



SUMMER 2020

Quakertown

B O R O U G H

President's Letter

July 2020

Much has changed since our last Borough newsletter. We hope this edition finds you and your family well.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many changes on all of us and the ways we live, work, and gather. At the time we prepare this for publication, Bucks County continues to be in the "Green zone" as designated by Governor Wolf's emergency orders. While there are signs of our lives and routines starting to return to familiar ways, we continue to look forward to further easing of restrictions and most importantly, a vaccine and successful treatment programs for the coronavirus. The Borough administration team has worked diligently throughout this emergency to continue to provide the borough services and protection we rely on in our community. We have also waived penalty and late fees on utility charges during the emergency for people who were financially impacted by economic lockdown. The Borough worked with the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, Quakertown Alive, and the Quakertown School District to get important information out to our businesses and residents concerning resources available to assist with the pandemic situation.

There is also much in the news currently with national unrest over issues of racism and excessive police force. Quakertown experienced peaceful protests in early June to bring attention to these important issues. Borough council and officials are dedicated to making our organization an inclusive environment and our police team is trained continually on how to best provide community policing to our community.

The definition of community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. Our police get to know our residents and businesses and work to provide an environment of mutual trust.

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The Borough received notification in June that our police have successfully completed the reaccreditation process for certification of the highest level of professional standards. The accreditation by the Pennsylvania state has only been awarded to approximately 125 police agencies in the state out of over 1,600. This is the fourth time Quakertown has successfully completed the rigorous review process, we have been accredited since 2011. Our police agency continues to set the example for police professional standards. Council is very appreciative of the members of our force and the dedication they bring to their responsibilities every day.

Best regards,

Donald Rosenberger, *Council President*

BOROUGH HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS

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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
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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.

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH - Schedule of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	August 5 th	7:30 P.M.	Borough Hall
Large Trash Pick-Up (on scheduled trash day)	August 11&12		
Concert in the Park: Tequila Rose	August 9 th	6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	Univest Performance Center
Concert in the Park: Mike Greer & Co.	August 16 th	6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	Univest Performance Center
Concert in the Park: Galena Brass	August 23 rd	6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	Univest Performance Center
Work Session	August 24 th	7:30 P.M.	Borough Hall
Council Meeting	September 2 nd	7:30 P.M.	Borough Hall
Labor Day – Borough Hall Closed	September 7 th		
Pool Closes	September 7 th		
Shredding Event	September 12 th	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.	Borough Hall Parking Lot
Bike Rodeo	September 12 th	9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	
Large Trash Pick-Up (on scheduled trash day)	September 15 & 16		
American Red Cross Babysitting Course	September 19 th	9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Borough Hall
Branch Drop Off	September 26 th	9:00 A.M.	
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	October 17 th	8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Strayer Middle School

“Please note that this schedule is subject to change due to COVID-19.”

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Scott C. McElree, Chief of Police



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Types of Scams

- Government impersonators - Economic Impact Payment “Stimulus”
- Social Security imposters - phishing emails, text messages, postal service
 - Fraudulent cures or medical equipment-COVID-19
 - Work-from-Home Fraud
 - Investment Fraud-online ads
 - Rebate-refund-overpayment-phone calls, emails, social media
 - Delivery Service Scams-errands for stay at home residents
- Bogus checks-government, business,bank-postal service, social media

How to Spot a Scam:

- Ask for **personal** or banking information over the phone or email
- Want you to act immediately
- Offer a faster payment or tax refund
- An offer that is "too good to be true"
- Mail a fake check

How to Protect Yourself:

- Use extreme caution when online and receiving email attachments
- Verify your source - Do your research
- Use .gov websites
- Resist the urge to act immediately
- Do not provide personal or banking information

RESOURCES

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[tips.FBI.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov)

ic3.gov-Internet Crime Complaint Center
cdc.gov/coronavirus
Local and State Police

