

Clifton Quarterly

Winter 2022

A newsletter for the residents of Clifton Heights

Mayor's Message

I am deeply honored to have earned the support of Borough residents in the November election to serve as the new mayor of Clifton Heights. On behalf of the residents, I wish to thank Joe Lombardo -- who chose not to seek re-election as mayor -- for his service to our community.

To help keep residents informed about news related to borough government, I am pleased to re-launch this newsletter, the Clifton Quarterly, which will be distributed to residents four times a year. I believe this is an important tool to keep residents informed and engaged with our local government.

One of my priorities is to solicit more input and feedback from residents regarding the operation of our borough government. I want residents to know they have a stake and a say in how our borough is run. I also want to hear from residents about their visions for the future of the borough and what steps we can take to enhance the quality of life in our community.

As part of that effort, I plan to hold regular "Meet the Mayor" events with local residents at Borough Hall. Our first "Meet the Mayor" session will take place on Monday, February 28 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chief of Police Tim Rockenbach and Council President Mike Humphreys will also be joining me. The three of us look forward to making ourselves available to discuss any issue or concerns you may have.

I hope that you are able to join us on Monday February 28 and I look forward to speaking with you.

In addition, residents can stay informed by visiting our new borough website at www.cliftonheightspa.gov and follow our official Facebook page, facebook.com/CliftonHeightsBoro.

Sincerely,

Mark Campbell
Mayor

Meet the Mayor

Join Clifton Heights Mayor Mark Campbell, Chief of Police Tim Rockenbach and Council President Mike Humphreys for the inaugural "Meet the Mayor" Session.

Monday, February 28
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Clifton Heights Borough Hall
30 South Springfield Road,
Clifton Heights, PA 19018

Clifton Calendar

Meet the Mayor
Monday, February 28
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Clifton Heights Borough Hall
30 South Springfield Road

Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, March 8
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Clifton Heights Borough Hall

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 9
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Clifton Heights Borough Hall

Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 15
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Clifton Heights Borough Hall

Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 12
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Clifton Heights Borough Hall

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 13
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Clifton Heights Borough Hall

Good Friday
Friday, April 15
Borough Offices Closed

Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 19
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Clifton Heights Borough Hall

\$300,000 in Trail Study & Planning Grants to Benefit Clifton

Enhancing our parks and green space continues to be a priority for our Clifton Heights Borough government. To further these goals, we work closely with Delaware County government and other municipalities.

We are pleased to share news that the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources recently announced its 2021 Community Conservation Part-



nerships Program Grants Among the projects funded is an initiative by Delaware County which will receive \$200,00 in grant funding to design for the development of approximately 0.5 miles of the Darby Creek Trail in Clifton Heights and Lansdowne boroughs and Upper Darby Township, Delaware County.

The trail will extend from Kent Park in Upper Darby Township to Baltimore Pike in Lansdowne Borough. Work to be performed with these grant funds include drawings, specifications and related documents.

In addition, Clifton Heights and Lansdowne Borough recently received an additional \$100,000 Delaware County Greenways Grant. The objective of Delco's Greenways program is to ad-

Garchinsky Park Improvements

In December 2021, Clifton Heights Borough substantially completed a range of significant improvements to Garchinsky Park, located at Edgemont and Union Avenues. The project was made possible through \$250,000 in funding from the federal



Community Development Block Grant Program.

Federal funds allocated to the borough by Delaware County covered the entire cost of construction.

The project included the removal of the existing equipment and landscaping. New playground equipment and seating were also installed in the park.

The only outstanding item is the growth of the grass area. Funds are being held in reserve to complete the process of seeding the park and adding rubber playground mulch once weather permits.

vance the County's goals of conserving green spaces, connecting the County with safe places to bicycle and walk, and enhancing public parks for people of all ages, interests, and abilities — for



a more unified countywide system.

This \$100,000 grant from the Delaware County Greenways program will fund a feasibility study for a pedestrian bridge across Darby Creek that will connect Clifton Heights to Hoffman Park in Lansdowne Borough.

Road Widening Planned for Key Intersection

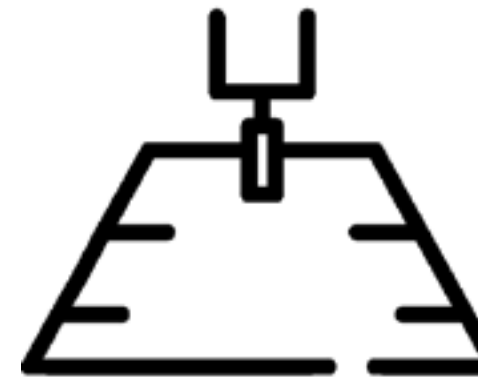
Clifton Heights Borough is in the process of planning for the widening and repairs of the roadway at the intersection of Springfield Road and Baltimore Pike.

