



Quakertown Parks & Rec Rises to the COVID Challenge

When COVID-19 forced schools to halt in-person classes in mid-March, children were forced to spend an inordinate amount of time at home, causing parents to maintain full-time jobs and juggle childcare. Public and private schools shut down with almost no warning. At the time, it was thought that the state-mandated closure would last a few weeks and children would return to finish the school year. As it became clear that the shutdown was not going to end anytime soon and would extend through the summer, the Quakertown Parks and Recreation department determined to overcome unprecedented new challenges in order to provide a safe and fun summer that every family deserved and needed.

Recreation Coordinator Ashton Rosenberger and the rest of the Parks and Recreation Department team went to work to establish Health and Safety Plans which implemented guidelines from the PA Department of Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bucks County Department of Health to open park facilities, Quakertown Community Pool, and K.I.D.S. Camp Program.

The Quakertown Parks and Recreation Department was one of the only Departments in Bucks county to open their Community Pool. The Quakertown Community Pool opened on Thursday, June 18. The pool accepted memberships and daily passes and adjusted hours to allow for social distancing. When entering the facility, attendees were assigned to socially distant 12'x12' family area. Patrons were to be in their family area when they were not in the pool.

Quakertown Parks & Rec Departments also offered a seven-week summer camp program as well as Free Sunday Concerts in the Park, and a Fitness Series in the park. The K.I.D.S. Camp was limited to just 55 children each week to conform to new COVID safety standards. The concerts and fitness programs were also very popular and all followed mandated state guidelines.

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COVID Challenge *continued from cover*

Stephanie Young, a K.I.D.S. Camp parent, had nothing but praise for the program, “The line between safe and fun was perfect. We felt comfortable with all the decisions the camp made in keeping our campers safe. But my camper mentioned several times how good it felt to be a normal kid again.”

In addition to the in-person daycamp, the Department developed a free “camp in a bag” program for Quakertown community families who received free lunches from the Quakertown School District. The Department distributed 150 bags each week for five weeks. The free camp bags provided youngsters with the opportunity to grow and learn though the summer in a fun way, while also providing parents a break throughout the day.

In many ways the Department became an essential service for community families during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing a safe and socially distant outlet for physical and mental health. Rosenberger is very proud of her team, “We are thankful for the tremendous amount of support that we received from the community. Residents were very understanding and respectful of the restrictions that we had to put in place. It took a lot of work, but I am beyond proud of our Department, Lifeguards, Camp Counselors, and Concession Staff for running our summer programs in a safe and fun way.” She was also thankful for the support from the community, remarking that, “Residents were very understanding and respectful of the restrictions that we had.”

BOROUGH HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS

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

Borough Hall:	215-536-5001	Highway Department:	215-536-5005
Utility Billing:	267-347-5009	Water Department:	215-536-5855
Police Administration:	215-536-5002	Parks and Recreation Department:	267-372-7275
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Electric Department:	215-536-5003	Utility Emergency after hours:	215-721-3520
Wastewater Department:	215-536-5004	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.

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH - Schedule of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Branch Drop Off	September 28 th		
Council Meeting	October 7 th	7:30 P.M.	Borough Hall
American Red Cross Babysitting Course	October 11 th	9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.	Borough Hall
Large Trash Pick Up (on scheduled trash day)	October 13-14		
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	October 17 th	9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.	Strayer Middle School Parking Lot
Blood Drive	October 23 rd	1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.	Gathering Place (351 W. Broad St.)
National Drug Take Back	October 24 th	10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	Borough Hall Parking Lot
Trick or Treating	October 31 st	6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.	
Winter Coat Drive	October 1-30		Borough Hall
Daylight Savings	November 1 st		
Council Meeting	November 4 th	7:30 P.M.	Borough Hall
Large Trash Pick Up (on scheduled trash day)	November 10-11		
Letters to Santa	Nov. 23 – Dec. 11		
Thanksgiving - Borough Hall Closed	November 26-27		Borough Hall
Council Meeting	December 2 nd	7:30 P.M.	Borough Hall
Shop with a Cop	December 10 th		
Large Trash Pick Up (on scheduled trash day)	December 15-16		
Christmas - Borough Hall Closed	December 24-25		
New Years – Borough Hall Closed	Dec. 31st - Jan. 1		

Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

October 1, 2020

With the start of the fall season, the Borough is getting ready for a number of important resident services.

