

Welcome to Historic QUAKERTOWN, PA

Fall 2019



# Quakertown

## B O R O U G H

### Borough Hosts 2nd Annual Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Quakertown Borough proudly presented the second annual Sounds of Summer Concert Series presented by Sands Auto group of Quakertown. The concert series consisted of 5 concerts from world-class entertainers throughout July and August. This summer, the concert series presented even larger acts including three-time Grammy nominee Trace Adkins, the legendary front man of Motley Crue Vince Neil, and one of the leading female guitarists of all time Lita Ford. Doug Propst, Borough Council Park & Recreation Chairman stated, "The concerts have been a great success and we are looking forward to our concerts next year. As we grow the venue, we expect to provide bigger named entertainers with a wide verity of music".

The Univest Performance Center is part of Quakertown's ongoing revitalization efforts. Quakertown Borough is committed to preserving its small town feel and strong community relationships. This venue makes Quakertown a destination spot, bringing in outside visitors, all while providing Quakertown residents' world-class entertainment in their own backyard. Donald Rosenberger, Borough Council President stated, " Our concerts are bringing people to Quakertown who eat in our restaurants, and shop in our stores, and we are adding to Quakertown's vibrancy and continuing to building the communities reputation to be a great place to live and visit."

The Borough is confident that the Univest Performance Center will further help promote tourism, drive awareness of downtown businesses, and encourage a local sense of community, and further establish Quakertown as a destination point. "Univest Bank and Trust Co. is thrilled to be part of the exciting revitalization taking place in Quakertown." Said Mike Keim, president of Univest Bank and Trust Co. "For 143 years, Univest has been committed to supporting the local communities we serve. Uniting neighbors, friends and family while experiencing acts and culture will undoubtedly bring our community closer together. We look forward to more summers filled with great entertainment, fellowship, and fun".

The Borough has already started looking into acts for the 2020 Sounds of Summer Concert Series. **Stay tuned for the lineup!**

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DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
September 28	Branch Drop Off	9am-12pm	Erie Rd-behind Sewer Plant
October 14-18	Large Trash Pick Up <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>		
October 12	Fall Festival	3pm-7pm	Park at 4th
October 19	QA! Autumn Alive	10am-4pm	Downtown Quakertown
October 20	Halloween Parade	2pm	
October 26	QA! Autumn Alive Rain Date	10am-4pm	Downtown Quakertown
October 26	Drug Take Back	10am-2pm	Borough Hall St.Lukes Hospital
October 26	Branch Drop Off	9am-12pm	Erie Rd-behind Sewer Plant
October 27	Halloween Parade (Rain Date)	2pm	
October 31	Trick or Treating	6pm-9pm	
October 1-30	Winter Coat Drive		Borough Hall
November 3	Daylight Savings		
November 11-15	Large Trash Pick Up <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>		
November 28-29	Thanksgiving - Borough Hall Closed		
December 2-December 13	Letters to Santa	Borough Hall	
December 6	QA! Tree Lighting Festival	6pm-8pm	Downtown Quakertown
December 7	Story Time with Mrs. Claus	9:00am	To be decided
December 14	Bus Trip to Longwood Gardens	12:30 pm-7:30pm	Tickets at Quakertownrec.com
December 12	Shop with a Cop		
December 9-13	Large Trash Pick Up <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>		
December 24-25	Christmas - Borough Hall Closed		



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### TALK TO THE EXPERTS

Call **Upper Bucks Orthopaedics at Grand View Health** at **215-257-3700** or visit [gvh.org/upper-bucks-orthopaedics](https://gvh.org/upper-bucks-orthopaedics).



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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 9th ANNUAL SHOP WITH A COP QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT In Partnership with Surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies



With the holiday season rapidly approaching, Quakertown Borough Police Officer Robert Lee and Officers from surrounding Police Departments are preparing for the 9th Annual SHOP WITH A COP event on December 12.

**SHOP WITH A COP** is a national program pairing police officers with children to afford them a better Christmas. The program allows children to view police officers in a different atmosphere to promote positive relationships. This program is geared toward Quakertown School District children at the elementary levels. The children are faced with life challenges such as a parent losing a job, homelessness, military deployment, economic shortcomings, and other hardships.

**SHOP WITH A COP** is funded through the generous donations of our own community, from private sponsors to local businesses. Volunteers from the community help with gift wrapping, hosting, and registration. Each child is allotted a monetary gift card to purchase gifts for themselves and family members, allowing for a more enjoyable holiday. All participating police officers volunteer their own time to support the program.

