



FALL/WINTER 2024



# BOROUGH OF BRADFORD WOODS

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



## BRADFORD WOODS NATIVE MICHAEL GRADY WINS GOLD FOR TEAM USA AT PARIS OLYMPICS

It has been estimated that the probability of any person winning an Olympic gold medal is roughly 0.00003%. You are 216 times more likely to get struck by lightning, and 2,333 times more likely to get a perfect SAT score than you are to win Olympic gold. On August 1, Michael Grady and his teammates defied those odds and won gold in the Men's Four Rowing event at the Paris Olympic Games.

Michael moved to Bradford Woods at age 1 and is an alumnus of Bradford Woods Elementary School. He attended Central Catholic High School and competed with their varsity eight at the high school national championships, earning gold in 2013 and bronze in 2014. Michael studied Development Sociology and minored in Business at Cornell University. In his senior season at Cornell, he and his varsity eight team finished sixth at the national championships. When asked about his secret to being a successful student athlete he responded, "I had to manage my time well, and prioritize academics and rowing over any free-time activities."

In January 2024, Michael and his three teammates began training for the Olympic Games. Most of the training took place in Sarasota, FL and Princeton, NJ, although some training and competitions took place in other parts of the US and Europe. Their training regimen required 4 – 6 hours of hard work each day.



From left: Liam Corrigan, Michael Grady, Justin Best, and Nick Mead.



Team USA crossing the finish line.

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## BRADFORD WOODS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Name	Title/Position	Committee
Victoria Laird Pongrace	President	Personnel
Kevin Rhule	Vice President	Planning/Zoning
Todd Hipwell	President Pro-Tem	Finance
David Baldonieri	Council Member	Roads
Dan Dimond	Council Member	Public Safety
Michael Kelly	Council Member	NHCOG / ACBA
Christopher Mansfield	Council Member	Environment / Parks
Douglas Marsico	Mayor	N/A

## BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**THE BOROUGH COUNCIL** is the governing body of the Borough. The Council is comprised of seven members who are elected to staggered, four-year terms in at-large elections. Council Members are vested with the executive and legislative powers of the Borough and are responsible for the annual budget. The Council appoints the members of the various advisory committees.

**Meetings: Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION** consists of seven members who serve four-year terms and function as the Borough's planning agency. They review all land development and subdivision plans. Additionally, they advise Council on Ordinance changes related to building and zoning.

**Meetings: First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PARKS ADVISORY COUNCIL (EPAC)** consists of five members who serve three-year terms. The EPAC advises the Borough Council on matters concerning the protection, conservation, management, promotion, and use of natural resources, including air, land and water resources.

**Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

**THE ZONING HEARING BOARD** consists of three members and two alternates who serve three-year terms. They conduct hearings and render decisions on appeals to the Borough Zoning Code. They are also responsible for implementing the responsibilities outlined in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

**Meetings are held upon request and will be advertised.**

**Meetings are held at the Borough Council Chambers at 4908 Wexford Run Road and are open to the public. Meeting dates may be subject to change. Please check the website for current information.**

## EMAIL BLAST

Please register for this important tool. You will be notified of emergencies, crime information, events and more.

### FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO REGISTER:

- 1) Go to [www.bradfordwoodspa.org/list.aspx](http://www.bradfordwoodspa.org/list.aspx)
- 2) Sign in or create an account
- 3) Choose your preference of email or text alerts
- 4) Choose to subscribe to Borough News and/or Calendar
- 5) Your email and phone information will not be shared or used for any other purpose



Like and follow us on Facebook for updates on Borough news and information:

<https://www.facebook.com/BradfordWoodsBorough>

## Physically Disabled Residents

If you or a member of your family will need assistance in case of an evacuation order, please call the Borough office at 724-935-2990 or email [manager@bradfordwoods.gov](mailto:manager@bradfordwoods.gov) and include your name, address, and type of disability. The Borough will incorporate your information into the Emergency Operations Plan, so that help can be provided in case of an evacuation order.



