



# North Braddock News

Resident Newsletter From North Braddock Network

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### About The Newsletter:

North Braddock Network is a resident social media group that started in 2009. Residents keep neighbors engaged with what is happening around the birth place of steel. Our network has expanded and been established on Facebook, Twitter, NBN Website, YouTube, etc. Be sure to check out North Braddock Network on all of the online platforms. This is the first volume for the newsletter to experiment with a new idea to promote and engage the community.

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## PRIMARY CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

Candidates have been announced for mayor, council and tax collector in North Braddock. Two new candidates and the incumbent are running for mayor while three new candidates and two incumbents are running for council. One incumbent is running for tax collector. One council seat in Ward 2 has no candidate competing for the seat.

### **NORTH BRADDOCK CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017, 7AM TO 8PM**

#### **MAYOR - ONE SEAT**

**ALBERT SENIC (D) - PALLAS STREET**  
**TERRENCE SKLENAR (D) - GRANDVIEW AVENUE**  
**THOMAS WHYEL (D) - MCDONOUGH AVENUE**

#### **COUNCIL WARD 1 - TWO SEATS**

**TERESA PARKER (D) - BRINTON AVENUE**  
**JAMES SCHORR (D) - O'CONNELL BLVD**  
**JEROME SEPESEY (D) - WOLFE AVENUE**

#### **COUNCIL WARD 2 - TWO SEATS**

**VICTORIA VARGO (D) - KIRKPATRICK AVENUE**

#### **COUNCIL WARD 3 - ONE SEAT**

**BRIDGETTE COBBS (D) - OAKLAND AVENUE**

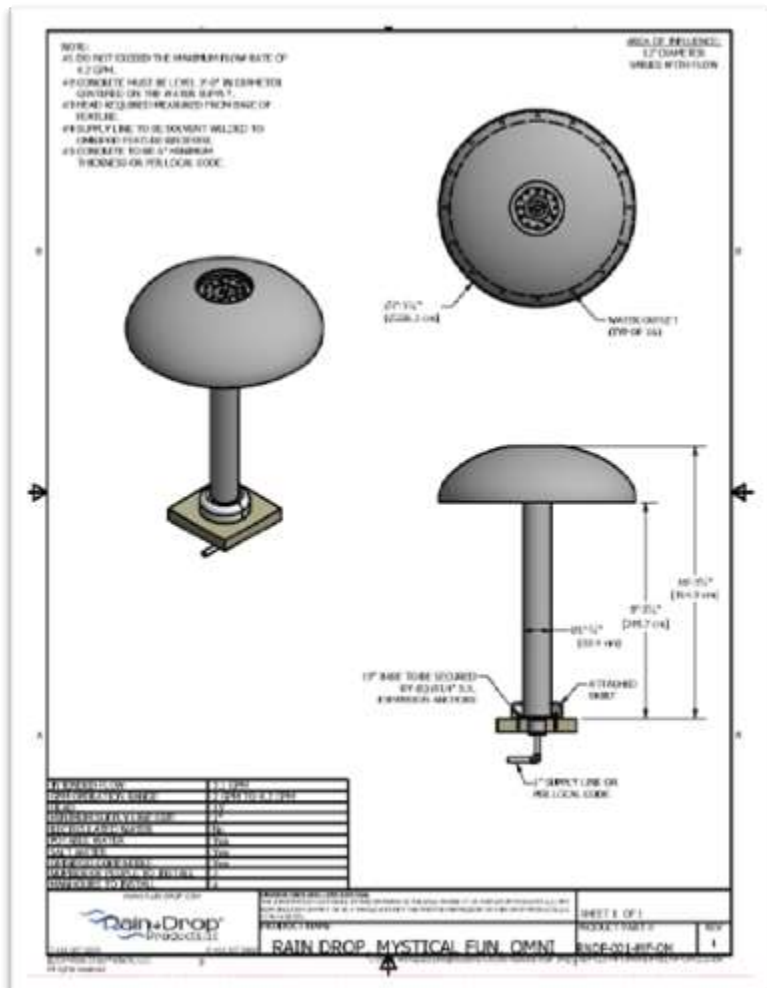
#### **TAX COLLECTOR - ONE SEAT**

**DIANE TOMASIC (D) - GENERAL BRADDOCK DRIVE**

**NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES ARE REGISTERED.**

**WARD 2 COUNCIL HAS TWO OPEN SEATS WITH ONLY ONE CANDIDATE. TWO COUNCIL SEATS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH DECLINING POPULATION & LACK OF INTEREST.**

## BRINTON PARK PHASE II RENOVATION



The Brinton Playground will be undergoing the Phase II renovation with Sports & Recreation winning the bid for \$132,335. Work is highlighted by installing a new water mist system for the summer weather. Fences have been removed to install new fences around the facility.

Work includes fencing, gates, handicap ramps, planter garden, water shower mist system, play center, rain garden, planter area, checkers/chess table, paved walkways, pavilion shelter, benches, trash cans, & flood lights.

Middle Street will also undergo a green infrastructure project. Lutterman Excavating won the bid for \$88,158.

Check out the scope of the work for the projects on Brinton Avenue & Middle Street with the Glenn Engineering bid resources website.

<http://www.glennengr.com/bids>

The Rain Drop Mystical Fun system will provide a summer cool off zone at the Brinton Avenue Playground in North Braddock.



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## BRADDOCK HILLS FIRE CONTRACT