Leaf collection will begin shortly, you can find the schedule on page 5 of this newsletter. The Borough will work to keep after the leaves throughout the fall season. This is a service that we hear every year is very important to borough homeowners.

The downtown mural mini park has been completed with landscaping and an informational sign that identifies the landmarks on the wall mural. Thanks to Quakertown Alive and the borough for making this beautification project a reality.

This fall we plan to begin work on a significant upgrade and renovation of the area around our Memorial Park War Memorial. This important representation of our community's appreciation to those who answered the country's call to service will receive improved site work, including new concrete walkways and landscaping. Benches and shade structures will be placed, and flagpoles added for each of the service branches. Lighting and security features will be installed to properly illuminate our country's flag. The Borough has consulted with the American Legion and VFW in developing this plan. At a recent council meeting, an ad hoc committee of community members was appointed to solicit community support for this renovation. More information will be released soon on the Borough website and social media.

If you drove by Memorial Park recently, you may have noticed the wooden Panther Playground has been taken down. The Panther Playground served many children in its 25+ year life, and Borough Council is pleased that a new playground will be constructed in the park, with an anticipated opening in late May 2021. We have entered a contract to create a new, ADA-inclusive playground with a design to provide play options for children of all ages. The company that will install the playground has designed and installed similar parks in other cities and towns around the world. The Borough will be funding this addition to our park in part through state grants and community-based support. A fundraising program is being rolled out by a committee to allow individuals and businesses be part of bringing this new playground to the greater Quakertown community, to serve the area children for many years, much as the former Panther Playground had. See page 17 for an idea what the new park will look like.

The autumn also brings budget season for 2021 to the Borough. As always, council works with Borough administration to create a spending plan that serves the community's needs and works hard to do so without increases in taxes or utility rates. These budget meetings are open to the public and information can be found on the borough website.

Donald Rosenberger
Council President



**NEW BUSINESSES IN THE
BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN**

- Allstate Insurance**
641-646 S. West End Blvd.
- Eco Chic Consignment Boutique**
246 W. Broad Street
- Grand View Health Offices**
18 S. 5th Street
- Joy Boutique**
245 West Broad Street
- Mande Beaute**
527 W. Broad Street
- US Bio Design**
101 E. Mill Street



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 2021.

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) 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.

A photograph of a black plastic leaf rake and a black plastic bag lying on a green lawn covered with fallen autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. A dark red banner with white text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

LEAF COLLECTION
Looking to get rid of your leaves?

Bagged Leaves

- Collect the leaves into bags
- Place the bag by your road
- Call the Borough at 215-536-5001 to have them picked up

Curbside Leaves

The Borough will be collecting loose curbside leaves every Monday throughout the month of October

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Scott C. McElree, Chief of Police



QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT KICKS IT WITH K.I.D.S. CAMP

On Wednesday, August 12, Sergeant Stoneback, Officer Wolfinger, and Officer McCaslin took a break from their daily morning patrolling to play a friendly game of kickball with K.I.D.S. Camp! This was a fun and engaging way for the officers to create a relationship with the community. We already cannot wait for next year's game!



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10th 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 10th Annual **SHOP WITH A COP** event on December 10.

SHOP WITH A COP is a national program pairing police officers with children at the elementary school level to afford them a better Christmas. The program allows children to view police officers in a different atmosphere to promote positive relationships. 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 from our own community, from private sponsors to local businesses. Volunteers from our 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 160 children in 2019, with each child receiving a \$150 Walmart gift card and a school backpack full of essential items.

