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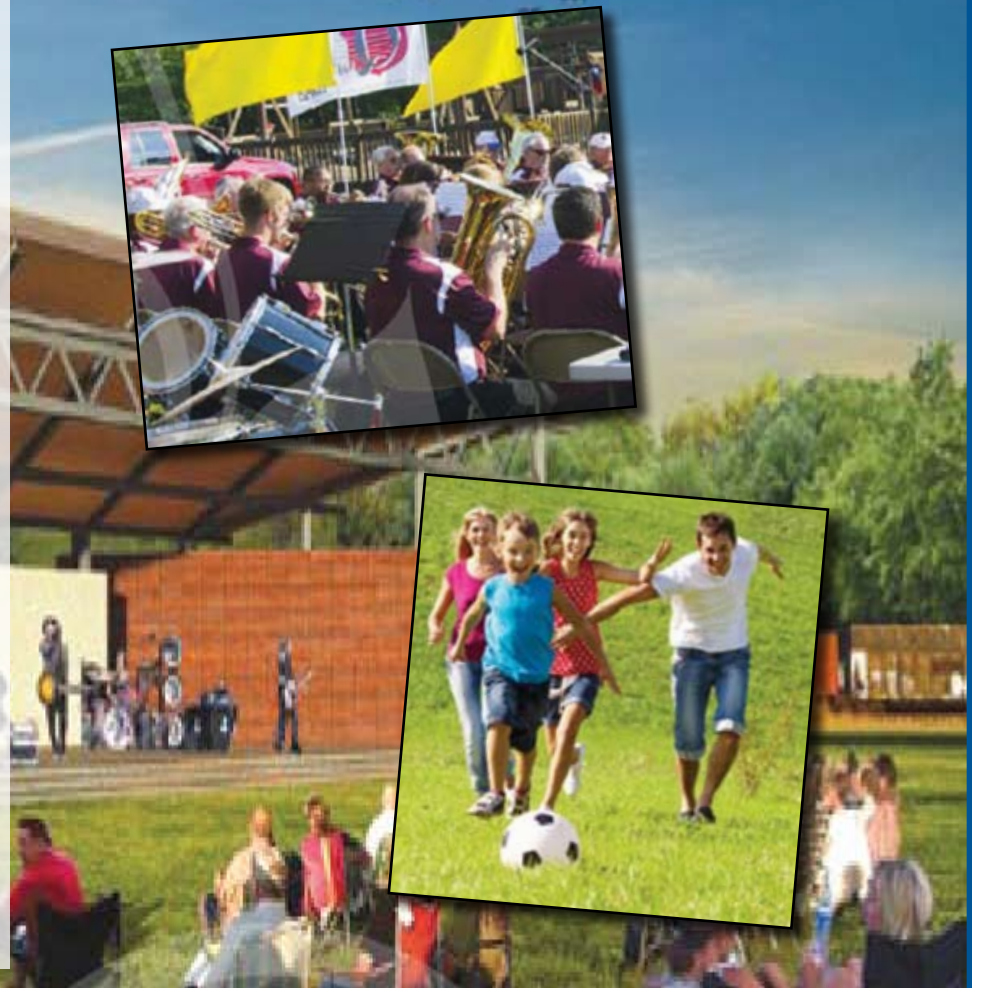
Summer 2013 Newsletter

The New Park Park Project!

Quakertown Borough acquired the land that was the former site of the Krupp Foundry business. Since then, the borough remediated the land into a clean site and has identified the land to be used for passive recreation. The property currently consists of 12.3 acres of land that is to be the future home of walking trails, flower gardens, tree plantings, a water feature or pond, a gazebo, and an amphitheater (for concerts, plays, and other entertainment venues).

This future park will be adjacent to the borough's sports complex and fields where baseball, soccer, football, and lacrosse events are held. Also in this surrounding area are a large, modern, public library and a public pool facility. One of the goals of this project is to offer residents and participants that already visit these borough facilities, the opportunity to visit all the new and exciting features of the proposed park.

