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.
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.
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 pollutants 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 3rd 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
tdwhyel@verizon.net
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.

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.

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 34th 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.

HOMETOWN SPOTLIGHT

BRADDOCK’S BATTLEFIELD HISTORY CENTER

Fort Ligonier’s board of directors will acquire control of managing Braddock’s Battlefield History Center on 6th 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.
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

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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/](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

1ST Annual Stand Against Violence Basketball Showcase:
The first annual Stand Against Violence Basketball Showcase was held January 19th -21st. 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/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2289887764377317/)
COME EXPLORE NORTH BRADDOCK

REASONS TO MOVE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS TO NORTH BRADDOCK

- Minutes from highway routes 30 & 22, Interstate 376, Interstate 78, 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 Bradock's Battlefield History Center, Bradock'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 Bradock
- 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 Bradock CARES, Mon Valley Initiative, & North Bradock Garden Club
- Active initiatives for resident engagement & crime watch thru social media & the nextdoor neighborhood application


NORTH BRADDOCK BUSINESS DIRECTORY

AUTO GARAGES:
- Carley's Garage (242 E. 1st St.)
- Carl's Towing & Recovery (150 Blvd.)
- CG Towing (1300 Blvd.)
- JAMS Auto Restorations (801 Blvd.)
- Nurn's Auto Body (1539 Locust)
- Total Performance Auto Body (1644 Blvd.)

BEER:
- Great Bar (1100 Blvd.)
- Parry's Lounge (1500 Locust)
- Restaurant On The River (1000 Clarendon)
- Tom's Tavern (150 Blvd.)

BUSINESS - OTHER:
- Aqua Pools (110 E. 1st St.)
- Arch Medical (1575 Frame Flyover)
- Arc's Place Hair Salon (1500 Locust)
- Ashley Air HVAC (1325 Broadway)
- Bodie Family Chiropractic (1517 Electric)
- Bradock Cemetery (Locust Street)
- Colbecko Communications (61 Jones)
- Great Surf Diner (619 Jones)
- Gray's Wine and Liquor Corporation (804 Sixth)
- Premier Electrical Service (99 Course)
- Ruth Technologies (101 Electric)
- Rubbermaid (1200 Ninth)
- Sunoco (1200 Electric)
- Venesky's Top Hair Design (711 Ninth)
- Monongahela Country Club (1114 Fourth)
- Pittsburgh Gymnastics Club (803 Ninth)
- Presbyterian Pet Memorial Center & Crematory (703 Sixth)
- Right Home Care Facilities (704 Electric)
- St. James Catholic Church (534 Jones)
- Simonis Brothers Landscaping (1023 Woodlawn)
- Western PA Firefighters Memorial Home Guard (501 Sixth)
- U.S. Steel/Eli Steel Works (Bradock Avenue)
- Woodland Hills Administration (101 Jones)

CLUBS:
- Acme Rod & Gun (613 Woodlawn)
- Club 39 (1118 Woodlawn - Rose Entry)
- Saddle Club (1105 Sixth)

CHURCHES:
- Bridge City Church (1200 Woodlawn)
- First United Church of Christ (600 Sixth)
- Holy Temple Church of God in Christ (400 Sixth)
- Jesus: Dwelling Place Church (908 Lobue)
- Kingsley Hall of Jehovah's Witness (1149 Bed)
- Multi-Media Methodist Church (Grantham & Willow)
- Presentation of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (1175 Electric)
- St. Mark's Catholic Church (619 Second Street East)

FOOD RESTAURANTS:
- Fama's (1115 1st St.)
- Restaurant at Grand View (1000 Clarendon)
- Robin's Open Pit BBQ (1000 Arden)
- Vincent's Pizza Park (598 Arden)

GOLF COURSE:
- Great View Golf Course (1000 Clarendon)

HISTORIC CENTER:
- Bradock's Battlefield Historic Center (609 Sixth)

MARKETS:
- F&A Market (603 Jones)
- General Store (614 Kirkpatrick)
- Forno Market (1106 1st St.)
- Pizza Pan Market (1116 1st St.)

PUBLIC SAFETY:
- North Bradock Police (600 Anderson)
- North Bradock Fire (600 1st St.)
- Pennsylvania State Police (573 Holmes Street)

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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[www.northbraddockborough.com](http://www.northbraddockborough.com)

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