

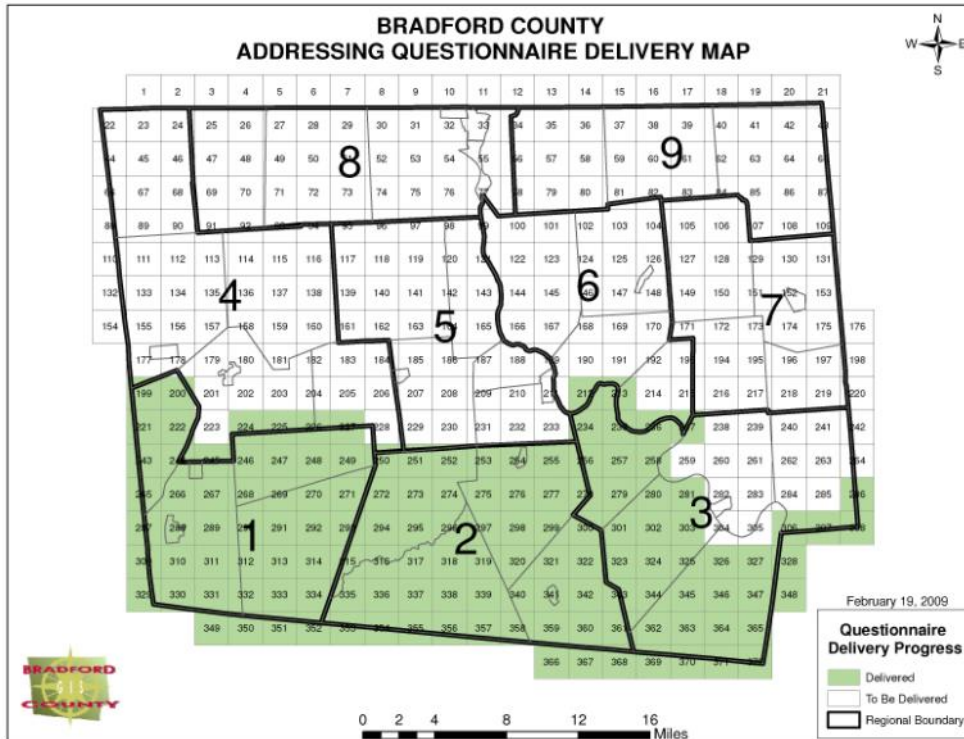


Bradford County Newsletter

Your Government Working for You!

Update: 911 Re-Addressing

By: Mark W. Smith



The map to the left shows the status of the 911 re-addressing project as of mid February. Questionnaires have been delivered to the areas shown in **GREEN**.

The project is currently in the questionnaire delivery stage. At this stage of the project each resident should receive a questionnaire at their residence. Once the questionnaire is received we ask that you complete and return the postage paid questionnaire within the 30 days requested.

Questionnaire Delivery

November '08 - February '09. Delivery of questionnaires in regions 1-3

March '09 - July '09. Delivery of questionnaires in regions 4, 5, 6, 7 .

August '09 - September '09. Delivery of questionnaires in regions 8 - 9

Final Address Delivery

August '09 - September '09. Delivery of final address in regions 1-3

December '09 - January '10. Delivery of final address in regions 4, 5, 6, 7

February '10 - March '10. Delivery of final address in regions 8 - 9 .

You can view the progress of the project on the new Bradford County Website at <http://www.bradfordcountypa.org/911-readdressing/>

County Manor Holds Open House

By: Paula Strong-- Assistant Activities Director

The Recreational Therapy department at the Bradford County Manor recently unveiled their newly renovated activities room with an Open House on Saturday February 21, 2009. All department heads and our new Administrator, Mr. Jim Shadduck, joined them. Light refreshments were served to the many visitors as they enjoyed displays of the history of our building as it has transformed over the years. There were several displays of arts

and crafts, which our residents' have crafted over the past several months. Many of our residents were very eager to share with the community, taking pride in their home and accomplishments. Volunteers of the Manor purchased a large screen, wall mounted television for the Activities Room and it was used during the open house to share videos of recent Choral Concerts preformed by our Manor Chorus. There was also a beautiful display of

handcrafted quilts, which are made by our Quilting Club with the help of our volunteers. The handcrafted quilts and pillows are sold at very reasonable prices. Many of the visitors made purchases. Several tours of our facility and The Stepping Stone Rehabilitation Center were given throughout the afternoon and everyone was in agreement that The Bradford County Manor has transformed into a very beautiful home for the residents.

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Inside the Increased Inmate Work Opportunities at the Bradford County Correctional Facility

By: Michelle Shedden

Print Shop

For over 30 years the Bradford County Print Shop has been a valuable asset to the employee's of the county. It was originally a part of the election office but was later moved to its own office in the courthouse where it supplied letterhead, envelopes, forms and any other printed materials for county offices. During the time that Interim Warden Gavin was here it was suggested the Commissioners move the Printshop to the Bradford County Correctional Facility. This would provide an opportunity to utilize inmate labor to offset county workforce costs, while at the same time giving the inmate a chance to learn skills which

they can use after their release. Kevin Prickett, Counselor at the Bradford County Correctional Facility has been assigned the duty of training the inmates and is presently working on getting them NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) certified. Deputy Warden, Pete Quatrini and Kevin Prickett, have toured the print shop at the Waymart Correctional Facility to gain knowledge of running this kind of operation in a jail. All orders are done electronically. Inventory is recorded on the computer and shared between the courthouse and the jail. Bradford County Correctional Facility will continue to look for opportunities to further the services of the print shop for the county.