Braddock Hills Council decertified their borough fire department to enter into a contract with North Braddock VFD. The contract includes a \$15,000 annual fee for services. Prior to the contract, North Braddock VFD was already answering calls in the bordering town. Some contract information was provided by Braddock Hills in an online letter. Residents can find a copy of the letter on the borough website.

Read the online letter: **Braddock Hills Letter**

Dear Residents,

On March 22, 2017, Braddock Hills Borough Council decertified the Braddock Hills Volunteer Fire Department as the officially recognized fire department for the Borough to provide fire protection and related services. The Borough has entered into a Fire Services Agreement with the North Braddock Volunteer Fire Department that was effective April 12, 2017. Although the matter was discussed at previous council meetings, we feel that it is necessary to inform the Borough's residents of this change and the reasons for the change as well.

This was an extremely difficult decision for Borough Council, but was a necessary one. It is Council's responsibility to provide adequate police, ambulance, and fire service to the Borough's residents and businesses. In June of 2013, Borough Council held a public meeting to discuss the staffing of the Borough's Fire Department. The members of the Fire Department at that time committed to making an effort to actively seek additional volunteers to ensure that the Fire Department was staffed to provide adequate fire protection services in the Borough. Unfortunately, the Fire Department did not obtain a sufficient number of volunteers since the public meeting in June 2013 to adequately staff the Fire Department. Council even made efforts to assist them by providing applications for volunteers at the Borough's municipal office and posted requests for community support on the community sign outside the Borough's Municipal Building. In Council's considered judgment, there now existed an insufficient number of volunteers to respond to emergency situations. The lack of staffing of the Fire Department was more critical especially during daylight hours when most of the members of the Fire Department were employed outside of Braddock Hills and could not respond to a call. Therefore, the decision was made to ensure the safety of the community by seeking an alternative source to provide fire protection services.

The North Braddock Volunteer Fire Department has been responding to fire and emergency calls in the Borough for the past several years under a Mutual Aid Agreement. In most call instances, because of the proximity to the Borough, they were the first fire department on the scene. They are familiar with the Borough's streets and locations of fire hydrants. They are extremely well staffed and trained. They have a sufficient amount of equipment to respond to fires and can do so quickly because of their close location to the Borough. Moreover, although certainly not the paramount consideration for the change, their cost for fire protection services is \$15,000.00 annually. It is anticipated that the cost for their services will result in a savings to the Borough who has been responsible for vehicle, liability and workman's compensation insurances and fuel costs associated with the Borough's Fire Department.

