



SPRING 2021

# Quakertown

B O R O U G H

## President's Letter

April 1, 2021

Welcome Spring! As I am writing this to meet production deadlines, we've recently had two storms deliver nearly 30" of snow, with more in the forecast. The Borough Public Works Department did a great job in clearing our streets, a big thank you to them for their dedication. This spring will be especially welcome as we have dealt with winter, a pandemic, and restrictions on our social interactions for nearly a year. The ability to be outside in warmer weather will be welcomed by many of us.

There will be some significant activities you will observe throughout the borough this year. Road improvements will be made, using Liquid Fuels Money that we receive to help fund these projects. The planning for the complete reconstruction of Juniper Street will be undertaken, with a plan made to make the interruptions to life along the street as minimal as possible for a project this size. We will be starting a major upgrade and enlargement of our sewer plant, which will bring the added benefit of creating energy from the biogas that the plant creates.

A new playground will be built in Memorial Park. It will be an all-inclusive facility that will entertain children from toddlers to early teens. Companies and individuals are helping to make this possible through sponsorships, and their participation is greatly appreciated.

The Quakertown Community Pool, which completed 63 years of service in 2020, will not open in 2021. A leak in the pool that caused it to lose 2" of water a day in 2020, plus mechanical problems, has caused us to conclude the pool cannot reopen for 2021. A new pool has been in the planning stages, and will be undertaken this year, with the goal of reopening Memorial Day 2022. For more information on the community pool read the article on page 11.

After the coronavirus cancelled the 2020 Sounds of Summer Concert Series, we have plans for an exciting lineup for this summer. Brought to you by the borough at the Univest Performance Center at the Park at 4th, we have secured five headline acts: The Happy Together Tour (June 16); The Marshall Tucker Band (July 8); Chris Janson (July 9); Philly-original band The Hooters (August 13); and The Beach Boys (August 27). Check the Borough's web page for more information and order your tickets early through Eventbrite. This

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## President's Letter *continued from cover*

year, you also have the option to obtain a new summer series pass. It should be a great summer series!

Finally, a volunteer opportunity is open for Saturday, April 24, when the Parks Department will host a Spring Clean Up Day. Spend the morning with fellow residents doing outdoor tasks like weeding and mulching around the borough's parks and public places.

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	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
Police Non-Emergency .....	Dispatch: 215-328-8505	24-hour Anonymous Crime Tip Line: .....	267-371-5094
Electric Department: .....	215-536-5003	Utility Emergency after hours: .....	215-721-3520
Wastewater Department: .....	215-536-5004		

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
Borough Hall Closed - Easter Holiday	April 2		
Large Trash Pick Up (on scheduled trash day)	April 5-9		
Council Meeting	April 7	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	April 8	7:00pm	Borough Hall
Spring Clean-Up Day	April 24	8:00am	Memorial & Main St. Parks
Branch Drop Off	April 24	9:00am-12:00pm	Erie Road (behind Sewer Plant)
Council Work Session Meeting	April 26	7:30pm	Borough Hall
American Red Cross Babysitting Course (must be pre-registered)	May 1	9:00am-3:00pm	Borough Hall
Large Trash Pick-Up (on scheduled trash day)	May 3-7		
Council Meeting	May 5	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Police Bike Rodeo	May 8	9:00am	Quakertown Pool Parking Lot
Planning Commission Meeting	May 13	7:00pm	Borough Hall
Police Bike Rodeo – Rain date	May 15	9:00am	Quakertown Pool Parking Lot
Community Yard Sale	May 20, 21, 22	9:00am-Dusk	
K9 Mutt Strutt	May 22	9:00am-12:00pm	Park at 4th
Council Work Session Meeting	May 24	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Branch Drop Off	May 29	9:00am-12:00pm	Erie Road (behind Sewer Plant)
Borough Hall Closed - Memorial Day	May 31		
Council Meeting	June 2	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Large Trash Pick-Up (on scheduled trash day)	June 7-11		
Bus Trip: Cape May, N.J. (must be pre-registered)	June 12		
Happy Together Tour Concert	June 16	5:00pm	Univest Performance Center
Branch Drop Off	June 26	9:00am-12:00pm	Erie Road (behind Sewer Plant)
K.I.D.S. Camp Begins (must be pre-registered)	June 28	9:00am-3:00pm	Memorial Park
Council Work Session Meeting	June 28	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Community Day - Pancake Breakfast	July 4	8:00am-11:00am	Memorial Park
Community Day	July 4	11:00am	Memorial Park
Community Day – Car Show	July 4	8:00am	Memorial Park
Borough Hall Closed – Independence Day	July 5		

