



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

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TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 31, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Mayor Tom Whyel announced that trick or treat hours will be from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 31. Public safety personnel will patrol the streets for community safety. Leave your household light on or sit outside to alert the kids which homes are participating in treat giving. **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

NORTH BRADDOCK TRICK OR TREAT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Keep your exterior light on, open your door, or sit outside so children know which homes are providing treats.

Local public safety agencies patrol the boro streets every year for community safety.

Be seen, be safe, escort all small children, dial 911 for any suspicious activity, & check all treats before consumption.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



FIRE STATION UPGRADES

The North Braddock fire station on Wolfe Avenue is still undergoing an extensive rehabilitation to the building. The \$100,000 CITF grant will cover renovations for the North Braddock fire station including garage doors, man door, floor, walk in cooler for food storage, etc. The building on Wolfe Avenue serves as the main fire station with a backup station on Bell Avenue. The updates will benefit the fire department to serve the community for years to come.



NEW FIRST WARD VOTING LOCATION

Due to the fire station reconstruction on Wolfe Avenue, registered voters in Ward 1 will be voting at the Word & Worship Church (Old Hartman School) located at 1200 Wolfe Avenue on November 7, 2017. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Voters will enter the building from the rear parking lot entrance. Remember to get out and vote!



MEET THE ELECTION CANDIDATES

Here are the election candidates for registered voters in North Braddock. The mayor, five council seats, tax collector, and two school board seats are up for election. Mayor **Thomas Whyel** is unchallenged as the incumbent for mayor. Ward 1 council has incumbent councilman **Jerome Sepesy** & new candidate **Teresa Parker** running for two open seats. Ward 2 council has incumbent councilwoman Victoria Vargo and incumbent write-in winner **Christopher Roland** running for two open seats. Ward 3 council has a new candidate **Bridgette Cobbs** running for one open seat. Tax collector incumbent **Diane Tomasic** is the only candidate interested in running for the position. Woodland Hills Region 3 has two open school board seats with incumbent **Michael Belmonte** & new candidate write in winner **Akeya Kester**. Write-in votes are also accepted.

NORTH BRADDOCK BALLOT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

1200 WOLFE AVENUE - WARD 1

600 ANDERSON STREET - WARD 2

620 SIXTH STREET - WARD 3

MAYOR - VOTE FOR ONE

***THOMAS WHYEL (D) - MCDONOUGH AVENUE**

***WRITE-IN**

COUNCIL WARD 1 - VOTE FOR TWO

***TERESA PARKER (D) - BRINTON AVENUE**

***JEROME SEPESEY (D) - WOLFE AVENUE**

***WRITE-IN**

COUNCIL WARD 2 - VOTE FOR TWO

***CHRISTOPHER ROLAND (D) - KIRKPATRICK AVENUE**

***VICTORIA VARGO (D) - KIRKPATRICK AVENUE**

***WRITE-IN**

COUNCIL WARD 3 - VOTE FOR ONE

***BRIDGETTE COBBS (D) - OAKLAND AVENUE**

***WRITE-IN**

TAX COLLECTOR - VOTE FOR ONE

***DIANE TOMASIC (D) - GENERAL BRADDOCK DRIVE**

***WRITE-IN**

WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL BOARD REGION 3 - VOTE FOR TWO

***MICHAEL BELMONTE (D) (R) - FOREST HILLS**

***AKEYA KESTER (D) (R) - BRADDOCK HILLS**

***WRITE-IN**

GET OUT TO VOTE IN NORTH BRADDOCK ON NOVEMBER 7!

STREET RECONSTRUCTION

A CITF grant was approved for the reconstruction of Sixth Street. The street surface is in deficient condition for drivers. Street paving is planned between the Braddock Hills borderline & Baldrige Avenue. The boro engineer is hoping to have the work completed before the winter weather arrives.

In other street improvement news, Electric Avenue was paved by PennDOT. Plum Street was paved by People's Gas. Wilksburg Penn Joint Water Authority is planned to pave Lydia Street. Taylor Street is being repaved with a grant that was received. Ridge Avenue was denied a grant for paving between Bowers Street & the East Pittsburgh borderline. The 500 block of Jones Avenue also appeared to be damaged after a recent water line break this summer. The water company should make the necessary repairs.

BRINTON PARK GRAND OPENING



The Brinton Park had a grand opening on Thursday, October 19, 2017 with local & state officials in attendance. The park originally closed in September 2015 and underwent an extensive rehabilitation project after two grants were obtained for the project. Residents notice all the upgraded features including the new pavilion, play equipment, walking trail, sidewalks, garden club planting beds, lighting, new fencing, benches, water spray area, etc. It will be fun to see the spray area in use next summer. The project did receive some public feedback that the residents and entire council body did not have active input in the project & grand opening event. The park is open daily from dawn until dusk. Please follow all posted rules including **NO DOGS** allowed. Notify the police department for any problems in the public park.