# POLICE • FIRE • AMBULANCE

## Northern Regional Police 230 Pearce Mill Road

Wexford, PA 15090  
Office 724-625-3157

**EMERGENCY 9-1-1**

The Northern Regional Police Department serves the communities of Pine, Marshall, Richland, and Bradford Woods. The department of approximately 40 full-time police officers along with the Chief and Captain strives to maintain the lowest crime rate in the North Hills. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mon-Fri.

## Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company

4908 Wexford Run Road  
Bradfordwoods, PA 15015

**EMERGENCY 9-1-1**

In the event of a fire in our community, the Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company responds. They also participate in a mutual aid program with fire companies serving Adams, Marshall, Cranberry, Franklin Park, Pine, Ingomar, and Richland.



## McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority

9925 Grubbs Road  
Wexford, PA 15090  
Office 412-367-5883

**EMERGENCY 9-1-1**

This emergency medical service provider assures residents 24-hour Advanced Life Support care with fully equipped ambulances.

## UTILITIES

### Cable, Internet & Telephone

Armstrong: 1-877-277-5711  
Consolidated Communications: 1-844-968-7224

### Electric

Penn Power/First Energy: 1-800-720-3600

### Gas

Columbia Gas: 1-888-460-4332  
Peoples Gas (Village Only) 1-800-764-0111

### Garbage/Recycling/Yard Waste

Waste Management: 800-866-4460  
Household Hazardous Waste: 800-449-7587

### Sewer

McCandless Township Sanitary Authority: 412-366-2700

### Water

West View Water Authority: 412-931-3500

## PERMITS

### Zoning Permits are needed for:

Additions, decks, patios, accessory structures, fences, pools, playsets, satellite dishes

### Building Permits are needed for:

Interior or exterior renovations, additions, decks, roof over deck/patio, accessory structures, pools

### Other Activities Requiring Permits:

Grading, Demolition, New or Replacement Driveway, Home-Based Business, Sign Installation

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**October 5, 2024 • 1pm-4pm**

Pumpkin Patch • Not So Haunted Trail • Crafts  
Trick or Treating • Food Trucks • Vendors

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 2..... Labor Day – Borough Office Closed
- 5..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 9 ..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 14..... BWVFC Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo 6 pm
- 17 ..... EPAC Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 21..... Yard Waste Pick Up

### OCTOBER

- 7..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 14..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 15..... EPAC Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 26..... Yard Waste Pick Up
- 25..... BWVFC Halloween Parade – 6:15 pm
- 31..... Trick-or-Treat – 6-8 pm

### NOVEMBER

- 4..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 5..... Election Day – 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
- 8 ..... Veteran's Day Observed – Office Closed
- 11..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 19..... EPAC Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 23..... FINAL Yard Waste Pick Up
- 28..... Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
- 29..... Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed

### DECEMBER

- 2..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 8 ..... Light Up Night in the Reserve – 5:00 pm
- 9 ..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 14..... Santa on the Fire Truck – noon start
- 17 ..... EPAC Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 23 ..... NASD Winter Break through 1/1/25
- 24..... Christmas Eve – Office Closed
- 25..... Christmas Day – Office Closed
- 31..... New Year's Eve – Office Closed

### JANUARY

- 1..... New Year's Day – Office Closed
- 6 ..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 13..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 21..... EPAC Meeting – 7:00 pm

### FEBRUARY

- 3..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 10..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 18..... EPAC Meeting – 7:00 pm

### MARCH

- 3..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 10..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 18..... EPAC Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 24..... NASD Spring Break through 3/28/25



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But in the end, it was all worth it to be able to hang that gold medal around his neck. What was Michael thinking during the gold-medal-winning race? “I was focused on executing what we trained to do, and during the last 250 (meters), I allowed myself to vision the Gold.”

Michael's post-Olympic plans include getting married and moving to Seattle in September of this year. Will we see him again at the 2028 Games in LA? It's a definite possibility, but he won't make the decision until 2026. Michael, if you do decide to go for it, you can be sure your Bradford Woods neighbors will be cheering you on!

