



SPRING/SUMMER 2025



BOROUGH OF

# BRADFORD WOODS

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## FOUNDER'S DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

NOON – 3:00 PM

Please join us for this family-friendly afternoon celebrating the 110th anniversary of the founding of Bradford Woods Borough. The event will feature speeches by local and regional dignitaries, live music, a bounce house and other activities for kids, and a complementary picnic lunch. Local historians will share facts about and photos of the Borough through the years, and there will even be a cookie table! Turn to page 11 for more information about Founder's Day.

We are grateful for the support of all our community partners who are helping to plan and host this event. The highlighted text in this newsletter will communicate how each group is involved in Founder's Day. Our sincere thanks goes out to the talented men and women of the following community partner organizations:

Bradford Woods Community Church  
Bradford Woods Couples Club  
Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company  
Cub Scout Pack 81  
Northland Public Library  
Station No. 5

Bradford Woods Conservancy  
Bradford Woods Elementary Girl Scouts  
Bradford Woods Women's Club  
McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance  
Northern Regional Police Department

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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



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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 2 Captains 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  
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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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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

- 7..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 12..... Conservancy Work Day @ Reserve – 10 am
- 14..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 15..... EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 19..... Conservancy Work Day @ Lake Loop – 10 am
- 26..... Yard Waste Pick Up
- 26..... Earth Day at the Reserve – 10 am–2 pm
- 26..... BWVFC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### MAY

#### 3.....FOUNDER'S DAY - noon

- 5..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 12..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 20..... EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 24..... Yard Waste Pick Up
- 24..... Conservancy Tree Give-away
- 26..... Memorial Day – Borough Office Closed

### JUNE

- 2..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 6..... Last Day of School for North Allegheny
- 9..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 17..... EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 21..... Yard Waste Pick Up

### JULY

- 4..... Independence Day - Borough Office Closed
- 7..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 14..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 15..... EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 26..... Yard Waste Pick Up
- 25..... Storytelling at the Reserve – 6:30 pm

### AUGUST

- 4..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 11..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 19..... EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 21..... First Day of School for North Allegheny
- 23..... Yard Waste Pick Up
- 23..... BWVFC Bike Parade & Pancake Breakfast 9 am

### SEPTEMBER

- 1..... Labor Day – Borough Office Closed
- 4..... Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
- 8..... Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 16..... EPAC Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 20..... Yard Waste Pick Up

### OCTOBER

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



## Garbage and Recycling

The Borough currently contracts with **Waste Management** to provide automated collection of solid waste and recycling



as well as collection of yard waste, bulk items, and household hazardous waste. Waste Management charges residents \$36.25 per month for those services. The contract allows for a 9% price increase per year through 2026. **Recycling is mandatory for all residents. Carts must be placed at the curb (not in/on the street) by 6:00 a.m. on the pickup day and removed by 6:00 a.m. the next day.**

All carts are the property of Waste Management and must stay with the house in the event of a change in ownership. Residents are expected to care for the carts and notify Waste Management when repairs are needed.

Waste Management collects solid waste and recycling every **Monday** in Bradford Woods. Recyclable items include plastics #1 and #2, metal and aluminum cans, **glass jars and bottles**, flattened cardboard and paperboard, and paper. Garbage must be bagged; recycling should be placed loose in the cart.

Seniors 65+ are eligible for a 10% discount on Waste Management services. Call Customer Service at 800-866-4460 to initiate the discount. You will need to provide proof of age to be eligible.

Yard waste is collected once per month from April through November. Yard waste must be in biodegradable bags and placed at the curb. There is no limit on the number of bags collected. Yard waste is collected on the Saturday of the third full week of each month.

One bulk item will be picked up at no additional charge on Monday of the third full week of the month. Additional bulk items and appliances can be scheduled for pickup (for an additional charge) by calling Waste Management at 800-866-4460. A bulk item is one which will not fit in the cart, such as furniture.

Household Hazardous Waste is collected free of charge by appointment only. These items include paint, household cleaners, needles and syringes, compact fluorescent lamps, automotive products, garden chemicals, batteries, and electronics. Schedule an appointment by calling 800-449-7587.

