

#### **President's Letter**

**April 1, 2020** 

When this newsletter reaches your mailbox, spring should be starting to show itself, with the promise of warmer weather to come. As I write this, our winter to-date has been relatively mild in terms of snow and ice. When we did have some slick conditions, our borough road crew was fast to make conditions safe for us to get around. We thank them for their dedication.

As always, there is a lot of happenings in our town. Recently the borough hosted a 'thank you' appreciation event for the 192 borough volunteers who made 2019 a success in so many ways. The evening gave us a chance to show appreciation for those who helped with safety, emergencies, special events, programs, and the 2019 Sounds of Summer concert series. We truly appreciate the time volunteers have contributed to make our community a better place to live. If you have any interest in volunteering in 2020, please contact the Borough's Parks and Recreation Department, at parksrec@quakertown.org, to learn how you may help.

Our new trash hauler, JP Mascaro and Sons, have been working hard to transition from our previous provider in as smooth a fashion as possible. We have reduced trash collection days to two per week. If you have any questions or concerns on your trash service, contact Mascaro's customer service department, on the number found on their invoice. If your concerns are not addressed, contact the borough office to see if there is some way we can assist. If you still have the green trash containers from Advanced Disposal and would like to get rid of them, you can contact the borough office and we will pick them up. They will be used in the parks during special events.

The Action Skate Park on South Main Street is proceeding at a steady pace. With grant funding and donations in place, construction of the actual skate amenities will be undertaken this year, with the hope of completion by September, in time for the annual Free Fall event. The completed park will be a major addition to Quakertown's park system, and we thank the Free Fall committee and others who have made this park a reality.

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#### **Presidents Letter** continued from cover

Panther Playground has served Quakertown's children for nearly 30 years. The original structure is an important feature of our Memorial Park and we are in the process of planning for its complete replacement. While the original intent was to replace it in 2020, as we secure grant funding, consider build options and review the new state flood plains, it is apparent that we need to proceed thoughtfully and carefully. The original playground will remain open until the new one is completed; it is likely the location of the playground will need to migrate to a more northern section of the Memorial Park, out of the flood zone. The community effort that went into the development of the first structure will be reflected in the new playground.

Quakertown is home to many fine businesses, both long-established and new. In future newsletters, in partnership with the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, we will attempt to highlight a few in each edition. Our thriving business environment is one of the underpinnings for making Quakertown a great place to live.

Last but not least, another summer concert series brought to you by the borough at the Univest Performance Center at the Park on 4th will be starting in June. At the time I write this, we have secured country artists Gretchen Wilson (June 19) and Chris Janson (August 14); southern rock bank The Marshall Tucker Band (July 9), Philly-original band The Hooters (August 21); and the Beach Boys (August 28). By the time this is published, several more concerts will have been added. Check the Borough's web page, Quakertownevents.com, for more information and order your tickets early through Eventbrite. It should be a great summer series!

Borough Council meets in a monthly work session on the fourth Monday of each month. Check the borough website for meeting agendas. We have our formal borough council meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, where resolutions are made and voted on. These meetings are open to the public and for public comment. They begin at 7:30 p.m. *Enjoy the spring season!* 

Donald Rosenberger, Council President

#### **BOROUGH HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency, Fire, Ambulance or Police dial 9-1-1

Borough Hall:	215-536-5001
Utility Billing:	267-347-5009
Police Administration:	215-536-5002
Police Non-Emergency Dispatch:	215-328-8515
Electric Department:	215-536-5003
Wastewater Department:	215-536-5004
Highway Department:	215-536-5005
Water Department:	215-536-5855
Parks and Recreation Department:	267-372-7275
24-hour Anonymous Crime Tip Line: .	267-371-5094
Utility Emergency after hours:	215-721-3520
J.P. Mascaro & Sons:	. 1-800-333-4624

The Borough office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. When the office is closed, utility payments can be deposited in the drop-box located on the north side of Borough Hall.

