

**\*One week early due to Thanksgiving  
Holiday weekend**

**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 Chair</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
Borough Mayor	Doug Marsico

**2023 APPOINTMENTS**

Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement	Albert Kohan
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	Vince Cannella
Earned Income Tax Collector	Keystone Collections
Property Tax Collector	Jordan Tax Services
Del. Real Estate Tax Collector	Goehring Rutter Boehm
Auditor	Maher Duessel
Borough Manager	Rusti Null
Borough Solicitor	Goehring Rutter Boehm

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