



Bradford County Newsletter

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Bradford County Parks Master Plan Unveiled

By: Mark Smith



Above: Representatives from YSM present the Bradford County Parks Master Plan at a public meeting in Wysox

A public meeting to present the county parks master plan was held on September 30, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. Despite the hard rain many residents came out to see the presentation and see what the future holds for the three county parks.

YSM Inc, the consultants that developed the master plan for the county, were on hand to present each parks future. It was the final public meeting before the commissioners get the final draft of the plan delivered to them for their approval at a commissioners' meeting.

The plan is a guide on where the county parks are headed in the many years to come. It was developed over the last year in cooperation with the Bradford County

Parks Advisory Committee, the Bradford County Commissioners, and key stakeholders across the county.

In the plan are recommendations and an overall outline of how to phase in the improvements at each park.

Public interests at the final meeting included the changes in the camping layouts at Sunfish Pond and Larnard-Hornbook Parks. There was also discussion about moving forward with major improvements at Mt. Pisgah County Park. The other issues discussed at the meeting were how to meet the financial challenges of improving and maintaining the parks over the long term.

The Bradford County Commissioners and the Parks Advisory Committee were all in attendance, noting that the county has never had as much public, political, and financial opportunity to improve county parks as it does right at this point.

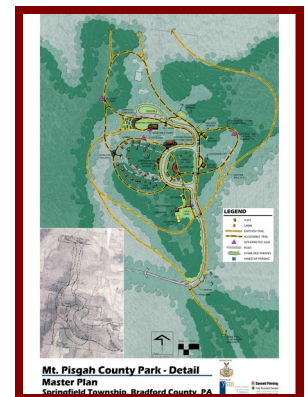
Ann Yost from YSM said, "Bradford County is fortunate to have three unique parks that offer county residents and visitors diverse recreation opportunities. The natural resources and settings of Larnard-Hornbrook, Sunfish Pond, and Mt. Pisgah County Parks are their most valuable assets. Protecting these assets and providing increased opportunities for citizens to enjoy the three parks are the top recommendations of the master plan." Commissioner Sullivan said he appreciated all the work the parks committee had done but cautioned everyone to be patient as this plan will take time to implement.



Larnard-Hornbrook Park



Sunfish Pond Park



Mt. Pisgah Park

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Sheriff's Office: License to Carry System in Use

By: Michelle Shedden



Above: Bradford County Sheriff C.J. Walters demonstrates the new system for License to Carry Permits

The Bradford County Sheriff's office recently implemented a new system for issuing License to Carry permits. The new computer operated system went live on September 23, 2010 and replaced the old paper style permit. A license to carry permit is required to carry a handgun for self protection, hunting, target practice, gun collecting, or employment. Bradford County residents over the age of 21 are eligible to apply for a permit. You must have two references

who are not relatives who will vouch for your character. An applicant must have a valid government issued photo I.D. and the fee for the permit is \$25.00.

After submission and approval of the application you will have your picture taken and submit an electronic signature. A background check is completed and within 45 days you will be notified by the Sheriff's Office to pick up the permit.

Sheriff Walters states, "the transition has been smooth to the new system and I believe the residents obtaining a permit will like the new durable permit better." The permit is valid for five (5) years. If you have a current paper permit it is still valid until it expires. The Bradford County Sheriff's office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The phone number for the office is 570-265-1701.

Bradford County Hometown Heroes II

By: Michelle Shedden



Above: The Hometown Heroes Banner Project has been gracing the streets of Towanda

The Friends of the Bradford County Library, Towanda Borough, and the Bureau of Veterans Affairs are pleased to announce that they are again sponsoring the hometown heroes program.

This second campaign will continue to recognize the efforts and sacrifices of Bradford County's men and women who served in any branch of the military. The banners that are currently placed along Main St. and the Merrill Parkway will be removed after Veterans Day in November. It is hoped that a new batch of banners

will be ready to display by May 2011.