Look for more information in regards to this project, as well as sponsorship opportunities on the Quakertown Borough website: www.quakertown.org



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- Police Administration 215-536-5002
- Police Non-Emergency Dispatch..... 215-795-2931
- Electric Department 215-536-5003
- Wastewater Department 215-536-5004
- Highway Department 215-536-5005
- Water Department..... 215-536-5855
- Quakertown Community Pool 215-536-5235
- 24-hour Anonymous Crime Tip Line..... 267-371-5094

- Utility Emergency after hours 215-721-3520

The Borough office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For your convenience, utility payments can be made at the drive through area located behind Borough Hall. When the office is closed, utility payments can be deposited in the side door of Borough Hall.

The Borough Council Chamber regular meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The work session meeting is the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Council's Chamber is handicap accessible. If you want to confirm a meeting date, please check our website at www.quakertown.org.

The Planning Commission meeting is held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

DATES OF INTEREST

Community Day	Thurs. July 4	
Pool - Theme Night	Sat. July 6	4pm-8pm
Concert in the Park - Bosslady Band	Sun. July 7	6:30pm-8:30pm
Pool - Teen Night	Fri. July 12	6pm-10pm
Concert in the Park - Think Pink Floyd	Sun. July 14	6:30pm-8:30pm
Concert in the Park - The Large Flowerheads	Sun. July 21	6:30pm-8:30pm
Pool - UBACE	Sat. July 27	1pm-4pm
Concert in the Park - The Mango Men	Sun. July 28	6:30pm-8:30pm
Concert in the Park - The Hometown Boyz	Sun. Aug 4	6:30pm-8:30pm
National Night Out	Tues. Aug 6	
Fire Dept. Carnival	Tues. Aug 6 - 10	
Concert in the Park - The Quakertown Band	Sun. Aug 11	6pm-8pm
Brew Fest	Sat. Aug 17	5pm
Movie in the Park - The Lorax	Fri. Aug 16	8pm
Labor Day - Holiday	Mon. Sept 2	
Bike Night	Sat. Sept 14	3pm-9pm
Bike Night Rain Date	Sun. Sept 15	12pm-6pm
Hazardous Waste	Sat. Sept 14	9am
Community Yard Sale	Sat. Sept 21	8am
Brush Drop Off	Sat. Sept 28	9am
Free Fall	Sat. Sept 28	12pm

*All "Concert in the Park" raindates are the Monday following the scheduled date.



The Borough of Quakertown is on Facebook. Should you be interested – and we hope you are – follow us to get updates on events and happenings around the Borough. Like Us at Borough of Quakertown!



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Tuesday - August 6
National Night Out
Groovitude

Wednesday - August 7
Lobie Entertainment
The Large Flowerheads

Thursday - August 8
Lobie Entertainment
Shake, Rattle & Soul

Friday - August 9
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Saturday - August 10
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Fireworks and Fire Safety

Every year in the United States, we celebrate the Fourth of July with community parades, picnics, barbecues, and fireworks; things of which happy memories are made. Sadly, every Independence Day also includes some tragic events. On average, 32,000 fires occur and 9,300 injuries result from fireworks according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Fifty-five percent of fires caused by fireworks occur around the Independence Day holiday on July 4th. The safest way to enjoy them is through public displays conducted by professional pyro-technicians hired by communities. Learning fireworks safety tips can help ensure that everyone has a happy and safe summer holiday.

In 2010, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,300 people for fireworks-related injuries. 67% of these injuries occurred between June 19 - July 19. Of these: Children under 15 years old accounted for 39% of the estimated injuries. Children and young adults under 20 years old had 54% of the estimated injuries. An estimated 1,200 injuries were associated with firecrackers. Of these, 700 were associated with small firecrackers, 200 with illegal firecrackers, and 300 where the type of firecracker was not specified, An estimated 1,000 injuries were associated with sparklers and 300 with bottle rockets, The parts of the body most often injured were hands and fingers (estimated 1,900 injuries), eyes (1,600 injuries), and head, face, and ears (900 injuries), More than half of the injuries were burns. Burns were the most common injury to all parts of the body except the eyes, where contusions, lacerations, and foreign bodies in the eye occurred more frequently and most patients were treated at the emergency department and then released. An estimated 8 percent of patients were treated and transferred to another hospital or admitted to the hospital.

