



Mayor - Thaddeus J. "Ted" Pruskowski

Borough Council

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**Council Meetings are held at the Borough Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month at 7:30 p.m.
The public is welcome.**

Administration

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Valley Forge, PA 19484
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**Fire Marshal &
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Fire Chiefs
Goodwill Fire Co. - Mike Gallagher
Bridgeport #1 - Ken Frymoyer

Borough Solicitor

Salvatore Bello
144 E. Dekalb St.
King of Prussia, PA 19406
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District Justice

James Gallagher
128 W. Fourth St.
Bridgeport, PA 19405
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The Annual Police Memorial will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Borough of Bridgeport Welcomes New Mayor

New Mayor, Thaddeus (Ted) Pruskowski was sworn in to office on Monday, January 4, 2010. Mayor Ted, a Council Member since 2002, also served as Council President. Born and raised in Bridgeport, Mayor Ted is the nephew of former Bridgeport Mayor, Stanley Nadwodny. He and his wife Marjorie have two children, Jennifer and Jacob. The Mayor is a firm believer in getting involved with the community and "giving back". Mayor Ted's "giving back" is displayed in his various Board Memberships and Volunteer Work in local community organizations.

- President of the Holy Name Society of Sacred Heart Parish
- President of the Upper Merion Youth Wrestling Association
- Past Grand Knight of West Philadelphia Council #344
 - Board Member of Bridgeport Little League
- Board Member of Lafayette Ambulance & Rescue Squad
- Community Fund Park and Rec Volunteer and Supporter
- Coach of various youth sports teams (Football, Basketball, Wrestling & Baseball)

Mayor Ted plans to conduct quarterly meetings with the business community and residents of the Borough. A kick-off meeting, "Meet the Mayor" is scheduled for 6:30 PM, Tuesday, February 16th. Remaining meetings scheduled as follows:

May 18, 2010 August 17, 2010 November 16, 2010

These meetings will take place at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall, second floor. (Handicapped Accessible)
All are welcome to attend!

From the Editor's Notebook....



The election is behind us and we move forward to a "new" year in a borough with a "new" look. We welcome our "new" Mayor, Thaddeus "Ted" Pruskowski and wish him the best!

The DeKalb Street Bridge re-opened to traffic on October 31st. Governor Ed Rendell along with Senator Daylin Leach, Representative Tim Briggs and local officials were on hand to help move the road barricade and open the bridge to traffic. (photo below)

Please mark your calendar for "Community Day" on Saturday, September 18th beginning at 11:00 AM.

This year Community Day will be held on Fourth Street and will highlight a 5K Run.. For more information please contact Mike Francis at 484.614.1668 or mfworkhorse@comcast.net. Please plan to come and join your Borough Officials, neighbors, business owners, and friends as they celebrate community and fellowship. A special thanks to those of you who have been kind enough to provide information or sent notice of events or happenings.

JoAnn H. Gadzicki



At Your Service...

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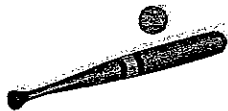
Mayor Ted encourages **ALL** to attend.

BRIDGEPORT LITTLE LEAGUE

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2010 Spring Season.

Boys & Girls Ages 4 -16

<http://eteamz.com/Bridgeport> 610.272.6813



It's Back.....

And here to stay... TOWNWATCH!

Mayor Ted will hold a re-organizational meeting on February 16th, Tuesday at 6:00 PM—Borough Hall (before the "Meet the Mayor" meeting).

An Important Reminder to All Residents

Our police and fire departments have asked that you be sure to display your house number CLEARLY and VISIBLY at your property. This important task will insure that in case of emergency, they will reach you as quickly as possible.

Council Chambers — Jack Kowal, President

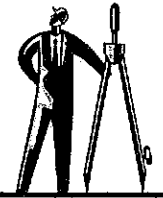
The Housing Appeals Board held its organizational meeting on January 27th.

Ed Kohler was elected Chairman and Candice Nicholson, Vice-Chair. Other Board Members include Deborah Dunleavy, Dominique Bernardo and Joseph Prendergast.