**SHOP WITH A COP** started in December 2011 with 14 children and increased to 120 children in 2018, with each child receiving a \$150 Walmart gift card.

**SHOP WITH A COP** was developed to help make the holidays brighter for disadvantaged families in the Quakertown School District. But we cannot do it without your support! Please contact Julie Bender at 215.536.5001 x134 or [jbender@quakertown.org](mailto:jbender@quakertown.org) with any questions.

### DONATION LEVEL:

- |                                                              |                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elf – One Child - \$150.00          | <input type="checkbox"/> Reindeer - Two Children - \$300.00                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowman – Three Children - \$450.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa – Seven Children - \$1,050.00<br>(Your logo on event t-shirt & all marketing – Due by Dec 2) |
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## **THANK YOU TO OUR 70+ VOLUNTEERS!**



**The 2019 Sounds of Summer Concert Series consisted of 5 concerts through July and August. Over 6,000 individuals came out to experience world-class entertainment in their own backyard. Thank you to all of our volunteers, sponsors, and concert goers for a successful season! Stay tuned for the 2020 lineup!**



**LIVE FROM THE UNIVEST PERFORMANCE CENTER**







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*Quakertown Alive celebrates...*

# Pumpkin Ball

**October 5, 2019  
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## Pumpkin Ball



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*Quakertown Borough*  
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Children can write a letter to Santa and drop it in his mailbox located in the Borough Hall lobby!

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- Include the child's first and last name
- Include a return address
- Be submitted to Borough Hall before 12/13

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**Story Time**  
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**Story Time – Crafts – Activities**

**December 7**  
**10am–12pm**  
**Location: TBD**

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**12/14/19**

*Quakertown Borough*  
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*Longwood Gardens*

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**Free Time From**  
**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Depart Longwood Gardens**  
**6:00 PM**

**Questions?**  
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## HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS STORED OVER THE WINTER

The Hometown Heroes Banners have been flying high in Quakertown Borough since Memorial Day, honoring the men and women who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. In order to help maximize the life expectancy of the banners, they will be removed from the poles after Veteran's Day and will be stored at the John Rivers Memorial VFW Post #11322 through the winter. The banners will reappear in the Borough around Memorial Day of 2020.

Despite the banners being taken down for the winter, the Borough is always accepting banner submission forms. Visit the Quakertown Borough website ([Quakertown.org/hometownheroes](http://Quakertown.org/hometownheroes)) or stop in the Borough for the banner submission form.

***If you would have any questions concerning qualification or the application, contact John Rivers VFW Post #11322 at (215)-536-0500.***



## Panther Playground Update:

The Parks and Recreation Department has applied for Federal and State funding through the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Community and Economic Development. The monies will be used to fund all aspects of the New Panther Playground including design, tear-down, and construction. Until the new playground is ready to be built, Public Works will continue to monitor Panther Playground to ensure the safety of the public. We will continue to keep the public updated as we continue to move forward in the design and construction of the new Panther Playground. Please note that boards with families names on them will not be destroyed, but will be integrated into the new playground. Stay tuned for more details!



### Panther Playground Drawing Contest Winner

The winner of the Panther Playground Drawing contest is Emily Wehr! The Parks and Recreation Department invited children in the community to participate in the new design of Panther Playground by submitting a drawing of their dream playground! The drawing will be brought to life in the design of the new Panther Playground.



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# Christmas Tree Lighting Festival

December 6, 2019

6:00 - 8:00PM

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## Junior Resident Presents Council with Importance of Recycling

At the September Council Meeting, 10 year old Junior Resident Caitlin Sell presented to council the importance of Recycling and not littering. Caitlin stated, “ Americans throw away about 28 billion bottles and jars a year. If this continues all the beautiful fields and gardens might be covered in piles and piles of trash. So please recycle anything that is recyclable and keep the fields, gardens, oceans and other land clear and clean. If every person in the world picked up one piece of trash and put it in the trash can or recycling in, our world would be much much cleaner”. Caitlin Gave her presentation to council the same night that Council was awarding the Trash Disposal Contract.



*At left: Caitlin Sell presenting to Borough Council*

## Quakertown Borough Junior Council Person Completes Program

Riley Boike completed the Quakertown Borough Junior Council Person Program in August. Riley was appointed as a Junior Council Person in November 2018 and served a 9 month term. Riley will be attending Millersville University Honors Program this fall with a Major in Government and Political Affairs.