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT SECURITY CAMERA INDEX

The Quakertown Borough Police Department is devoted to our relationship with residents and business owners. We are committed to protecting our community in every possible manner. One way to make our community more secure is through the use of surveillance cameras. Video surveillance is one of the best methods for the apprehension and conviction of offenders. The Quakertown Borough Police Department has utilized this technology in numerous cases to successfully prosecute criminals. We have created a Security Camera Index to allow residents and business owners to register their current camera systems in our database. Installing video surveillance is a great example of community-police partnerships and is something we highly value as a police agency serving our community. Residents and business owners are providing the police department with the locations and abilities of their protective systems. By registering with us, we can quickly identify nearby cameras that may have captured criminal activity. After registering your camera, police personnel may request to view your camera footage to assist in an investigation regarding a crime that occurred in that area. You are under no obligation to give police video if you do not wish to. Information provided to the Quakertown Borough Police Department regarding your camera systems will be for official use only, and personal information will be kept confidential. If you have additional questions or concerns about the program, please contact Officer Wolfinger at (215) 536-5002 or at awolfinger@quakertown.org.



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Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



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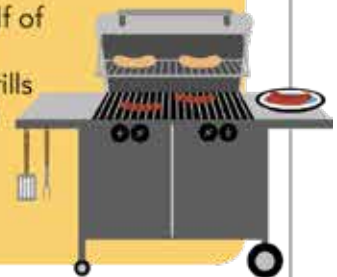
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.





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, but due to the coronavirus it has been postponed.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 12th, 2020; the rain date is Saturday September 19th, 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.

Please check social media for updates.

BIKE



Rodeo

FOR CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS OLD

SEPT. 12
9:00 AM

Quakertown Community Pool Parking Lot
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AUGUST 13**



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AUGUST 27**

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Univest Performance
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6:00PM – 8:30PM

Selected Sundays in August

8/9

Tequila Rose

Food Truck: Race to Taste

Drinks: The Proper Brewing Company

8/16

Mike Greer & Co.

Food Truck: Van Pelt Hot Dog Co.

Drinks: The Proper Brewing Company

8/23

Galena Brass

Food Truck: Smokehouse

Drinks: The Proper Brewing Company

Quakertown Borough Parks & Recreation
AMERICAN RED CROSS
BABYSITTING COURSE

This certification course provides teens with the confidence and skills to care for youngsters. Upon completion of the course, participants will receive an ARC Certification Card, an informal CD-ROM, as well as child care concepts.

Saturday, September 19th
9am-3pm
Quakertown Borough Hall
For individuals 11-16 years old
Resident: \$67 Non-Resident: \$77



Visit Quakertownrec.com to register today.

Must register by September 14th. Questions, contact Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation at 215-536-5001 x136

PANTHER PLAYGROUND

At the Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, Courtney Boehm of Quakertown Borough's Parks and Recreation Department and Matt Burns of KOMPAN presented a new design of Panther Playground to Borough Council. Panther Playground will be an all-inclusive, multigenerational playground allowing community residents of all ages and abilities an equal opportunity of play.

The inspiration of Panther Playground came from community feedback on a survey that was provided last year, along with the winner of the Panther Playground drawing contest, Emily Wehr. The Panther Playground drawing contest allowed students of the Quakertown Community School District to submit their dream playground and the winner would have their dream playground come to life within the new design. The new design captures all the aspects that parents were looking for from survey results such as a designated play space for 2-5-years old and 5-12 years old, open concept to eliminate small hiding spaces, and ADA accessibility. The new design also pulls pieces directly from Emily's drawing such as high and low levels of play with multiple slides, a zipline, a variety of swings, seesaw, and a giant castle structure.

For more information on the revitalization of Panther Playground visit our website:
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Quakertown Borough

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VIRTUAL 100K CHALLENGE - GOING THE "SOCIAL" DISTANCE

This past June the Parks & Recreation Department hosted its first Virtual 100K Challenge – Going the “Social” Distance. Over 280 community members registered for the 100K challenge. Participants challenge was to complete 64 miles either running, biking, or working out through the month of June. Participants were also given weekly challenges to stay motivated and connected throughout the weeks. Together, all 280 challengers completed over 29,182 miles! Congratulations to all participants who completed the challenge!

