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#### ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER:

North Braddock Network is a resident social media outlet that started in Nov. 2009. The newsletter was launched in Nov. 2016.

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# North Braddock News

**Resident News From North Braddock Network** 

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## **BUDGET PASSED**



The 2019 borough general fund budget was approved for \$3,276,900. The budget increases by \$65,200 due to the mandated 7% increase (\$53,294) in ALCOSAN sewer rates. Refuse fees were reduced in 2015 and remain at \$120 a year. 2019 Real Estate Taxes remain at 11 mills. Real Estate taxes have not increased in 10 years.

Police department employees are projected to receive a 2% increase in wages based on 2019 on-going negotiations. All other employees except the Manager will receive a 2% increase and \$21,300 is allocated in the street department budget to hire three (3) summer employees to continue the effort to maintain abandoned lots.

Check out the borough budget posted online at https://northbraddocknetwork.weebly.com/budget.html.

### **NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

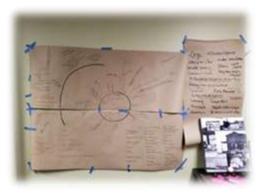
Lena Dixon was appointed to the Ward 3 council vacancy at the December 18 meeting. The seat was vacated when Joe Barbusio moved from Ward 3. Lauren Beachom and Lisa Franklin also applied to the open vacancy. Candidates were given the opportunity to introduce themselves at the meeting before the vote was taken. Ms. Dixon is a longtime resident and will fill the term until Dec. 2019. The new four year term will be on the ballot on May 21, 2019. Interested Ward 3 residents can register for the election if wishing to serve on council beginning in Jan. 2020.

Ward 3 Welcomes New Representation!



## **TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

Concerned residents organized a town hall meeting at Shady Park Place on December 12, 2018. The room was full of residents and local officials who care about the community. The discussion covered how residents can contribute, organizations, important issues, visions for improvement, forming work groups, & running for local government. A community resources database is being created by residents. Future meetings were suggested to keep community members engaged. One suggestion included public officials having town hall meetings at neutral locations in each ward to address specific issues. Look for more meetings in 2019.



### **SERGEANT NAMED INTERIM CHIEF**



Sergeant Isaac Daniele was named the Interim Chief of Police at the December 18 council meeting. Police Chief Dean Bazzone remains on medical leave. The interim chief will receive a small pay increase. Council advertised for an acting chief and decided to promote within the department. Interim Chief Daniele is available during the daylight shift and at council meetings. The Interim Chief is working on many issues and provides a report update for boro officials. Contact 911 for police services. Non-emergency dispatch reached at 412.473.3056.

Photo from Great Start Daycare owner Nicole Glaze.

### **RUNNING FOR OFFICE**

There will be four (4) council seats expiring in December 2019. One seat in Ward 1 & Ward 2 and two seats in Ward 3 will be open for election. All candidates can register for the May primary election in the coming months. Candidates must be 18 years of age, a registered voter and a resident for at least one year.

Check out the Allegheny County Elections Division website.

https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/index.aspx

Volunteers are still needed for five appointments on the resident planning commission. Send letters of interest to the borough manager at nbmgr@comcast.net.

North Braddock 2019 Open Election Races Officials Serve Four Year Terms Municipal Primary: May 21, 2019 Municipal Election: November 5, 2019 *Listed Officials Term Expires Dec. 2019* 

> <u>Council Ward 1</u> Michael Dobrinich (D) (Council Vice-President)

> > Council Ward 2 John Vahosky (D) (Council President)

<u>Council Ward 3</u> Michael Breaston (D) (Ward 3 Council Member)

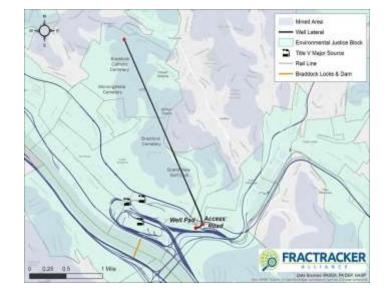
Lena Dixon (D) (Ward 3 Council Member)

## **FRACKING PERMIT**

North Braddock Residents for Our Future meet monthly and discuss ways to prevent unconventional gas drilling.

