Ever wonder why grant projects take so long?

When town council announces a new municipal grant for a park, bridge, or sidewalk improvement, it's cause for celebration. But if you've ever wondered why it takes so long for the actual bulldozers to show up, we've got answers!

Winning a grant is only step one of a multi-stage process. Before a single shovel hits the dirt, our team has to navigate state-mandated reviews, engineering permits, and legal approvals that happen entirely behind the scenes.

We put together a quick, transparent guide to explain the lifecycle of a grant project, so you can see exactly where things stand and what's happening during the "quiet" phases.

👉 Check out the full details on our website post, Demystifying Municipal Project Timelines!



- **August 5:** Books on Blankets | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park | Simple Registration Required
  - *In conjunction w/ Middletown Free Library, Infants to Kindergarten*
- **August 5:** Dungeons & Dragons | 6 -8:30 PM | BMC Council Room | Open table gaming
- **August 6:** Rhythm & Rhyme Time in the Park | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park | Ages 2-5
  - *In conjunction w/ Middletown Free Library, simple registration required*
- **August 12:** Books on Blankets | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park | Simple Registration Required
- **August 12:** Dungeons & Dragons | 6 -8:30 PM | BMC Council Room | Open table gaming
- **August 13:** Play on Music | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park | All ages! | Simple Registration Req'd
  - *In conjunction w/ Middletown Free Library, Mr. Andrew will be rockin' out with families as he plays a variety of songs to get everybody up & dancin'*
- **August 18:** Planning Commission Public Meeting | 7:00 PM | BMC Council Rm | Join Us!
  - *Subject: Proposed 8-unit townhouse subdivision at 23 E. Brookhaven Road (Kyj's)*
- **August 19:** Books on Blankets | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park | Simple Registration Required
- **August 27:** Family Day Planning Meeting | 6:00 PM | Council Room | All Are Welcome!
- **September 7:** Borough Offices Closed | Due to the Labor Day holiday 🇺🇸
- **September 9:** No recycling due to Labor Day holiday, trash ONLY!
- **September 13:** Artful Aging – TBA | 1:00 – 3:00PM | BMC, Community Room
- **September 14:** Council Meeting pushed back 1 week | 7:00 PM | BMC Council Room

Correction to the annual paper calendar: the start time for all Planning Commission mtgs is 7:00pm, not 7:30pm

Save the Date – 39th Annual Brookhaven Family Day

Mark your calendars for Brookhaven's annual Family Day on **Saturday, September 26, 12-4pm**. Free food and drink tickets for residents can be picked up at the Borough Office starting on **August 26** during business hours. Interested in helping out? Join the volunteer planning meeting on **Thursday, August 27 at 6:00pm.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00pm at the Brookhaven Municipal Center to review the Land Development Application to subdivide and **build 8 townhouses** on the former Kyj's Bakery property. **Come to the meeting to get your questions answered!** (Note: this review was originally scheduled for the May 2026 Planning Commission meeting.)

- During the August 3rd meeting, Council approved the ordinance updating Section 1280.14 to clarify the manner and location for using ***temporary*** **basketball backboards and poles.** Following a thorough review of peer municipal practices and industry standards, the Ordinance Committee refined our local guidelines to support neighborhood play while maintaining safe, accessible public rights-of-way:



  - Cannot obstruct the flow of traffic or pedestrian sidewalk traffic
  - Cannot be placed on the roadway or within 15' of any intersection
  - Must be permanently labeled with name/address of the owner
  - Must be in safe condition for use and must be removed in inclement weather

  Click HERE for full details and rules for ***permanent*** basketball backboards and poles

- **Serve Your Community: Open Seat on the Zoning Hearing Board**

  The Borough is seeking a dedicated community volunteer to fill an opening on the Zoning Hearing Board for a term running through January 2029. No formal credentials are required, though an interest in construction or engineering is a plus! Click HERE for more details.

  Role & Time Commitment:

  - **Meetings:** Meets once per month, plus time to review individual zoning applications and conduct site-specific evaluations.
  - **Responsibilities:** Work alongside the Borough's Zoning Officer and Solicitor to evaluate residential and commercial requests for variances and special exceptions, ensuring all hearings and decisions meet legal standards.

  Interested residents should submit a letter of interest to Borough Manager John Wilwert at john.wilwert@brookhavenboro.com.