SHOP WITH A COP was created to help make the holidays brighter for disadvantaged families in the Quakertown School District, and now branched out to our surrounding communities. We cannot do it without your support! Questions or sponsorship information - please contact Julie Bender at 215.536.5001 x134 or jbender@quakertown.org.

Elf – One Child - \$150.00

Reindeer - Two Children - \$300.00

Snowman – Three Children - \$450.00

Santa – Seven Children - \$1,050.00

(Your logo on event t-shirt & all marketing – Due by Nov. 10)

Other _____

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Organization _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

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“Get to know your local Code Enforcement Department”

Protecting the life, health, safety, and general welfare of our public one step at a time!

The Code Enforcement and Zoning Department provides the administration and enforcement of regulatory ordinances adopted by Borough Council along with Federal and State Regulations to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and businesses in Quakertown. The UCC (Uniform Construction Code) has been adopted as the Building Code of the Borough of Quakertown for Building, Plumbing, Fire, Mechanical, and Maintenance projects.

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the administration and enforcement of Ordinances regulating zoning, land development, housing, property maintenance and existing structures. Permits are issued for Use & Occupancy, repairs, replacements, additions, and new installations of fences, boilers, roofs, etc.

The department also responds to citizen complaints concerning property maintenance (i.e. lawn maintenance, snow removal, abandoned vehicles, buildings conditions etc.); inspects all construction projects and rental housing and reviews and coordinates applications for building projects, zoning hearings and land development.

Since the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officers are often in the field, it is necessary to schedule an appointment for information and to issue certain permits. The hours for the Code Enforcement Office are: Monday through Friday – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. **There is a 24 hours notice for all inspections.**

If you are unsure if you need a permit, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 215-536-5001

A copy of the Zoning Ordinance including a map can be purchased in the Zoning Office or can be accessed by going to the Codification of Ordinances at **General Code**.

Additional Information:

Building Construction

Most construction projects in the Borough of Quakertown must be reviewed and approved by the Building Code Official or Third Party Plan Reviewer prior to the start of work. This process is commonly known as “getting a permit.” So before you start construction work on your home or business, contact the Quakertown Borough Code Enforcement Office at 215-536-5001 Ext. 132.

The **permit** process is there to protect you and your neighbors. Quakertown Borough has adopted the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), a series of nationally recognized construction standards for everything from plumbing to electric work. Each code describes the proper – and safe

– method to construct your project. The Quakertown Code Enforcement Office’s job is to ensure that the work you or your contractor intends to do will conform to the UCC standards by reviewing and approving construction plans and inspecting the job at certain key points during the construction process. The permit process is an added layer of protection so you won’t become the victim of incompetent or unscrupulous contractors.

Here is how the process works:

- ✓ When it’s time to begin that special project, for example installing a new bathroom or kitchen, find a reputable contractor (If you are not doing the work yourself) to provide a cost estimate and scope of work. We recommend that you seek multiple quotes. And make sure you ask for references. If you are doing the work yourself you will still need a permit.
- ✓ Once you have a scope of work and cost estimate, you are ready to apply for **permits**. Either you or your contractor can obtain the application by coming to the Quakertown Code Enforcement Office or you can download the applications at www.quakertownboro.com. Staff will assist you in completing the paperwork and making sure everything is in order for the Building Code Official to review.
- ✓ Depending on the scope and complexity of the job (all commercial projects), you may be required to submit architectural plans. It is a good idea to call ahead and talk to the Building Code Official to find out if a plan will be required for your particular project.
- ✓ Once the permit application is received it may take a week or more for the Building Code Official to review and approve depending on the complexity of the job and the number of permit applications that were submitted before your application. Simple jobs take less time and can be approved in a few days. Jobs that require plans usually take longer, and commercial projects take the most time (up to 30 days). Don’t be surprised if the Building Code Official contacts you for more information or has identified problems with the design of the project that will need to be corrected. The Building Code Official can help guide you and your contractor to make sure the project is code compliant.
- ✓ Once the plans and permit application are reviewed and approved, you are ready to start your project. You will be required to call into the Borough’s Code Enforcement Office at certain points during the construction process to schedule inspections of the work as it is being completed. **Reminder that there is**