Erica from FracTracker Alliance created a map to illustrate the proposed unconventional gas well at the ET Mill, the proposed path of the lateral, the rail lines, major pollutions sources, mined areas and environmental justice blocks.

The recent permit update shows that the Completeness Review has been completed. Expected date for the Technical Review to be completed is Feb. 27, 2019. A deficiency letter has been issued.



## **NEW POLICING TOOLS**



Interim Police Chief Isaac Daniele obtained donated equipment for the police department from the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. The equipment includes (6) surveillance cameras, (3) laptops for police vehicles, alcohol breathalyzer system, and vehicle license plate readers. The new equipment will assist officers in better serving the residents in their routine patrol duties.

### **BORO PROFILE OF THE MONTH**

Mayor Thomas Whyel (D) has held the position in North Braddock since 2010. He is currently serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term as Mayor. Tom is a life-long resident and attended Scott High School on Bell Avenue. The Mayor is a graduate of CCAC and an employee of the Port Authority of Allegheny County.

Mayor Whyel strives to maintain community safety while moving the borough forward. The Mayor is openly available for concerns and provides a number of ways to contact his office. The Mayor provides a monthly report to the Borough Council at each meeting. He works alongside the police department to oversee public safety in the community.

North Braddock Mayor's Office 600 Anderson Street North Braddock, PA 15104 Office: 412-271-2262 – Cell: 412-812-5447 tdwhyel@verizon.net









## **CAR WASH REPURPOSED**



The Superior Car Wash at 1450 Bell Avenue was abandoned with unpaid taxes by the property owners. In recent years, illegal dumpers saw the location as a convenient site to dump off unwanted items. The borough took initiative to chain off the property. Administration created an idea that the borough could acquire the land and repurpose it for street department storage. The site can provide an area for salt, asphalt, and other materials that are currently cramped in spaces at the municipal building garage. Council moved forward with the plan and had the solicitor create an ordinance resolution to obtain the parcel by eminent domain. A CDBG block grant application (\$50,000) was also submitted for future development of the storage site.

### **OFFICERS SPREAD CHEER**

The North Braddock Police Department was able to spread some cheer during the holiday season for local children at the Great Start Daycare on Jones Avenue. The local officers bring gifts for the kids on their annual visit every December. These initiatives bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community.



Gifts are arranged around the tree at Inte

Interim Chief Daniele & Officer Jackson deliver gifts. (Dec. 2018)

## Interim Chief Daniele & Officer Redshaw deliver gifts. (Dec. 2017) Grea

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Residents shared the need for a crossing guard at Wolfe Avenue & Pallas Street. There have been reported incidents due to the lack of supervision at the location. The post has been vacant during the recent school year. Interested candidates have to pass a background check that includes the required child clearances. The listed pay rate for the part-time position was \$25 per day. Applicants can find out more information by contacting the borough manager at 412-271-1306 or nbmgr@comcast.net.

## **RAISED IN NORTH BRADDOCK**

State Rep. Summer Lee (D) grew up in North Braddock and personally understands many of the issues that affect the local residents in the 34<sup>th</sup> District. Summer was sworn in on the State House floor on Jan. 1, 2019.

Lee's down-to-earth, meet-you-where-you-are approach won over many people in her district. Fighting for the voiceless is her rallying cry while being accountable to the people she is elected to serve.

She also made history as the first African American woman to represent a House district in Western Pennsylvania outside of the Pittsburgh city limits.

Summer is a 2005 graduate of Woodland Hills High School while also holding a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University & a law degree from Howard University. Her local office is open for constituents on Braddock Avenue.