Council and the Mayor are extremely appreciative and grateful for those volunteers, present and past, who have risked their lives for the community and served in our Fire Department. Not only did they risk their lives, but they spent countless hours away from their families fighting fires and training. They have served this community well for decades. We are forever grateful for their service.

We ask our residents to welcome the new fire department, which we feel will be better suited to effectively serve our municipality. We sincerely hope this statement has been helpful to answer any questions that you may have regarding this matter. Again, council made this decision with great sadness and a heavy heart, but knew it was necessary for the safety of our residents.

Sincerely,

*Charles Arthrell*  
Council President

## SLIPPERY ROCK STUDENTS GIVE BACK

The Slippery Rock University student volunteers were in the community during the weekend of April 21-23. The volunteers worked alongside North Braddock Cares members and other community volunteers. Some of the projects included gardening on Sixth Street, Recycle Park improvements, basketball court improvements on Bowers Street, etc. The community has had a partnership with the SRU students for two decades. The residents appreciate all the positive contributions that the volunteers have made with various community service projects. Thank you Slippery Rock!

### **SLIPPERY ROCK MINI CARE BREAK APRIL 21-23, 2017**

**A STRONG PARTNERSHIP FOR  
DECADES TO SUPPORT  
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES IN THE  
NORTH BRADDOCK AREA**