We are still looking for people to serve on the Revitalization Committee, submit requests to join to the Borough Manager.

NOW YOU KNOW—(Ed Woydon, VP, Gannet Fleming)

Streetscaping Phase II Underway!



The Phase II - 4th Street Streetscaping Improvement Project along 4th Street from Depot to Holstein is underway as everyone can see. As previously reported, the Streetscaping of 4th Street was the highest ranked goal in the Borough's Revitalization Plan developed in 2003. The funds are in place to continue the

"revitalization" of our town thanks in large part to a Montgomery County Revitalization Grant for \$487,420. Borough Council continues to pursue additional County funding, having just submitted a preliminary application for a 2010 grant.

The project kicked off in November. Cold weather and some unforeseen below ground findings have slowed the progress through the months of December and January, but project completion is still estimated to be in the spring of 2010. Paving of the area in front of the former Pants Factory property has been completed. The contractor, Scott Construction of Norristown, PA, is installing storm sewer and has been pouring new concrete sidewalk and curbing as weather permits. The stamped macadam "brick" inlay, lighting, benches and other finishing touches will be the final work performed and will continue the look of the first phase completed in 2008. Council is excited about the "new look" of our Main Street.

Revitalization Planning

The Borough completed a County funded Revitalization Plan in 2003. The Plan is due to be updated in 2010. As was advertised in the paper and on the Borough website, Council is asking for volunteers to be part of this update. A Revitalization Committee is being formed to begin work in March 2010. The committee will be asked to meet regularly to develop new objectives or reconfirm those from the 2003 Plan. Additional objectives, other than the streetscaping and parking lot projects from the 2003 Plan, include improvements to the gateways into town, development of green space, transportation hub improvements, among others. If you have ideas, please volunteer for the committee and help shape the future of our town.

For additional information on volunteering please check the Boroughs website www.boroughofbridgeport.com or contact the Borough Manager.

Join our TOWN WATCH
February 16th—6:00 PM
Borough Hall - 2nd Fl.

Around the Capitol....

State Senator Daylin Leach



What are WAM's?? Recently, as the Pennsylvania budget crisis has droned on, there has been a good deal of attention paid to how we, as a state, spend money. One of the programs which is most frequently attacked and ridiculed in the media and blogosphere is what are called WAMs. There has been a great deal of self-righteous and sanctimonious denigrating of the WAM as a use-less vestige of some undefined form of corruption.

But is that really true? Well, like most things which are oversimplified on the internet, the reality is a bit more complicated.

First, the term "WAM" doesn't actually exist in law. That epithet is actually a press invented acronym for "Walking Around Money". This deliberately conjures up images of unscrupulous politicians in dark suits, with cash falling out of their pockets, walking around handing out gifts to their buddies, or keeping the money for themselves. None of this is true. Actually, the legal term is "Legislative Initiative Grants" administered under "The Department for Community and Economic Development" (DCED) and there is no cash.

The way DCED Grants work is that a certain amount is passed as part of the budget in open session. Each caucus then gets access to a percentage of the total, and legislative leaders then divide that amount up among their members. Organizations can apply to receive grants. Members can then decide which projects in their district get funded within the constraints of the total amount of money available and the legal parameters of allowable grants. The legislators do not have unbridled discretion. The recipients must be non-profits and non-sectarian. Further, they must provide proof that they spent the money as they represented they would. The names of all grant recipients are public information.

The theory behind making legislators choose the recipients is that they are the ones who actually know their districts. They know what projects are worthy and where the greatest need is. They know which grant applicants are responsible and trustworthy and who are not. Further, we as legislators are politically accountable for the grants we recommend.

I can't speak for other legislators and I can't promise there has never been an abuse of the system in some way. But I am very proud of the grants I have brought to my district. They have included defibrillators for police departments and Thermal Imaging Cameras that will save the lives of our First Responders. They have helped support Meals-on-Wheels and Eldernet and our Senior Centers, which provide valuable services to our senior citizens. They have supported ambulance services and bought uniforms for local little-leagues. They have beautified our side-walks and helped drain our storm-water.