The success of the project depends on the generosity and support of individuals, civic groups, business organizations, school groups, American Legion posts, VFW's, and local businesses throughout Bradford County. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact project coordinator Kelly Bradley at 570-746-3815 or email: mybchh@gmail.com. Sponsorship forms and applications can be found on the new website: mybchh.org.

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Magistrate District Judge Clark New Office Opening Soon

By: Michelle Shedden

The maintenance crew and part time contractors have done an amazing job on the county's new office building located at 200 Main Street, Towanda. The office has been transformed from bare walls to beautiful tiled floors, fresh walls, and carpeting. The renovations in the new building are almost complete. District Judge

Timothy Clark's office will be closed on Friday October 8, 2010, to move into the new offices and will open for business on Tuesday October 12, 2010.

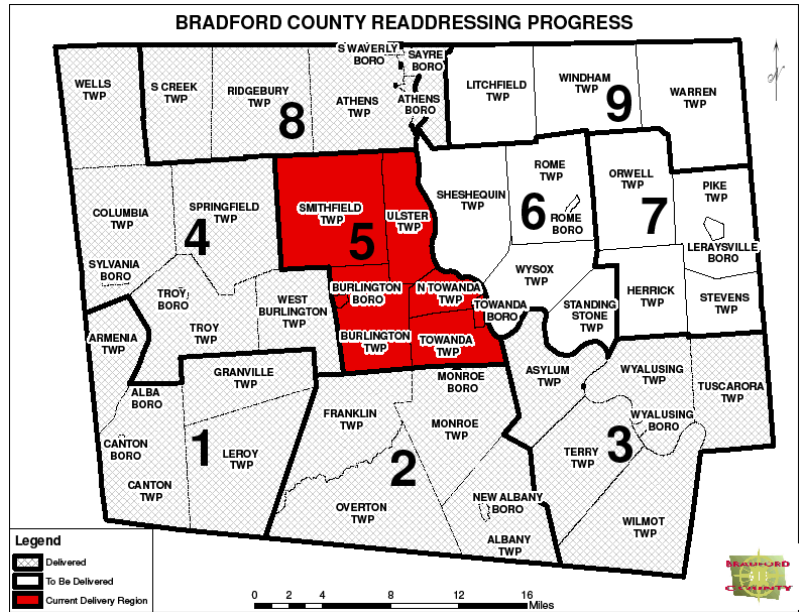
Right: Main office in new building



911 Readdressing Update: Region 5 Delivered

The latest delivery of addresses began on September 24, 2010 for Region 5. Some FAQ about the new addresses: **ADDRESS NUMBERS:** Once you receive your new address you should completely remove the old address from your house and/or mailbox. We ask that the new numbering be installed as soon as possible after receiving your new address. Having two numbers displayed only leads to confusion and that's exactly what we are trying to eliminate. Only the new number needs to be displayed. The road name is taken care of with the road signs that have been or

will be installed at all intersections. **RURAL ROUTE ADDRESSES:** The new format for the 911 addresses are a number and a road name. The use of the RR number and Box number should be discontinued. Post Office assignments stay the same unless you are notified by the Post Office. **CALL BACKS:** We are making every effort to return the calls that have come in. Calls are being returned in the order in which they came in. If you have not received a call back, please be patient and you will be contacted soon.



The **RED** section of the map was delivered September 24, 2010. For questions please call: **570-268-4103**



Natural Gas News

News in Relation to Bradford County's Emerging Industry

News Articles from Across the State

Bill proposes Tax Payer funding for Marcellus infrastructure

In an article in the [Times Tribune](#) on October 3, 2010, Robert Swift discusses natural gas related projects in the bill sent to the state Senate under capital projects. "Marcellus Shale projects make their debut in a capital projects bill approved last week by the Senate." "The state pays for selected projects through the sale of bonds to investors."

"Marcellus-related projects added to the projects bill by the Senate include:

- Carbondale Railyard Trans-

- load Facility, \$5.4 million. The new railyard is being developed by Honesdale-based Linde Corp. to serve the natural gas industry.
- New rail facility to support shipping of products related to natural gas industry, Northumberland County \$5 million.
- Five plants in Clearfield and Elk counties to treat and recycle hydrofracturing wastewater from Marcellus Shale drillers. Each requests state aid in the \$4 million to \$6 million range.
- Marcellus Shale industrial building at former brownfield site, Clearfield County, \$1.2 million.