o **COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS**

- **FOOTING INSPECTION**
- **FOUNDATION INSPECTION**
- **UNDER-SLAB INSPECTION**
- **ELECTRICAL ROUGH-IN INSPECTION**
- **PLUMBING ROUGH-IN INSPECTION**
- **MECHANICAL ROUGH-IN INSPECTION**
- **FRAMING / FIRE STOPPING INSPECTION**
- **INSULATION INSPECTION**
- **WALL BOARD INSPECTION**
- **FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS INSPECTION**
- **FINAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION**
- **FINAL BUILDING INSPECTION**
- **General Building:**
 - Interior and exterior finish
 - o Egress
 - o Final grading
 - o Site plan compliance
 - o Roofing materials/flashing
 - o Emergency lighting system
 - o Roofing materials/flashing
 - Electrical work – (shall be approved prior to the Code Enforcement Officer Final Inspection)
 - Plumbing work
 - Mechanical work
 - Accessibility (building and site per ANSI/IBC)
 - Fire protection systems (including required fire-rated construction components)

o **REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL INSPECTIONS**

- FOOTING
- FOUNDATION
- BACKFILL
- ROUGH FRAMING
- ROUGH PLUMBING
- ROUGH MECHANICAL
- ROUGH ELECTRICAL
- ENERGY CONSERVATION
- DRYWALL
- FINAL

This inspection list is a reference guide. Other inspections may be necessary by the AHJ due to unique or unforeseen circumstances.

- ✓ In addition, you will be required to keep a set of approved plans on the job site for review by the Building Code Official when he or she comes to perform an inspection. The Building Code Official will need to compare what is being constructed to the approved plans to ensure that the work is being done properly. **REMEMBER:** It is your responsibility to call into the Quakertown Code Enforcement Office to schedule inspections. If fail to call for a required inspection, the next time the Building Code Official visits the job site, you may be required to dismantle some of your work so the official can adequately evaluate the job. This can unnecessarily delay the completion of your project.
- ✓ If you are constructing a new building, an addition, or doing significant improvements to an existing building, you will not be allowed to occupy the building until the final inspection has been performed and a Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the Building Code Official.

Inspecting Buildings Prior to Occupancy

- ✓ How do you know if the commercial building you intend to lease is safe? Are you sure it has all the necessary improvements you need to conduct your business or other use? These are questions that only the Quakertown Code Enforcement Office can answer, that is why it is important to contact the Code Enforcement Office before you occupy the property.

Zoning Approval Needed First

- ✓ Finally, even before a Use & Occupancy inspection is completed, you must make sure the business – or use – intended for the building is legal.
- ✓ Quakertown Borough is divided into areas, or zones. Certain uses allowed in one zone, may not be allowed in another. For example, manufacturing is not allowed in a residential or commercial zone. Prior to applying for a Use & Occupancy, contact the Quakertown Borough Code Enforcement Office. They will assist you in determining whether your use is allowed in the zone where you intend to locate your business activity.