#### **NEW BUSINESSES**

The Farmer and The Chickpea

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH - Schedule of Events							
EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION				
Council Meeting	April 1	7:30pm	Borough Hall				
Easter Egg Hunt	April 4	10:00am	Memorial Park				
Borough Hall Closed	April 10						
Easter Sunday	April 12						
Large Trash Pick-Up (on scheduled trash day)	April 14 & 15						
Know your Medicare Options Seminar	April 21	6:30pm	Borough Hall				
Spring Clean-Up Day	April 25	8:00am	Memorial & Main St. Parks				
Drug Take Back	April 25	10:00am-2:00pm	Borough Hall Parking Lot & St. Luke's Hospital				
Branch Drop Off	April 25	9:00am-12:00pm	Erie Road (behind Sewer Plant)				
Work Session	April 26	7:30pm	Borough Hall				
Council Meeting	May 6	7:30 pm	Borough Hall				
Police Bike Rodeo	May 9	9:00am	Quakertown Pool Parking Lot				
Work Session Meeting	May 18	7:30pm	Borough Hall				
Large Trash Pick-Up (on scheduled trash day)	May 12-13						
Quakertown Community Pool Opens (Weekends)	May 24	12:00pm – 8:00pm	Quakertown Community Pool				
Memorial Day – Borough Hall Closed	May 25						
Branch Drop Off	May 30	9:00am-12:00pm	Erie Road (behind Sewer Plant)				
Council Meeting	June 3	7:30p	Borough Hall				
Large Trash Pick-Up (on scheduled trash day)	June 9-10						
Gretchen Wilson Concert	June 19	5:30pm-10pm	Univest Performance Center				
Work Session	June 22	7:30pm	Borough Hall				
Branch Drop Off	June 27	9:00am-12:00pm	Erie Road (behind Sewer Plant)				
K.I.D.S. Camp Begins (must be pre-registered)	June 29	9:00am-3:00pm	Memorial Park				
Community Day - Pancake Breakfast	July 4	8:00am-11:00am	Memorial Park				
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Borough Hall Closed	July 5						

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

At the reorganization meeting on January 6th, 2020, re-elected Council Members Jim Roberts, Mike Johnson, Doug Propst, and Jon Sell were sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Lisa Gaier.



(Above) Vice President of Council, Jim Roberts



(Above) Mike Johnson and wife Roseanne



(Above) Doug Propst and wife Nancy



(Below) Jon Sell, wife Melissa, and 3 daughters

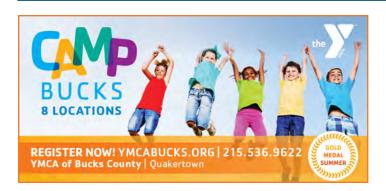
#### **QUAKERTOWN ACTION PARK**

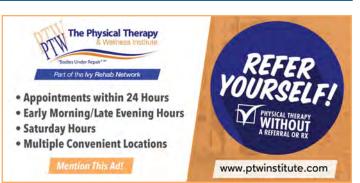
ave you driven past the Main Street Quakertown Action Park and noticed that its appearance looks different? That is because the Quakertown Action Park project is officially underway! In the beginning of January, the Public Works department began the removal of the skate ramps to ensure the safety of the public and demolishing the previous basketball courts to get the site ready for construction. While, the park is closed for construction until further notice, the Free Fall Energy Center is still open on Fridays from 2:30-5:30pm and Saturdays from 1:00pm-5:00pm.

The completion of the Quakertown Action Park will result in a state-of-the-art concrete action sports recreation and training facility that benefits the youth and community. The ultimate goal of this project is to provide a place for youth of all ages to come together and progress in their sport in a safe, positive and community-friendly environment.



Pastor Dave Kratz, Adam Leatherman, Dalton Ambridge, and Jrew Trieste of Free Fall Action Sports joined Borough Council at the February 5th, 2020 borough council meeting to personally thank the council members for the support of the Quakertown Action Park.