- Marcellus Shale enterprise center, Clearfield County, \$10 million.
- Marcellus Shale learning resource center, Westmoreland County, \$2 million.
- Delaware & Hudson Railway, build transload facilities and rehabilitate rail lines on this old anthracite region railroad from the New York State line to Sunbury to accommodate new commodities and developing markets, \$31 million. The railroad extends through Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wyoming and Luzerne counties where natural gas drilling and exploration is occurring."

Another article of interest for residents of Bradford County is from Philadelphia Station WHYY. [The Shale Game](#), WHYY's Kerry Grens explores how Bradford County is coping with the gas rush. Bradford County Commissioner Mark Smith, Executive Director of the Central Bradford Progress Authority Tony Ventello, and other local people were interviewed for this article.

Quick Updates....

Paving bids for Bradford County Courthouse and District Justice Wheaton's office were opened on September 30, 2010. One bid was received from Lynch Paving, Endwell, NY, with a bid of \$46,000.00.

The Commissioners approved Ordinance #2010-2 for the issuance of General Obligation Bond Series of 2010 for the purpose of funding the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project in order to recognize debt service savings and approved accepting the Bond Purchase agreement.

County awarded generator bid for the Bradford County Courthouse and Annex to FM Generator with a bid of \$46,877.00.

The bid for a roof at Bradford County Library was awarded to Atlantic Coast Contracting Group, Inc. for \$57,688.00

October Events at the Bradford County Library

By: Jeffrey Singer– Bradford County Library Director

The Bradford County Library presents a workshop "Night Photography with Your Compact Digital Camera" on Thursday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.

This is the second class in the series, and it will focus on night photography using your point and shoot digital camera. Come learn how easy night photography can be. Focus will be placed on portraits and night landscapes. A tripod is highly recommended, though not required, for some hands on prac-

tice. Bring your cameras and bring your questions!

This class is taught by Martin Perez, amateur photographer and Bradford County resident since 2006. It is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so please call the Bradford County Library at 297-2436 to reserve a seat.

On October 19, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. local historian Joyce Tice will be discussing "Civilian Diaries of the Civil War." These diaries show the impact of the war on

families and individuals. Ms. Tice will discuss a diary of a nurse, several of southern women, and one by the daughter of Robert E. Lee when he was in charge of West Point.

Joyce Tice founded the Tri-Counties History Site in 1996. It is now over 17,000 pages of local history for Tioga and Bradford Counties in PA and Chemung County in NY. She also writes a history column for "Mountain Home Magazine." Ms. Tice is a retired corporate

financial analyst and accounting systems consultant. She lives near Mansfield.

This program is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so please call the Bradford County Library to reserve a seat. The phone number to call is 570-297-2436.

County Government Directory

Accounting	265-1723	Treasurer	265-1700
Assessment	265-1714	Veterans Affairs	265-1704
Auditors	265-1716	Victim Witness	265-1759
Human Services	265-1760	Penn State Agricultural Extension	265-2896
Bradford County Manor	297-4111	Area Agency on Aging	265-6121
Collections	265-1746	Airport	265-4900
Commissioners	265-1727	Library	297-2436
Courts	265-1707	Correctional Facility	297-5047
District Attorney	265-1712	911 Center	265-9101
Domestic Relations	265-1718	Conservation District	265-5539
Elections	265-1717	Coroner	297-0720
Hearing Master	265-1711	Magistrate District Judge (Troy)	297-3880
Jury Commissioners	265-1732	Magistrate District Judge (Towanda)	268-5057
Personnel	265-1722	Magistrate District Judge (Wysox)	265-9393
Probation	265-1706	Magistrate District Judge (Athens)	888-6324
Prothonotary	265-1705	Emergency Management	265-5022
Public Defender	265-1713	Planning	268-4103
Register & Recorder	265-1702	Grants	268-4193
Sheriff	265-1701		



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