The Boroughs Junior Council Person Program still consists of two members, Mason Smith, a Junior at Quakertown School District, and Amanda Banes, a Junior at Bucks County Community College. Both Mason and Amanda’s terms are set to end in November. The Borough will be accepting Junior Council Person applications for the November 2019 – November 2020 term. Applicants must attend Quakertown School District, or attend a College/University and reside in the Borough. To apply, visit [Quakertown.org/JCP](http://Quakertown.org/JCP).

The Junior Council program provides youth in our community an opportunity to get engaged in borough government and develop leadership skills. The program also allows borough officials to serve as mentors to students who will be future leaders in their communities.



*Pictured left to right, Council Member Doug Propst, Council Member Mike Johnson, Council Member Dave Wilsey, Junior Council Member Riley Boike, Council President Donald Rosenberger, Council Vice President Jim Roberts, Council Member Jonathan Sell, Council Member Mae Wear.*



# Campfire Safety

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

## SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.



## ROAST WITH CARE

If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a flying, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

## FACT

**Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.**



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# Autumn is Here!

## The Borough of Quakertown Offers Autumn Safety Tips for the Quakertown Community

With autumn fast approaching, more and more people in the Quakertown area will be enjoying the change of the leaves and the cooler temperature. Unfortunately, some autumn-related weather activities such as hiking and camping, turning the furnace back on, cleaning the chimney, and trick-or-treating do present their share of hazards. To help ensure everyone in the community enjoys a safe autumn, the Borough of Quakertown offers the following tips and suggests you post them where they are likely to be seen by your family members and co-workers.

### CHIMNEY MAINTENANCE IS VITAL TO YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY.

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned on a regular basis.
- When possible, burn seasoned woods (dryness of the wood is more important than hard wood versus soft wood).
- Smaller, hotter fires will burn more completely and produce less smoke than larger fires.
- Do not burn cardboard boxes or trash, as they can spark a chimney fire.
- Install stovepipe thermometers, which help monitor flue temperatures where wood stoves are in use, then adjust burning practices as needed.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY:** Don't get caught up in the holiday spirit —make sure your children trick-or-treat safely.

- Rather than buying a mask, use makeup to decorate children. That way, they can see more easily.
- If your kids go trick-or-treating after dusk, make sure they have a flashlight and are wearing retro reflective material. Dress children in warm, light colored clothing so that they may be easily seen when crossing the street.
- Do not purchase Halloween costumes and other items which are not marked "Flameproof" or "Flame-Retardant".
- Remind children to skip houses that are not well-lit.
- Check candy before allowing kids to eat it.
- Avoid tricks that could cause bodily injury, destroy property, or cause a fire.

**HIKING AND PICNICS/CAMPING:** As you take in the fall's beautiful scenery, think ahead, be prepared, and stay safe.

- Check the weather forecast before heading outdoors for a hike. It is not safe to hike when thunderstorms or heavy snowfall is expected.
- Carry drinking water. Don't drink from streams, springs, or lakes without first properly treating the water.
- Observe wildlife from a safe distance. Don't try and get too close to wild animals.
- Stay on the trail — if you leave it, you may get lost.
- To help prevent food poisoning, keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Don't store perishable foods in a hot car.
- Clean all surfaces and utensils that come into contact with raw meat or meat juices before re-using them.
- Wash hands frequently when preparing food, and before serving and eating.
- Keep kids away from grills and lighter fluid, and keep grills away from anything that can burn them.
- Be aware of tiny deer ticks that carry Lyme disease and know which symptoms to watch out for. When in a potentially infested area, apply insect repellent, wear light-colored, long sleeved-shirts, pants, and socks.
- Do not build a fire near tree trunks, fallen trees, or over hanging branches.
- When extinguishing a campfire, let it die down, then break up the coals or logs, spread the pieces, soak them with water, and then cover the area with dirt or sand.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY:** Parents must do some homework to keep their kids healthy and safe. Don't let safety "fall" by the wayside.

- Walk and ride to school safely. Obey traffic lights and signals, walk only in crosswalks, and listen to the crossing guard.
- If your kid's bike to school be sure they wear a helmet.
- If possible, always walk your child to the bus stop and pick them up as well.
- Keep backpacks light — a child's backpack should only be 5 to 10 percent of his or her body weight, according to the American Chiropractic Association.
- A backpack with wheels is easy to maneuver and reduces back stress. If your child does choose to wear a backpack, utilize both straps. Slinging the backpack over one shoulder may cause spinal curvature.