It is the mission of the Quakertown Code Enforcement Office to enhance public safety by enforcing the Property Maintenance Ordinances of Quakertown Borough. The department seeks to proactively prevent unfit or unsafe living conditions by identifying, ordering remediation and abating code violations. This includes code violations that threaten the life, health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

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Get to know your local Code Enforcement Department *continued from previous page*

It is the goal of our department to:

- Reduce blight. The Code/Building Department will initially try to work with owners to repair blighted properties. If those attempts are unsuccessful, further action will be taken by the Borough of Quakertown.
- Verify that properties do not pose a health threat to the surrounding community. The department enforces strict property maintenance codes. These codes include measures to prevent insect/rodent infestation as well as to insure that vegetation is maintained at acceptable heights. Also, trash and debris are not permitted to accumulate on properties.
- Verify that properties are structurally sound. The department does not tolerate deterioration that may potentially impact a building's structural integrity.
- Verify that all construction is performed in accordance with the applicable local and state laws. The goal of the Code/Building Department is to provide safe housing for residents by ensuring that all new construction, existing building renovations and system installations are performed by qualified individuals in a professional manner.
- Maintain Transparency. The department leadership believes that the taxpayers should understand how the department works and what steps it is taking to move forward. These efforts include regular reports to Council as well as attending community meetings when necessary.
- And, last but certainly no least, treat each and every resident with whom we interact with courtesy and respect.

For additional information or if you need any assistance please contact:

Code Enforcement Office at 215-536-5001 Extension 132

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Code Enforcement Officer, BCO/CFEI

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2020 Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

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June 27	Central Bucks	Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Road, Warrington, Warrington Township
August 8	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Technical High School 610 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills, Bristol Township
October 17	Upper Bucks	Strayer Middle School 1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township
November 21	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Community College 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, Newtown Township



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What You Can't Bring

- ELECTRONICS**-TVs-Computers-Cell Phones-Any Corded Devices
 - LATEX PAINT**-Non-Hazardous Waste/Water-based*
 - Appliances**-with or without Freon
 - Asbestos**
 - Explosives / Ammunition**
 - Gas Cylinders**
 - Household Batteries**-Regular Alkaline
 - Medical Waste / Prescription Drugs**
 - Non-Hazardous Waste**
 - PCBs**
 - Pressurized CFCs / Freon**
 - Propane Tanks**-Greater than 16 oz.
 - Smoke Detectors**
 - Radioactive Waste**
 - Tires**
 - Unidentified Waste**
- *Remove lid to allow to air dry or mix with absorbent (e.g., kitty litter) until no longer a liquid and discard in plastic trash bag.

For additional information on disposal options, contact:

Bucks County Planning Commission
www.buckscounty.org/recycling
 215-345-3400
 or
 The PADEP Recycling Hotline at
 1-800-346-4242

Why bring your household hazardous wastes to a scheduled event?

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.