How and Why Do These Injuries Occur?

Did You Know? The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of about 2,000°F which is hot enough to cause third degree burns. In spite of federal regulations and varying state prohibitions, many types of fireworks are still accessible to the public. Distributors often sell fireworks near state borders, where laws prohibiting sales on either side of the border may differ. Among the various types of fireworks, some of which are sold legally in some states, bottle rockets can fly into peoples' faces and cause eye injuries; sparklers can ignite clothing and firecrackers can injure the hands or face if they explode at close range. Injuries may result from being too close to fireworks when they explode; for example, when someone leans over to look more closely at a firework that has been ignited, or when a misguided bottle rocket hits a nearby person. Younger children often lack the physical coordination to handle fireworks safely. Children are often excited and curious around fireworks, which can increase their chances of being injured (for example, when they re-examine a firecracker dud that initially fails to ignite). Lastly, homemade fireworks (for example, ones made of the powder from several firecrackers) can lead to dangerous and unpredictable explosions.

What Can You Do?

The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home period. Attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals. Kids should never play with fireworks. Even sparklers are hot enough to melt some metals. Steer clear! Fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest. Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time. Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.



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New Water Treatment Facility Update



We are nearing the final completion of this project. Testing of the equipment is being performed and we have been simulating some actual operating conditions. Initial water samples are being taken and we are waiting for these results to verify that everything is working properly. We are in the process of working out some minor details in order to make the facility fully operational. Once completed, the facility will be ready for the Department of Environmental Protection to do the final inspection and permitting. At this time we anticipate the facility to be operational and online by midsummer.



Garage/Yard Sale Permits



It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct a garage sale in the Borough without first filing with the Zoning Officer the information required and also obtaining a permit from the Zoning Officer.

A permit to conduct a garage sale shall be issued for any one residential property or to any one household no more than two times within a calendar year. No such permit shall be issued for more than three consecutive calendar days.

Each permit issued under this part must be prominently displayed on the premises and be visible from the street upon which the garage sale is conducted throughout the entire period of the permitted sale. The permit for a garage sale shall not be transferable.

No signs advertising the garage sale are to be posted on any place other than the premises of the applicant. The sign is not to exceed two feet by two feet in size, cannot be placed on the premises earlier than one week prior to the sale, and must be removed within 24 hours after the sale has terminated. Directional signs only may be placed on private property with the owner's permission.

You can access a permit application by either calling the Borough Code Enforcement Office or on the Borough web site at www.quakertown.org. An approved permit will be issued with a copy of the ordinance pertaining to garage sales. Permit fee is \$10.00.

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- Summer Bible Camp for children - 6:30-8:30pm, June 24th - June 28th

Sunday Hours:

June - August
9:00 am - Worship Service
6:30 pm - Evening Worship

Wednesday Hours:

June - August
6:30 pm Teens for Christ
7:00 pm - Kid's Club
7:00 pm - Adult Study & Prayer

Sunday Hours:

September—May
9:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:10 am - Worship Service
6:30 pm - Evening Worship except on 2nd & 4th Sundays
2nd & 4th Sunday evenings—Small Group Fellowships

Wednesday Hours:

September - May
6:30 pm - Awana for children (2 yrs. - 6th grade)
6:30 pm - Teens for Christ
6:45 pm - Young Adults
7:00 pm - Adult Bible Study & Prayer



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Think Pink Floyd
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- SUNDAY, JULY 21ST**
The Large Flowerheads
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- SUNDAY, JULY 28TH**
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The historic Krupp Foundry property will soon come to life as a 12-acre passive recreation community park that connects Quakertown Memorial Park and the Sports Complex, the James A. Michener Branch of the Bucks County Library, and the Quakertown Community Pool.

