



North Braddock News

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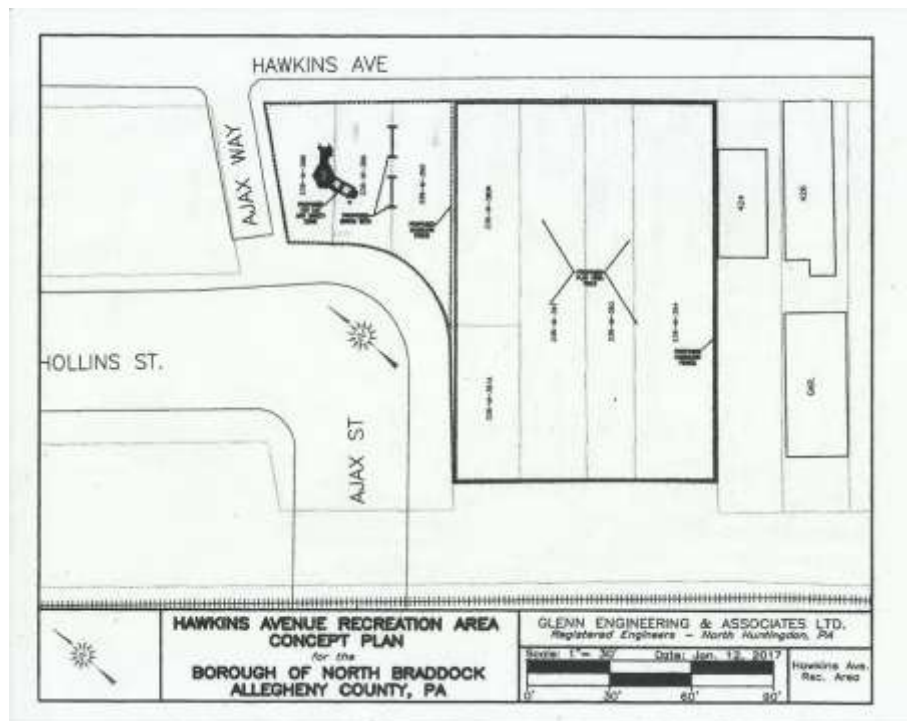
About The Newsletter:

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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NEW PARK PROPOSED FOR WARD 3

There currently is no public park for local youth in Ward 3, but there are public used parks located in the other two wards. Councilman Michael Breaston suggested the recreational park idea to be added to his voting district. Vacant land was identified along the 400 block of Hawkins Avenue. Borough administration plans to obtain properties from the vacant property recovery program through Allegheny County. The planned site would include a play equipment area, open field area, etc. Residents can make suggestions to council on what they would like to see incorporated into the new park. Below is the park concept plan from the borough engineering firm.



FAMOUS FISH FRY RETURNS FOR LENT



**FIRE DEPT
FISH FRY**
→
NBVFD CO #1

**NORTH BRADDOCK VFD
2017 LENTEN FISH FRY
8 FRY DAYS OVER 7 WEEKS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
FRIDAY, MARCH 3
FRIDAY, MARCH 10
FRIDAY, MARCH 17
FRIDAY, MARCH 24
FRIDAY, MARCH 31
FRIDAY, APRIL 7
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

**OPENS AT 10:00 AM
1318 WOLFE AVENUE
412.824.7791**



The famous North Braddock VFD fish fry will make a return to the Wolfe Avenue fire station on Ash Wednesday which falls on March 1, 2017. The fish fry will continue every Friday during the Lenten season until Good Friday on April 14, 2017. The fire department offers a whole menu of food options including the famous firehouse breaded fried cod sandwich. Menu prices will be shared by the fire department very soon. Keep your eyes open for all fish fry information on the fire department Facebook page. The fish fry is the largest fundraiser for the volunteer fire service in North Braddock. Support your firefighters this Lenten season.

CARES MEETING STIMULATES ENGAGEMENT



North Braddock Cares held a resident information session on Monday, January 30. Twelve members of the community were in attendance to discuss ideas. Residents identified what problems are plaguing the residents the most. A collection of informative flyers were distributed by the North Braddock Network social media group to engage residents with pertinent community information.

Possible upcoming ideas include a vacant house tour to attract buyers, the Slippery Rock Care Break for community projects, and the spring clean-up day throughout the borough.

Any questions about town redevelopment and resident involvement can be directed to northbraddockcaresinc@gmail.com.

PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY MONTHS AWAY

The municipal primary election is coming up on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Polls will open at 7:00 AM & remain open until 8:00 PM at the designated three locations within North Braddock. All voters must be registered by April 17, 2017. There are numerous local office positions up for election this year. The mayor position is up for election. There are five council seats that are up for election including two seats in Ward 1, two seats in Ward 2, and one seat in Ward 3. The five council seats elected can carry a lot of weight for future decisions. In addition, the borough tax collector is also up for election. Candidates must meet minimum requirements including being 18 years of age, registered to vote, resident of North Braddock for at least one year, and obtain 10 voter signatures for the ballot petition. Candidates can run for any of their respected political parties or Independent to make a change in public office. The majority of registered voters fall under the Democrat party in North Braddock.

