

BRISTOL BULLETIN

NEWS FROM BRISTOL TOWNSHIP



Bristol Benefits From Economic Development Commitment

American Breadcrumb Company. Wawa. Taco Bell. Pitney Bowes. Labcorp. Skyzone.

These are just a few of the companies that have invested in Bristol Township this year. More are on the way thanks to the Township's commitment to create jobs and improve the tax base.

"Economic development remains one of Council's top priorities," said Council President Bob Lewis. "We have made great progress in the last two years but we aren't stopping."



Economic development is a top priority for Bristol Township Council. Pictured (left to right, front row) are Bill McCauley, Township Manager, Councilman Craig Bowen, Councilwoman Cynthia Murphy, Councilman John Monahan, Councilwoman Amber Longhitano, Township Solicitor Randall Flager and (left to right, back row) Councilman Joe Glasson, Council President Bob Lewis Jr. and Council Vice President Troy Brennan.

The Township's work with American Breadcrumb is an example of the focus on growing the economy in Bristol. The company, located on Hanford Street, supplies major food distributors and retail packing companies with the finest breadcrumbs available. Over a period of several months, American Breadcrumb went through a multi-step process that concluded with land development approval for an 18,000-square-foot expansion for its facility.

"I think it is a feather in Bristol Township's cap that a quality

business like American Breadcrumb went to the lengths it did to stay in the Township," Council President Lewis said.

"We couldn't be happier to be expanding in Bristol Township. It's been a great home to us for over twenty years and we hope to be here for another twenty" said Richard Decker, Managing Partner of American Breadcrumb. The

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expansion of this facility has enabled us to create at least 20 new job opportunities for the local economy.

Growth in the Township's tax base is an important part of helping Bristol recover from difficult financial times and years of wasteful management. New businesses mean new tax revenue for the Township. Employees at businesses spend money at existing and new businesses, further fueling the local economy.

The recently-opened Taco Bell on Veteran's Highway and the under-construction Wawa on New Falls Road are examples of the renewed interest in the Township.

"Businesses want to be in Bristol and we are excited to help them grow," said Township Manager Bill McCauley. "The new attitude here means our phone rings regularly with interested companies."

Infrastructure is a key component of any community. In the last two years, the Township has invested in itself by resurfacing nearly 70 miles of roads, retrofitting 4,367 streetlights, and constructing \$3 Million in improvements to its wastewater treatment collection system. These multi-million dollar expenditures demonstrated to businesses interested in Bristol that the Township was serious about creating a positive environment for companies. The Township expects to resurface another 20 miles of roads in 2015.

Route 13, with its vehicle traffic, can be a showcase for the Township and businesses. That is why the Township is working with the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority to create a certified redevelopment area along the highway. That work was started earlier this year. It will make designated properties eligible for additional grants and funding opportunities which will encourage investments and create jobs.

"As a team effort, we are delighted that the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board show their support to bring new business to Bristol," Lewis said. "In particular, the Zoning Hearing Board Chairman, Chuck Clayton, has worked tirelessly to make Bristol more business-friendly and has been instrumental in attracting new businesses to the Township," said Lewis.

"The Authority appreciates the opportunity to work with Bristol Township to further its goal of economic development," stated Robert White, Executive Director of The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks. "The Township should be proud of the feedback we receive from various businesses we have worked with that are impressed by the Township's commitment to economic development, responsiveness and excellent level of services. This type of commitment makes for a business-friendly environment

which we are seeing the results of in the form of business expansion, new business development and job creation," said White.

The Croydon Streetscape project was also completed this year. Work occurred this year on Bristol Pike (Route 13) from Walnut Avenue to Newportville Road. The project started in 2013 with improvements from Newportville Road to Dorset Avenue. New sidewalks, curbing, shade trees, benches and LED street lights were installed. The work capitalizes on the momentum of the recently rehabilitated Croydon Train Station and helps revitalize the business district.

The Township is also working to attract new residents to Bristol. A burdensome escrow for home buyers was eliminated and the resale inspection process was streamlined. Both steps make it easier for individuals to purchase properties. As a measure of success, the number of vacant homes in Bristol has dropped to 167 from a high of 223 in 2012.

"It's been a team effort and we have made significant progress toward developing the economy in Bristol," Council President Lewis said. "But we are just beginning to scratch the surface of what can be accomplished in the Township."



A new Taco Bell is one example of the Township's commitment to economic development.

Paving The Way To Safer Driving

Township residents may have observed a flurry of activity this year by street crews repaving their roadways. The Township's paving contractor, James D. Morrissey, just recently completed paving streets. Bristol Township's 2014 road resurfacing project that began this spring has finished for the year.