### 2025 YARD WASTE DATES

*(yard waste must be in paper bags)*

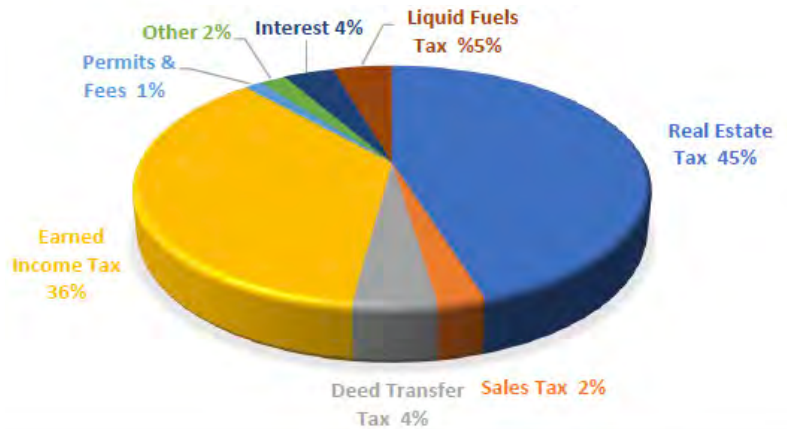
April	26	August	23
May	24	September	20
June	21	October	25
July	26	November	22

# Bradford Woods 2025 Budget Snapshot

## REVENUE

Real Estate Tax	481,048
Earned Income Tax	387,207
Deed Transfer	47,000
Sales Tax	26,497
Interest	40,000
Permits/Fees	14,224
Liquid Fuels	47,993
Other	21,048
Capital Reserve Transfers In	466,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,531,017</b>

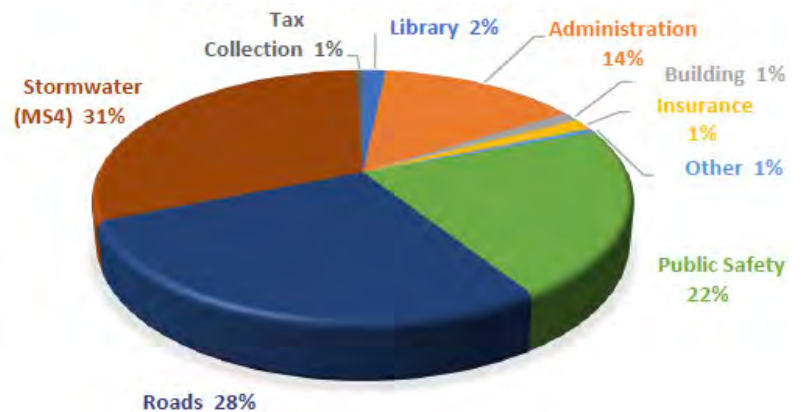
## 2025 REVENUE BUDGET



## EXPENSE

Administration	219,951
Tax Collection	8,672
Building	19,418
Library Contribution	24,879
Public Safety	331,775
Roads/Public Works	426,844
Insurance	22,305
Capital Improvement (MS4)	468,000
Other	9,173
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,531,017</b>

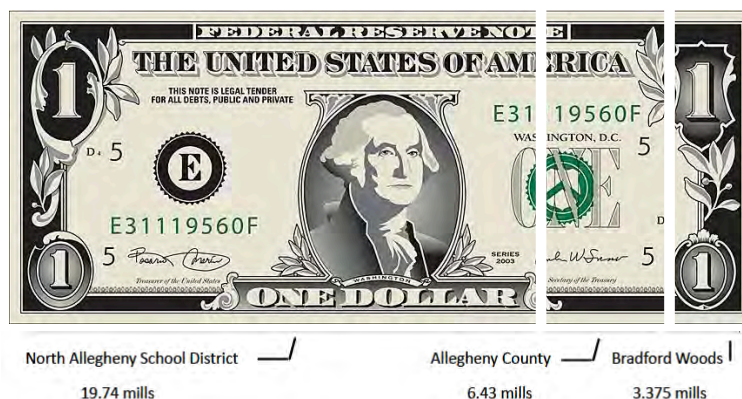
## 2025 EXPENSE BUDGET



## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

The Borough's largest source of revenue is property tax. Residents pay property taxes to three taxing bodies: North Allegheny School District, Allegheny County, and Bradford Woods Borough. The chart below shows the amount of tax that will be paid by property owners in 2025 to each taxing body using an assessed value of \$200,000 and the current millage rates:

Taxing Body	Millage Rate	Dollar Amount
North Allegheny School District	19.74 mills	\$3,948.00
Allegheny County	6.43 mills	\$1,286.00
Bradford Woods Borough	3.375 mills	\$ 675.00





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# Bradford Woods Women's Club

Did you know that the Bradford Woods Women's Club has been in existence since the early 1970's and that originally, the club met in women's homes? That makes our organization 55 years old! We are proud to say we are still going strong and meeting monthly but no longer in our homes.