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Borough of Quakertown  
Police Department**  
35 North Third Street, Quakertown, Pennsylvania 18951  
**Phone: 215-536-5002 • Fax: 215-536-5140**  
[www.quakertown.org](http://www.quakertown.org)  
Scott C. McElree, Chief of Police



## WE ARE A PROUD BPAIR DEPARTMENT.

The Quakertown Borough Police Department is proud to join the Bucks County Police Assisting in Recovery (BPAIR) program to help Bucks County residents with substance use disorders and their families. Participating Police Departments aim to help those who are struggling by connecting them with treatment, resources, support, and services. BPAIR operates during regular police business hours. For more information about the program, please call 215-536-5002 or visit [www.bdcac.org](http://www.bdcac.org). Funding for the Countywide BPAIR Expansion Initiative comes from the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. and is supported by the Bucks County District Attorney's Office and Bucks County Commissioners. Created in 1973, the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. (BCDAC) serves as the Single County Authority (SCA) for alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention, intervention and treatment and recovery support services. For more information, please call 215-444-2700 or visit [www.bcdac.org](http://www.bcdac.org).



### NEW BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

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93 S. West End Blvd.

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**Total Molding Service  
Inc.** 357 Fairview Ave.

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**TCK Ventures, LLC**  
131 Front St.

**Valley Oral Surgery**  
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**Trolley Barn LLC**  
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**Batch Microcreamery**  
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**True Blue  
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## QUAKERTOWN NEWSLETTER, BIKE RODEO

The Quakertown Area Bike Safety Rodeo is an event held for children between the ages of 6 and 12. It is held annually on the second Saturday of May.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021; the rain date is Saturday May 15, 2021. 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.

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### Some other reminders and laws that you may not have known:

Title 75 Section 3720 which talks about clearing off your vehicle of ice and snow. You are in violation of the law if snow or ice is dislodged or falls off your vehicle, striking another vehicle or person. Title 75 4302 mentions that when your windshield wipers are on, you MUST have your headlights on. You are in violation if you have just your windshield wipers on but not your headlights.

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## GARAGE/YARD SALE PERMITS

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

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

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

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

You can access a permit application by either calling the Borough Code Enforcement Office or by going to the Borough's web site at [www.quakertown.org](http://www.quakertown.org). An approved permit will be issued with a copy of the ordinance pertaining to garage sales.

## NOXIOUS WEEDS

Quakertown Borough has an ordinance requiring anyone who owns property within the Borough of Quakertown to maintain their property in a safe, clean, and sanitary manner. Therefore, it shall be unlawful for any person to create, continue, cause, maintain or permit to exist any nuisance at any place within the Borough. One of the most common nuisances found are property owners neglecting to cut their lawn and to remove noxious weeds. Noxious weeds as defined in the Borough Codified Ordinances Chapter 10 Section 202 shall include Canada thistle, mustards, bindweed, perennial sow thistle, hoary alyssum, ragweed and poison ivy, poison sumac or other plant or growth which are more than six inches in height.



The maintenance of ornamental plantings, such as shrubs and hedges are not regulated by this ordinance.

The excessive growth of grass, weeds and underbrush creates a harborage or shelter for disease carrying insects and vermin. Overgrown properties detract from the overall value of the neighborhood.

In the event that a property owner does not comply with this ordinance the owner of the property will receive a notice. The notice will be either given to the property owner in person or by certified mail. At that point the property owner will have five days to comply with the notice. If the property owner does not comply with the notice the Borough manager can decide to have the noxious weeds cut and removed. The cost of cutting and removal will be compiled and 10% added to the cost and forwarded to the owner responsible for the property.

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## SAFETY TIPS

- » Home fire sprinklers save lives and property. In many situations, a family who has survived a fire will also have their "home" to live in and enough of the items and space in their home to continue living their lives as they did before.
- » The cost of a home fire sprinkler system in a new home averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot totaling an amount similar to what is spent for carpet upgrades, paving stone driveway or a whirlpool bath.  
Source: Fire Protection Research Foundation Study 2013.
- » A home fire sprinkler system can reduce the homeowner's insurance premium.
- » Fire departments typically use roughly 10 times as much water as a fire sprinkler would use to contain a fire.  
Source: Fire Protection Research Foundation Study 2010.
- » Fire sprinklers are environmentally friendly. They can reduce the amount of water run-off and pollution, fire damage by up to 71%, and water usage to fight a home fire by as much as 91%.  
Source: FM Global and Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Study 2010.
- » Cigar smoke or burnt toast will not activate a fire sprinkler. Only the high temperature of a fire will activate the sprinkler.
- » A home fire sprinkler system is easy to maintain. Just inspect your home to make sure the sprinklers are not blocked by something that would prevent the water from coming out such as paint and be sure the main control valve is never turned off.
- » Home fire sprinklers are effective in cold and warm climates. Guidelines have been created for the proper installation of systems to avoid pipes freezing. A home fire sprinkler system should be winterized the same as you winterize a domestic water supply.