Rep. Summer Lee 501 Braddock Avenue Braddock, PA 15104 412-273-3400 http://www.pahouse.com/Lee/Contact

### HOMETOWN SPOTLIGHT BRADDOCK'S BATTLEFIELD HISTORY CENTER

Fort Ligonier's board of directors will acquire control of managing Braddock's Battlefield History Center on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in North Braddock. Fort Ligonier wants to preserve the legacy that attorney Robert T. Messner started. Messner founded the history center and mainly staffed the facility. He wanted the battle's significance to remain alive and believes Fort Ligonier has the ability to expand the mission for years to come.

Fort Ligonier's plans for Braddock's Battlefield History Center include:

1.) Fort Ligonier's Education Department will develop a variety of educational programming for the Center as well as outreach to area classrooms and educational institutions. There are in excess of 40,000 public school students within a 10-mile radius of North Braddock.

2.) Dr. Erica I. Nuckles, Fort Ligonier's Director of History and Collections will assess the collection and update exhibits. The current collection, which includes more than 250 artifacts from the battlefield and 50 works of art, will remain in North Braddock. Fort Ligonier will feature items from its collection relative to Braddock in future temporary exhibitions.

3.) Special events will take place at the center in the future to increase awareness and enhance the visitor experience.

4.) Fort Ligonier looks forward to engaging with the North Braddock Community, collaborating with the Braddock's Road Preservation Association, Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, Visit Pittsburgh, PA Museums, and other historical and tourism organizations.



https://www.fortligonier.org/ https://www.facebook.com/fortligonier/

https://www.braddocksbattlefield.com/ https://www.facebook.com/HistoryCenter1755/



## **FOOTBALL CHAMPS HONORED**

Swissvale Braddock Wolverines won the WPYAA midget division football championship in the inaugural season for the merged organization. Football coach & Braddock council member Lorne Berry declared Saturday, January 5 as SBW Midgets Championship Saturday. The team received their championship rings at a ceremony held at the Greater Valley Community Services on Holland Avenue. SBAA serves the Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin & Swissvale area with over 200 boys & girls participating in football & cheerleading. Community members can help support championship jackets for the team by checking out the online GoFundMe.

https://www.gofundme.com/championship-jackets-for-the-champs

## **TRASH COLLECTION**

Trash collection in Ward 2 & 3 is on Tuesday and Ward 1 is Wednesday. One bulk item is permitted to be placed curbside each week. Examples: furniture, washers and dryers, dishwashers, hot water tanks, mattress/box springs. Electronic waste collection is offered for residents at the borough. The following holiday schedule is based on last year and normally results in a one day delay after the holiday.

- New Year's Day 2019 (Tuesday, January 1, 2019)
- Memorial Day 2019 (Monday, May 27, 2019)
- Independence Week 2019 (Thursday, July 4, 2019)
- Labor Day 2019 (Monday, September 3, 2019)
- Thanksgiving Week 2019 (Thursday, November 28, 2019)
- Christmas Week 2019 (Wednesday, December 25, 2019)

#### Big's Sanitation 724-379-4331 http://bigssanitation.com/

## **REMEMBER WHEN?**

Remember the launch of our hometown designed graphic t-shirts with the help of Ink Division in Braddock. The shirts were printed for sale in 2015. Sales were on social media and EBay. Residents and natives of the community purchased the shirts that illustrate the iconic welcome sign and the Joe Magarac statue in North Braddock.

https://www.ebay.com/itm/North-Braddock-Custom-Shirts/141776123361









## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Municipal Building Council Chambers - 600 Anderson Street Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month Work sessions at 6:30 PM Council meetings at 7:00 PM

January 15, 2019 February 19, 2019 March 19, 2019 April 16, 2019 May 28, 2019 June 18, 2019 July 16, 2019 August 20, 2019 September 17, 2019 October 15, 2019 November 19, 2019 December 17, 2019

## **WOODLAND HILLS NEWS**

#### Winter Sports:

The winter sports schedules are underway. Boys' basketball has been ranked in the top five in Class 5A.

#### **Junior High Musical:**

*Into the Woods Jr.* (Grades 7-9 from both the Jr/Sr High & Academy) was presented at the Thomas G. Crone Auditorium at Woodland Hills Junior Senior High on January 10-12.