5-9 years old:

1st Place - Elijah York, 221.5 miles

10-19 years old:

1st Place - Kiera McComsey, 259 miles

20-29 years old:

1st Place - Valerie Fenstermacher, 225 miles

30-39 years old:

1st Place - Andrew Shultz, 321.85 miles

40-49 years old:

1st Place - Jonathan Sell, 580.64 miles

50-59 years old:

1st Place - Karen Rygiel, 337 miles

60 + years old:

1st Place - Christopher Schrammel, 268.35 miles



RECREATION COORDINATOR RECEIVES NATIONAL CPRP CERTIFICATE

Ashton Rosenberger, Recreation Coordinator for the Quakertown Borough Parks & Recreation Department recently completed the National Recreation and Park Associations Certified Parks & Recreation Professional Certification. The Borough continues to further educate their employees to better service the residents of Quakertown. Congratulations Ashton!



Congratulations!

QUAKERTOWN ACTION PARK

The Quakertown Action Park Committee and Free Fall Action Sports is excited to showcase the final design of the future Quakertown Action Park located on Main Street. Owned and operated by skaters, the Missouri-based American Ramp Company focuses its efforts on designing and constructing specialty skateparks. The American Ramp Company, in combination with Pivot Custom Parks, have drafted the 3D renderings of the final design of Quakertown Action Park. In a collaborative construction effort, the Borough will be providing available resources to assist the American Ramp Company in making the future Action Park a reality. All in all, the American Ramp Company did a phenomenal job in blending the ideas, concepts, and overall visions of the Quakertown Action Park Committee and Free Fall Action Sports into an exciting final design.

The new Quakertown Action Park has been a long-awaited project by action sports enthusiasts. The existing skatepark was installed in 2003, but, by 2008, experienced struggles with criminal mischief and vandalism of the skatepark. With growing concerns, questions were raised if the skatepark should remain open. Fortunately, Pastor Dave Kratz of the East Swamp Church stepped in to transform the atmosphere of the space through the establishment of Free Fall Action Sports. The members of Free Fall Action Sports strive to help action sports enthusiasts succeed in both recreation and life, providing a fun, safe environment for these goals to be realized. By 2011, the Borough Council approved the formation of the Quakertown Action Park to build upon the positivity created by Free Fall with the goal of expanding the park. Since then, the Quakertown Action Park has experienced much success, the biggest of which is the completion of the Free Fall Energy Center. The Free Fall Energy Center was created to provide park-side support services, which includes food & drinks, media equipment for students to pursue different interests, and access to a repair workspace. The most important aspect, though, is the adult community that work tirelessly to be positive and caring role models for those who come to the Energy Center. With all the hard work put into the creation of the Action Park, Free Fall and the Quakertown Action Park is looking forward to the continued momentum as the park nears completion.



REOPENING



**Free Fall Energy Center
is opening back up!**

Fridays: 3-6PM

Saturdays: 1-5PM

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September 26th**

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CAMP IN A BAG

Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation partnered with St.Lukes University Health Network to offer a Free Camp in a Bag Program for Quakertown School District Families who receive free/reduced lunch or who are experiencing financial strain. Camp in a Bag was a 5 week program where 150 children received a bag each week filled with crafts, educational activities, healthy snacks, and much more. COVID-19 has thrown a wrench in our children’s education and summer plans. Camp in a bag was designed to allow children to continue to grow and learn through the summer in a fun and educational way.

Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation partnered with families, local businesses, and organizations in order to offer these camp bags to families in need. Businesses and families helped by either providing materials for crafts and activities, or through a monetary donation. Without the support of our community we would not have been able to make this happen. Thank you!



A Special thank you to our Counselors in Training for helping prepare the bags.