WOODLAND HILLS NEWS

Congratulations to the Woodland Hills High School football team on earning a WPIAL playoff berth. The football program has now made the playoffs for 29 out of 31 years, the highest percentage in any school history. Woodland Hills School District board vice-president Michael Belmonte shared some school district news at the recent October 17, 2017 council meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Final candidates are being considered for the high school principal position. A final decision should be made in the coming months.

STATE PENSION COSTS:

The increase in state pension contributions is an increasing expense for the school district budget.

STATE AUDIT:

The state audit will be conducted earlier than scheduled. The district finances are believed to be in compliance. Other issues will receive attention in the audit.

CHARTER SCHOOLS:

Charter schools continue to cost district taxpayers. Students going to charter schools are taking money from the students going to the public district. District students are being bused to over 90 different schools. Public schools need money from district taxpayers and state laws have many loopholes that seem to benefit charter schools. State reform is needed to address the detrimental effects that charter school funding has on public school districts.

DISTRICT BUILDINGS:

District buildings will be undergoing major renovations with borrowed money. The amount could be as high as \$85 million depending on the extent of needed renovations.

Discussions are ongoing regarding the utilization of school district buildings. No final decisions have been made.

Fairless in North Braddock could possibly be sold to a current tenant if they wish to expand their programs. District administration would then possibly move to the Rankin School. North Braddock leadership expressed their desire for Woodland Hills Administration to remain in the community.

Rankin School would possibly undergo an addition to accommodate administration and students.

One determination is that Woodland Hills Intermediate in Swissvale is structurally deficient and will need to be closed. Dickson School in Swissvale would be reopened for students.

Shaffer School in Churchill could be reopened and used by district students.

Woodland Hills High School will receive a renovated facelift. Renovations will assure the buildings for another 40 years.



EAST SHORE PITTSBURGH LAUNCHED



The EastShore is an initiative spearheaded by the Enterprise Zone Corp. of Braddock (EZCB), along with its public and private partners.

The plan is to reintroduce the Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin, & Swissvale neighborhood to the Pittsburgh region through an extensive marketing and outreach effort.

A new website will showcase EastShore businesses, restaurants, real-estate and other attractions.

New neighborhood signage will display the new promotional logo.

The project will improve connections with local municipalities and small business owners in order to build on the community's economic momentum.

Plans will build on the area's existing events and attractions.

<http://eastshorepgh.com/>

<http://ezcb.org/>



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

CRUD'S BAR

1400 Brinton Avenue

North Braddock, PA 15104

412.824.1227

<https://www.facebook.com/cruds.bar.5>



Crud's Bar is a longtime known business serving drinks & food on Brinton Avenue in the First Ward neighborhood. Ownership may have changed but many of the same traditions remain on Brinton Avenue. Every Tuesday is the famous "Italian Hoagie Day". This is the sandwich that made North Braddock famous with a fresh baked hoagie bun, meats, vegetables, cheeses, & Italian oil with spices. Italian hoagies are only available on Tuesdays while supplies last. The establishment also offers a full menu every day and specials such as a weekly wing night & Sunday morning brunch. Residents have shared positive feedback regarding the delicious brunch. The corner bar is also known to hold customer appreciation fundraiser days for customers that can use a little help in times of need. Crud's Bar is your local hometown spot for a cold beverage and fresh prepared food. Stop by and see the friendly staff at 1400 Brinton Avenue.



Crud's Italian Hoagies – Every Tuesday
“The Sandwich That Made North Braddock Famous”

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Fire Chief – Anthony Rydzak
(412) 824-7791
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(412) 271-0832
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Street Dept. – Charles Nigro
(412) 271-3647

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)

Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water
(412) 243-6200

POLICE, FIRE, EMS
911

UPCOMING CALENDAR:

NB Cares Monthly Meeting

October 30, 6:30 PM, Municipal Building, 600 Anderson Street

North Braddock Trick Or Treat

Tuesday, October 31, 5:00PM to 7:00PM

North Braddock Election Day

Tuesday, November 7, 7:00AM – 8:00PM
1200 Wolfe Ave, 600 Anderson St, 620 Sixth St

Woodland Hills School District Meetings

531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104
November 8, 7:00 PM, Agenda Meeting
November 15, 7:00 PM, Legislative Meeting

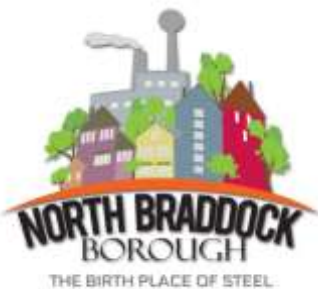
NBVFD/E. Pittsburgh VFW Purse Bash

East Pittsburgh VFW, 401 Draper St, East Pgh, PA
Saturday, November 18, 6:00PM to 10:00PM

Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 PM, Municipal Building,
600 Anderson Street

Email any suggestions for future articles and let us know if you would like to contribute to the publication.
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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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Vincent's Pizza Park is in the running for the Ultimate Pittsburgh Pizza bracket championship. The local shop is in the Final Four and needs your vote on theincline.com.

VOTE FOR THE VINNIE PIE