This improvement project will provide for the widening of the monument side which, over the course of time, has had several accidents causing damage to the wall along the curve. The enhancements will also provide a safer route for pedestrians walking along the curve.

Clifton Heights Athletic Fields and New Middle School

On Tuesday, February 15, Clifton Heights Mayor Mark Campbell and members of borough council joined representatives from the Upper Darby School District for a formal signing of an agreement that will result in the renovation and transfer of ownership of the youth athletic fields to the borough while permitting the school district to move forward with construction of the new Clifton Heights Middle School.

This memorializes a tentative agreement that was jointly announced in August. Under the agreement, the Upper Darby School District will renovate the existing athletic fields as part of the construction of the Clifton Heights Middle School. The school will be constructed on the portion of the property closest to North Springfield Road and then turn ownership of the athletic fields over to Clifton Heights Borough.



While the property is currently owned by the Upper Darby School District, the land has been leased by the Borough of Clif-

ton Heights for \$1 a year since 1977 to utilize as youth athletic fields and a community gathering space. Prior to the agreement, the proposal to construct a school on the site has been a topic of contention and disagreement between the school district, the community, and local elected officials.

"These athletic fields and the associated open space are an important part of our community," said Mayor Campbell, "This agreement ensures that residents will continue to have access to this green space for community gatherings and that our youth will have athletic fields available to them in their local neighborhood."

During the construction phase of the new middle school, the Upper Darby School District has indicated that it will allow the borough's athletic teams to utilize other school district fields. Once construction of the school is completed, the athletic fields and open space will be subdivided and deeded to the borough.

Local youth sports organizations, such as the Clifton Heights Police Athletic League, will be able to utilize the indoor athletic facilities of the new school for youth basketball programs in the local community.

The agreement also addresses community concerns related to parking and traffic. One major concern was the potential loss of street parking in the borough's business district. That parking



will be retained through the widening of intersections and the addition of a turning lane along North Springfield Road at the intersections of Oak Avenue and North Sycamore Avenue. The school district has also committed to developing a plan to address parking concerns raised by residents along Sycamore Avenue.

Youth Baseball/Softball Sign-ups Underway

Registration is currently open for the Clifton Heights PAL upcoming baseball and softball seasons. You can find a link to the online sign up form on the borough website at cliftonheightspa.gov.



New Members Join Clifton Heights Borough Council

In the November 2021 election, residents elected two new members of Clifton Heights Borough Council, Suzanne Briddes and Bruce Fagioli, and re-elected Harry Resnick.

Suzanne Briddes was elected to represent residents of the 4th Ward. Over the years, Suzanne has been actively engaged in the community volunteering for the Upper Darby School District and community events. She has been involved in a range of community organizations including

the Westbrook Park Home and School Association, Upper Darby School District Home and School, Clifton Heights Boys Club, Clifton Heights Civic Association, Clifton Heights Fourth of July Association. She has also been involved in seasonal events such the Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Tree Lighting.

Born and raised in Clifton Heights, Bruce Fagioli serves as Councilman for the 2nd Ward. A graduate of Clifton Heights High School, Bruce and his wife

raised their four boys in Clifton. Bruce is a retired letter carrier for the United States Postal Service. He previously served borough residents as a member of the Planning Commission,

In addition, Harris Resnick was re-elected to represent the people of the 1st Ward and Destiny Borrelli was re-elected to represent residents of the 3rd Ward as members of Borough Council.

Clifton Heights Launches New Borough Website

In December 2021, Clifton Heights Borough completed construction of our new official website. The site can be found at www.cliftonheightspa.gov.

Through the website, residents can check for the latest updates to the borough government calendar, including upcoming meetings of Borough Council, the Zoning Hearing Board, and the Planning Commission.

The website, which we are updating regularly, also includes

agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes of past meetings of Borough Council.

The website design is also responsive to access from mobile devices, as well compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The launch of the website, however, does not mean our work is done. We plan to continue adding and improving content, as well as providing additional webforms that residents can utilize. .

And as we work to continue to make new improvements, we really want to hear feedback from residents about the ease of use of the site and additional information you would like the site to include.



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