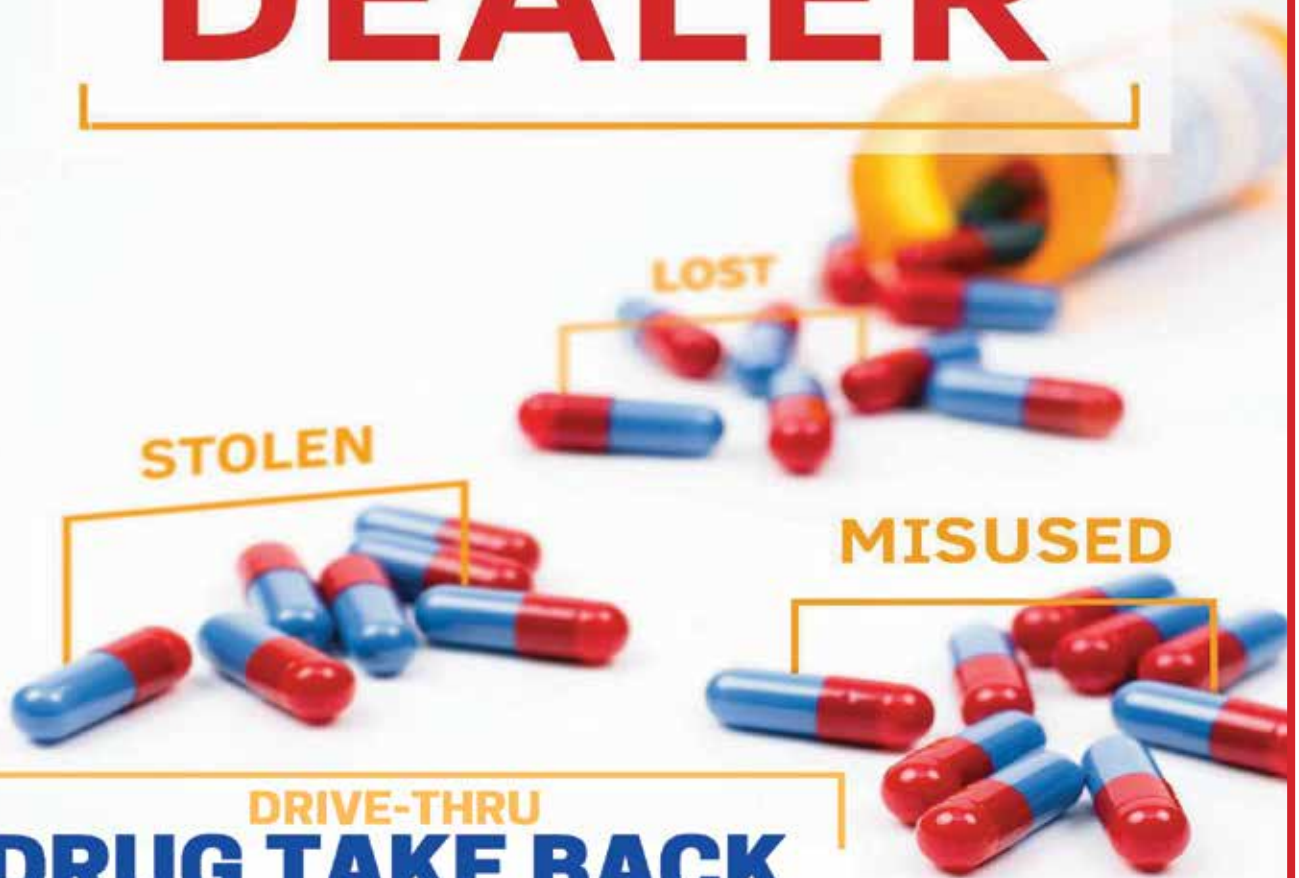
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DRIVE-THRU DRUG TAKE BACK

**Saturday, October 24
10am-2pm**

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PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER



BEFORE THE COLD SETS IN:



IDENTIFY YOUR HOME'S FREEZING POINTS

Check your home for pipes in areas that might be prone to freezing, such as crawl spaces, unheated rooms, basements, garages, and exterior walls.



KNOW HOW TO SHUT OFF YOUR WATER

Locate your main water shut-off valve. Gate valves are generally closed by turning the handle clockwise. Ball valves only require a quarter turn, so that the handle is perpendicular to the water line.



STRENGTHEN YOUR DEFENSES

Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by closing off crawl spaces, fixing drafty windows, insulating walls and attics, and plugging drafts around doors.



PROTECT YOUR PIPES

Where pipes are exposed to cold wrap them with insulation or heat tape (even fabric or newspaper can help).

AVOID COSTLY REPAIRS

If the meter freezes, the homeowner/business is responsible for the cost to replace or repair the meter. With a little attention, you can help prevent pipes and meters from freezing. The cost to replace a meter is based on the size of the meter. A 5/8 meter is \$212.24 and a 1" meter is \$260.43, plus labor if after hours.

WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING



GIVE PIPES A HELPING HAND

If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.



KEEP WATER WORKING

Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run. The cost of the extra water is typically lower than the cost of repairing a broken pipe.

BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE:



SHUT OFF THE WATER IMMEDIATELY

Don't attempt to thaw pipes without turning off the main shut-off valve.