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 the programs 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, selfcare, and information about North Park from North Park Rangers. We also take field trips to local places of interest, such as the Trolley Museum.

Another purpose is to contribute to local organizations and charities. Some of the organizations to which we contribute are Hearst, North Hills Community Outreach, Crisis Center North, Bradford Woods Fire Department and North Country Meals on Wheels. These



contributions are funded by dues (\$30) 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.

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 \$30.00

The Bradford Woods Women's Club is excited to be part of the Founders Day celebration on Saturday, May 3rd, as we make our way from 1915 to the present. The Heritage Committee plans to be in the Borough meeting room with maps, displays, and current and historical information about Bradford Woods and its many community groups. A local historian will be on hand with newly discovered clues to our shared past, and the Women's Club will contribute a "Celebration Cake" and sing songs about the Borough!

We hope to see you there!



**Northern Regional Police Department**

The Northern Regional Police Department would like to congratulate Bradford Woods Borough on their 110th anniversary! We look forward to celebrating with you on May 3rd.

## Couples Club

The Bradford Woods Couples Club is honored to provide a cookie table for the Borough's 110th anniversary celebration on May 3, 2025.

The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for May 17, 2025. Since 1957: An opportunity for new residents and "old" to become acquainted by coming together in a relaxed social gathering...we always welcome new members to join! Please feel free to contact us about joining the Bradford Woods Couples Club [bradfordwoodscouplesclub@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordwoodscouplesclub@gmail.com).







## Bradford Woods Conservancy

### Update on Conservancy's 5-years Strategic Goals for Bradford Woods

The Conservancy's key goals for the five-year period of 2022-2026 for Bradford Woods all center on our mission of stewardship, conservation and restoration:

- Plant 5,000 native trees and plants on public and private spaces
- Conduct 100 free property consultations with the state Department of Natural Resources foresters, and
- Publish and distribute a Woods Management Guide for Bradford Woods

Thanks to public and member support, we are proud to report that we are well on our way to fulfilling all of these goals, as we entered 2025.

**Plantings:** In addition to giving away more than 1,000 native trees, flowers and shrubs for planting around the community, we've also planted hundreds more in the Reserve, Lake Loop Trail, the Post Office, the Fire House/Borough Hall, and other public spaces.

You can help us to meet our goal directly by becoming a Conservancy member and contributing to our new Community Tree Fund. Look for our annual membership letter in the mail or join online at [www.BradfordWoodsConservancy.org](http://www.BradfordWoodsConservancy.org)!

**Property Consultations:** Since 2014, we've facilitated more than 160 free property consultations for borough residents to learn more about their woods with DCNR foresters. Check on the health of your woods, learn how to identify and manage invasive species, or look at trees that you think might be a danger to your home.

We typically do these visits two or three times a year, depending on demand. Contact Ward Allebach to find out about our summer schedule: [allebach@consolidated.net](mailto:allebach@consolidated.net).

**Woods Management Guide:** With the help of University of Pittsburgh interns, we've published the community's first edition to helping you to learn more about your woods. The Guide includes:

- Woods Management Basics
- Invasives in Bradford Woods
- Tree Planting and Tree Care
- Attracting Pollinators

Lists of native Tree, Plants and Shrubs for different site conditions to match up with your property

Look for a digital copy on our web site on our My Backyard Woods page or get a hard copy at one of our events in 2025!

### Conservancy Events for 2025

Thanks to everyone who joined us in 2024 for our family events like Earth Day, Storytelling and Light Up Night, our working events in the Reserve, Lake Loop, and road cleanups, or special events like our 30th anniversary tree give-away at Station No. 5. We couldn't do what we do for the community without your support. Hope you'll join us for some of our events scheduled for the first part of 2025!

#### March:

- Speaker Series: Weds., March 26, 7:00 PM
- Planning and Planting Native Gardens  
Ed Wren, Co-founder, Wild Ones
- Bradford Woods Community Church  
Contact Ward Allebach: [allebach@consolidated.net](mailto:allebach@consolidated.net)

#### April:

- Community Road Cleanup: April 1-14  
Contact Art Kasson: [art.kasson@gmail.com](mailto:art.kasson@gmail.com)
- Work Day in the Reserve: Sat., April 12 @ 10 a.m.  
Contact Ward Allebach: [allebach@consolidated.net](mailto:allebach@consolidated.net)
- Lake Loop Work Day: Sat., April 19 @ 10 a.m. (tent.)  
Contact Hilary Faló: [hilarypf@gmail.com](mailto:hilarypf@gmail.com)
- Earth Day in the Reserve: Sat., April 26  
Contact Diana Berendowski: [dberendowski@gmail.com](mailto:dberendowski@gmail.com)

#### May:

- American Chestnut Tree Giveaway: Sat., May 24 (tent.)