#### **ELIMINATION OF UTILITY SECURITY DEPOSIT**



On February 5, 2020, Quakertown Borough Council decided to eliminate the requirement of posting a security deposit for new utility customers. Newer processes used by the Borough permit the elimination of the security deposit program administrated by the Borough. The availability of credit card purchases, electronic bill pay services, the ability to lean properties for delinquent accounts, and the ability to perform remote utility disconnects have reduced the need for advanced security deposits.

#### What is a Security Deposit?

The Borough of Quakertown requires a security deposit for tenants who wish to start utility service with the Borough of Quakertown. The security deposit is collected at time of application of service for water/sewer and electric utilities. The security deposit is collected and deposited into an escrow account where interest is earned. When the final bill is produced, the security deposit is applied to the tenant's account along with the respective interest accrued.

#### What Will Change with Security Deposits in 2020?

Soon, the security deposit will no longer be collected from tenants who wish to set up utility service in the Borough of Quakertown. Tenants will be responsible for the full termination balance due 30 days after the termination date. Tenants will go into collection status if they fail to pay the final termination balance.

#### What Does This Mean for Landlords?

Landlords will need to ensure they are taking precaution to ensure that a tenant is paying their utility bills on time and paying their final balance. Landlords have the option to sign up for duplicate billing for an annual charge of \$15 per account or through the borough's electronic payment system known as xpressbillpay.com for no additional charge. This service provides a duplicate copy of a tenant's monthly statement to the landlord. In addition, a landlord can contact the

Utility Billing department at 267-347-5009 between the hours of 8:00am – 6:30 pm Monday to Thursday and 8:00am – 4:30pm Friday to request a tenant's account status or receive assistance in setting up the electronic service with xpressbillpay.

# What Happens with the Security Deposits Currently on File?

In the coming months, security deposits on account will be refunded to the customer on a future utility bill, along with the respective interest.

#### Questions/Comments?

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Utility Billing Department at 267-347-5009 or utilitybilling@quakertown.org. We ask for your patience during this process due to the number of accounts that must be managed. As always, it's a pleasure to serve our utility customers!





Highland Management single ad need artwork

#### **WASTEWATER**

#### **BIOSOLIDS**

Did you ever wonder what happens to sewage (wastewater) once it leaves your home or business? The short answer is that the wastewater flows underground by gravity to the treatment plant. Water is cleaned, at the treatment plant, by removing the organic and inorganic material. The clean water is then discharged into the Tohickon Creek.

The Borough utilizes a biological process to clean the water. We grow a biomass, which is composed of single cell organisms and bacteria. This biomass "eats" the pollution in the wastewater. After treatment we have a clean water that is returned to the environment. **Biosoilds are the byproduct of the treatment process of the wastewater.** 

#### Basic Information about Biosolids

The term sewage sludge is used in EPA regulations that establish a protective regulatory framework to manage the use and disposal of sewage sludge. The terms biosolids and sewage sludge are often used interchangeably. When properly treated

and processed, sewage sludge becomes biosolids which are nutrient-rich organic materials produced from wastewater treatment facilities. Biosolids can be recycled and applied as fertilizer to improve and maintain productive soils and stimulate plant growth. Effective biosolids management options help ensure that useful materials are recycled on land and harmful materials are not released to water bodies.







The Borough of Quakertown takes an environmentally friendly approach to the disposal of the biosolids. During the growing season the biosolids are applied to farm fields as fertilizer. During the winter months the biosolids are used as as soil conditioner for coal mine reclamation in Schuylkill County's coal region. The

beneficial use of the biosolids has kept 2808 tons

out of the landfill in 2019.

The Borough's Wastewater Department's mission is to reduce man's impact on the environment. By returning the water to the environment and having a beneficial use for the treatment process byproduct, we have significantly reduced our impact on the environment.





