



# North Braddock News

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### About The Newsletter:

North Braddock Network is a resident social media group that started in 2009. This is the final issue in our first volume since November 2016.

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## OFFICIALS READY FOR THE YEAR

On January 2, 2018, the North Braddock council was reorganized for the new year. Honorable Scott Schricker was in attendance to swear in two new council members, three incumbent council members, & the mayor. Teresa Parker & Bridgette Cobbs took the oath of office for the very first time for their four year council term. Incumbents Jerome Sepesy, Chris Roland, Vicki Vargo, & Mayor Tom Whyel took the oath for being re-elected to another four year term. Ward 3 council member Richard Kostyak resigned from his remaining term and Joe Barbusio was appointed to the position for the remaining term that expires in December 2019. John Vahosky was appointed council president & Mike Dobrinich as vice president by their council peers. The council president designated council committees for the new year. New council members Parker & Cobbs attended a newly elected official's boot camp for two days at the end of January. Council meetings continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month with the work session at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM.



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## SPRING CLEAN UP

The annual spring cleanup day for North Braddock will be held in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 15104 Clean Up organized for Braddock, North Braddock, & Rankin on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Help clean the litter issues on the local streets. Volunteer groups are encouraged. Trash bags and gloves will be distributed at Heritage Community Initiatives and North Braddock Borough Building starting at 9:30 AM. There will be a celebration lunch for volunteers at 1:30 PM at Heritage Community Initiatives. Take before & after pictures if you can. Post pictures on social media. The hashtag is **#cleanup15104**. Sponsored by Braddock SHIP and BEDCO.



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## PETITION TO DECREASE COUNCIL

North Braddock council is making a move to reduce the size of boro council from nine seats to seven seats. Council member Chris Roland endorsed the petition for registered voters to sign. At least 5% of registered voters have to sign the petition to approach the courts to make the change. See your elected officials or contact the boro office to see how you can sign your name to the petition. North Braddock has the largest council in the area and the government size does not reflect the population decline. There's a lack of interest to find public servants to lead the community. A reduction in council would benefit residents for the future.

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## TURN ON THE LIGHTS

Spotlights were finally turned on for evening safety at the public park on Brinton Avenue. Two LED spotlights were added with the rehabilitation project funded by grant money and boro general fund tax dollars. The two LED fixtures improve the lighting throughout the park and around the surrounding area. The park closes as dusk and all residents are to leave the park. Original plans included the park being checked and the gates being closed nightly. Ten LED street lights were also added on Brinton, Shaver, Sheridan, Wolfe, & Lilly.



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## FIRE STATION PROJECT COMPLETED

The fire station renovation project was completed with the trucks moving back into their home on Wolfe Avenue by the end of January 2018. Customers at the fish fry noticed the major upgrades to the building. The fish fry had a successful Lenten season at the remodeled station and the volunteer organization thanked the community for the continuous support. It was recently announced that the department will receive additional state grant money in the amount of \$13,201. The grant was made possible by the Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program. It can be used for repairing, building or renovating facilities. The funds also can be applied toward the purchase of new equipment or staff training and certification, or they may go to repay debt related to equipment purchases or facility building and maintenance.



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## RESIDENTS ADDRESS COUNTY COUNCIL

North Braddock Residents for Our Future addressed Allegheny County Council & Allegheny County Health Department regarding the emission violations at the ET Steel Works & fracking being proposed on the mill property in North Versailles. Concerned residents want the County to reassure that the County Health Department will be actively involved on the issues in order to serve the best interests for community health. Members of the volunteer group are also canvassing the streets with door to door discussions to engage residents with information regarding the issues. The fracking project is still in the permit phase.



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## DEMOLITION FUNDING



State Rep. Paul Costa announced a grant awarded to North Braddock through the Allegheny County Economic Development - Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund (CITF).

The grant awarded for \$100,000 is for the demolition of deteriorated residential properties in North Braddock.

Demolition funding assists with razing blighted structures. Many owners walk away and leave the responsibility on the local government. Hundreds of structures need to be demolished in the community.

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## EMERGENCY DECLARATION

U.S. Route 30 on the border of North Braddock & East Pittsburgh was slowly subsiding over the past months. The roadway suffered a large landslide on April 7, 2018. The roadway was shut down to traffic before the landslide. PennDOT, East Pittsburgh, & North Braddock have made emergency declarations to expedite the repair process. Drivers will follow the detours for the next several months until repairs are made.



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## WOODLAND HILLS MUSICAL

Woodland Hills High School will perform “The Drowsy Chaperone” for their annual spring musical on April 27, 28, May 3, 4, 5 at 8:00 pm. Saturday matinees are at 1:00pm. Tickets are available at the High School Box Office Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00pm – 8:00pm and Wednesdays from 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Or purchase at ShowClix.com. Tickets are \$12.