In Bridgeport specifically, Legislative Initiative Grants have upgraded the borough's and the police departments computer systems, paid for drainage systems, paid for a reading room for the Bridgeport Hall of Fame, helped maintain Bridgeport's Fire Companies, and bought parking meters. A legislative grant even helped pay for this newsletter.

The press likes to portray these grants as a re-election tool. Do they help us get re-elected? Marginally I suppose in the way anytime a legislator does something to benefit their district, it helps them. But most incumbents are in such gerrymandered districts, and incumbency is such a powerful advantage in terms of fund-raising, that grants are a tiny factor. So eliminating them might make some people feel good. But we should acknowledge that many critical, non-profit entities that serve our communities will be hurt or themselves eliminated. If this happens, will we all really be better off?

RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER

J.P. Mascaro & Sons, the Borough's waste hauler will accept Bridgeport residents' recyclables at its Great Valley Recycling Center. A Drop Off Center is on site and residents may drop off their recyclables Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM-10AM. The phone number is 610-272-2765. The Great Valley Recycling Center is located in Bridgeport and accessed from north bound Route 202 just before the Dannehower Bridge.

Please follow the Drop Off Center directional sign.

CANS

Soup cans, food cans, etc. (not aluminum cans) must be rinsed and flattened, with paper removed. **No Aerosol (spray) cans**

GLASS

Clean and rinse. Caps, foil & metal rings must be removed. No Window glass, drinking glasses, ceramics or mirrors.

PLASTIC

Rinse empty plastic containers labeled as #'s 1-7. Please look for the # usually found in a circle or triangle located on the containers such as those used for food, laundry and toiletry products.

METALS

Aluminum: Rinse all empty aluminum beverage and food containers. Bimetallic Cans: Rinse empty food or beverage containers such as those commonly used for pet foods, soups, tuna and canned vegetables, etc.

NO TRASH OF ANY KIND MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THESE CONTAINERS AT ANY TIME.

Publically Speaking - Joe Battisto, Public Works Director

The Borough's Public Works Department continues to be actively engaged in efforts to help maintain and improve Bridgeport's charm.

At the Borough's Waste Water Treatment Plant, the department has installed a back-up generator. A new Chicago pump was installed at the River Road Pumping Station. Did you know that our treatment plant treats approximately 400,000 gallons of sewage in one day?

Now, who could forget that four letter word S-N-O-W! Please remember ordinance #2002-020 which forbids throwing snow in the streets.



Arrangements may be made with the Public Works Department to provide additional parking throughout the

borough after the conclusion of each snow storm. Please wait 24 hours after the snow ceases and contact the Borough Public Works Department at 610-272-1811. If residents can arrange to move their vehicles at a designated time, the Public Works crew will plow up to curb, thus providing additional parking on designated streets. **Please note that shoveling or placing of snow on Borough streets is a violation and subject to a fine!**

At Memorial Park, the Public Works Department under the direction of Joe Battisto, is working to complete the construction of the Bocce Courts. Stop by and take a look!

BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY FUND PARK AND RECREATION BOARD NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

After serving 17 years as the President of the Bridgeport Community Fund Park and Rec Board, Jack Kowal has given up the reigns. At the February meeting, Mr. Kowal announced his resignation and a new President was elected. JoAnn Gadzicki will serve as the new Community Fund Park and Rec President and Mike Francis as Vice-President. Other Board members include: John Evan, Anthony Tarantino, Dino Ross, Nick Rotondo and Becky Rotondo. Denise Kavanagh is the Park and Rec Director.

The Bridgeport Community Fund has owned, operated and maintained Memorial Park, which was dedicated on July 4, 1947. With the approval of the Montgomery County Commissioners and the Montgomery County Open Space Board, the Community Fund and the Borough of Bridgeport entered into an agreement which preserves Memorial Park as Open Space in perpetuity. The Bridgeport Community Fund Park and Recreation Board sponsors a Summer Program, an annual Halloween Parade, Community Day and other activities to carry forward the goals of its Founders' by expending unique energy of spirit and drive to continue bridging Community Recreation. The Park and Rec Board also oversees Chicchino Field.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Community Day will be moved from Memorial Park to 4th Street and will be held on **Saturday, September 18, 2010**— 11 AM. There will be a 5K Run— for more information contact Mike Francis at 484.614.1668 or mfworkhorse@comcast.net.