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#### **CHARGING INTO THE FUTURE**

Quakertown Borough Electric Department received a donated Eaton level 2 Electric Vehicle charging station and the Borough's electric department installed the station in the Borough Hall's front parking lot. This charging station is a 7.2 KW single head charger capable of charging most cars in 6 to 8 hours.

At this moment, this is a free charging station serving as a "beta" test site for the Borough to gather information. Once enough information is collected, the Borough and Borough Council will reevaluate and consider a price point for the power.

The Borough is currently in the process of applying for grants to supply two more electric vehicle charging stations. If the Borough receives this funding, two DC fast chargers will be added in the Borough. These charging stations will be compatible with most vehicles and able to charge electric vehicle in as little of 20 minutes. Sometime in the future, the Borough of Quakertown hopes to switch a portion of the Borough's fleet to electric vehicles to further decrease the carbon footprint. The cost of energy to operate an electric vehicle is approximately seventy-five percent less than that of an internal combustion engine vehicle.

Any business who is interested in donating an electric vehicle charging station for installation near your business location, please contact Robert O'Donnell, Electric Department Superintendent at 215-536-5003.





#### HYDRANT FLUSHING

Flushing will be done Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Each year the Quakertown Water Department opens fire hydrants throughout the Borough and the neighboring service areas, allowing water to flow through the pipes. As a result of flushing you may experience reduced water pressure and/or discolored water. If discoloration occurs, run cold water until clear. If you have any questions please call the Quakertown Water Department at 215-536-5855.











# Know your Medicare Options

Free Seminar Tuesday, April 21st 6:30pm - Quakertown Borough Hall

35 N. Third Street, Quakertown

- · How Medicare works and what it covers
- How Part "D" prescription cards work and how to pick the right one for you
- The differences between Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage Plans

Have you questions answered so you can make the right choice when planning for Medicare or Medicare Advantage decisions.

Presenter: Steve Perlman, DelVal Senior Advisors, Independent Medicare Planning Specialist



Pre-Register at QuakertownRec.com







# Yoga in the Park

Session I - June 3rd-July 8th

Session II - July 15th-August 19th

Wednesdays, 7:15pm-8:15pm

relax. release. let it go. moondogyoga.com

\$75 per session; current students may also use regular pricing options
Park at 4th 301 W. Mill Street, Quakertown, PA







## 2020 SWIM LESSONS

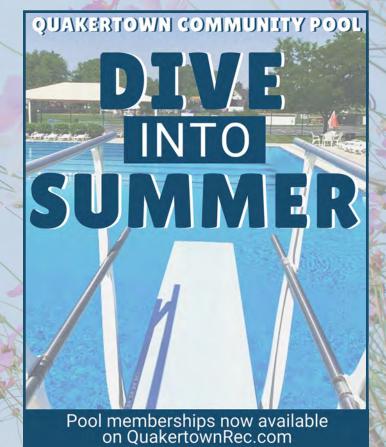


Group Session: Available for ages 4 and older Private Lesson: Available for all ages Tot Swim: Parent participation required - one parent must enter the water with the child. Available for ages 3 years and younger

Lessons take please at the Quakertown Community Pool, and are Monday through Thursday of each week. Each session consist of 8 classes, and range from 30-45 minutes. In the event of bad weather lessons will be made up on Friday. Lessons are split into small group in order to meet the needs of all skill levels.

f you have any questions, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 267-372-PARK

To Register visit QuakertownRec.com



### The Sounds of Summer

The Sounds of Summer Concert Series presented by Sands Auto Group is back for its fourth year at the Univest Performance Center! Coming off another successful and wellattended summer, the Univest Performance Center continues to grow and become known as a must attend outdoor concert venue for thousands of people.

Quakertown Borough's Parks and Recreation Department's purpose for providing the Sounds of Summer Concert Series is to promote community pride through music, and further the Borough's revitalization efforts. The Borough is excited to be able to bring world-class entertainment to our own backyards while preserving our small town feel and strong community relationships.