- The **Recreation Board** is always looking to expand programs for residents. Consider becoming a member or volunteering for a specific event.

  There is one **open position** for a Board Member on the Recreation Board. If you are interested, please send an email to Borough Manager at john.wilwert@brookhavenboro.com. Click HERE for more information.



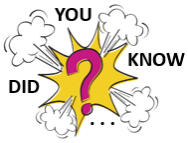
A big round of applause for the new Borough Manager, John Wilwert, Jr.

That's what happened at the August 3rd Meeting, when Council unanimously promoted lifelong resident John Wilwert to **Borough Manager**, a long-discussed role now brought to life. John and his wife Lori raised their three children here. His commitment to Brookhaven runs deep: 22 years on Council (six as President), founder of Town Watch, key volunteer during a borough staffing crisis, and Borough Office Secretary since 2022. Council President Dan Burke highlighted John's invaluable service, adding that the town is fortunate to have him. Expressing his gratitude and love for the community, John looks forward to continuing to enhance life for all residents. **Congratulations, John!**



REMINDERS

- If you see an issue in the borough that our Public Works Department should address (e.g., tree down, park equipment issue, dead animal on borough street), please report the issue by using the Contact Us feature on the borough website and select **Public Works** in the 'To' field.
- In this month's Fire Marshal's Safety Tips, he reminds us of the **importance of electrical safety**, including electrical fire statistics and warning signs of electrical problems. Click HERE for the details. As always, if you believe there is an immediate fire or life-threatening electrical emergency, **call 911 immediately!**
- Brookhaven follows Pennsylvania law for **micromobility devices**—lightweight, low-speed personal transportation options such as e-bikes, electric personal assistive mobility devices like Segways, and electric scooters. PennDOT offers a PA Micromobility Information Sheet to explain the rules for each device type. Please review these rules to help keep our children safe. Brookhaven Police **actively enforce** these laws related to the illegal operation of these devices.
- **Emergency Alerts Sign-Up**: You can receive real-time notifications on local road closures, emergency services, and trash delay alerts by subscribing to Brookhaven Alerts on the municipal website.
- Due to the Labor Day Holiday, **recycling will NOT be picked up on Wednesday, September 9th**. Please hold your recycling for the following week. Thank you.



…that **Nate Furman** of Coebourn Blvd., son of Tom & Terri Furman, younger brother of Daniel & Stephen, made his **Major League Baseball** debut for the **San Francisco Giants** on Saturday, August 1st, making him the only Brookhaven native to reach the 'big leagues'. Way to go Nate, **you make Brookhaven proud!**

…that Aston Township has been chosen to host **The Wall That Heals**. The Wall is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that resides in Washington, D.C. and a mobile education center. Click HERE to see a tentative schedule of events and activities. They are hoping that residents from neighboring towns will take the opportunity to visit The Wall. It will be open 24 hours/day from the opening ceremony on Thursday, October 8th at 10:00am through the closing ceremony on Sunday, October 11th at 1:00pm.



…that the first crime in Brookhaven occurred on July 30, 1953, as reported by the *Chester Times* in the story *Thug Holds Up Groceryman*. The following day, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* published its account, titled *Help Yourself, Robber Is Told*. Both articles described a bandit who drew a gun, brandished a blackjack, and threatened storekeeper Thomas S. Winnemore, 47. Winnemore fled to the washroom while the robber made off with $55 from the cash register. On Aug 1, the Associated Press picked up the story, and it appeared in about 15 other Pennsylvania publications under the headline *First Crime Recorded*. The AP account read: "Brookhaven: A holdup man robbed a grocery store of $55 yesterday and Constable Charles Aucott is crushed. It's the borough's first recorded crime since its incorporation in 1945." This was a big story back in 1945 as it reached as far as *The Evening Times* of Sayre, Pennsylvania, a small town in northeastern Pennsylvania near the New York border.



First Crime Recorded

Brookhaven, Pa. (AP) — A holdup man robbed a grocery store of $55 yesterday and Constable Charles Aucott is crushed. It's the borough's first recorded crime since its incorporation in 1945.

The market was located at Dutton's Mill Rd. and Shepherd St., probably now the location of E Footwear.

Blackjack - A short, flexible striking weapon featuring a heavy, lead-filled tip designed to deliver a powerful impact.

$55 in today's (2026) money would equal $993.83