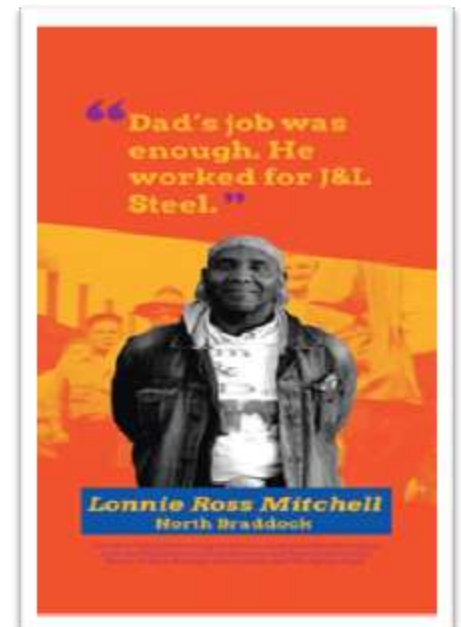
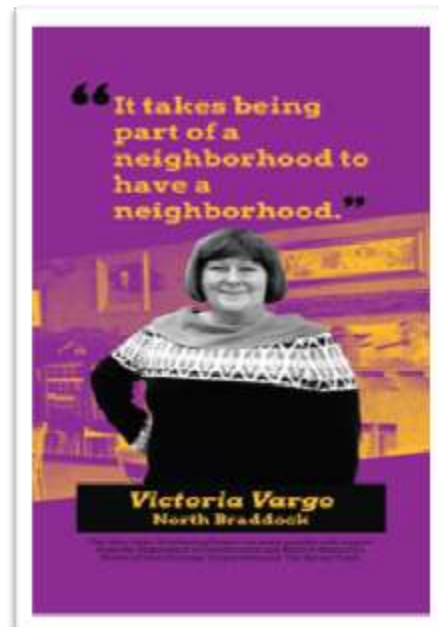
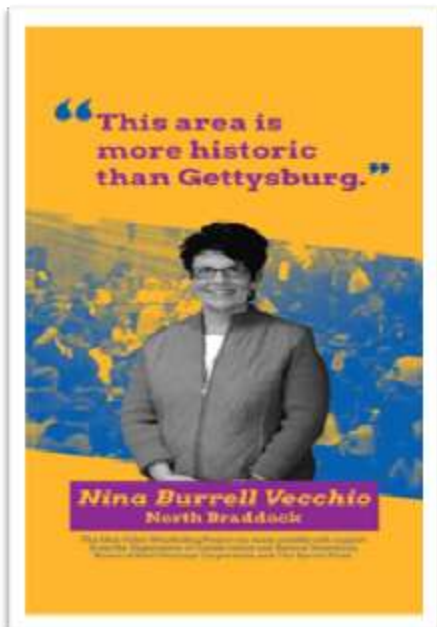
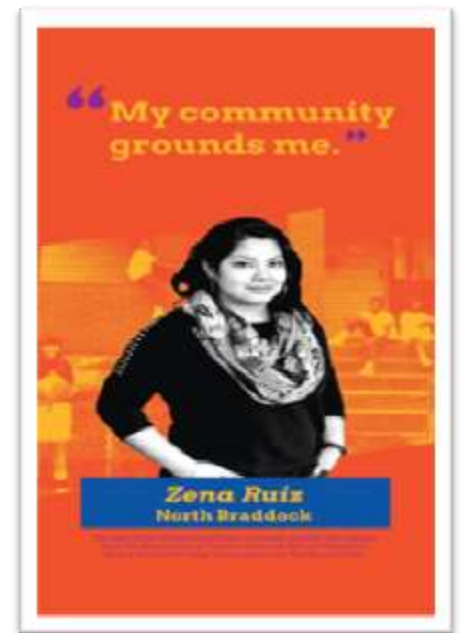
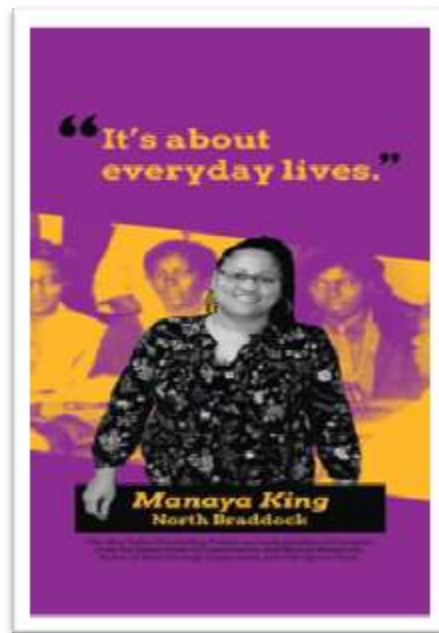
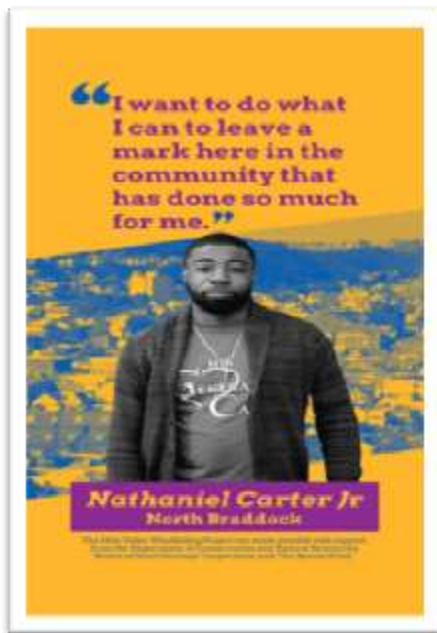
**NB CARES COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEERS COORDINATE  
PROJECTS THAT LEAVE LASTING  
EFFECTS ON THE COMMUNITY**



## NEW COMMUNITY BANNERS

The Mon Valley Way Finding Project is a project of Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation (ROSHC) in partnership with North Braddock artist Edith Abeyta. The project re-connects Mon-Valley residents with the physical remnants of their past through a series of interpretive street signs featuring historical and community quotes as well as imagery mined from the Rivers of Steel archives. The project works with a range of community members from each borough to develop one sign representing each community. Content for each sign is determined in the form of a town meeting, during which community members have the chance to select quotes that best express who they are.