BRIDGEPORT BOCCE is accepting names of anyone interested in playing in the upcoming Summer Bocce League. Games will be played on the newly constructed courts at Bridgeport Memorial Park, 9th & Grove Streets. The league plans to play three nights: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, and if necessary, may extend to Wednesday. Each night will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Singles will be matched with other singles to form a team. The league fee is \$40.00 per person and each team will have a minimum of 4 players.

Please contact John Cane at REL1863@aol.com or call 610.354.0791 and leave the following information:

Name and contact number or email address

REGISTRATION:

When: Saturday & Sunday April 17th & 18th 2010
and Saturday, April 24th 2010

Time: 10AM to 1:00PM

Where: The new courts at Bridgeport Memorial Park at the top of 9th & Grove Streets

Tentative start date: June 6, 2010

POOPER SCOOPER ORDINANCE

This ordinance requires that the owner, keeper or walker of any dog must immediately remove the dog's excrement from any public or private property. Violation of the Pooper Scooper ordinance could result in a fine up to \$300.

It is against the law for the owner or person in custody or control of any animal to allow the animal to run at large - the animal must be on a leash.

MAKING US PROUD

The Bridgeport Little League 16 U finished "Runner Up" in the Pennsylvania State Championship. The team began the tournament season by winning the District 22 Championship and defeated District 27 champs Chester Valley Little League to advance to the Pennsylvania Senior Little League State tournament held in Emporium, PA. A proclamation was presented to the team members and their coaches for this tremendous accomplishment! Way to go!



The 2009 Vincent F. Miraglia Scholarship winner was Christina Capaldo, daughter of John and Connie Capaldo. Ms. Capaldo a graduate of Villa Maria Academy Class of 2009 is attending James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Congratulations and Best of Luck, Christina!

Ms. Erin M. Orendorff has been sworn in as the 2009-2010 Junior Councilmember. Erin is a Senior at Kennedy-Kenrick High School and on the Hockey team. Erin was also featured in last month's "Borough News" magazine. The Borough's outgoing and "first" Junior Councilmember, Mr. Benjamin Andrews, was presented a plaque in recognition of his service.

Kudos to Ms. Louise Lance who was presented with a Proclamation in recognition and appreciation for her effort to call attention to an alarm that was going off in her neighbor's home, when food on the stove was left unattended. Because of Ms. Lance's prompt attentiveness the police were able to preserve the safety of the neighbor's home and the surrounding neighborhood.

Hats off to JoAnn Gadzicki, 2009 recipient of the Carl J. Rosiello Award! The award is presented to a resident of the Borough who displays the most loyalty, spirit, and community service during the previous year. Ms. Gadzicki is the first woman to receive this award.

In September, King of Prussia hosted the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Convention. Goodwill Fire Company's fire truck won First Place for Best Appearing and Equipped Pumper 1980-1989. The Bridgeport #1 and Goodwill marching unit with 50 members won Second place. Good Job!!

CHIEF'S CORNER

The Bridgeport Police Department strives to provide the best possible service to all of its residents. They ask that all citizens of the Borough report anything that they deem suspicious, criminal acts, hazardous conditions, and anything that is not the norm. With your cooperation and assistance, we can maintain the highest level of service.



Residents are reminded to obey all vehicle laws, specifically the speed limits in the School Zones. The times in the School Zone are 8:00AM to 9:00AM, 1130AM to 12:50pm AND 3:00pm TO 4:00pm.



A Special "thank you" to our School Crossing Guards for the excellent job that they do throughout the year keeping our children safe.

When driving a vehicle, DRIVE...

When Talking on a cell phone, DON'T DRIVE.

**HAPPY 95TH ANNIVERSARY TO
THE GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY**