Bradford County Correctional Facility inmate and Counselor Kevin Prickett, setting the type for a new print job.

Laundry

To cut labor cost at the Bradford County Manor the linen service laundry was moved from the Bradford County Manor to the Bradford County Correctional Facility on January 9, 2009. The manor residents

personal laundry will still be done at the manor but all the linen service, such as sheets, pillow cases, and blankets will be done at the jail. The washer and dryer were moved from the manor to the jail and a new schedule was

implemented at the jail to provide for 2 shifts of inmates. There are 3 inmates on each shift. At 10:00 p.m. every evening the staff from the jail go to the manor and pick up the laundry. After the laundry is brought back to the jail the inmates

begin the process of washing, drying and folding the laundry. The first shift of inmates begins at 12:00 a.m. and the second shift ends about 10:00 a.m. the next day. They process about 5-6 carts of laundry per night. Probably the biggest challenge faced by the jail was the logistics of getting the laundry back and forth and working out the details of times and transportation. It has been fully operational for over a month now and everything seems to be going smoothly. The manor predicts that this move will save them approximately \$100,000 for the year.



Left: Inmate folds laundry at the new laundry center at the Bradford County Correctional Facility.



Right: Washer and dryer moved from the Manor to the Prison.

Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking

By: Lorie Radney– Drug & Alcohol Prevention Specialist

The Bradford County Communities that Care and the Bradford/Sullivan County Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Coalition hosted a town hall meeting at the First Baptist Church in Troy on February 5, 2009. Community members were invited to attend to learn facts about underage drinking and to take part in a “café” style discussion.

Underage drinking is a growing concern on the part of many community members. It isn't just a problem here in Bradford County but across the nation. The Surgeon General put out a call to action last year to decrease underage drinking; he asked that everyone in the community to get involved.

As a result town hall meetings have been held in Towanda, and Sayre. It was decided to try a different type of town hall meeting this year which provided an opportunity for participants to share their thoughts on underage drinking, where youth are accessing alcohol and how to change the attitudes of adults and youth alike.

The town hall meeting was started with a panel discussion which included Tom Carman, Bradford County Coroner; Troy Police Chief Kyle

Wisel, Tom Brandt, Trauma Program Manager of Robert Packer Hospital Regional Trauma Center. Troy Police Officer Floyd McDonald accompanied Chief Wisel. The panel had a lot of information to provide; including statistics. Tom Carman reported that in 2008 there were 8 deaths of youth that were connected to alcohol in 2008. Tom Brandt reported that 60% of the people 20 years and under who came into the trauma unit had alcohol in their system. As the evening proceeded participants were asked to take places at tables that had been arranged in a “café style” atmosphere to provide them the opportunity to voice their thoughts and ideas.

They were asked three questions regarding underage drinking. The first question was “What are our thoughts on underage drinking? They were given fifteen minutes to discussion and write their thoughts down. Some of the comments were: “A mess”, “rampant”, “socially acceptable”. The participants were then asked to move two more times during the evening to a new table with new people to discuss the other two questions. “Where are young people getting the alcohol”. Some answers that were given were “Friends”,



Break out session of community members at the recent town hall meeting held at First Baptist Church in Troy.

“Family”, and “Maybe buying it”.

The last question of the evening was, “How do you think underage drinking can be addressed and what are the resources that we will be needed to accomplish this? Many comments were made including, “Education in preschool (starting early), “speaking up – don't be afraid to speak up”, “People are fearful of speaking up because of repercussions and consequences.”

Both members of Communi-

ties That Care and community participants had a lot to say and lively discussions were held. At the end of the evening a “harvest” was held to bring everyone's ideas together. Some of the ideas from this “harvest” were “Social Norming” “Building leadership skills”, “Empower parents”, and “Positive role models”. The CTC members will take back to their coalition the information that was gained with the purpose of developing a plan on ways to address underage drinking.

Forward this to your Friends!

We would like to remind all the recipients of this monthly E-mail newsletter to help us add to our growing list of subscribers. We encourage all of our readers to pass the newsletter on to friends and family. Keeping you informed is one of our responsibilities as public officials and we would like to share the issues we are facing with as many residents as possible.

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Important: Elections Dates

First day to circulate and file nominations petitions	February 17
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 10
First day to circulate and file nomination papers	March 11
Last day to withdraw by candidates who filed nomination petitions	March 25
Last day to REGISTER before the primary	April 20
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot	May 12
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots	May 15

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

May 19

First day to REGISTER after primary	May 20
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (must be postmarked no later than	May 26
	May 18
Last day to circulate and file nomination papers	August 3
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers	August 10
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary	August 10
Last day to REGISTER before the NOVEMBER election	October 5
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot	October 27
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots	October 30

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

November 3

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	District Justice (Troy)	297-3880	
Jury Commissioners	265-1732	District Justice (Towanda)	268-5057	
Personnel	265-1722	District Justice (Wysox)	265-9393	
Probation	265-1706	District Justice (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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