Find out more information about the elections division in Allegheny County. Find out how you can run for local public office and how you can register to vote.

<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/index.aspx>

North Braddock Borough Government
Terms Expiring December 2017
All Seats Are Four Year Terms

Mayor – One Seat
Thomas Whyel (D)

Council Ward 1 – Two Seats
Timothy Bridge (D)
Jerome Sepesy (D)

Council Ward 2 – Two Seats
Christopher Roland (D)
Victoria Vargo (D)

Council Ward 3 – One Seat
Manaya King (D)

Tax Collector – One Seat
Diane Tomasic (D)

**NEW CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED
FOR CHANGE**

- RESIDENTS OVER 18
- RESIDENT FOR A YEAR
- REGISTERED TO VOTE
- OBTAIN TEN PETITION SIGNATURES

First day to obtain signatures for candidates' nomination petitions. February 14

County Board of Elections shall publish Primary Election Proclamation. February 21

Last day to circulate and file petitions. March 7

First legal date for Political Bodies and Minor Political Parties to obtain signatures to candidates' nomination papers. March 8

Last day candidate who has filed nomination petition may withdraw. March 22

Last day to register to vote for the Primary. April 17

As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, County Boards of Elections must begin to deliver or mail all absentee ballots for the Primary Election. May 2

Last day before the Primary absentee ballot applications for civilian absentee ballots shall be received in the office of the County Board of Elections at any time prior to 5:00 pm from certain persons. May 9

All civilian absentee ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections no later than 5:00 pm of this date to be valid. May 12

Municipal Primary - Polls to remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. May 16

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Pittsburgh Gymnastics Club

609 Sixth Street

North Braddock, PA 15104

412.271.1080

pgcpbc@gmail.com

<https://pittgymclub.com/>

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



The Pittsburgh Gymnastics Club moved into the North Braddock community along Sixth Street in 2014. The former Cochran Pontiac service garage fit the specifications to undergo the transformation and become the site for competitive gymnastics training. The refurbished building includes off street parking for all visitors. The Braddock's Battlefield History Center acquired the property and redeveloped the building for the current uses as the history center and the active gym.

Owner Kimberly Eads Ransom takes an interest in the community and has scheduled free open gym times for local children. The gym has participated in local community parades in Braddock & North Braddock. Gym members travel to the location from communities all over Western PA. Positive feedback from athletes and families prove that the gym is an excellent place to enroll your children. The location even offers the option to book the gym for a birthday party.

The Pittsburgh Gymnastics Club is not your average gym. The facility houses a full USAG gymnastics program, USAW weightlifting club and sports conditioning training. Classes and competitive teams are offered for gymnastics and weightlifting, as well as classes to supplement CrossFit skills. The highly trained and educated coaches are skilled in training athletes with well-planned individualized programming. The gym feels amazing with a positive environment. Children not only learn gymnastics, but he or she gains a personal cheerleader. Gym leaders get to know all of the students and take pride in watching their progress. The staff has a small family feel while the athletes and family enjoy value service with tons of perks.

The gym on Sixth Street sets out with a mission to produce mentally, physically, and emotionally strong individuals. Instructors strive to teach positive life skills through sports, resulting in independent, productive and employable young adults.

North Braddock desperately needs new businesses to invest in the community. The Pittsburgh Gymnastics Club is an excellent example of how a building can be redeveloped for a new positive use. The residents are glad that the gym picked North Braddock. Enroll your children or request a trial offer in a professionally operated gym with excellent staff. Check out the website and active social media for all updated information on the PGC!

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(412) 351-4902
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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

Tax Collector – Diane Tomasic
(412) 351-5500

Animal Control – Camo Kennels
(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)

Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water
(412) 243-6200

POLICE, FIRE, EMS
911

UPCOMING CALENDAR:

Council Meeting

Feb. 21, 7:00 PM, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street

NB Cares Monthly Meeting

Feb. 27, 7:00 PM, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street

NBVFD Lenten Fish Fry

March 1, 10:00 AM, Station #1, 1318 Wolfe Avenue
Also fry dates for 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14

Woodland Hills School District Meetings

531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104

Feb. 8, 7:00 PM, Agenda Meeting

Feb. 15, 7:00 PM, Legislative Meeting

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

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The image shows a check envelope for the North Braddock Vol. Fire Dept., Inc. ANNUAL FUND DRIVE 2017. The envelope has a pre-printed table for contribution amounts: \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, and \$. The text on the envelope includes: "Name", "Address", "CONTRIVED TO 2017 FUND DRIVE", "Check for \$", "We Thank you for your support! 'HELP US HELP YOU'", "CHECKED IS THE AMOUNT OF MY CONTRIBUTION", "North Braddock Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.", "P.O. Box 188", "Braddock, PA 15104", "Please return this portion with your donation in the envelope provided. Please indicate any change in name or address.", "Make check payable to: North Braddock Vol. Fire Dept., Inc. P.O. Box 188 Braddock, PA 15104", and "- FOR YOUR RECORDS -".

The North Braddock VFD fund drive was circulated to all borough residents. Consider a donation to the fire service so that volunteers can continue the volunteer fire & rescue service that they have provided since 1900.