It will feature walking and biking trails; an amphitheater; concession stand; gazebo; open areas for picnicking, playing, and relaxing; flower meadows; a water feature or pond with fountain; and restrooms, among other amenities.

This community asset to the more than 36,500 residents of the Quakertown Regional Area (including Richland, Haycock, and Milford Townships and Quakertown, Trumbauersville, and Richlandtown Boroughs) will regularly hold public events, live music, entertainment, arts events, and more each season.

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POOL EVENTS 2013

EVENT	DATE	TIME
LOCAL BAND	SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND	1PM - 4PM
FAMILY DAY	SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD	
BLUE DOLLAR DAY	SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH	2PM - 4PM
THEME NIGHT	SATURDAY, JULY 6TH	4PM - 8PM
TEEN NIGHT	FRIDAY, JULY 12TH	6PM - 10PM
UBACE	SATURDAY, JULY 27TH	1PM - 4PM

For more information in regards to pool events please speak to the front desk or a Pool Manager. You can also contact Parks & Recreation at 215.536.5001 x113.

If you are interested in renting the pool for an event please visit our website at www.quakertown.org. You can also contact Parks & Recreation at 215.536.5001 x113.

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SESSION	AGES	DAY	DATES	TIME	FEE
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SESSION	AGES	DAY	DATES	TIME	FEE
Fall 1	2-4	Thursdays	9/26 - 10/24	10:30AM - 11:45AM	\$45 - Res \$50 - Non-Res
Fall 2	2-4	Thursdays	11/7 - 12/12	10:30AM - 11:45AM	\$45 - Res \$50 - Non-Res

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Teens/Adults: \$65 (age 14 and up); 7:30-8:30 pm

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Season 3: 5 Thursdays, July 11 - August 8
Season 4: 5 Thursdays, September 12 - October 10

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For more information, contact 215-322-7020 or buckscountytennis@verizon.net. Registration closes 4 days prior to the start of the season. Don't miss the FUN! Space is limited!

WATCH FOR INDOOR TENNIS (NOVEMBER - MARCH) AT PFAFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Quakertown Borough is part of BCTA's county-wide tennis network. Log onto the BCTA Website for more information about tennis opportunities available to Quakertown residents, such as:

- Adult Leagues (Flex and Fall Doubles)
- Advanced Team Tennis Training
- BCTA Jr. Team Tennis on Tuesdays
- Middle and High School Training

The Bucks County Tennis Association, Inc (BCTA), a nonprofit, volunteer-based community association dedicated to providing affordable, quality tennis programs on public tennis courts and facilities throughout Bucks County. BCTA is a registered member of the U. S. Tennis Association and the 2011 winner of the national Racquet Sports Industry magazine and the USTA Middle States Section community tennis association of the year award.



A MESSAGE FROM THE QUAKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Last fall, due to a hurricane, there were power outages in the surrounding Quakertown area. There were several roadways where the traffic signals were not working due to the power outage. Under the rules of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Section 3112, Traffic Control Signals), the driver of a vehicle who approaches an unlighted traffic signal shall stop in the same manner as at a stop sign. Next time you are on the roadway and you observe a traffic light not working, you must STOP, then proceed when safe.

There are many times when the Police are called by a resident to report common occurrences such as loud music, barking dogs, or a neighbor mowing the lawn too early in the morning. Quakertown Borough has an ordinance that covers some of these complaints.

General Nuisance Ordinance: It shall be unlawful for any person to create, continue, cause, maintain or permit to exist any nuisance at any place within the borough.