## And Don't Forget...

- ➔ If **MOVING** into an apartment or condominium building, make sure common areas and individual apartments are sprinklered.
- ➔ If **BUILDING** a new home or remodeling an existing home, consider installing a home fire sprinkler system.

## FACTS

- ❗ More than **2,500** people die in home fires each year.
- ❗ If a home fire occurs, the risk of dying decreases by about **80%** when the home is equipped with a fire sprinkler system.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

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## QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Borough of Quakertown would like to welcome residents to participate in our Community Yard Sale on Thursday, May 20, Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 9:00am to dusk. The cost to participate is \$5.00 and this sale does not count toward your two times a year garage/yard sale limit.

Residents who do not want to hold a yard sale at their property have the option to reserve a spot in the Memorial Park parking lot on Saturday, May 22 for an additional cost of \$5.00. Parking spots are limited and are on a first come first serve basis.

The Memorial Park parking lot yard sale location will be open to bargain hunters from 8:00am to 2:00pm Saturday, May 22. Residents with a parking lot permit may begin setting up at 7:00am.

Residents who would like to participate must fill out the Community Yard Sale application available at Borough Hall, 35 North Third Street, or found on our website at [Quakertown.org/YardSale](http://Quakertown.org/YardSale). After completing the application, resident should drop off or mail the application with payment to Borough Hall.

Registration deadline is May 14, 2021. Participation in the event includes your yard sale address listed in our "Yard Sale Guide" which will include a full list and map of yard sale locations, and a short description of the items being sold. The Yard Sale Guide will be advertised on our website and social media.

For more information or questions contact Missy Molnar at 215-536-5001 x 132 or email [mmolnar@quakertown.org](mailto:mmolnar@quakertown.org).



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## **QUAKERTOWN VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO REVITALIZE WAR MEMORIAL LOCATED ON MILL STREET**

The Borough of Quakertown has established a Quakertown Veterans' Memorial Committee in an effort to raise the funds necessary to restore and update the War Memorial located on Mill Street in Quakertown. The War Memorial, which was constructed in 1967 was built in memory of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines from this community who answered the call to service during World War I. Over the years, the condition of the Memorial and surrounding features has declined and are no longer representation of the community's appreciation for all who served.

The project includes updating the plaza, installing new flag poles to represent all the military branches, adding two shelters to cover new park benches, updating the site lighting and landscaping, and restoring the monument.

The Borough of Quakertown has committed to providing the labor and equipment to assist in the installation, but they need the community's help to cover the cost of the materials. The Quakertown Veterans' Memorial Committee is depending on the kindness and generosity of individuals, companies, and organizations of the greater Quakertown community to help fund this Memorial and recognize the sacrifices made by all who bravely served our Country. Donations and sponsorship opportunities can be found on [Quakertown.org/WarMemorial](http://Quakertown.org/WarMemorial).

Quakertown Borough Parks & Recreation

# **BUS TRIP**

*A Day on Your Own in Cape May, N.J.*



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## **June 12th**

Depart Quakertown: 7:00 am  
Depart Cape May : 6:30 pm

REGISTER ON [QUAKERTOWNREC.COM](http://QUAKERTOWNREC.COM)  
Questions? contact the Parks & Rec Department at 267-372-PARK

Quakertown Borough

# **SPRING** *clean up*



## **SATURDAY** **APRIL 24**

8:00 AM

Location: Quakertown Community Pool & Memorial Park  
*Parks and Recreation Department, Council Members and community members will be beautifying the parks!*

Register to volunteer at  
**[Quakertown.org/SpringCleanUp](http://Quakertown.org/SpringCleanUp)**



**AMERICAN RED CROSS  
BABYSITTING  
COURSE**

**Saturday, May 1 | 9am-3pm**  
Quakertown Borough Hall  
For individuals 11-16 years old  
Resident: \$70  
Non-Resident: \$79

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.

**VISIT [QUAKERTOWNREC.COM](http://QUAKERTOWNREC.COM) TO REGISTER**

## QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY POOL CLOSED 2021 SEASON FOR RENOVATIONS

For 63 years, families in the Quakertown area have grown up playing and building memories at the Boroughs beloved Quakertown Community Pool. Unfortunately, the Pool has officially closed on its useful lifespan and is no longer fit for operation. As of December 18th, 2020, the Borough has decided to officially close the Pool through 2021. During that time, the existing pool will be demolished, and a new pool will be designed and installed. The Quakertown Community Pool will reopen on Memorial Day 2022 to celebrate its 65 Years in the Community.