### Our Next Special Edition Newsletter: Focus on Native Gardens and Landscapes

In recent years, the Conservancy has published three "special edition" newsletters that focused on issues important to the health of our woods. This has included deep dives into trees, deer population, and birds. The idea has been that the more we all know, the better chance we have to keep natural spaces thriving on private and public properties in Bradford Woods for generations to come.

Our upcoming newsletter will focus on native gardening, including articles on:

- Tips for Native Landscaping
- Benefits of Native Landscaping
- Natives, Non-Natives and Invasives
- Best Native Plants for Pittsburgh
- Certified Arborists

Here's a brief excerpt:

Native shrubs and trees are plants that have grown naturally and historically in a certain area. They are accustomed to the soil, weather conditions, moisture or lack thereof, and will readily thrive and reproduce. They can withstand many of the environmental stresses of this area, and they produce shelter and food for native wildlife.

As you plan landscaping around your home and near your woods, the Conservancy is encouraging everyone in Bradford Woods to plant natives. Non-natives and ornamental landscaping choices are not necessarily bad for our woods, but it does depend on the species and how they have been shown to interact with natives.



2024 Conservancy Advisory Board members and volunteers at Station No. 5 for our 30th anniversary celebration and tree give-away in October. From left to right: Ward Allebach, Diana Berendowski, Christi Wilcox (Station No. 5 owner), Vicki Weigand, Gwen Phillips, Hilary Faló, Ken Knapp, Art Kasson, Ray Morris, and Larry Roberts.





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# EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

## Project Tables

- Monarch Station
- Nature Arts and Crafts
- Paint a rock
- PA Native plants give away
- Bradford Woods Conservancy
- Animal Friends
- Storm Water Management
- Audubon Society of Western PA

Sponsored by  
Bradford Woods Conservancy

Where: The Reserve in  
Bradford Woods  
156 Bradford Road

When: Saturday, April 26

Time: 10:00-2:00

\*Free Admission\*

\*Free Picnic Lunch\*

Questions? Contact: 724-272-4400

## Participate in Activities for all ages

### • 10:00 - 2:00 Visit Activity Tables

\*Light Refreshments will be provided.\*

### • 11:00 - 12:00 Birds of Prey Presentation

(One of ASWP's live raptors will be present)

**Speaker: Gabi Hughes Wildlife Habitat Educator**

Bring a chair for the presentation!

### • 12:00 - 1:00 Free Picnic Lunch

• Officer Welling and canine Hank will be strolling around the Reserve to meet and greet everyone.

### \*Raptors Presentation\*

Have you ever wondered what makes a falcon a falcon? Or how fast a falcon can fly? Or how falcons hunt? Well join naturalist from Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania (ASWP) to learn answers to these questions and more! This natural history program will cover birds of prey, also known as raptor. The presenter will discuss how birds of prey differ from other birds, how they find food and what raptors are common to western PA.



# Bradford Woods Founder's Day 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4908 Wexford Run Road, Bradford Woods

## Schedule of Events

11:30	Shuttle Service Begins	BWE Parking Lot
12:00	Flag Ceremony	Fire Hall Flagpole
12:05	Welcome — Victoria Pongrace, Council Pres.	Fire Hall Stage
	Bradford Woods Song—Women's Club	Fire Hall Stage
	Special Guest Speakers:	Fire Hall Stage
	Mayor Doug Marsico	
	State Senator Devlin Robinson	
	State Representative Jeremy Shaffer	
	County Councilwoman Suzanne Filiaggi	
	Big "B" Song— Women's Club	Fire Hall Stage
	"Sweet Bradford Woods" - Paul Swann	Fire Hall Stage
	Map Unveiling—Victoria Pongrace	Fire Hall Stage
12:45	Picnic Lunch by John Marshall Catering	BWVFC Garage
1:00	North Allegheny Fiddlers	Fire Hall Stage
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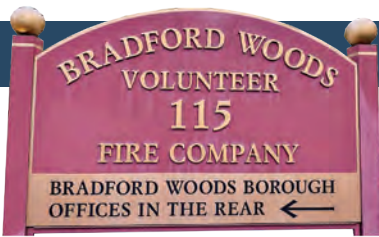
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# Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company

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 Relief Association: George Berendowski, Ned Jenkins, Mayor Doug Marsico, and Rick Wilcox

The Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Company had a great year in 2024. We had new members join us, as well as a return of old members. We want to give a shout out to new member Kevin Baker, who joined us the summer of 2024. Kevin completed over 188 hours of training to become qualified to be an interior firefighter. He has demonstrated his commitment to protect you and your family in our borough, and the neighboring communities.