"Crumbling roads have been a part of our Township's infrastructure for way too long," said Township Manager Bill McCauley. "The Township Council and administration have made it a high priority to make roads smoother and safer and help rebuild the Township's aging infrastructure."

Township officials had initially planned to resurface only 16 miles of roadway in 2014 due to wider roads such as Ford and Mill Creek Roads being paved. However, an additional six miles or 49 more roads were added to the list of roads to be paved. The cost to resurface 22 miles of roadway is

remarkably even less than the original budgeted amount to pave only 16 miles of roadway.

Due to an unprecedented investment, 68 of the 177 miles of Township highways have been resurfaced over three years. The Township is now ahead of schedule to improve more than 88 miles of neglected Township roadways within five years without raising real estate taxes. Council has paid for the highway improvements with savings from the operational budget in order to not burden taxpayers.

The Township has resurfaced 68 of the 177 road miles in Bristol in the last three years.



A New Home For Old Electronic Devices

We all have e-skeletons in our closet. You know, a dusty DVD player that died much too young, a cellphone you dropped in the toilet, an old TV you left for a younger, slimmer model.

While getting rid of these electronics is no longer as simple as leaving them outside with your regular household trash on collection day, electronic recycling is still ridiculously easy in Bristol Township.

How Easy? Residents can simply stop by the Township building and show a valid ID or a copy of a utility bill identifying that they are a business in the Township or resident of Bristol Township. The drop-off site is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., unless the Township is closed due to a holiday. No appointments are necessary and the service is free for Township residents.

The permanent electronics drop-off collection site opened last year, in response to the high demand from Bristol Township residents and businesses to safely dispose of electronic devices, such as televisions, computers, and monitors. The Covered Device Recycling Act, which went into effect last year, prohibits certain electronics from being collected curbside or disposed of at landfills. The new permanent collection site provides a safe and legal alternative to properly dispose and recycle certain electronic items.

“Proper recycling is important because there are millions

and millions of devices, that have a limited useful life span. They contain heavy metals, such as lead, cadmium, and mercury, as well as other materials that do not belong in the normal trash stream,” said Recycling Coordinator Scott Swichar.



A resident drops a television off for recycling

Since the beginning of this year, almost 100,000 pounds of items have been safely recycled in accordance with the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act. This total includes tube TV's, printers, computers, and monitors.

“We are pleased to help residents dispose of electronics in an environmentally safe way that keeps these items out of landfills,” said Township Manager Bill McCauley.

Recycling Collection Increased 45 Percent

A new trash disposal and recycling program in Bristol Township has spurred a significant increase in recycling among residents concerned about “going green.”

Last year, the Township signed a five-year deal with Waste Management for trash and recycling collection and disposal, and, at the same time, reduced the residential trash fee by \$20 a year. The Township also provided every household with two carts at no charge, one for recyclables and one for trash.

Since the new 65-gallon recycling bins were introduced to every resident earlier this year, recycling has increased from an average of 235 tons per month (2013) to 342 tons (2014), which amounts to a 45% increase during the first nine months of the program.

This is an astounding increase, according to Council President Bob Lewis. “We know that increasing recycling rates means a cleaner community for the residents of Bristol Township, a lower carbon footprint and money saved for the Township,” said Lewis.

Scott Swichar, the Township's recycling coordinator, said increasing recycling was a goal when the Township

implemented the new contract. “We wanted to make it more convenient for people to recycle,” he said. “I knew that we'd see some increases in the level of participation but I didn't think it would be this much,” said Swichar.

While the Township credits the increase largely to the 65 gallon recycling containers that were given to residents, they also attribute the success to resident's commitment to recycling and improving the environment. “The new recycling totes are great and placing all collectables in one container is helpful, but make no mistake; our residents are the keys to the success of this new program,” said Township Manager Bill McCauley. “Every month when we present two recycling awards to Township families, you see first-hand why this program is working,” said McCauley.

Council President Lewis sees no reason why the Township cannot build upon its success in the first year program. “I believe that if we step up our education and enforcement programs, we can improve on what is already an extremely successful initiative,” said Lewis.



Bristol Township and Waste Management 2015 Waste and Recycling Collection Services



PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION HANDY!

Once-a-Week Waste & Recycling Collection:

- ◆ Please place waste and recyclables in their proper carts, and close the lid.
 - Blue Cart—Single Stream Recycling (Loose items)
 - Green Cart—Waste (Bags of household waste)
- ◆ Place carts in the street, wheels and handle toward the curb.
- ◆ Please allow 4 feet between carts, and away from trees, poles, cars, mailbox, etc.
- ◆ All carts must be in place by 6 a.m. on Collection Day.

Bulk Item Collection:

- ◆ Place only (1) Bulk Item out on your regular day.
- ◆ Bulk Item examples: mattress, washer, dryer, desk, etc.
- ◆ Bulk Items CANNOT contain any CFCs, HCFCs, refrigerants, or liquids.

