

PA Horticultural Society donates trees to Bridgeport

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B RIDGEPORT — The borough will become a little more colorful in the near future when it plants 10 ornamental trees from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The society is giving the trees to the borough for free, and borough council members said Tuesday they are looking into small, low-maintenance trees such as flowering pear, thundercloud

plum or the yoshino cherry, all of which would be subject to availability.

“The park should be the first choice, just got a grant to re-do the basketball courts. That would be a perfect place for some trees” said council President JoAnn Gadzicki.

In other business at Tuesday’s council meeting, Borough Manager Don Curley said he plans to apply for a community development block grant for \$160,000, with a \$40,000 match from Bridgeport. The grant would be used to mill and

pave streets, as well as to make some modest improvements to Mill Road, Depot Street and Green Street. Curley said he plans to have the resolution for the grant at the next scheduled meeting on March 25.

Continuing its efforts to clean up rental properties that residents have complained are substandard, council will begin receiving bids from a third-party inspector April 18 so that a contract may be awarded in May and inspections may start in June.

A youth scene investigation March 26 at UMAHS

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On Wednesday, March 26, in the Upper Merion Area High School Large Group Instruction Room (LGI), participants are invited to investigate a mock teen bedroom to identify signs of risky behavior including drug and alcohol use, violence, dangerous challenges, mental health issues, and more. Participants may investigate the scene from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

An informative presentation will follow from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

The evening is presented by CAST, the Community Prevention Partnership of Berks County, and the Upper Merion Police Department.

To attend this free event, contact Susan Shelton at sshelton@umasd.org or 610-304-5533.