## Council Members Receive Awards

The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) recently recognized two Bradford Woods council members at their annual meeting in Harrisburg. Council President Victoria Pongrace was given the Cecil K. Leberknight Award in recognition of her ten years of service to Bradford Woods Borough as a council member. Victoria was one of 33 borough leaders from across the state to receive this award.



*Victoria Pongrace receiving the Cecil K. Leberknight award from PSAB President Don "Stretch" Reed*

Council member and past-president Dave Baldonieri was given the Carol Sambol Award in recognition of his twenty-five years as a member of Bradford Woods Borough Council. Dave was one of only 10 officials in the state to receive this award this year.



*Dave Baldonieri holding the Carol Sambol Award*

## Deer Management



Are you having trouble with deer on your property? Good news – the Borough contracts with Suburban Whitetail Management LLC to provide licensed, experienced archery hunters to control the deer population in Bradford Woods. The hunters are fully insured, tested, and safety-trained. There is no cost to the property owner, and a portion of the harvested meat is donated to local food banks. This year's hunting season runs from September 21, 2024 through January 25, 2025.

If you would like to add your property to the archery hunting program, please go to

<https://suburbanwhitetailmanagementpa.com/>  
to learn more and register.





## SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

*Do you have photos that capture Bradford Woods at its finest? Send them (in highest resolution) to [manager@bradfordwoods.gov](mailto:manager@bradfordwoods.gov), and they might just be featured in a future newsletter!*

## Current Vacancies on Planning Commission and EPAC

The **Planning Commission** has an immediate opening for one volunteer to serve the remainder of a term ending on 12/31/25. The Planning Commission is a group of 7 residents who advise Borough Council on matters relating to subdivision, land development, new ordinances, and more. The Planning Commission is currently working on proposed updates to the zoning ordinance. Future projects include improvements to walkability in the Borough and updating the Comprehensive Plan.

The **Environmental & Parks Advisory Council (EPAC)** has an immediate opening for one volunteer to

serve the remainder of a term ending on 12/31/26. EPAC advises Borough Council on matters directly affecting the protection, conservation, management, promotion and use of the Borough's natural resources including air, land, and water. EPAC identifies environmental problems and recommends a plan of action. This vacancy is open to any Bradford Woods resident who has a passion for maintaining the welfare of our community's rich environment.

If interested in either position, please send a resume and letter of interest to [manager@bradfordwoods.gov](mailto:manager@bradfordwoods.gov) by October 1.



## Project Lifesaver

### WHAT IS PROJECT LIFESAVER?

PROJECT LIFESAVER is a program offered by law enforcement and other emergency responders in 41 states, using proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams, to find citizens enrolled in the program when they become lost.

- Do you have a loved one who wanders away from your residence?
- Have you had to call 911 when a loved one cannot be found?
- Do you know a loved one who often "escapes" from home?

If you answer "yes" to one or more of these questions, you may wish to enroll in Project LifeSaver.

### HOW MUCH DOES PROJECT LIFESAVER COST?

Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala is sponsoring PROJECT LIFESAVER **FREE** to Allegheny County residents.

### HOW DOES PROJECT LIFESAVER WORK?

Persons enrolled in the program wear a small transmitter, about the size of a wristwatch, which emits a unique tracking signal. If a person goes missing, search teams use their signal receiving equipment to track and locate the missing person.

### WHO CAN ENROLL?

Any Allegheny County resident who is a caregiver can enroll on behalf of a person\* with Alzheimer's, or other form of dementia, Down's syndrome, autism spectrum disorder or other disability, as well as veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder who have a tendency to wander, run or escape from their residences.

\*Persons residing in group homes or who operate motor vehicles are NOT permitted to be enrolled.

### HOW CAN I ENROLL?

If you are a caregiver for someone you think is eligible to enroll in this program, or would like more information about PROJECT LIFESAVER, contact the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office: Assistant District Attorney Angela Kelley at (412) 350-3138 or email: [Akelley@Alleghenycountyda.us](mailto:Akelley@Alleghenycountyda.us)



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# Garbage and Recycling

## Payment Policy Changes

This fall, Waste Management will begin charging a convenience fee for debit and credit card payments. To avoid the fee, you must change your payment method to direct debit (automatic withdrawal from your bank account.) More information is on the front page of your invoice and can also be found at [www.wm.com/payments](http://www.wm.com/payments).