For the summer of 2020, the Univest Performance Center is proud to present six concerts headlining even larger names than past summers. From the suggestions and input of the community, we were able to create a series lineup for every music lover.

Our intimate and scenic venue offers exceptional views from every location, either in the general admissions lawn area or in a reserved seat. The Univest Performance Center can comfortably accommodate 2,500+ people while providing all essential amenities such as restrooms, concessions, libations, merchandise, plenty of parking, and is ADA compliant. From June to August there's no better place to enjoy a summer concert than under the stars at the Univest Performance Center.

#### Tickets are available on Quakertownevents.com!













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9:00AM-3:30PM | MEMORIAL PARK

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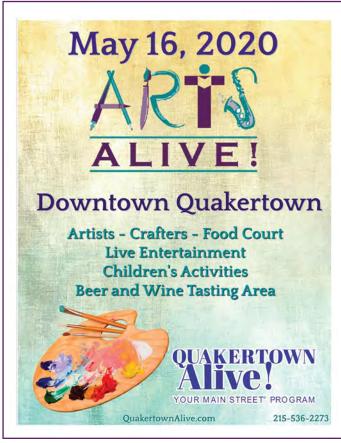
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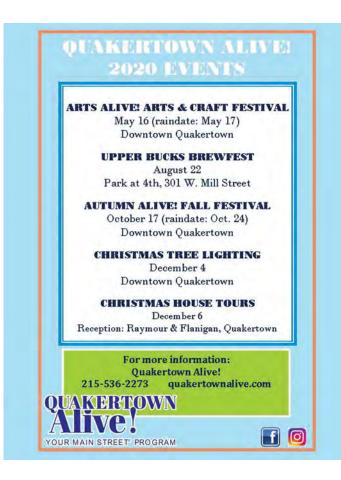
For more information visit Quakertown.org/kidscamp













#### POLICE DEPARTMENT



# Borough of Quakertown Police Department

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www.quakertown.org

Scott C. McElree, Chief of Police



#### **POLICE GRADUATION**



# Congratulations!

On Friday, February 14th,
Sergeants Chris Grill and Joshua Mallery
graduated from Northwestern University Center of
Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command.

We congratulate both on successfully completing the most challenging and rewarding law enforcement management programs in nation.

(at left) Chris Grill

(at right) Joshua Mallery



#### SHOP WITH A COP

The Quakertown Borough Police Department hosted the 9th annual Shop with a Cop event held at Walmart. This year there were 137 local children who participated in the event. Officers from Quakertown Borough, Richland Township, Perkasie Borough, Pennridge Regional, Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Springfield Township, Hilltown Township, Dublin Borough, Newtown Township, Middletown Township, and North Coventry volunteered their time to shop with the children. The program is funded by generous donations from local businesses and residents. Some of most popular items purchased were bicycles, Legos, and clothing.

Shop with a Cop was started in 2011 with 14 children. The idea was to build trust and make the child feel more comfortable with a uniformed officer. Children are chosen for a variety of reasons to include a death of a parent or financial burdens. The Quakertown Police Department believes in not only protecting the community but serving the public through many community policing programs such as Shop with a Cop.



The Quakertown Borough Police Department and the Shop with a Cop Committee would like to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, and local police departments that came out to assist with this program





### continued POLICE DEPARTMENT





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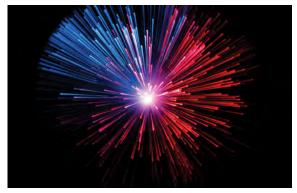
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#### FIREWORKS - WHATS LEGAL

By: Chief Scott C. McElree

As we approach the nicer weather months, we must be reminded of the use of fireworks and the laws that surround their use. House Bill 542 was signed into law on October 30, 2017 and changed the types of fireworks available to Pennsylvania residents, however the use of fireworks may be prohibitive, and misuse can get you into trouble.