Nuisance Defined: The word "nuisance," as used in this Part, shall mean any use of property within the borough, or any condition upon property within the borough that (other than infrequently), causes or results in: (1) annoyance or discomfort to persons beyond the boundaries of that property; (2) interference with the health and/or safety of persons beyond the boundaries of that property or of persons who might reasonably be expected to enter upon or be in that property; and/or (3) disturbance to or interference with the peaceful use of the property of others within the Borough, in any case taking into consideration the location of the use or condition and the nature and condition of the surrounding neighborhood. Specifically, the word "nuisance" shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

- A. Loud playing of radios, television, amplifiers, and other sound devices so as to be heard beyond the premises from which the same shall emanate.
- B. Operation of gasoline-powered lawn mowers or gasoline-powered chain saws on any week day before 8:00 a.m. or on any Sunday before 10:00 a.m.
- C. Operating model airplanes equipped with gasoline engines on any public street or on any public ground, including any playground.
- D. Keeping or harboring any dog or other animal or fowl which, by frequent howling or barking or other noise or odor shall annoy or disturb the neighborhood or a number of persons.
- E. Maintaining or permitting the maintenance of any of the following dangerous conditions, structures or premises:
 - (1) Open wells or cisterns.
 - (2) Open excavations.
 - (3) Unfinished buildings, foundations or other structures.
 - (4) Buildings or structures damaged or partially destroyed, or in a state of disrepair or danger.
 - (5) Dangerous placement or storage of materials or equipment.

(6) Lakes, ponds or swimming pools not properly safeguarded.

(7) Stagnant water in pools in which mosquitoes, flies or other insects multiply.

- F. Carrying on any building or road construction, excavation or trenching, or the operation of heavy equipment or trucks in connection with such activities at any time on Sunday or a legal holiday, or on any other day of the year at any time between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. without a special permit issued by the Manager or his designated representative. The special permit shall be issued only if it is shown that the construction work must proceed as a matter of emergency or that it can be carried on in a manner or in a place that the public or residents will not be annoyed or disturbed by that construction work.
- G. Carrying on construction work in such a manner that dirt is carried by wind onto adjacent properties or that mud is tracked or drained onto streets adjacent to the project.
- H. Washing, tracking or otherwise depositing dirt, mud, soil, stone or debris upon or onto the pavement of any street, without removing the deposited material before 5:00 p.m. of the day on which it was deposited on the street.
- I. Using any property or operating any business or other activity so as to permit or cause smoke, soot, cinders, fly ash, dust, mud, dirt, acid, noxious or offensive fumes, gases or odors to be discharged into the air, or to be carried off the premises, or to cause any water to become polluted by sewage, industrial wastes, acid or other substance, or to cause a glare from lights, or noise of such character as to cause annoyance to residents or interference with the normal use of adjacent properties.
- J. The confined storage of any trash, junk, garbage or any kind of material proven to become a health hazard.
- K. The growth of any tree limb over a sidewalk that is not at least eight feet above the sidewalk or over a street that is not at least 15 feet above the street.
- L. The growth of any hedge, shrub, bush or tree that extends over the sidewalk, thereby reducing the width of usable sidewalk area.

The Quakertown Police Department or Zoning Office would be glad to answer any questions you have about the Nuisance Ordinance.

Texting While Driving

Effective November 9th, 2011, Pennsylvania Vehicle Code 3316, prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle on a highway in Pennsylvania to send, read or write a text while their vehicle is in motion. The penalty is \$50 fine, plus costs.



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GUIDELINES FOR DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

As we are getting into the summer months of picnics and pools we also find ourselves celebrating several important holidays. On the Fourth of July we proudly display our American Flag to represent the freedom of this nation.

Not many people know that there is a public law (94-344), known as the Federal Flag Code. This code contains specific rules for both handling and displaying the United States Flag. This code emphasizes that the American Flag is a living symbol. Though there are no set penalties for misusing that flag, different states operate under their own codes and penalties.