#### **Kindergarten Registration:**

Kindergarten registration for 2019-2020 school year is quickly approaching. Children MUST be 5 years old by September 1, 2019. Completed student registration forms can be brought to the Primary Schools during the dates and times listed below. Please bring your child with kindergarten screenings completed during these dates. More information available at https://www.whsd.k12.pa.us/. Tuesday, February 05, 2019 - Edgewood Primary, 12-7pm

Wednesday, February 06, 2019 - Wilkins Primary, 12-7pm Thursday, February 07, 2019 - WH Academy, 12-7pm

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> Annual Stand Against Violence Basketball Showcase:

The first annual Stand Against Violence Basketball Showcase was held January 19th -21<sup>st</sup>. The tournament featured over 30 teams from the area and out of town teams. The goal was to raise awareness about gun violence in the immediate community and across the state and nation.

#### WHSD HUGS Back to the 90's Skate Night:

Join WHSD HUGS and the Woodland Hills Community Friday March 22nd from 6:30-9:00 p.m. for HUGS Back to the 90's Skate Night at Beulah Presbyterian Church. https://www.facebook.com/events/2289887764377317/



## **COME EXPLORE NORTH BRADDOCK**

#### EXPLORE THE HISTORIC COMMUNITY OF

#### NORTH BRADDOCK

#### **REASONS TO MOVE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS TO** NORTH BRADDOCK

- MINUTES FROM HIGHWAY ROUTES 30 & 22, INTERSTATE 376, INTERSTATE 76, ETC. SHORT TRAVEL COMMUTE TO DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH.
- ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ROUTES
- AFFORDABLE REAL ESTATE FOR HOME BUYERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS
- ENTERPRISE ZONE LOAN ASSISTANCE & OTHER HELP FOR BUSINESSES
- MINUTES AWAY FROM SHOPPING DESTINATIONS AT THE WATERFRONT & MONROEVILLE
- TOURISM ASSETS INCLUDING BRADDOCK'S BATTLEFIELD HISTORY CENTER. BRADDOCK'S DEFEAT SITE, GRAND VIEW GOLF CLUB, ETC.
- HOMETOWN BUSINESSES INCLUDING THE FAMOUS VINCENT'S PIZZA PARK
- ONE MINUTE AWAY FROM THE FIRST CARNEGIE LIBRARY IN BRADDOCK
- · YOUTH BASEBALL, YOUTH FOOTBALL, YOUTH GYMNASTICS, & BOY SCOUTS
- THREE COMMUNITY PARKS & ONE YOUTH GARDEN
- LARGE DIVERSE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFERING ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, PERFORMING ARTS, EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, ETC.
- PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES BASED IN TOWN FOR POLICE, FIRE, & EMS.
- GROUPS PROMOTING REVITALIZATION INCLUDING NORTH BRADDOCK CARES, MON VALLEY INITIATIVE, & NORTH BRADDOCK GARDEN CLUB
- ACTIVE INITIATIVES FOR RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT & CRIME WATCH THRU SOCIAL MEDIA & THE NEXTDOOR NEIGHBORHOOD APPLICATION

NORTH BRADDOCK, PA - THE BIRTH PLACE OF STEEL COME REBUILD & REGROW WITH US NORTH BRADDOCK NETWORK WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NORTHBRADDOCK

#### NORTH BRADDOCK BUSINESS DIRECTORY

AUTO GARAGES:

Carbley's Garage (1542 Electric) Carlin Towing & Recovery (1508 Brinton) CS Towing (1206 Wolfe) JAWS Auto Restorations (801 South) Norm's Auto Body (1059 Locust) Total Performance Auto Body (1044 Sixth)

BARS: Crad's Bar (1400 Brinto Fairway's Lounge (1500 Locust) Restaurant At Grand View (1000 Chibbouse) Tun's Taven (1202 Bell)