## WOODLAND HILLS MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERTS – 7:00 PM

May 8: Academy - Intermediate

May 10: Intermediate Building - Intermediate

May 15: Academy - Beginner

May 16: Intermediate Building - Beginner

May 17: Junior High - 7th & 8th Grade

May 22: Academy - 7th & 8th Grade

May 30: High School - 9th Grade Band, Concert Band, Advanced & Intermediate Choirs

May 31: High School - Chamber Choir, Orchestra, & Jazz Band

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## LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

**BRADDOCK NORTH BRADDOCK LITTLE LEAGUE**

**PIRATES**

**BASEBALL**

**SIGN-UPS & CLINIC**

Every Tuesday's & Thursday's

**Beginning on February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**To April 12, 2018**

from

**6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

Age Group: 5 years to 13 years old  
Registration Fee: Mandatory Fundraiser

Ben Fairless Elementary School  
531 Jones Ave.  
N. Braddock, PA 15104  
Tuesday and Thursday

**Board of Directors**  
2016 Board of Directors  
Kenneth J. Hodges - President  
Dorian Cochran - Vice President  
Kalena Murphy - Secretary  
David Stevens - Treasurer  
Richard Cunningham - Lead Advisor

Questions about program, please call Kenneth Hodges at (412) 245-6365.

Braddock–North Braddock Little League sign-ups have been ongoing since February 20th. The sign-up period is approaching the end on April 12, 2018. The process to sign-up is held at the Ben Fairless Gymnasium on Jones Avenue in North Braddock. Get in touch with the league to get the youth involved in the local baseball league that has a rich history dating back to 1952 in our community. Contact league president Ken Hodges with any questions at 412.245.6365.

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## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Huth Technologies, LLC

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Technical Recruiting Solutions

Huth Technologies is featured as the Business of the Month for April 2018. North Braddock is proud to have companies like Huth Technologies invested in the community.

Huth Technologies, LLC is a recruiting and staffing firm that specializes in placing professionals that support engineering, project management, and business operations. As a business partner, they assist companies sourcing their most valuable asset, employees. The team of dedicated and committed recruiting professionals focuses on customers' hiring needs, and manages their expectations through every step of the process until the desired result is reached.

Founded in August 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA, the company's mission is to provide clients with hard-working, driven candidates, who will meet the current needs and long-term goals of their businesses.

The company's process results in connecting businesses in need of viable talent, with professionals in technical disciplines such as engineering, project management, construction management, and operations. They can source direct hire placements as well as supply contractors for short term or long term projects. Huth Technologies never charges job seekers for services.

At Huth Technologies, the quality of our work stands as their reputation. They have a detailed recruiting process that enables staff to source and deliver the best candidates for their clients' specific needs.

By partnering with Huth, companies will save time and money by passing the challenge of sourcing, screening, and candidate selection onto them. Services offered include: Direct Hire Placements, Contract Staffing Resources, & On-Site Recruiting Services.



Owner Zach Huth chose North Braddock for the company's office space at 1306 Electric Avenue. The office is conveniently located in the Pittsburgh region and directly reached from U.S. Route 30.

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600 ANDERSON STREET  
NORTH BRADDOCK, PA 15104

**Manager – Doug Marguriet**  
(412) 271-1306  
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**Mayor – Tom Whyel**  
(412) 271-2262  
tdwhyel@verizon.net

**Police Chief – Dean Bazzone**  
(412) 351-4902  
nbpolice@comcast.net

**Fire Chief – Anthony Rydzak**  
(412) 824-7791  
arydzak@station207.com

**Code Official – Dave Andrews**  
(412) 271-0832  
nbcodes@gmail.com

**Street Dept. – Charles Nigro**  
(412) 271-3647  
streetdept@northbraddockborough.com

**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 Monthly Meetings**

600 Anderson Street, Municipal Building  
Third Tuesday Monthly, 6:30 PM  
Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 PM

### **NB Cares Monthly Meetings**

600 Anderson Street, Municipal Building  
Last Monday Monthly, 6:30 PM

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

531 Jones Avenue, Administration Building  
April 10, 7:00 PM, Agenda Meeting  
April 17, 7:00 PM, Legislative Meeting

### **Clean Up Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 15104 Clean Up**

North Braddock, Braddock, Rankin  
Saturday, April 28, 2018, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off**

Braddock Carnegie Library  
Saturday, April 14, 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Email any suggestions for future articles and let us know if you would like to contribute to the publication.

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Louis Cagnacci was a North Braddock resident found critically injured in East Pittsburgh. Call police with any info on the case.

**1-833-ALL-TIPS**

#### **SEEKING JUSTICE FOR LOUIS CAGNACCI**

**NORTH BRADDOCK RESIDENT SEVERELY  
INJURED WITH LIFE ENDING INJURIES  
ON NOV. 30, 2016 IN EAST PITTSBURGH  
LOUIE PASSED AWAY 10 MONTHS LATER**



**LOUIS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS DESERVE  
ANSWERS & JUSTICE IN THE GOLD CARE**

**CALL ALLEGHENY COUNTY POLICE**

**1-833-ALL-TIPS**



Amelia Roman was found dead in her Jones Avenue home on February 15, 2016. A \$5,000 reward was offered by the news media. Call Allegheny County Police.

**1-833-ALL-TIPS**

Check out the boro website with material being added to the site.

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