Single-Stream Recycling

Please place all loose recyclables in your Blue Recycling Cart. No sorting is needed! Just place everything together in the cart. We will do the rest!



DO NOT RECYCLE food scraps, foam, automotive containers, plastic bags, or diapers!



Metal Cans
Steel, tin & aluminum soda, vegetable, fruit or tuna cans



Glass Bottles and Jars



Paper Cardboard, Dairy and Juice Containers



Paper
Brown paper bags, office paper, newspaper, magazines



Plastic Bottles and Containers #1-7

2015 Christmas Tree Collection Dates:

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Holiday Schedule:

The following holidays are observed by Bristol Township:

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| New Year's Day | President's Day |
| Memorial Day | Fourth of July |
| Labor Day | Thanksgiving Day |
| Christmas Day | |

Any Holiday that falls on a Monday through Friday, will cause all subsequent collection services for the week to be delayed by one day. For example, Friday service will occur on Saturday. Regular collection services will resume the following week.

Yard Waste Collection: (April 15—Nov. 30 ONLY)

- ◆ Yard waste can be grass, leaves, clippings, branches, etc.
- ◆ Place yard waste in rigid container or biodegradable (paper) bags.
- ◆ No plastic bags.
- ◆ Branches must be cut into lengths less than 4 feet long.
- ◆ Branches should be tied or bundled with string or twine.
- ◆ Place yard waste out on your regular collection day, from April 15 to November 30.

Household Hazardous Wastes are NOT accepted.

Toxic chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paints, weed killers, automotive batteries, fuels or fluids must be disposed of properly at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. Please check the Bristol Township website, Bucks County Recycling website, or call the PA DEP Recycling Hotline for locations and dates.

Electronics CANNOT be disposed!

Due to state law, we will not pick up for disposal ANY TV, cell phones, computer, printer, monitor, or any device which was connected to a computer. Residents may drop off small electronics for recycling at the outdoor electronics collection site at the Township Municipal Building. Call 215-785-0500 for info.

For more information:

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| Waste Management | 800-869-5566 |
| Bristol Township office | 215-785-0500 |
| Township website | www.bristoltownship.org |

Recycle Often. Recycle Right.™

Lights Up For Wardogs and Levittown Pacific Little League

The Township Council and the Wardogs Athletic Association joined forces to install new LED Carolina High Mast lights at the Wardogs field at the Bristol Township Municipal Complex.

Under a cooperative agreement between Council and the Wardogs, the Township recently installed new lights at the field with the Wardogs paying for the installation. The first night game was played under the new lights on October 18.

Council President Bob Lewis called the agreement a great example of a public-private partnership. "This is a great partnership with an organization that benefits hundreds of children in the Township," Lewis said. "Township finances are tight and these cooperative partnerships make projects easier to do."

Earlier this year, the Township also partnered with the Levittown Pacific Little League to install lights at their baseball fields. According to Lewis, the lights are a sensible, cost-effective investment. "Lighting the ballfields is a much cheaper alternative to constructing new fields and allows more games to be played on the same number of fields," said Lewis. Levittown Pacific services upwards of 400 Township residents

The Bristol Wardogs can now play under the lights thanks to a partnership with the Township. Photo credit: Photo by John Wesley Photography

Streetlights Improve Safety

Bristol Township is putting the finishing touches on converting all of its streetlights to modern LED "green" technology and the project has already begun to yield the projected savings.

Last year, Bristol Township Council unanimously approved a lease purchase program through Philips Lighting to retrofit all of the Township's streetlights to environmentally-friendly LED Technology and purchase a state-of-the-art "Starsense" control system to remotely notify the Township when a street light malfunctions.

The actual cost of the conversion was \$2.3 million, which was \$2 million less than originally planned. The Township secured a tax-exempt lease from Philips as well as a \$1.2 million grant from the County Redevelopment Authority. Due to bringing the project in under budget, the Township will be able to replace other outdated lights at parks and the Township Building with modern LED lights and will upgrade traffic lights to cost-saving LED technology as well.

While the costs savings of \$1 million over a five year period and projected payback of only five years was a significant factor in deciding to implement the new LED lighting project, Council also recognized the need to conserve energy resources by switching to the more energy-efficient LED technology. Energy consumption will be reduced by an average of 60 percent. The LED fixtures also have a rated life of over 70,000 hours and a life expectancy of up to 15 years with no lamps or ballast to replace and include a complete warranty.

"The new smart streetlights will not only improve safety in our community and help the Township save money, they will also reduce energy consumption and energy costs and help protect the environment," said Council President Bob Lewis.



New streetlights conserve energy and improve safety.