## Fun events planned for this year:



Participating in Honor Flight Pittsburgh honoring our local Veterans

- 26 April we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary as a fire company in BW
- 3 May Bradford Woods 110th anniversary will be celebrated on the firehall grounds
  - Spring: Fire safety at BWES
  - Summer: Touch a truck membership drive
- 23 August Bike parade and pancake breakfast
- 24 October Halloween parade
- 20 December Santa on the Truck



Santa on the Truck in the neighborhood

We enjoy hosting community events, but we can't do it without volunteers. You can help with community events, and you don't have to be a fire fighter! Now that you know the dates, choose one, put it on your calendar, and contact shellymuhlenkamp@zoominternet.net to lend a hand.

If you are interested in providing for a safe community and are interested in becoming an emergency responder, please contact Shelly. She can tell you more about the training we offer to help our neighbors when they are in need.



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## How Can I Be a Good Stormwater Neighbor?

Have you ever discussed stormwater with your neighbor or wondered how to be a better stormwater neighbor? Neighbor disputes over stormwater are very common. Water does not follow property boundaries and there are often instances where water flows from one property onto another and causes damage. It is important to realize that activities on your own property can adversely affect your neighbor's property.

The first thing to do as a responsible neighbor is to familiarize yourself with how stormwater flows on your own property. Ask yourself how does water enter and exit my property? Are there areas of concentrated flow currently causing damage to your property or adjacent neighboring property? If so, flows can be re-directed to vegetated areas for infiltration. You can also install a rain barrel, cistern, rain garden, or dry well as needed to control roof run-off.

When installing best management practices (or BMP's), do not direct stormwater flows onto a neighboring property and do not block stormwater from leaving your neighbor's property. Stabilize disturbed areas and maintain lawns, driveways, and gardens to prevent erosion and sedimentation on your own and on other peoples' properties. Changes from building and land development activities can alter natural flows of surface and stormwater. It is important to recognize that grading and re-grading can change how water moves across the land. It is essential to leave natural drainage paths undisturbed when possible and never intentionally concentrate stormwater flows.

If you live near a stream, pond, or stormwater drain you can plant a riparian buffer or establish a "grow zone" along the waterbody to allow pollutants to be filtered before reaching the water. This will help prevent erosion on your property. Also, do not compost yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, or mulch into or near a stream or stormwater drain. Clean up trash, litter, and other debris that may clog a drain or small stream that could potentially cause flooding or pollution from water run-off.

If you find yourself in a dispute with a neighboring property owner over stormwater issues remember: open communication and cooperation can prevent stormwater issues and help resolve existing stormwater problems. If you have questions about local stormwater regulations, contact your municipality. It is important to take steps to protect natural water courses, infiltration areas, and drainage paths. Be mindful of how your actions can affect adjacent landowners and take steps to prevent damage not only on your own property but also on your neighbor's property.

**REMINDER: It is property owner's responsibility to keep their driveway pipes clear!**

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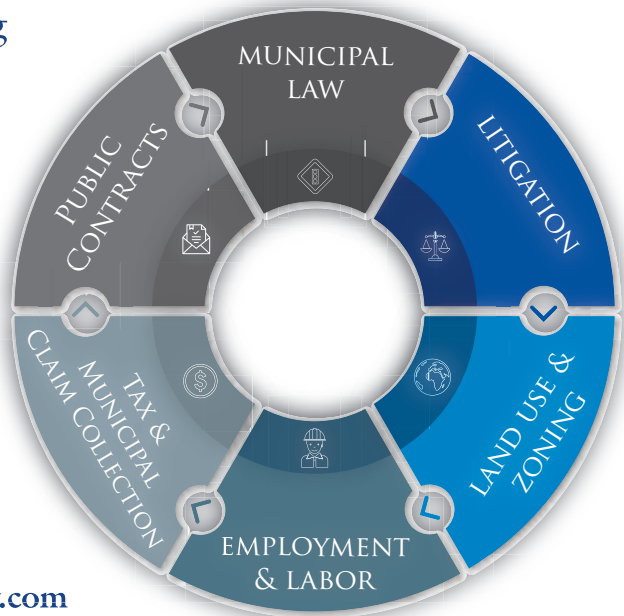
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