## Remember to Include GLASS in your Recycling



Waste Management has a new glass recycling facility on Neville Island. All colors of glass bottles and jars can be recycled now!

## Dumpsters

Please note (and tell your children) that ALL dumpsters in the Borough are for private use only

## 2024 YARD WASTE DATES (yard waste must be in paper bags)

September	21
October	26
November	23

# Parks Update



Just like our National Parks, the public park spaces in Bradford Woods are now “Leave No Trace.” This means that there is no longer a garbage can at the Reserve, and visitors to the Reserve and Lake Loop Trail are expected to carry out everything they carried in (including pet waste). To help visitors remember, the Borough has posted signs at both park properties.

Please supervise young children while enjoying our park facilities, and remind your pre-teens and teenagers to bring all of their belongings home with them, including garbage. The photo to the right was recently taken at the Lake Loop. Let's keep our forest and waterways clean and beautiful by packing out what we pack in!



# Those Terrific Trees -by Christopher Mansfield, EPAC Member



New construction. Especially this year, it seems like it's everywhere. Take a drive around our area and you can't help but notice all the homes being built. While progress is great for all of us, it's hard to look at those cranes, dump trucks, and

bulldozers and not think “wow, I can't believe they cut down all those trees”.

I don't know about you, but seeing all those clear-cut cul-de-sacs makes me appreciate the tree-lined streets and yards of our Borough that much more. Bradford Woods is known for its well-established tree canopy. There's something special about our beautiful oaks, maples, cherries, and conifers that adds to the character of our regionally renowned neighborhood!

Here are a few quantifiable ways mature and well-maintained trees improve the value and quality of not only your homestead, but the entire neighborhood.

- *In addition to providing privacy and curb appeal, established trees can increase a property's value by 7% – [University of Washington](#)*
- *Trees properly placed around a homesite can reduce Air Conditioning needs by 30%, and Heating demand by 20%. – [USDA/Forrest Service](#)*
- *Visual exposure to trees has been shown to promote stress recovery in less than 5 minutes – [Texas A&M](#)*
- *Trees help prevent water runoff and minimize the transport of chemicals and sediment into streams, saving homeowners and local governments from spending funds on stormwater management. – [USDA Forrest Service](#)*
- *An acre of trees removes six tons of CO2 and creates 4 tons of Oxygen each year – [US Department of Agriculture](#).*

Everybody knows this is one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the region – that's not a secret. We are loved for our eclectic homes, strong sense of community, and of course, those terrific trees! Fall is just around the corner. Before it arrives, don't forget to take some time to enjoy the woods in Bradford Woods!



## Fall Leaves

We love our trees here in Bradford Woods. Trees are such an integral part of this community; just look at the word “Woods,” right there in our borough’s name! Trees provide many benefits to our land, our wildlife, and to us as humans. But there is one inescapable downside to all these wonderful trees: fall leaves. Don’t get me wrong – they are beautiful to look at, in all their glorious shades of red, orange and yellow. But after they fall out of the trees and land on the ground, they become just another chore on our increasingly long lists. We must do our best to be responsible for those leaves that fall out of our trees. Here are a couple of ways we can do that:

**Be a good citizen** – keep leaves out of driveway drains, roads, swales and storm drains. This keeps our stormwater infrastructure working at full capacity to prevent backups and flooding during rain events.

**Be a good neighbor** – take care of the leaves in your yard and prevent them from blowing into a neighbor’s yard. Leaves can be gathered in paper bags and picked up on WM’s monthly yard waste collection dates, or they can be blown or raked into a wooded area where they can be contained.

So let’s all be good citizens and good neighbors this fall!