THAW PIPES WITH WARM AIR

Melt the frozen water in the pipe by warming the air around it. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flame.



BE CAREFUL TURNING WATER BACK ON

Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks or leaks that might have been caused by freezing.

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT

CODE ENFORCEMENT / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

SNOW REMOVAL

Every person in the Borough that owns or is in charge of any building or parcel in the Borough fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk in the residential or business district, shall remove and clear away, snow and ice forming a path of at least 24 inches in width. The time limitation shall be 36 hours for the removal of snow, sleet or freezing rain. If there should happen to be a declared state of emergency the time limit shall be 36 hours after the termination of that emergency.

If the snow and ice on a sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be removed without the likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, then the person in charge of the removal shall, place sand or other abrasive on the sidewalk to make travel on the sidewalk reasonably safe; and shall then, as soon afterward as weather permits, remove the snow and ice by forming a minimum 24 inch pathway. The snow shall not be removed in such a way that it is deposited on the roadway or vehicular traveled portions of the street.

In the event that the sidewalk does not get cleared, the Borough Manager does have the authority to have those sidewalks cleaned at the expense of the owner or the person in charge at a rate of 10% above the calculated cost of the work.



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FALL FUN WITH PARKS AND RECREATION

As fall swiftly approaches, thoughts of pumpkin spice, brightly colored foliage, hayrides, and Halloween will be on everyone's mind. The spooky season will no doubt be a little different this year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. But that does not mean that all Fall and Halloween activities will be ghosted this year. Be sure to check out the Quakertown Borough's website and social media pages for Fall and Halloween activities!



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QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH

COVID-19 TRICK OR TREATING TIPS AND SAFETY

Halloween can be a real treat.
The trick is to make sure
Halloween is both FUN & SAFE!

ARE YOU TRICK OR TREATING THIS YEAR? IF SO PLEASE BE SURE TO

- Wear a mask
- Use hand sanitizer frequently
- Do not touch your face.
- Stay socially distant from other trick-or-treaters

ARE YOU HANDING OUT CANDY THIS YEAR?

- Have hand sanitizer available for families that may need it
- Leave your bowl of candy at the end of your driveway, and wave at trick-or-treaters from your front door

SAFE TRICK OR TREATING ALTERNATIVES

- Set up a piñata for you children in your own yard
- Carve pumpkins
- Read Halloween stories
- Watch Halloween movies
- Trick or Treat to immediate family member houses
- Create a candy scavenger hunt in your own backyard or inside your house

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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NEW PLAYGROUND COMING SOON!

A PLAYGROUND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



For 27 years, children in the Quakertown area have grown up playing and building memories on the Boroughs beloved wooden “Panther Playground” located in Memorial Park. Unfortunately, Panther Playground has officially closed on its useful lifespan and is no longer fit for play. On Thursday, September 3, 2020 Panther Playground was dismantled and permanently closed to the public.

The wooden playground was built nearly three decades ago by a community wide effort that involved fundraising through the sale of personalized fence post. The Borough has restored the existing fence posts and they will be available for pick up at Borough Hall during business hours on their designated pick up dates.

The Parks and Recreation Department is finalizing the details of the new \$1.5 million all-inclusive playground, which is scheduled to be completed by May 2021.

Local businesses and community members are encouraged to help build the Memorial Park Playground for future generations by either sponsoring a brick, or one of the many play pieces. The brick program and sponsorship opportunities are available at Quakertown.org/playground.

While it is sad to see Panther Playground come down after many years, the Borough is sensitive to the sentimental value of the playground and all of the memories that have been created over the years. The Borough looks forward to introducing the community to a new modern and all-inclusive concept that will have a longer lifespan so community members can continue to make lasting memories.

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Post Pick-Up Dates!