BUSINESSES - OTHER: Aqua Pool (1438 Electric) Arch Masonry (1025 Hanna) Ari's Place Hair Salon (1500 Locust) Ashley Air HVAC (1322 Brinton) Boden Family Chiropractic (1517 Electric) Braddock Cemetery (Locust Street) Colebreeze Communications (621 Junes) Great Start Daycare (619 Jones) Gray Wate Management Corporation (804 Sixth) Gumpher Electrical Services (99 Center) High Technologies (1306 Electric) Kaddyland 2 Daycare (1200 Wolfe) Lucas Markantone Painting (1202 Electric) Milton's Top Notch Hair Design (711 Sixth) Monongahela Cemetery (1111 Fourth) Pattsburgh Gymnastics Club (609 Sinth) Precious Pets Memorial Center & Crematory (703 6th) Right At Home Care Facility (1514 Electric) Schleifer Funeral Chapel (534 Jones) Shogan Boothers Landscaping (1023 Wolfe) Western PA Firefighters Memorial Honor Guard (501 Stokes)

US Steel ET Steel Works (Braddock Avenue) nd Hills Administration (531 Jones)

CLUBS: Annvets Post 60 (1135 Wolfe) Chib 206 (1318 Wolfe - Rear Entry) Sokol Hall 179 (1910 South)

CHURCHES: Bridge City Church (1200 Wolfe) Free Gospel Church (807 Jones) Holy Temple Church of God in Christ (609 Jones) Jesns' Dwelling Place Church (408 Lobinger) Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (1549 Bell) an Menorial Methodist Church (Grandview & Willow) Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church (1575 Electric) The Church of The Living God (819 Second Street Ext)

FOOD RESTAURANTS: Pizza D's (1116 Bell) Restaurant at Grand View (1000 Chibbouse) Robbie's Open Pit BBQ (1000 Astmore) Vincent's Pizza Park (998 Ardmore)

<u>COLF COURSE:</u> Grand View Golf Course (1000 Chibbouse)

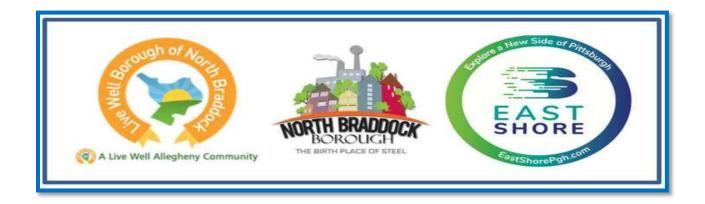
HISTORY CENTER: Braddock's Battlefield History Center (609 South)

MARKETS: FA's Market (623 Jones) General Sisters Store (1)40 Kirknatrick) Pizzons Market (1536 Brint Pizza D's Market (1116 Bell)

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY:</u> North Braddock Police (600 Anderson) North Braddock Fire Dept (1318 Wolfe, 600 Anderson) Priority One EMS (575 Baldridge)



#### https://northbraddocknetwork.weebly.com/business-guide.html



#### NORTH BRADDOCK DIRECTORY 600 ANDERSON STREET NORTH BRADDOCK, PA 15104

Manager – Doug Marguriet (412) 271-1306 nbmgr@comcast.net

Mayor – Tom Whyel (412) 271-2262 tdwhyel@verizon.net

Acting Police Chief – Isaac Daniele (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 Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 PM Tuesday, March 19, 7:00PM

#### **NB Cares Monthly Meetings**

600 Anderson Street, Municipal Building Last Monday of Each Month, 6:30 PM

#### **NB Residents for Our Future Meetings**

419 Library Street, Braddock Carnegie Library Meetings announced on Facebook

#### **NB Garden Club Meetings**

1318 Wolfe Avenue, Fire Station #1 Meetings announced on Facebook

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

531 Jones Avenue, Administration Building February 13, 7:00 PM, Agenda Meeting February 20, 7:00 PM, Legislative Meeting March 13, 7:00 PM, Agenda Meeting March 20, 7:00 PM, Legislative Meeting

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