Q. What’s a tree’s favorite song in autumn?

A. “Don’t Stop Be-Leafin’”



Office of State Senator Devlin Robinson

# OFFICE HOURS

at Bradford Woods Borough Building  
4908 Wexford Run Road, Bradford Woods, PA 15015

**DATES:**  
 Wednesday, July 17  
 Wednesday, August 21  
 Thursday, September 19  
 Wednesday, October 23

Please call 412-785-3070 to make an appointment.

**CONSTITUENT SERVICES**

*If you have any questions or concerns with anything involving Pennsylvania state government, or would like to express your opinion on an issue, please do not hesitate to contact me. My staff and I pledge to strive to make state government more accessible and helpful to you. Listed below are several of the services that I invite you to utilize.*

**My staff and I can help you by providing...**

- Status reports on legislation
- Help with problems you may encounter when dealing with state government and its agencies
- Copies of PA House and Senate bills and state laws
- Help in processing PennDOT motor vehicle titles registrations, driver’s licenses and learner’s permits renewals, disability plate/placards – click here to obtain PennDOT forms online or to file electronically
- Applications for PA birth and death certificates
- Pennsylvania child abuse history clearance applications
- Pennsylvania criminal history applications
- Pennsylvania Tax Forms
- Informational brochures and forms
- Guide to benefits and rights for senior citizens
- Property tax and rent rebate forms
- PACE/PACENET applications
- Pennsylvania Driver’s Manuals
- Pennsylvania transportation maps
- Absentee ballot applications and voter registration forms
- PHEAA information on student aid for higher education
- Forms from the Bureau of Consumer Protection
- Forms from the Pennsylvania Corporation Bureau
- Notary applications
- Senatorial Citations and Certificates of Recognition to commemorate 50th anniversaries, 100th birthdays, special achievements like Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold awards, or other important occasions

**What you can do for me...**

- Let me know your problems. When you encounter bureaucratic red tape and frustration, tell me about it.
- Let me know when your community organization or municipality is seeking state funding.
- Do you need an answer in regard to state government? Maybe I have one. If not, I will certainly try to obtain the answer for you.
- Feel free to call, write, or stop in to my offices to share your opinions on pending legislation. I can best serve you when I know your feelings and have the benefit of your ideas.



## Save the Date!

Bradford Woods is celebrating 110 Years!

Please join us on Founder’s Day:

Saturday, May 3, 2024

From Noon to 3:00 PM

At the Bradford Woods Fire Station  
4908 Wexford Run Road

Activities include:

- Flag ceremony
- Special guest speakers
- Musical performances
- Historical fun facts
- Lunch included
- Bounce house
- And more!

**Sponsorships Available!**

Contact Rusti:  
manager@bradfordwoods.gov  
724-935-2990



The Borough of Bradford Woods is celebrating 110 Years!

### FOUNDER’S DAY

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Noon—3:00 pm

4908 Wexford Run Road, Bradford Woods, PA 15015

Your support can help us make this celebration a memorable one for our residents

### Sponsorship Levels

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**Silver Level Sponsor \$250**

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Recognition on all signage and verbally at event

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**Bronze Level Sponsor \$100**

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Recognition verbally at event

Interested? Contact Rusti Null: manager@bradfordwoods.gov  
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## 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.



# Bradford Woods Women's Club

As many of you know, Bradford Woods Women's Club has been around for a very long time. But did you know that it is the combination of two clubs?

In 1988 *The Women of Bradford Woods Club* joined with *The Village Garden Club* to form The Bradford Woods Women's Club, and it has been a vibrant part of the community ever since.



Although the name says Bradford Woods, it is important to note that this club is open to any woman who lives in the local area. We currently have members from Marshall Township, Wexford, Butler, and Sewickley.

We have several purposes as an organization. The first is to promote friendship among local women. We enjoy a social time each month before our program to share our stories and catch up with one another. This social time always includes a table of delicious treats and drinks. Our members share their best recipes which are usually theme-based depending on the month.

We also have a program each month. Some of our programs from the past years include a tattoo artist, a jewelry appraiser, instruction and certification in CPR, and a simulation activity to understand racial wealth inequity. The programs are varied and presented by a variety of people from community members, professionals, and club members.