Last Names: A-F Oct. 5-Oct. 9
at Quakertown Borough Hall

Last Names: G-L Oct. 12-Oct. 16
at Quakertown Borough Hall

Last Names: M-R Oct. 19-Oct. 23
at Quakertown Borough Hall

Last Names: S-Z Oct. 26-Oct. 30
at Quakertown Borough Hall



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
QUAKERTOWN.ORG/PLAYGROUND**



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A PLAYGROUND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

SPONSOR A PIECE

Help build the Memorial Park Playground by sponsoring one of the exciting play pieces that make up the playground. Play pieces are divided into sponsorship levels based on the price of the element. Each level has varying benefits and recognition. The list of play pieces and the Sponsorship Packet can all be found on www.Quakertown.org/Playground.

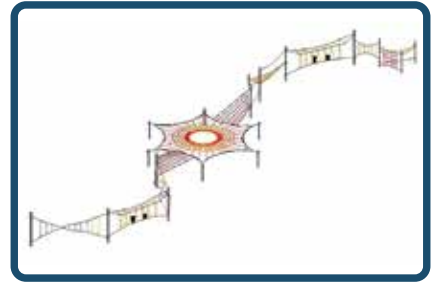
SOME OF THE PLAY PIECES



PATHFINDER



PENDULUM SWING



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BRICK PROGRAM

Grow with the Parks and Recreation Department as we “pave” our way to a new all-inclusive playground where visitors of all ages and abilities will have the same opportunity of play. See your name (or your child’s name) at the new playground through the Buy-A-Brick program. The Buy-A-Brick program is the perfect gift to recognize your loved ones! Include your own unique dedication, quote, or special message to display on a commemorative brick to line the walkway leading to the new playground. Proceeds from this program will help fund the development of the Memorial Park Playground Project. For more information or to download the Brick Program order form, visit www.Quakertown.org/Playground



INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Any donation large or small is greatly appreciated! Donors over \$350 will receive the same benefits as the "Sponsor a Piece" Program. Learn how to donate on www.Quakertown.org/Playground

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 267-372-PARK OR EMAIL PARKSREC@QUAKERTOWN.ORG.

Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation

LETTERS TO SANTA

Children can write a letter to Santa and drop it in his mailbox located outside of Borough Hall!

Letters will be delivered to Santa and he will send a personal letter to your home!

To receive a personal response from Santa your letter must:

- Include the child's first and last name
- Include a return address
- Be submitted to Borough Hall before 12/11

LETTERS WILL BE COLLECTED 11/23 - 12/11



ARRIVING SOON FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

We are anticipating the arrival of the Parks and Recreation's Elf on the Shelf on November 30th to help spread holiday cheer! Parker will be exploring the Borough everyday until Christmas. Be sure to follow the Borough's social media page to keep up with Parker's adventures around the Borough!


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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.



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Visit Quakertownrec.com to register today.

Must register by October 5th. Questions, contact Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation at 267-372-7275

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »» **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in **900** reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle.

Quakertown Fire Marshal

215-536-5001 Ext. 114



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

STUFF THE BUS PROGRAM

Distribution Day for the annual Stuff the Bus program in Quakertown. The United Way of Bucks County collected school supplies and backpacks for local schoolchildren. The need for adequate school supplies remains very real despite the very different school year facing students and their families. The Quakertown Community School District requested and received 350 filled backpacks. Total filled backpacks distributed was 768, with the majority of those allocated to the Keystone Opportunity Center; but also to the Pennridge and Palisades School Districts and individual requests. (Pictured: Naomi Naylor, Quakertown Alive!; Patti Cole and Brian Schaffer, QNB Bank; Tim Philpot, United Way of Bucks County)



EAST SWAMP CHURCH GOOD WILL



After their scheduled mission trips fell through due to the coronavirus, the youth ministry group from East Swamp Church decide to keep it local. The group lent their good will and effort to beautifying their community. The kids did various projects in and around Quakertown, including some serious weeding in triangle park and laying pavers at the Borough's new mural park at Front and Broad Streets.



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Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of an independent testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.



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