



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. This is the first volume for the newsletter to experiment with a new idea to promote and engage the community.

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NBFD STREET FAIR & PARADE CONTINUES COMMUNITY TRADITION

The North Braddock VFD Street Fair will take place on July 26-29 from 7:00-10:00pm at the fire station located at 1318 Wolfe Avenue. Plenty of food, games, & fun for everyone. A fireman's parade will take place Saturday evening at 6:00pm on Wolfe Avenue. The fireman's water battle will take place on Sheridan Street after the Saturday parade. Contact NBVFD for any information at 412.824.7791.



NORTH BRADDOCK VFD

STREET FAIR

JULY 26, 27, 28, 29

WOLFE AVENUE - FIRE STATION #1

FIREMAN'S PARADE - JULY 29 AT 6:00 PM

BINGO, FOOD, FUN, GAMES, HAYRIDE, PARADE, PRIZES



**DELICIOUS
FAIR FOOD**



**FUN FILLED
HAYRIDES**



**GAMES &
PRIZES**



**GAMES &
PRIZES**



**FIREMAN'S
PARADE**



**FIREMAN'S
PARADE**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT NORTH BRADDOCK VFD
VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1900**

www.station207.com

BRINTON PLAYGROUND PROJECT UNDERWAY

The Brinton Playground is undergoing the Phase II renovation with Sports & Recreation winning the bid for \$132,335. New fencing has been installed around the park. New equipment is scheduled to be installed very soon.



NEW BORO SIGNS INSTALLED

PennDOT installed boro signs at the community borders along the east bound & west bound lanes of U.S. Route 30 - Lincoln Highway. The signs determine the North Braddock jurisdiction between Forest Hills & East Pittsburgh. Resident Steve Liptak, Jr. made the request with PennDOT District 11.



POLICE COVERAGE: FULL TIME VS. PART TIME

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THIS ON
THE STREETS OF NORTH BRADDOCK?**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY POLICE
PATROL SERVICES**



**FULL-TIME CAREER OFFICERS
SPECIALIZED UNITS WITH RESOURCES
IMPACT SQUAD
COST EFFECTIVE
CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMIES**

*****FOR THE FIRST TIME COUNTY POLICE BEGAN BORO
PATROL BY CONTRACT FOR WILMERDING IN 2017*****

Some residents have expressed the need to improve community police coverage. The goal should be to improve services by eliminating part time policing in the future. One possibility is contracting County Police for coverage similar to the Wilmerding contract. Expenses and plans would have to be worked out with talks between the Boro and County officials. North Braddock's current budget for policing was priced at \$536,100. Boro police liability insurance has increased from \$22,000 to \$49,000 since 2016. The community has a lot of turnover and issues with part time policing standards. Residents see new officers being sworn in on a steady basis at council meetings. Full time policing might be able to resolve some of these issues while possibly saving tax dollars depending on the contract expenses with another department. The topic is worth the research in order to weigh the best options for the future.

COMPARING POLICE SERVICES

NORTH BRADDOCK POLICE

- PART TIME BORO POLICE OFFICERS
- HAVE TO SUPPLY VEHICLES
- HAVE TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT
- HAVE TO COVER INCREASING INSURANCE
- CONSTANT TURNOVER
- HARD TO RECRUIT INTERESTED OFFICERS
- DIFFICULT TO STAY FULLY STAFFED
- LOW LEVEL OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- LOW PRESENCE & ACCOUNTABILITY
- LESS RESOURCES

2017 BUDGET: \$536,100

ALLEGHENY COUNTY POLICE

- FULL TIME COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS
- COUNTY PROVIDES VEHICLES
- COUNTY PROVIDES EQUIPMENT
- LESS TURNOVER WITH FULL TIME CAREERS
- INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMIES
- INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY
- INCREASED PRESENCE
- WEALTH OF COUNTY RESOURCES
- POSSIBILITY FOR MORE OFFICERS PER SHIFT

INFO BASED ON COUNTY POLICING IN WILMERDING

2017 BUDGET: \$250,000

**25% OF FEES & FINES FROM POLICING
3% BUDGET INCREASE PER YEAR**

FIRE STATION REHAB

North Braddock VFD recently received a \$100,000 grant for renovations to the fire station on Wolfe Avenue. Extensive work is planned for the aging fire station that dates back to the 1950s. Wilson Restoration, Inc. had the lowest bid for the project at \$79,615.