Some things to keep in mind when displaying your flag:

- Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset.
- The flag may be displayed at all times if it is illuminated when it is dark.
- The flag should not be subjected to weather damages. This includes: rain, snow, and wind storms.
- The flag should be displayed on national and state holidays, as well as special occasions.
- When carried in procession with other flags, the U.S. flag should be either on the marching right or to the front and center of the flag line.
- When displayed on a float in a parade, the flag should be hung from a staff or suspended so it falls free. It should not be draped over a vehicle.
- In a group of flags displayed from staffs, the U.S. flag should be at the center and the highest point.

Things you should NOT do with the American Flag:

- Do not let the flag touch anything beneath it, including: the ground, floor, water, or merchandise.
- Do not carry the flag horizontally.
- Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs.
- Do not use it to hold anything.
- Do not use it as clothing, bedding, or drapery. A flag patch may be attached to uniforms.
- Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on anything intended for temporary use and eventual discard.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

Community Oriented Policing plays an important and vital role in reducing crime in any community. In support of this concept, the Quakertown Borough Police Department will be instituting the Citizens Police Academy to improve communications and obtain citizen support throughout the borough. It is our hope that the graduates will become partners with us in identifying problems and solutions to crime issues that are affecting our community. Graduates can take their knowledge back to their own neighborhoods and utilize what they learn to enhance the quality of life.

The Citizens Police Academy is a program designed to provide participants with a working knowledge of the Quakertown Borough Police Department. The Academy consists of a series of classroom instruction and practical field exercises. There will be a total of eight sessions. Each session is held one evening per week for a period of two to three hours. The Citizens Police Academy gives an in-depth view into several areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn more about the issues that affect law enforcement in Quakertown Borough.

Individuals who apply for the Citizens Police Academy must be 18 years of age. The Academy is open to anyone, but priority will be given to those who live or work in the Borough. The Academy is being offered at no cost. A valid driver's license is required and applicants may be subject to a background check. The Academy will begin on October 1, 2013. Applications for admission can be found on the Borough's website at www.quakertown.org.

If you have any questions, contact sstoneback@quakertown.org.



TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

Advance Disposal has a contract with the Borough to collect residential trash. All residents (except those living in apartments with more than three units) **MUST** use Advance Disposal for the collection of their trash and recycling. Trash is to be placed out no earlier than 6:00pm the night before and no later than 7:00am on your collection day. If you do not know the collection day, please call Borough Hall at 215.536.5001.

There are two options for trash collection. The first is disposal by the bag in designated Advance Disposal 30 gallon bags. The bags are sold in a sleeve of 4 for \$18.48 at Quakertown Borough Hall, the Plaza Giant, and Redner's Warehouse Market.

The other option is to become a cart customer. In this case, you must call Advance Disposal at 610.584.5293, option 3. This will allow you to sign up for the service and to receive your 95 gallon wheeled toter. Advance Disposal is under contract with Quakertown Borough. The charge until 10/1/13 is \$21.23 per month, billed quarterly in advance. The fee for senior citizens (62 and older) is \$18.05 per month. For ease of transporting, seniors may request a 35 gallon wheeled toter if they prefer, but the cost is the same. The cost will increase slightly each year of the three year contract. From 10/2/13 through 10/1/14 bags will be \$19.40, the cart will be \$21.87 and for seniors the cart will be \$18.59.

Local and state laws require all customers to recycle glass, cans, and newspapers. Recycling of plastics #1-7 is optional. Cans, glass, and plastics can be commingled. Paper (glossy, junk mail, magazines, phone books, office/copy paper, and cardboard (without foil layers) are acceptable and must be bundled or placed securely with recycling so as not blow out of the container. Recycling bins are available from Advance Disposal. The following items **CANNOT** be recycled: cardboard with foil layers, foil trays, scrap aluminum, aluminum foil, dishes, light bulbs, drinking glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, window glass, or Styrofoam.

Large trash items will be collected during the second full work week of the month on your trash day. One item may be placed out for collection with your regular trash during large trash week. To confirm a large trash date, please refer to the latest newsletter or call Borough Hall or Advance Disposal. There is an extra charge for tires and items with Freon (such as dehumidifiers, refrigerators, and air conditioners). Arrangements can be made for disposing of these items by calling Advance Disposal at 610.584.5450.