**PET SAFETY:** Watch out for family pets as you prepare for the cold, festive days of fall.

- Many brands of antifreeze are highly toxic. Store new and used antifreeze in a sealed container.
- Chocolate is a special treat for nearly all humans during Halloween and Thanksgiving, but it is toxic to dogs, cats, and birds.
- Holiday meals can be hazardous to pets. Chicken and turkey bones can get stuck and pierce the digestive tract. Rich foods can cause pancreatitis or bloating.
- Indoor pets not acclimated to winter temperatures should not be outside in cold weather for long periods. Outdoor pets can withstand fairly cold temperatures, but make sure they have proper shelter from wind and rain, and provide them with good bedding. Frostbite is a winter hazard to pets.

**FALL CLEANUP:** Yard work does not end simply because summer is over. Here are some safety tips for tackling autumn tasks around your home.

- When lifting heavy bags of mulch, use a wheelbarrow when possible, and remember to lift with your legs, not with your back.
- Be careful when pruning. Pruning from a ladder is especially dangerous.
- To avoid blisters when doing yard work, wear gloves.
- If you are doing a lot of raking, try an ergonomic rake, which can be found at most hardware stores and garden centers

**Most important of all,  
remember to CALL 911  
in the event of an emergency.**

*For additional information and safety  
tips contact Douglas C. Wilhelm,  
Fire Marshal at 215-536-5001 Ext. 114.*



# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- ◉ Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- ◉ Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- ◉ Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- ◉ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- ◉ Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- ◉ Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

## Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- ◉ Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- ◉ Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- ◉ Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- ◉ Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top.
- ◉ Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- ◉ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

## FACTS

- ❗ **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ **Nearly half** of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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## J.P. Mascaro & Son's is Awarded Trash Disposal Contract

Borough Council awarded the trash disposal bid and contract to J.P. Mascaro & Sons at the September 4, 2019 Council meeting. The Borough went out to bid for the trash disposal service and the bid included two options. The first option did not include the trash bag program and the second option kept the current trash bag program. The trash disposal service has included the trash bag program since the borough collected the trash and although there is a trend that borough residents are using the trash bag program less than previous years, Borough Council decided to continue the trash bag program as it provides a less expensive option for trash disposal for those residents who do not generate a larger volume of trash each week.



Advanced Disposal, Inc. has been the trash disposal provider in the borough for the past two contracts and had entered a bid, however J.P. Mascaro & Sons had provided the lowest bid for trash bag program option. The current trash disposal service will remain the same, by where the resident has a choice to use totes or bags for their trash disposal. "Council thought it was important to continue with the bag program to give our residents a choice and continue to provide the best service for the lowest cost", said Jim Roberts, Vice-President of Borough Council.

The new contract with J.P. Mascaro, & Sons begins October 1, 2019 and the transition will be seamless. The trash schedule will remain the same and the current Advanced Disposal, Inc. trash totes will be exchange for new J.P. Mascaro & Sons totes and the trash bags will continue to be sold at Giant Food Store, Redner's Food Market, and Borough Hall. In addition, J.P. Mascaro & Sons will be providing two different sizes of recycling totes to encourage better recycling. In a presentation at the Council meeting, representatives from J.P. Mascaro & Sons stated that they will encourage residents to recycle all recycle material including plastics designated as #1 through #8. They also provide Single-Stream Recycling which requires no sorting at all. Customers can combine all recyclable items together and place them in the provided container for collection.

The Borough will be working with J.P. Mascaro & Sons and Advanced Disposal, Inc. to provide a smooth transition. If you have any questions regarding your new trash disposal service, please contact J.P. Mascaro & Sons at 1-800-MASCARO. For information regarding trash disposal service, please visit the Borough's website at [www.quakertown.org](http://www.quakertown.org).

### Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program



LIHEAP is a Federally-Funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. Both cash grants and crisis grants are available. One-time payments are sent directly to the Borough and the payment will be credited towards your utility bill. The cash grants range from \$200-\$1,000 based on the household size, income, and heat time. Crisis grants are available for emergency situations

until the maximum benefit of \$600.00 is reached. If you feel you have a heating emergency please call your local county assistance office.

If you or someone you know think you might need this assistance you can apply online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) or you can request an application by calling the Statewide LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095.

*More information is available at [Quakertown.org/LIHEAP](http://Quakertown.org/LIHEAP)*

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# FREE ENERGY AUDIT



Conserving energy at home is a great idea for many reasons. It cuts down on energy costs, and because most of the energy we use comes from fossil fuels, using less is beneficial for the environment, too.