Another purpose is to contribute to local organizations and charities. These contributions are funded by dues (\$40) and fund raisers. Currently our largest fund raiser is an annual English Tea and Author's Presentation. It has been so successful the

last two years that we had to limit the number of attendees.

Our final purpose is to maintain certain areas around Bradford Woods to continue to ensure the beauty of our community. We maintain the flowers by the fence on Forest Road, the flower beds around the Firehall/Borough Building, and Community Bulletin Boards. We also work with the Conservancy.

We meet at the Bradford Woods Community Church on the second Tuesday of each month except in August, December, and May when we meet on the second Wednesday of each month. We gather at 9:30 for Social Time. Our programs begin at 10:00 followed by a business meeting. In August, December, and May we have a special luncheon usually held at the Blueberry Hill Barn.

Some of the programs being scheduled for this year include learning how to handle scams, learning about the North Allegheny School District, Station No. 5, the Butler Symphony and Theater scene, and selfcare.



We would love to have you join us! If you would like more information, please contact Shelley Byers at shelly496@yahoo.com or 412-973-6371.

**Meeting Place:** Bradford Woods Community Church  
**Date & Time:** Second Tuesday of each month (Aug thru May)  
9:30 Social Time  
10:00 Program followed by business meeting  
Yearly Dues \$40.00

## DOG LICENSES – ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Dog licenses assist in reuniting lost dogs with their owners. All dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1 of each year.

**Annual dog licenses** are valid for the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st of each year.

**Lifetime dog licenses** are also available for purchase and **DO NOT NEED TO BE RENEWED**. Microchips are mandatory for the purchase of Lifetime Licenses. Also, Microchips are encouraged for annual dog license holders to ensure lost dogs are found.

The Allegheny County Treasurer's Licensing Department staff is available

**Monday – Friday**

**8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

for residents to purchase a dog license.

**Phone: 412-350-4111**

PLEASE NOTE: Pennsylvania State Law mandates that all dogs 3 months of age or older must be licensed. Dog Licenses must be purchased by January 1st of each year regardless of when the license was purchased the previous year. State Dog Wardens may issue fines up to \$300 plus court cost per dog for violation of this law.



**NO LICENSE = \$300 FINE + COURT COST / PER DOG**





## Conservancy Events

### DCNR Property Consultations on Wednesday, October 16

If you missed the opportunity in July to have a certified forester from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) walk your property with you, the Conservancy is bringing them back to Bradford Woods on Wednesday, October 16.

There's no better way to learn about the health and safety of your woods than directly from an expert. Please reach out soon to schedule your visit, as space is limited for this popular program.

These visits are intended for Conservancy members only, so you'll need to become a member prior to your visit; you can join online here: <http://www.bradfordwoodsconservancy.org/bw-conservancy-membership-and-donation/>

### Light Up Night in the Reserve on Sunday, December 8

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8 for the Conservancy's 12th annual Light Up Night in the Bradford Woods Reserve, starting at 5 p.m.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy hot cocoa and cookies by a roaring fire in the meadow fire pit. We'll sing Christmas Carols with the Bradford Woods Community Church Choir and have the traditional lighting of our tree. **We expect Santa Claus to make an appearance, too!**

Remember, parking is limited at the Reserve so try to walk or carpool. Don't forget your flashlight and warm clothing and follow the luminaries along the path to the festivities!

### Conservancy 30th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 5

The Bradford Woods Conservancy is celebrating 30 years of serving the community, and as our thanks to everyone who has supported us, we're planning a great day of birds, trees, gift baskets, and recognition.

Starting at 9 a.m. at Station No.5

- We'll be giving away 200+ native trees (first-come, first-serve).
- For any who would like to learn more about identifying local birds, we'll be leading bird walks for adults and kids.
- We'll have silent auction gift baskets, thanks to donations from local business, and a raffle for a large native tree.