Consumers can now purchase and use "Class C" or "consumer-grade" fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material, however "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.

Regardless of what can be lawfully purchased in any state, the following restrictions apply:

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of 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 of an occupied structure, whether a person is present.
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Quakertown is a high-density urban community and it is difficult to find a place to use or set off fireworks that is in an area greater that 150 feet from an occupied structure. Please keep in mind that if you are lawfully using fireworks to always have safety in mind. Keep children away from and fireworks and always keep in mind the disturbance you may be causing for your neighbors.

The law provides penalties for the illegal use and the illegal selling of fireworks and the Quakertown Police Department will investigate and prosecute any violation of the fireworks laws. Please enjoy the summer and holidays safely and responsibly.



#### **QUAKERTOWN BIKE RODEO**

The Quakertown Bike Rodeo is an event held for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. It is held annually on the second Saturday of May. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 9th, 2020; the rain date is Saturday May 16, 2020. The event is held at the Quakertown Community Pool parking lot: 601 W. Mill St. Registration begins at 9:00am that morning.

The event is broken down into three age groups; 6-7 years old, 8-9 years old, and 10-12 years old. Medals are provided to the participants with the top three scores in each group. The program is designed to promote bicycle safety. All participants are required to wear a safety helmet. Helmets are provided to children who do not have one. The children are provided instructions and demonstrations on how to properly fit and wear their helmets. They are also provided instruction on safe riding techniques and how to utilize proper hand signals.

Prior to participating in the event, the children's bicycles are inspected for safety. During the event, participants are tested in bicycle safety skills and knowledge. Skills are tested through six courses; Circling, Serpentine, Balance, Maneuvering, Steering, and Braking. There is an additional ten question quiz to test the participant's knowledge. At the conclusion of the event there will be a bicycle drawing, hand outs, and refreshments for all participants.

The practical measure of ability in handling a bicycle under varying conditions is an important factor in the physical safety of the rider and an integral part of a comprehensive bicycle safety program. Besides affording the young cyclist an opportunity to show their abilities in safety, these exercises also enable them to discover areas in which they can improve.

The skill tests have been developed to increase awareness and proficiency in safe, skillful, and courteous bicycle driving on the streets of our community. The purposes of these tests are to make each rider conscious of the different phases of the motion in riding and improve the ability of handling a bicycle in order to achieve the highest degree of efficiency as a safeguard against accidents. These tests also establish confidence in their bicycle skills.

The Quakertown Bike Rodeo event is sponsored by the Quakertown Borough and Richland Township Police Departments. Additional affiliates are St. Luke's Hospital, The Boy Scouts, and Cycle Zone.







# Smoke Alarm Safety at Home

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



#### SAFETY TIPS

- INSTALL smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need **ADDITIONAL** smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, INTERCONNECT all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- An IONIZATION smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a PHOTOELECTRIC smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- Smoke alarms should be **INSTALLED** away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

#### **FACTS**

- ! Roughly two thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.



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#### AND DON'T FORGET...

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.



- Remove, Replace, Clean & Restoration
- Sidewalks
- **Patios**
- Walkways
- Floors
- Footings
- Basements
- **Foundation** for Additions
- Garages
- Driveways
- Aprons Wheelchair Ramps
- Slate
- Flag Stone
- Stucco

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# ROBOTIC-ASSISTED KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY



# HOW ROBOTIC-ASSISTED SURGERY CAN HELP YOU

Board-certified orthopaedic surgeon Paul Weidner, MD, and his colleagues at Grand View Health use the Mako® Robotic Arm-Assisted Surgery System to perform more precise surgery that may lead to less pain and quicker recovery after surgery.

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### **Outdoor Safety**

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1.
   Get medical help right away.

# **Indoor Safety**

Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can use a cell or cordless phone.

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