In many ways, saving energy can be pretty simple. You can find dozens of different ways to conserve — such as turning down your thermostat in the winter, putting a blanket on your water heater or switching to more efficient light bulbs. But most homes are so inefficient that even after you've done all the easy home improvements, there are still dozens of ways to save money and energy. How do you identify them all and then decide which to do first?

Unfortunately, the improvements that save you the most energy over time tend to be expensive. Before you spend hundreds — or even thousands — of dollars on home improvements, such as buying a new furnace, installing insulation or putting in new windows, it's nice to know how much energy they'll actually save. Just as important, you'll want to know how long these home energy upgrades will take to pay for themselves and start saving you money.

These questions aren't just for older homes — new homes often have significant energy problems, as well.

"New houses typically aren't as solidly constructed as older houses. New homes can leak more air, causing health and comfort problems, and the quality of the wood and other building components can be poor. Insulation is often very sloppily installed and, in many cases, missing entirely.

A home energy audit can help. Most homeowners aren't knowledgeable about how to look for these problems, nor how to properly correct them. Unless your home is an Energy Star home or has undergone energy testing, you will likely experience high energy bills and comfort problems, so it is well worth having an energy audit performed.

The Borough of Quakertown is offering a **Free Energy Audit** to all Quakertown Borough Residents to help to identify measures to conserve energy.

If you are interested in scheduling this Free Energy Audit please contact *Missy Molnar, Code Enforcement Secretary at 215-536-5001, Ext. 132.*



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The following restrictions apply:

- Due to the building restrictions there is **no legal space** in the Borough to set off fireworks.
- They cannot be ignited or discharged **on a public or private property** without express permission from the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged **from or within a motor vehicle or building**.
- They cannot be discharged **toward a motor vehicle or building**.
- They cannot be discharged **within 150 feet, (50 yards)** of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.
- They cannot be discharged **while a person is under the influence** of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

“Display Fireworks”, which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and Professional-Grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

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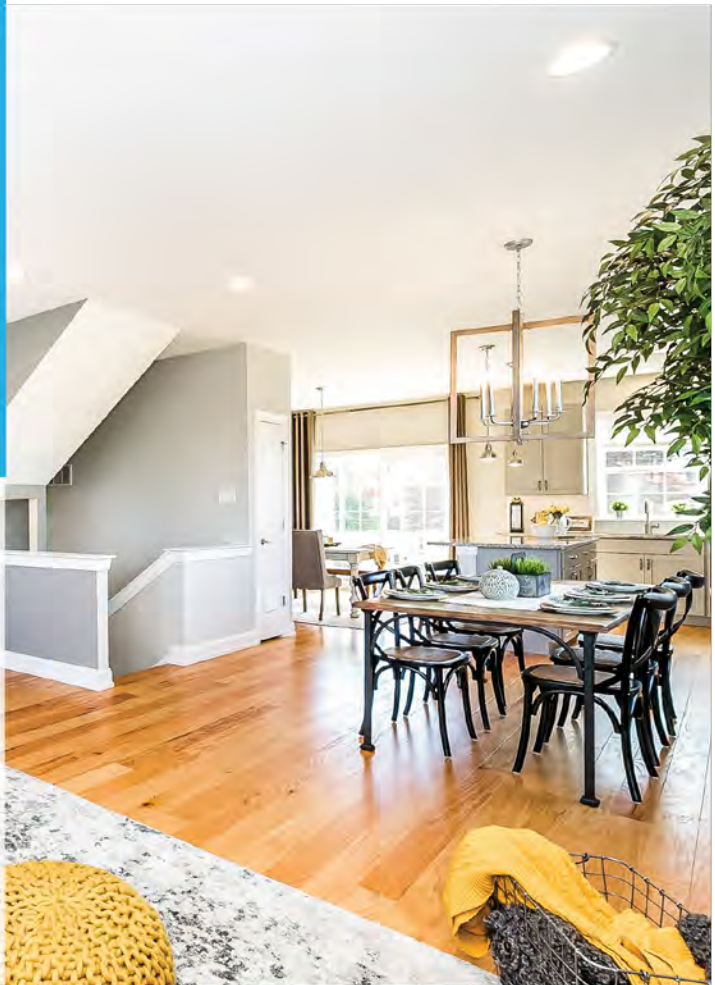
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