The North Braddock banners are hanging on Bell Avenue in front of the borough building. The banners feature Nathaniel Carter, Nina Burdell Vecchio, Manaya King, Victoria Vargo, Zena Ruiz, and Lonnie Mitchell. Thanks to Edith Abeyta and everyone who participated in making the project a success.



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## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

### GRAND VIEW GOLF CLUB

1000 Clubhouse Drive  
North Braddock, PA 15104  
412.351.5390  
[www.pittsburghgolf.com](http://www.pittsburghgolf.com)



It's spring time to get outside and enjoy the outdoors on the manicured hills of North Braddock at the Grand View Golf Club. The 18-hole public course has been a local landmark destination since 1996. Grand View Golf Club is an outstanding accomplishment of enduring beauty. One must see it to believe it and one must play it to truly enjoy it.

Carved out of a 160 acre mature woodland hilltop, Grand View offers spectacular panoramic views overlooking a wide expanse of the Mon Valley, including the historic Edgar Thomson Steel Works. This distinctive, 18-hole, Par 70, 6,111 yard layout gracefully winds its way along tree-lined fairways and undulating greens atop Matta's Hill. Bent grass greens and tees have been built in strict compliance to USGA specifications and standards. A driving range and 4,100 sq. ft. putting green combine to offer a rewarding golf experience.

Grand View Golf Club is a unique, challenging layout of eighteen superbly designed golf holes that will test the shot-making skills of the accomplished golfer – yet it is kind to the average golfer who simply wants to enjoy a pleasant, relaxed round of golf.

The Pro Shop offers a complete line of golf clothing, accessories and golf equipment. New Club Car golf carts are all equipped with Visage GPS systems, providing yardages for players, leaderboards for tournaments and the ability to order food at the turn from the carts.

Distinctive clubhouse dining and banquet facilities were designed to accommodate small to moderate sized golf parties, meetings, seminars, business conferences as well as daily diners. The bar/lounge area was expanded with renovations. Private rooms are available for bridal/baby showers, rehearsal dinners, small weddings (up to 150 guests) birthday/anniversary parties, reunions or any other occasions.

Delicious brunch is offered on Sunday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For dining information please call **(412) 351-2170**.

\*Information shared from the business website at [www.pittsburghgolf.com](http://www.pittsburghgolf.com).

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**(412) 271-0832**  
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**Street Dept. – Charles Nigro**  
**(412) 271-3647**

**Tax Collector – Diane Tomasic**  
**(412) 351-5500**

**Animal Control – Sable Kennel**  
**(412) 660-2350**

**Magistrate – Scott Schricker**  
**(412) 824-6201**

**Braddock Carnegie Library**  
**(412) 351-5357**

**US Post Office – Braddock Office**  
**(412) 271-4165**

**Woodland Hills School District**  
**(412) 731-1300**

**BIG's Sanitation Collection**  
**(724) 379-4331**

**Duquesne Light Company**  
**(412) 393-7000 (Emergency)**

**Peoples Gas Company**  
**1-800-400-4271 (Emergency)**

**Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water**  
**(412) 243-6200**

**POLICE, FIRE, EMS**  
**911**

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR:**

### **Council Meeting**

TBA – Election Day Schedule Conflict, 7:00 PM,  
Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street

### **NB Cares Monthly Meeting**

April 24, 6:30 PM, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson  
Street

### **Woodland Hills School District Meetings**

531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104

May 10, 7:00 PM, Agenda Meeting

May 17, 7:00 PM, Legislative Meeting

May 9, 6:00 PM, Budget Workshop, High School

### **North Braddock Little League Baseball Signups**

Ben Fairless Gymnasium

531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104

Feb. 28 - April 27

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

### **Municipal Primary Election**

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

### **Memorial Day Services**

Monday, May 29, North Braddock Amvets Post 60

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