Annual End of Summer Celebration Cancelled But Fireworks Display Still On

The increased spread of COVID-19 throughout the state and continued restrictions on public gatherings has forced the Borough to cancel the 7th annual End of Summer Celebration scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd but the event’s fireworks display will take place at 8:30pm. The fireworks display will be shot off from Riverfront Park as in previous years, however there will not be any public viewing areas and residents are encouraged to watch the fireworks display from their own property. End of Summer Celebration was first held in 2014 and expanded to include food vendors, live music, and children’s activities in 2015. The event was attended by more than 4,000 people in 2019 and proceeds from the event benefitted local organizations. The musical soundtrack for the fireworks display will be broadcast on 95.3FM and www.953thebridge.com beginning at 8:30pm and is presented by Landy & Kilmer Insurance. The Borough would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who have been a sponsor of this event for 5 years and longer; Gannon Associates, Foster Law Office, First Citizens Community Bank, Guthrie Federal Credit Union, G. Webster Inc., Landy & Kilmer Insurance, Landy & Rossettie PLLC., Valley Energy, Bradco Supply Company, Mayor Henry Farley, Suzanne Jarrett, William & Sally Hickey, Sayre Engine Company #1, Sayre Sons & Daughters of Italy, The Morning Times, Stiffler-McGraw, Yale’s Music Shop, Bishop’s Full-Time Portables, Tioga Downs, & Vacri Construction Corporation. Additional event sponsors include, Walmart, Bradford County Tourism Agency, PA Partners In the Arts, Lane’s Beverage, Clare Printing, Jeff Paul Plumbing & Heating, Yanuzzi’s Restaurant, Aqua PA, Taylor Rental – Corning, NY, Candlewood Suites, & Glen O. Hawbaker Inc.

2020 Census Process Continues

Approximately 70% of Borough residents have completed and returned the census forms, but more participation is needed to ensure that everyone is counted. Census takers began working with administrators at colleges, senior centers, prisons, and other facilities that house large groups of people on July 1 and will continue to do so until September 3 to make sure everyone is counted. Census takers will begin interviewing homes that haven’t responded to the 2002 census beginning August 11 and continue that effort through October 31. The Census provides a snapshot of our nation’s population, and the results are vitally important to our state and our community. The final outcome of the census will determine congressional representation, and is used to direct hundreds of billions in federal funding to communities nationwide for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.
The 35th year of the William S. Pierce – Sayre Summer Concert series continues in August with three scheduled performances and the addition of fourth performance scheduled on August 26th. Attendance at this year’s concert series has been the best in a number of years and concert goers have done an outstanding job at social distancing and they have had the opportunity to listen to a wide variety of musicians including new band Corner Store which performed for the first time on July 22nd. The concerts scheduled in August include Diana & The Crew on August 5th; Flashback on August 12th; and the Kirby Band on August 19th. The concert series has been extended to August 26th and feature a performance by The Stoutmen. The concert series is presented each year by the Sayre Community Corporation, Sayre Borough, Guthrie, and the Bradford County Tourism Agency. Additional sponsors of the concert series include; Foster Law Office, Gannon Associates, Elderwood at Waverly, First Citizens Community Bank, Landy & Kilmer Insurance, Landy & Rossettie, PLLC, Pat Haggerty Dance Studio, Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, Univest, Stiffler McGraw, Vacri Construction Corporation, The Morning Times, The Daily Review, WATS/WAVR, PA Partners in the Arts, & the Family of William S. Pierce.

Residents are reminded that corrugated cardboard must be recycled and not placed out for trash collection. Corrugated cardboard can be identified by looking for the ridges inside the layers of the corrugated cardboard box. Break down boxes and keep dry. Do not mix with paperboard boxes such as cereal boxes, pasta boxes, tissue boxes, etc. Corrugated cardboard that is placed out for trash collection will not be collected.
Small Business Support Program CDBG-CV Funding

The Bradford County Commissioners and Sayre Borough Council are pleased to announce the Small Business Support Program to assist businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is being funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus supplemental funds authorized by the CARES Act and are specifically designated to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus and other infectious disease outbreaks. The total funding available through the program is $166,152 for Bradford County businesses and $64,967 for Sayre Borough businesses. In an effort to streamline potential applications for the program, Bradford County and Sayre Borough have formed a partnership with the Progress Authority and Trehab Community Action Partnership. The Progress Authority and Trehab will serve as a clearinghouse for small businesses interested in pursuing the funds to ensure compliance with the program. These funds are available for businesses that can demonstrate a disruption in services related to the Coronavirus Outbreak, having less than 50 full time employees as of March 1, 2020 and having been in business since March 1, 2019. Eligible expenses include direct payments for rent/mortgage, utilities, insurance, legal fees, supplies and advertising. Qualifying small businesses may be eligible for up to $5,000.00 and expenses are capped at 90 days. The full set of program guidelines can be found the Progress Authority & Bradford County websites. For more information please contact the Progress Authority via email – cbpa@epix.net (preferred) or by telephone – 570-265-0937.

Patriotic Banner Continues to Grow

The success of the Borough’s Patriotic Banner program continues to exceed expectations with the renewal of more than 100 existing banners that have been on display for the past three years and an additional 20 new banners will be added this year. The banners will be delivered in September and installed throughout the Borough by Veteran’s Day. There are more than 425 patriotic banners on display throughout the Borough. A booklet listing each of the banners and their locations has been developed and is available to view at the Borough Hall.

The booklet will be posted on the Borough’s website (www.sayreborough.org) prior to Veteran’s Day after all of the new banners are installed.

New School Year Begins
Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Yard Waste Collection

The DPW staff collects yard waste in Zone #1 and Zone #2 on the second Friday of each month and in Zone #3 on the third Friday of each month through October. Residents are reminded not to place grass clippings or any other yard waste material in the roadway and items should not be placed at the curb until the night before your scheduled collection day. Residents are also reminded to dispose of diseased plants or other vegetation in their trash and not with their yard waste. Yard waste collection is scheduled on the following dates;

**Zone #1 & Zone #2**  August 14; September 11; & October 9
**Zone #3**  August 21; September 18; & October 16

Annual Residential Fall Clean-Up Scheduled for October

The Borough’s annual Spring Clean-Up schedule has been set giving residents an opportunity to get rid of household junk items. This year’s schedule will be Zone #1 – October 6th, Zone #2 - October 13th, and Zone #3 – October 20th.

Only single and double family residential properties who are current Borough trash collection customers are eligible to participate in the program. Items that are not taken during the clean-up include tires, construction debris such as shingles/roofing materials, drywall, wood boards, ceiling tiles, flooring materials, electronics and propane/gas cylinders. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH HALL & [WWW.SAYREBOROUGH.ORG](http://WWW.SAYREBOROUGH.ORG).

Project To Begin After Labor Day

The long awaited PA 199 project is scheduled to begin after Labor Day starting on Spring Street near the New York border. The project will be completed in multiple phases and include the reconstruction of the roadway, new curbing, drainage improvements, and ADA crosswalk improvements. Local utility companies and Sayre Borough will also be completing improvements along portions of PA 199 in conjunction with the project. The project will begin at the state border and continuing on Spring Street, Mohawk Street, and Keystone Avenue in the Borough and take approximately four years to complete. PennDOT is in the process of designating detour routes around the project area and those routes will be posted on the Borough’s website ([www.sayreborough.org](http://www.sayreborough.org)). Motorists are urged to allow for extra time and utilize alternative routes around the project area. PennDOT will also be hosting periodic progress meetings to keep the public informed on the project. Questions concerning the project should be directed to PennDOT.