



### A new Borough comes to life...

Brookhaven was incorporated as a borough on April 4, 1945, but the first official council meeting did not occur until January 7, 1946. This was an organizational meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing officers with Mr. Charles M. Ruth chairing. Mr. Ruth was elected as President of Council.

One week later, another special meeting was called where Zoning, Safety, Highway, and Ways and Means Committees were appointed.

Then on January 24, 1946 another special meeting took place. The following Officers were elected: Joseph Cooper - Secretary, Charles Sampson - Treasurer, Charles F. Baker - Engineer, Edward D. McLaughlin - Solicitor and duties of the Committees were defined. Mr. McLaughlin spoke of the method of preparing a budget and urged it to be addressed as quickly as possible. It was anticipated that some funds would be available after a meeting with the Supervisors of Chester Township to divide surplus Township funds as of December 31, 1945. Salaries for some offices were approved as follows: Secretary \$125/yr, Treasurer \$75/yr, with the Engineer being paid a retainer of \$50/yr. Auditors were asked to work for free "until the Borough became better established".

At the subsequent meeting in February with Chester Township Commissioners, it was decided Township funds on hand, when Brookhaven became a Borough, would be divided equally with Brookhaven receiving \$362.30.

**Humble beginnings would change quickly over the next few years. More to come.....**



See [Recreation Board Activities](#) for more details on all Rec Board sponsored meetings and events, including Concerts in the Park, Pickleball, Artful Aging craft for Seniors.

- [Echoes of the British Invasion](#) is the first band in our Concert in the Park Series – Saturday, May 10, 7:00pm at Eaton Park. Hope to see you there!
- **OLC Committee Meeting** - Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and depending on the weather, the meeting will be at OLC School or BMC Council Room. All are welcome!
- **Planning Commission Meeting** - May mtg moved to Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm.

Check out the [website calendar](#) for more details for these and ALL Borough meetings and events.



If you have any questions, contact the Borough Office at 610-874-2557.

- Over \$300,000 is in this year's budget for paving our streets. The following streets (in full or in part) have been determined to be in the most need:
  - Donegal Lane, Edgewood Avenue, Forestview Road, Hilltop Drive, Monroe Drive, Patton Avenue, Ridgewood Lane, School Lane, Schoolhouse Lane, Susan Lane, and Swiftwater Lane. The Public Works Gargage lower lot will also be paved.
- Brookhaven Fire Co. is having a [Designer Bag Bingo](#) fundraiser on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 6pm, first game starts at 7pm. Get your tickets in advance. All proceeds go directly to our Fire Company #52!
- Come join us on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm for our [Memorial Day Service](#) in conjunction with the American Legion Post 94, to honor those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.
- The **Sustainability Committee** is hosting a talk by Penn State Extension Master Gardener, Todd Johnson, on container gardening and native plant gardening for ecosystem restoration. [This free event](#) is on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1pm-3pm in the municipal center's Community Room. All are welcome!
- The Fire Marshal has provided [springtime safety tips](#) to keep your children safe, happy, and healthy.



**REMINDERS**

- **Make Every Day Earth Day** – [Brookhaven Earth Day Cleanup @OLC](#), originally scheduled for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> but due to rain, the cleanup has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help clean up our newest park at Our Lady of Charity.
- The Public Works Dept offers [Branch & Limb Chipping](#) to residents 4x per year -- May dates are 5/5, 5/7, 5/9, 5/13, 5/15. If you want this service, please call the borough office (610-874-2557 x0) to schedule a pickup.
- Please remember that the borough offices will be closed on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for Primary Elections. [Click here for information on your polling location.](#)
- The Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Memorial Day.
- Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, recycling will NOT be picked up on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please hold your recycling for the following week. Thank you.
- VOLUNTEERS are always needed for Brookhaven’s Family Day. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 5/25/24 at 6pm. Please join us to help make this a special event for all residents!!



... that [Town Watch](#) continues to watch over the town by donating to youth organizations, including Brookhaven Girls Softball Sponsor (\$250), Brookhaven Baseball Sponsor (\$350), Cub Scout Pack 493 Sponsor (\$500), and 3 Sun Valley Senior Awards (\$250/ea.), Brookhaven Fire Co Bingo Sponsor (\$100), and Donation to a needy family (\$500). THANK YOU, TOWN WATCH!

... that Garzia Park is getting a makeover thanks in part by an anonymous donor, a Brookhaven Town Watch member. The makeover consists of extending the park into the woods without removing trees and adding sensory equipment for the preschoolers. We will keep you posted as this project progresses.

**Brookhaven Police Department Corner**



The Brookhaven Police Department is once again raising funds for the [Hope for Hallie Foundation](#) to assist in their mission to change the narrative around mental health and instilling hope in adolescents. We've designed this limited-edition challenge coin and will be donating the proceeds from the sale of the coin to the Hope for Hallie foundation. The coins are being sold for \$15 each. Coins can be



purchased at police headquarters during business hours. We accept cash or payment via Venmo@BrookhavenPD. Questions can be directed to [hope@brookhavenpolice.com](mailto:hope@brookhavenpolice.com). Coins will be on sale until sold out.

The department received donations from **Seniors** for the ballistic vest fund. Currently, new vest for an officer and ballistic armor



the **Spedden Family and Brookhaven** it costs approximately \$1200 to purchase a manufacturers recommend replacement every 5 years. We thank them for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

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Happy Mother's Day – May 11, 2025