At 12 p.m., we'll begin a program to include:

- Speakers, including State Senator Devlin Robinson, Bradford Woods Mayor Doug Marsico, Borough Council Member Chris Mansfield, Chris Beichner from Allegheny Land Trust and Bradford Woods Conservancy President Ward Allebach
- Conservancy Volunteer Awards
- Winners of Silent Auction and Tree Raffle
- Wine and Cheese Happy Hour

Please plan on joining us! Contact us for more information about the details at [art.kasson@gmail.com](mailto:art.kasson@gmail.com).

## How do I report a concern to the Borough staff?

There are three ways to report a concern in Bradford Woods:

1. **Call** the Borough office at (724) 935-2990,
2. **Email** the Borough manager at [manager@bradfordwoods.gov](mailto:manager@bradfordwoods.gov),
3. **Submit** a Citizen Request Form through the Borough website at [www.bradfordwoodspa.org](http://www.bradfordwoodspa.org). From the home page, click on "Citizen Request Form."

Regardless of how you report the concern, you must include your name, address, and either a phone number or email address for follow-up. We cannot accept anonymous requests.

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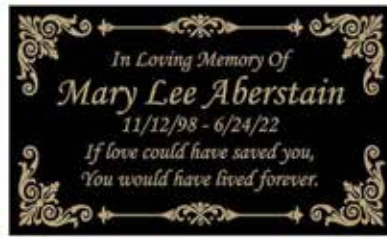
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# Memorial Plaques for Updated Benches at Reserve

Members of the EPAC recently updated the benches at the Bradford Woods Reserve. The Borough is offering a one-time opportunity to purchase a memorial plaque for two of the updated benches.



**TWO** plaques will be sold on a *first-come, first-served* basis for \$250 each. To purchase a plaque, please complete the form below and bring or mail it to the Borough Office with check made payable to the Borough of Bradford Woods.

*Please print legibly*

Name of Person Ordering Plaque \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

***Text for Plaque (up to 5 lines, up to 40 characters per line)***

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 5 \_\_\_\_\_



## **Vaccination Clinic Sponsored by the McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority**

Bradford Woods Residents are invited to receive free vaccines on Friday, September 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The clinic will be held at the Marshall Township municipal office, 525 Pleasant Hill Road, Wexford, PA. No appointment is necessary, but please bring your insurance card. The following vaccines will be offered:

**Flu • Pneumonia • Shingles • Covid • Tetanus**



# Northern Regional Police Department



Have you been bugged by pest control salespeople knocking on your door? Bradford Woods Borough Code requires door-to-door solicitors to obtain a permit from the NRPD. With the permit they are also given a list of addresses they are not allowed to visit, because the residents have requested to be placed on the No Solicitation list. If you would like to add your address to the No Solicitation list, please email the Borough manager at [manager@bradfordwoods.gov](mailto:manager@bradfordwoods.gov) or call 724-935-2990.



If you are already on the list but still have a salesperson come to your house, you can:

- Ask to see their solicitation permit. If they have no permit, you may call 911 to report them, or
- If they have a permit, tell them you are on the No Solicitation list that they received with their permit. You can ask them to leave and/or call 911 to report them, or
- Don't answer the door. Call 911 to report them.
- When calling 911, provide as much information as possible. Company name, salesperson's name, and vehicle identification are all helpful.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How can I report a motor vehicle speeding in the Borough?

A. Call 911 and provide as much information as possible – location, time of day, day of the week, vehicle color, make and model, plate or partial plate number.

Q. Are golf carts, minibikes and dirt bikes allowed on Borough roads?

A. Yes, but they must be registered and insured, and they must be driven by a licensed driver. The vehicle must have lights, turn signals, a horn, and other required equipment. These vehicles are not permitted on Wexford Run Road, because the posted speed limit is more than 25 MPH.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

### How Can I Control Stormwater on My Property?



Have you ever wondered what you can do to control stormwater on your property? Maybe you experience property damage from excessive water runoff, live in a community that floods frequently, or care about the health of local streams.