Bid Results:

http://www.glennengr.com/bids/closedProjectDetails.aspx?advertisement_guid=d44145a9-493b-43cf-9ea1-c8decaf21167

Scope of the Work:

http://www.glennengr.com/bids/openProjectDetails.aspx?advertisement_guid=d44145a9-493b-43cf-9ea1-c8decaf21167



IMPROVING BLIGHT

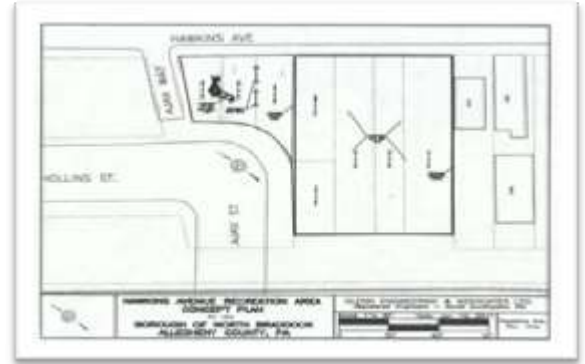


Borough workers are attempting to clean up the deplorable blight that has taken over the neighborhood. This vacant home on Brinton Avenue had overgrown vegetation surrounding the property. The property was cut and cleaned up to make a huge difference in appearance along the main street in North Braddock. Boro laborers have been addressing many of the overgrown areas throughout the community. Four summer laborers were being budgeted to assist with landscaping.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS



The Bowers Street basketball court was reopened with a new rim & other improvements.



Vacant land was purchased from the Allegheny County vacant property recovery program to build a future park on Hawkins Avenue.



Bell Avenue was resurfaced after the waterline project from Jones Avenue to 13th Street.



PennDOT is scheduled to resurface the state route along Electric Avenue.



New storm water catch basins were completed by contractors including one that was collapsed at Bowers & Brinton.



A green infrastructure project was completed with a new brick road surface in the 800 block of Middle Street.

GARDENER OF THE MONTH

The North Braddock Garden Club will be awarding Gardener of the Month awards. The winner receives a prize along with a sign placed in the winning yard. Residents can submit garden nominations to be considered by liking the Facebook page and posting a picture of the garden.

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

Congratulations to the Garritano Family on Brinton Avenue for being awarded the **Gardener of the Month for July 2017**.



GARDEN CLUB SHIRTS

Garden Club shirts are now on sale. Two styles are available for \$15. Sizes range in small-x-large. 2XL is available for \$20. Message the Garden Club to purchase. Cash and checks made payable to North Braddock Garden Club are accepted. The Garden Club meets monthly on a Tuesday and also meets at designated sites on Wednesdays to maintain the garden projects.

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



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

VINCENT'S PIZZA PARK

998 Ardmore Boulevard
North Braddock, PA 15104
412.271.9181

www.vincentspizzapark.com
<https://www.facebook.com/VinniePie/>



HOME OF THE VINNIE PIE NORTH BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA

One of the most famous pizza shops in the Pittsburgh region is located in North Braddock. Vincent's Pizza Park has been satisfying customers since 1950. Original owner Vincent Chianese created the famous Vinnie Pie on Ardmore Boulevard. The business is family owned and was fully remodeled with a grand reopening in 2013. The famous pizza is known for the big crust, plentiful toppings, and the greasy goodness. Half-baked pizzas are available for your freezer. Vincent's is one of the most popular businesses in the community with crowds flooding the business on most nights. The pizza park offers sit down dining, bar, and take-out pizza. Everyone has to try a Vinnie Pie in their lifetime!



NEW BORO WEBSITE



The boro website is being updated with a new webmaster. A new boro logo was revealed on the site. Hopefully more info is added.

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Animal Control – Sable Kennel
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(412) 824-6201

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(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

Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 PM, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street

NB Cares Monthly Meeting

July 31, 6:30 PM, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street

Woodland Hills School District Meetings

531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104

August 9, 7:00 PM, Agenda Meeting

August 16, 7:00 PM, Legislative Meeting

North Braddock VFD Street Fair

July 26-29, 7:00-10:00 PM, 1318 Wolfe Avenue

North Braddock Fireman's Parade

Saturday, July 29, 6:00 PM, Wolfe Avenue

North Braddock Fireman's Water Battle

Saturday, July 29, After Parade, Sheridan Street

1st Annual Community Wide Yard Sale

August 19, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, NB Heights

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

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Thanks to a local social media outlet called 411PGH, the North Braddock council meetings were filmed and made available online for the first time ever. Sadly the creator of 411PGH passed away in July 2017. RIP Gerald O. Strothers, Jr.

<http://411pgh.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/411PGH/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-rZpn8kcJBbaawwPPaYkxA/videos>