

# COMMUNITY FIRST INITIATIVES

[North Braddock Network](#) founder Steve Liptak, Jr. has led some positive community first initiatives over the years. It demonstrates that any average resident can take the initiative to help other residents.

- \*Created the North Braddock Network Facebook, Twitter, & Website to engage the community
- \*Created a YouTube channel with promotional community videos
- \*Built a Facebook photo album with thousands of photos documenting community history
- \*Created a Facebook for [North Braddock Scott High School](#) with alumni website creator Mike Bakin to bring alumni together & promote school pride events
- \*Created a Facebook for [Braddock's Battlefield History Center](#) to promote local history & tourism for center director Bob Messner
- \*Created a Facebook for [Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church - Braddock, PA](#) to support one of only two Catholic churches left in Braddock
- \*Created Nextdoor First Ward with another resident to improve resident communication
- \*Created promotional flyers for the community & public events
- \*Designed community t-shirts available on EBay & local deliveries
- \*Photograph various events and local sights for resident information
- \*Created resident guides, visitor guides, business directory, street directory, maps, sports history, election guides, etc. for community engagement
- \*Updated community information for the Wikipedia entry
- \*Created a North Braddock newsletter for residents with a business of the month & other useful info

- \*Attended boro council meetings and provided meeting summaries for the community**
- \*Suggested new ideas & ordinances at boro council meetings**
- \*Began to share recorded council meetings for the first time in boro history from another social media videographer**
- \*Submitted right to know requests for the boro budget & payroll figures**
- \*Landscaped the Wolfe Avenue welcome sign before the creation of the garden club**
- \*Planted flowers and placed flags at welcome signs for Memorial Day with a council member**
- \*Landscaped the boro building entrance with a council member**
- \*Trimmed weeds along the parade route in the past with personal equipment**
- \*Volunteered in numerous clean up days in the past**
- \*Clean litter in the neighborhood & boro steps numerous times a year**
- \*Landscaped boro steps, street, alley, park and basketball court with personal trimming equipment**
- \*Volunteered as a boro firefighter and helped at events for numerous years in the past**
- \*Helped design and have customized license plates printed for fire apparatus with the help of a resident donation**
- \*Served as a community parade announcer in the years past**
- \*Report street light outages throughout all three wards on a routine basis**
- \*Share info immediately that is emailed from code enforcement, boro manager, etc. on social media**
- \*Reported abandoned vehicles, issues, & hazards in the neighborhood**

- \*Answer weekly inquiries for neighbors asking info and where to seek answers for issues**
- \*Answer inquiries from media reporters requesting resident info on local topics**
- \*Coordinated with other community social media groups and residents to share information in the Mon-Valley**
- \*Shared lost pets and successfully helped reunite pets with owners**
- \*Created a petition to reduce the size of the council government**
- \*Contacted PennDOT and had North Braddock signs installed along Route 30**
- \*Reported street locations in need of proper street signage for public safety**
- \*Share reported crime info on a routine basis to keep residents aware**
- \*Provided materials for a resident info session with North Braddock Cares**
- \*Promoted local businesses and reasons to visit North Braddock**
- \*Promoted local sports and youth activities within the area & school district**
- \*Promoted community groups info & events for residents**
- \*Promoted available property on the real estate market within the community**
- \*Promoted community redevelopment initiatives in the area**
- \*Improved transparent info on all levels for the good of every resident's right to know**