Regardless of your motivation, there are many different things you can do to manage stormwater on your property, including:

- **Downspout Disconnect/Redirect** - If your downspouts are directed onto a paved or concrete surface or are directly connected to the storm drain system, look for opportunities to redirect them to lawn and garden areas. Some communities have even passed new ordinances that require this practice. Just be sure that all downspouts are directed away from foundations to avoid basement flooding.
- **Rain Barrels** - Rain barrels capture and hold water until it can be used or slowly released into planted areas. For rain barrels to be effective at controlling stormwater, it is important to have a plan for using the water before installing one.
- **Planting Trees** - Planting trees is a great way to reduce stormwater runoff. If you have a stream on your property, planting trees along the stream can be the best thing you do for water quality and the trees will help prevent the stream from eroding away your property. The more trees the better, but aim for a forest that is at least 35 ft. wide. At the very least don't mow your lawn directly up to the edge of the streambank. Let the grass grow some roots!

- **Meadows** - If trees aren't an option on your property, adding other types of plants is a good substitute. Any areas where lawn can be replaced with ornamental grasses, flowers, and shrubs will have a positive impact on controlling stormwater on your property. Meadows, whether large or small, increase the ability of the land to absorb water. Meadows can be a great way to reduce the amount of time you spend mowing the grass and can be placed in the areas that are the most difficult to mow.

- **Rain Gardens** - One of the best options for managing stormwater on your property is to install a rain garden. A rain garden is a bowl shaped garden that can capture and hold water until it is able to be absorbed into the soil. Rain gardens can be a do-it-yourself project but it may be wise to seek the services of a landscape professional.



- **Pervious Pavers** - Pervious pavers can look very similar to a traditional brick or stone patio, sidewalk, or driveway. The difference is that they are installed with a thick stone base that provides space for water to be stored until it soaks into the ground. They are great for converting hard surfaces that usually make a lot of stormwater, into a surface that absorbs, manages, and reduces stormwater runoff. If you're interested in this, you should probably contact a professional landscaper.

These are just a few of the many options available for controlling stormwater. Many projects you can tackle on your own but if you have complicated stormwater issues on your property, consider getting help from an engineer or landscape professional.





# Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company

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Assistant Chief Bill Engeman  
President Jack Moran  
Vice President Mike Gillis  
Treasurer Vince Cannella  
Secretary Shelly Muhlenkamp

The Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company has been responding to emergencies in our community, as well as nearby areas. Summer storms and high winds have brought many trees down onto homes and power lines.

It is important to remember these lines contain live, high voltage electricity, and any contact or proximity to these lines can result in injury or fatality.



Chief Ben Titus on fire truck

- Do not try to move a downed line because it may still be energized and could be potentially dangerous and even fatal.
- In the instance of a vehicle accident, those involved should drive away from the power lines, if they can do so, without running over any lines.
- Once safely away from the downed line, maintain a distance of at least 30 feet from downed wires and anything they are in contact with, such as puddles of water and fences.
- Contact 911 and your local electric utility. Local emergency crews can block off the area until utility crews are able to de-energize or fix the line.
- Even if a downed line appears to be a phone or cable line, it may be an electric line, or it may be touching an electric line at some point, so treat all downed lines as if they are energized.

Who doesn't enjoy a fun weekend cookout? That is what summers are all about, enjoying time outside with family and friends. Please keep in mind that there are some guidelines involved with outdoor fires:

### 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

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Health-Department/Air-Quality/Resident-Information/Open-Burning>

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Bradford Woods VFC, [bradfordwoodsffc@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordwoodsffc@gmail.com)



The memorial brick walkway, recently installed with new brick donations from members of the community

We have had some fun community events: We had volunteers visit the Bradford Woods Elementary School in May and got to review fire safety for the home. In August we welcomed back the younger kids at the elementary school, and we reminded them that we are here to help keep them safe.

**We always welcome volunteers! Come meet us on a Tuesday night and find out the many ways you can participate. Watch for exact times on our Facebook page or on our billboard.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 14 September**  
Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo
- 25 October**  
Halloween Parade
- 14 December**  
Santa on the Truck  
(noon start time)





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