



North Braddock News

Resident Newsletter From North Braddock Network

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About Us:

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 newsletter edition to experiment with a new idea to promote and engage the community.

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Resident Involvement

The November council meeting had an increased amount of residents in attendance to express their concerns about the community. More involved residents creates a stronger community. The topic of concern was public safety and police presence. Police staffing is being looked at with a possible tax increase being researched for increased staffing in the future.

Council meetings are the third Tuesday of every month with a work session at 6:30 PM & meeting at 7:00 PM. Residents have the opportunity to address their concerns in the public forum. Each ward has three council members to represent your concerns. The mayor and department leaders hear concerns from the residents.

Residents can continue to report crime & suspicious activity in their neighborhood (911). Report abandoned vehicles (412.351.4902, nbpolice@comcast.net) and code violations (412.271.0832, nbcodes@gmail.com) to the borough offices. Any street or public works issues can be directed to the department at (412.271.3647).

The PA Attorney General Office accepts anonymous tips for drug activity in your neighborhood. Text PADRUGS + YOUR TIP to 847411. Visit [PA Attorney General](#) for more info and an online tip form.

New Street Signs



At the request of residents at the council meetings, the Street Department is in the process of replacing missing and damaged street signs. You may have noticed the new street signs on some streets that haven't been marked in many years. New signs increase public safety with designated street locations. If your street isn't properly marked, let the Boro Manager or Street Department know where signs are needed. 412.271.1306 or 412.271.3647.

Community Pride Gardening

The North Braddock Garden Club hit the ground running over this past year thanks to dedicated volunteers with a vision for community improvement. The group holds their monthly meetings at the Wolfe Avenue fire station. Fundraising events are also held at the Club 206 social club on the bottom floor of the fire department. Volunteers have revamped the borough welcome signs with fresh wood, soil, and flowers. Their contributions were honored with awards at the recent council meeting by Mayor Tom Whyel. Congrats and thank you to the Garden Club who proves it takes a little initiative to make a difference. Check out their "Breakfast With Santa" event on Dec. 3. You can follow the Garden Club on at www.facebook.com/northbraddockgardenclub



Remodeled Council Chamber

The borough council chamber needed improvements to bring it up to date with the current times. The seating setup was outdated with council officials facing opposite of the crowd. Thankfully a donation was received from the "Mindhunter" television series that used the building for filming this year. The donation provided updates to the room including new carpet, paint, and new tables with the seating arrangement facing the public audience.



Smaller Government Improves Efficiency

Residents launched a petition for borough council to be reduced by two seats. The council currently consists of nine members, making it the largest council body in our school district. Population continues to fall but council size was never restructured. There are many reasons that a smaller council would improve the representation for the residents. After 5% of voters sign the petition, the petition can be delivered to council to advertise a public hearing and move forward with reducing the council seats. The goal is to achieve two council officials per ward with one at large. If you're a registered voter and wish to sign the petition, stop by Nina's Place Hair Salon on Locust Street or email nbfacebook1@gmail.com and we can have a petition delivered to your house.

Explore The Historic Community

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

Planning Underway For Street Cameras

It was announced at the October council meeting that the police department was working with the District Attorney Office for plans on adding cameras in the area around Baldrige & Jones Avenues. The area has been the site of violence & other crime issues. Cameras can be eyes for law enforcement, who are unable to be everywhere in the 1.6 square mile community. Hopefully more areas can be covered with camera coverage to increase public safety in the future.

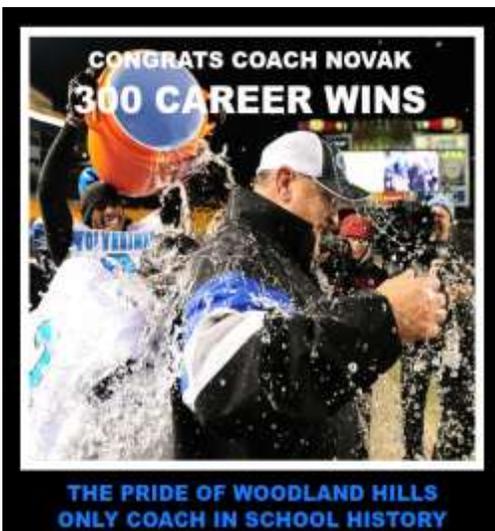


Nextdoor Growing With Residents

Residents can still sign up to join the private neighborhood network on Nextdoor. Download the application to your mobile devices or log on while using your home PC. There are 3 neighborhoods geographically laid out for the North Braddock community. Share info and communicate with your neighbors about crime, lost pets, free items, events, & much more. Each ward has neighborhood leads that monitor the material and add essential information. Visit www.nextdoor.com or download the app on the Google Play Store to create your user account with your local address.



Coach George Novak Announces Retirement



After 30 years at Woodland Hills, Athletic Director/Coach George Novak submitted his letter to retire from the local school district. The legendary coach won 5 WPIAL football championships and a whole slew of other accomplishments while mentoring many young men from the North Braddock community. Novak will be a major loss to the district and big shoes to replace. Novak goes down in history with other coaching names that have served the area like Johnny Reed, Franny Rogel, Chuck Klausing, etc. The North Braddock community wishes Coach Novak many years of deserved retirement with his family & friends.



Business Of The Month

Milton's Top Notch Hair Design Milton's Sunday's Best BBQ

711 Sixth Street
(412) 727-6837 or (412) 613-5846

North Braddock resident James Milton has previously expressed his loyalty to the hometown community. The Milton's Top Notch Hair Design shop is up and running in the former North Braddock EMS building at 711 Sixth Street. The businessman also offers his Sunday's Best BBQ all year around at the location. Delivery is also available. There's a buffet offered and the business accepts all major credit/debit cards. Residents notice the property landscaped and beautifully maintained along the Sixth Street corridor. Stop by the local business sometime. We honor Milton's as the "Business of the Month."



Check them out on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/MiltonsTopNotchHairDesign

Upcoming Events:

3rd Annual Turkey Giveaway

Nov. 22, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Library Street Courts

Thanksgiving Dinner At Grand View Golf Club

Nov. 24, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Grand View Restaurant
1000 Clubhouse Drive, Reservations: 412.351.2170

Enterprise Zone 30th Annual Dinner

Dec. 1, Grand View Golf Club, 1000 Clubhouse Drive
Information at 412.371.6380

Garden Club Breakfast With Santa

Dec. 3, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Fire Station #1, 1318 Wolfe Avenue

Braddock Carnegie Library Holiday Market

Dec. 3, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Braddock Library, 419 Library Street

Council Meeting

Dec. 20, 7:00 PM, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street