Holiday trash (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) will be collected on the next business day following the holiday.



SEWER BACKUP

In the sewers, there is a situation that is costing homeowners and our municipality about \$100,000 each year. Many communities refer to this problem simply as the FOG monster (Fats, Oils, Grease) or the CLOG monster since he is the main cause of sewer clogs. The FOG monster is a costly problem that grows every time someone pours any fats, oils, and grease down the drain.

A sewer back-up can be a very yucky, grimy, stinky, and costly mess! Our goal is to minimize the chance of this occurring. It is only with the help of all the residents can this be done. The worst culprit in clog formation is the combination of fats, grease and oils, known as FOG. FOG hardens and the tiny bits stick together as they flow down the sewer pipe. These nasty clumps attach to the solids normally found in the sewage and larger yucky masses grow. Soon these clumps start to stick to the sides of the pipes and slow down the flow of the sewage. The slower flow promotes the growth of larger and larger clumps. The situation worsens until the sewer pipe is clogged and the stuff starts to back up. The result is a mess that no one wants.

Fats, oils, and grease are usually byproducts of cooking. They can be found in meats, lards, cooking oils, butter, margarine, shortening, creams, sauces, salad dressings, and dairy products. Even a small amount of grease that goes down the drain as you are cleaning up after cooking will combine with the grease from your neighbors. Soon, another FOG monster is created. The easiest way to solve this problem and help prevent backups and sewage overflows is to keep FOG out of the system. Here's what you can do to help:

- Do not pour oil, grease, or fats down the drain.
- Soak up the grease after frying with paper towels and put in trash.
- Pour larger amounts of used cooking grease into a container with a lid. Refrigerate to harden, and then place in trash. (Great way to recycle containers from take-outs.)
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Put food scraps into the garbage.
- Never pour motor oils down the drain! This is illegal.

Put the FOG monster on a fat-free diet and our whole community will benefit.

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For Continuing updated information on Quakertown Alive! activities and volunteer opportunities visit

www.quakertownalive.com



NEW QUAKERTOWN VISITOR CENTER A GATEWAY TO BUCKS COUNTY

(Bucks County, PA) After nearly a year of renovations, the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Borough of Quakertown, Quakertown Historical Society, and Visit Bucks County (the official tourism promotion agency of Bucks County), announces the opening of a new Visitor Center in Quakertown.

Conveniently located within the Quakertown Historic District, this new location is easily accessible from major highways and will serve as a northern gateway to Bucks County.

To celebrate its opening, the Visitor Center hosted an Open House on May 18, 2013 during Quakertown's Arts Alive Festival. "Our vision for the new center incorporates a rich sense of tradition and local history to provide a welcoming experience for visitors to the Upper Bucks County region," said Tara King, Executive Director of the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

"This is an exciting time for tourism in Bucks County," Jerry Lepping, Executive Director of Visit Bucks County said. "We are proud to be working with the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce to provide travelers a stop along their drive from points such as the Poconos, Lehigh Valley, and New York."

The 2,300 square-foot building features a glass-enclosed display space highlighting historic artifacts of Bucks County's industrial heritage, including items manufactured in Quakertown, advertisements from historic businesses, and photographs documenting 150 years of Upper Bucks County. A renovated visitor services area will showcase brochures, itineraries, maps, an information kiosk and information specialists to assist visitors with travel needs.

"Visitor Centers remain a valuable asset to the hospitality that our region holds so dear," said Quakertown Borough Manager Scott McElree. "With its convenient accessibility from major highways and roadways, this center will provide a boost to tourism in Quakertown and throughout the region."

The Visitor Center, a renovated late 1800's barn, is currently open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., with plans to open weekends beginning this fall.

For more information on things to do in Bucks County, check out VisitBucksCounty.com

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