Cameras Are A Valuable Tool

While it has only been two years since a camera surveillance system was installed in the Bloomsdale-Fleetwing section and other strategic locations in Bristol Township, Township and police officials are saying that the surveillance program has become a valuable tool to investigate and deter crimes, such as illegal drug dealing and vandalism.

"While street corner narcotics sales used to be a difficult problem to cure, the cameras have virtually eliminated these crimes," said Acting Police Chief John Godzieba. Children can now play on the streets and residents can walk the neighborhood again. "This is a huge success story," Godzieba said.

Due to its enormous success, Bristol Township is moving forward with a further expansion of its public surveillance program. Earlier this year, Township Council unanimously approved \$100,000 toward the purchase of additional cameras in Winder Village and other select sections of the Township.

"Because of these aggressive initiatives with our public surveillance program, residents now feel safer," Township Manager Bill McCauley said. "Residents feel a certain sense of security from the presence of the cameras in the neighborhoods. I have spoken with numerous residents who have wholeheartedly expressed support for this program," said McCauley.

Township and police officials have emphasized that the cameras only point at public spaces and in some cases are strategically aimed to help catch the license plates of passing cars. The advanced license plate recognition features of the cameras have also helped the police to identify if a vehicle is stolen or wanted by police. "Owners are especially thrilled when police recover a stolen vehicle," said Godzieba.



Surveillance cameras are improving safety in the Township.

Township Commits To Cleanup Effort

In an ongoing effort to cleanup and beautify Bristol Township, officials are stepping up efforts to deal with trash and recycling issues on private property and illegal dumping on public sites through an intense litter removal program and by hiring an environmental officer.

In order to reduce illegal dumping and help residents dispose of extra trash on their property, the Township is asking residents to bring non-construction household bulk items, furniture, and other "junk" to scheduled cleanup events at the Township's Municipal Building. While the last cleanup event was held on November 1st, these events will now be held throughout the year.

Township Manager Bill McCauley said there is no excuse for a resident to look at an "eye sore property" in their neighborhood. "We encourage people to take pride and clean up their properties by bringing their household trash to one of the Township's free cleanup events. It costs nothing to clean up and properly dispose of junk in your yard," he said. At the November 1 Fall cleanup event, hundreds of residents took advantage of this free opportunity to clean out their yards, basements, garages and attics.

Council President Bob Lewis stated, "Council believes that it is important to encourage residents to dispose of their bulk items in a legal and safe manner. "The Township does what it can to maintain the beauty of Bristol, but we also look to the residents to be active participants," noted President Lewis. "The cleanup events are an opportunity for you and your neighbors, to take ownership and pride in keeping Bristol beautiful."

This fall, the Township also hired a new environmental officer to make sure residents are recycling and to combat illegal dumping. While the Township's preference is to educate and work with property owners to resolve problems related to recycling compliance, "the Township is taking a strong zero tolerance position towards illegal dumping and urges residents to help spread the word," McCauley said. "It is the responsibility of residents to dispose of bulk items appropriately, and individuals who violate Township Ordinances will be fined."

Residents should watch for future cleanup events which will be posted on the Township's website and Facebook page. Residents who witness illegal dumping in progress are also urged to immediately report the incident to the Police.

Tips For Fire Safety

- Only WORKING smoke detectors can save lives. Test your smoke detectors often, and change the batteries twice a year- "Change your clock, change your batteries" (Free smoke detectors are available thru the Fire Marshal's Office to residents who cannot afford them.)
- Install smoke detectors on every level of your house, and in every bedroom.
- Keep a fire extinguisher between the kitchen and your exit.
- Don't overload electrical outlets. Use outlet strips with built-in breakers instead of light duty extension cords.
- House numbers -Township Ordinance requires house numbers be displayed on the front of all residences. Numbers must be 4" tall, of plain block form, and must be of a color in contrast of the immediate background.
- Have at least 1 direct-wire phone in your residence, which does not require electricity. This is important during power outages.
- Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.
- Clean the lint filter on your dryer after every use. Doing so not only reduces the risk of fires, it will also make your dryer more efficient and save you money.
- Use extreme caution when burning candles. Blow out candles when they get one inch from the bottom. Keep curtains and animals away from candles. NEVER go to sleep with candles burning.
- When cooking, never leave your stove unattended. It only takes seconds for a fire on your stove to start and get out of control.

Where Does Your Real Estate Tax Dollar Go?



Bristol Township School District \$0.81

Bucks County \$0.09

Bristol Township \$0.10

DID YOU KNOW?

Bristol Township receives 10 cents of every dollar in real estate taxes.

Bristol Township School District	201.846 mills	81%
Bristol Township	23.9875 mills	10%
Bucks County	23.2000 mills	9%

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