A sample of week one's Camp in a Bag



The Parks and Recreation Department about to deliver week one bags

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QUAKERTOWN WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, toilet paper was in short supply. Fiore says they were worried this shortage would lead to people using alternatives to toilet paper such as non-flushable wipes, which clog up pipes and pumps in the sewer system. During the pandemic, many people have turned to convenient cleaning supplies like paper towels and disinfecting wipes. These items are also non-flushable but often end up in the sewer system. Most recently, the Wastewater Treatment Plant have seen an increase of personal protective equipment in the wastewater treatment systems. People are starting to leave their houses while wearing PPE, and these disposable gloves and masks are finding their way into the wastewater system. Quakertown Borough's wastewater collection system has seen a 30% increase in sewer lateral blockages, due to the increase of non-flushable items.

The Borough's Wastewater Department staff is on the front line of helping to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. COVID-19 and many other pathogenic organisms are found in and transmitted by wastewater. The Borough's Wastewater Treatment plant is capable of killing or removing 98-99% of all pathogenic organisms. I personally want to thank all of the



Wastewater Department staff for going above and beyond their normal duties to keep the residents of Quakertown safe and healthy.

David Erwin - Superintendent Borough of Quakertown Wastewater Department

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH WATER CONSUMER

Notice Of: 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available. To view the 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and to learn about your drinking water, please go to: www.quakertown.org/waterreport

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

If you would like a paper copy of the report, please call Quakertown Borough Hall at 215-536-5001 x132 and one will be mailed to you promptly.



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QUAKERTOWN AREA FOOD DRIVE BENEFITS FROM COMMUNITY GENEROSITY

Not your typical 17-year-old, Mason Smith has accomplished quite a bit in his young life. He's a black belt in karate, earned his Eagle Scout rank with Boy Scout Troop 87, and is a Junior Councilman with Quakertown Borough.

Recently, the Quakertown Community High School junior was thinking about the COVID-19 pandemic and his legacy. "What will I be able to tell my grandchildren about what I did" during these unusual times?" he said in an interview.

Seeking to contribute to the community in a significant way, Mason aspired to help feed families facing financial hardship as unemployment has skyrocketed. His idea is similar to his Eagle Scout Project: a food drive for the Quakertown Food Pantry. His efforts have been joined by several municipalities.

Local residents could bring their donations to drop-off points in municipalities: Quakertown; Trumbauersville; Richlandtown; Milford, Haycock, and Richland townships.

When he got the idea for the food drive, Mason approached Scott McElree, Quakertown's Borough Manager and Police Chief. He suggested Mason approach Quakertown Food Pantry to find out how significant their needs are.

"He did the research and found the demand is there," Chief McElree said. "This is really important for the Quakertown Community School District community to get behind this."

Sally Lindemuth, the pantry's Food Drive Coordinator, said there was a 40 percent increase in the number of new families the organization served in March. More than 2,500 individuals used the pantry during the months of March and April, she said. "The need is definitely there," she added. "We expect the greater influx is yet to come."

Mason, an aspiring Marine, said the necessity of the food drive couldn't be more clear with the number of first-time families flooding the pantry. "People are living paycheck to paycheck," he said. "What if they've lost their job? How are people getting food? How are people eating? I just want to help."

Ms. Lindemuth praised Mason for not only taking the initiative but following through on the plan. "Many people have great ideas, but never bring them to fruition," she said. "Mason has the great thoughts and the follow-through to make it become a reality. A characteristic few people of any age possess."

Superintendent Dr. Bill Harner described Mason as "a selfless young man, who has shown a commitment and urgency to help the neediest in our community. I couldn't be more proud of him."

McElree used the words "astonishing, mature and focused" to describe Mason. "I see him in a leadership role as he forges ahead to make a difference," he said. "One day he'll be on the ballot running for the White House."

The food drive was a rousing success. In the days leading up to Ma 16 th , area residents started gathering donations in preparation for the big day. Several neighborhoods filled vehicles full of non-perishable food donations. Within the first hour of the food drive, over a ton of food had been weighed on the scale at the food pantry.

By the end of the day, so much food had been gathered that not only the pantry was full, but also the bay in Quakertown's adjacent Public Works garage. When that space was full, donations were transported to the Borough's storage space in the pool building. So many donations were collected that weighing all of the donations took almost two weeks and donations needed to be moved into a storage pod. The final total weight of food donations came to just over six tons, 12,056 pounds.





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