The Quakertown Community Pool was built in 1957. In 2004 the facility was updated using the existing pool walls and floors. During the summer of 2020, the Pool Maintenance staff found a large rip in the pool liner which was causing the pool to lose 2 inches of water a day. Unfortunately, this rip along with other mechanical issues are unrepairable.

The Parks and Recreation Department is finalizing the details of a new \$3 million Pool Facility, which is scheduled to be completed by May 2022. The new pool may include a program pool for swim lessons, a diving well, rock wall, lazy river, slide, and splash pad. The facility may also include updated locker rooms, guardrooms, concession stand, and an expanded second floor for Parks and Recreation Programming and space for the K.I.D.S. Camp Program.

While it is sad to see the community pool closed for the 2021 summer, the Borough looks forward to introducing the community to a new community pool that will have a longer lifespan so community members can make lasting memories.

The Quakertown Pool renovation project is part of the Boroughs revitalization plan to invest in the Borough and its parks to provide long term recreation opportunities for its residents. Other projects include the Park at 4th, known as the Univest Performance Center, which was completed in 2015, the new Free Fall Action Park and Skate Rink, which will open in Spring 2021, and the new Memorial Park Playground which will open in Summer 2021. The completion of these projects will offer new and exciting recreational opportunities for the Quakertown area.

# K.I.D.S. CAMP

KIDS INVOLVED DOING SOMETHING

AGES 7-13  
9:00 AM-3:30 PM  
MEMORIAL PARK  
RESIDENTS: \$50 NON-RESIDENTS: \$100  
BEFORE & AFTER CAMP AVAILABLE



**WEEK ONE:**  
JUNE 28 - JULY 2  
SUMMER KICK OFF



**WEEK TWO:**  
JULY 6- JULY 9  
CARNIVAL CRAZIES



**WEEK THREE:**  
JULY 12 - JULY 16  
TOO FAST



**WEEK FOUR:**  
JULY 19 - JULY 23  
NATURE UNLEASHED



**WEEK FIVE:**  
JULY 26 - JULY 30  
HOLIDAYS IN JULY



**WEEK SIX:**  
AUG. 2 - AUG 6  
INTERCAMP OLYMPICS



**WEEK SEVEN:**  
AUG. 9 - AUG. 13  
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

For more information: [QUAKERTOWN.ORG/KIDSCAMP](http://QUAKERTOWN.ORG/KIDSCAMP)

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# SUMMER of FUN

K.I.D.S. Camp has been providing fun-filled summers to local children since 1972, and this summer will be no different! Each week has its own theme with all crafts, activities, and games relating to that theme. In addition, campers will have a weekly visitor, pool trips, and be able to sign up for field trips.

Week	Description	Field Trip
<b>WEEK 1:</b> JUNE 28 - JULY 2 SUMMER KICK OFF	Time to unwind and get into the swing of summer. Be ready to enjoy a ton of activities, let out energy, and celebrate the start of summer!	NO TRIP
<b>WEEK 2:</b> JULY 6 - JULY 9 <small>*NO CAMP MONDAY, JULY 5H*</small> CARNIVAL CRAZIES	Come one, come all we are bringing the carnival to camp! A week full of carnival themed games, crafts, & activities. Get ready to clownin' around!	Hawk Mountain
<b>WEEK 3:</b> JULY 12 - JULY 16 TOO FAST	Grease your wheels, start your engines, and get ready to roll because this week is all about going fast!	Da Vinci Science Center
<b>WEEK 4:</b> JULY 19 - JULY 23 NATURE UNLEASHED	Become one with nature this week as we learn all about navigating the wilderness and identifying everything that's around us!	Lehigh Valley Zoo
<b>WEEK 5:</b> JULY 26 - JULY 30 HOLIDAYS IN JULY	Everyone has a favorite holidays, so why not celebrate them all! Join campers in celebrating Valentines, St. Patty's, Earth Day, Halloween, and many more!	LegoLand
<b>WEEK 6:</b> AUG. 2 - AUG. 6 INTERCAMP OLYMPICS	Go for the gold! Campers will compete and participate in their own Olympics that will include traditional camp activities.	Crayola Factory
<b>WEEK 7:</b> AIG. 9 - AUG. 13 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE	Join us for a week filled with top secret missions that will put your spy skills to the test! We will make and break codes, and use spy gadgets.	NO TRIP

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QUAKERTOWN PARKS & RECREATION

## SANITATION

### DO'S AND DON'TS OF GRASS CLIPPINGS

#### GRASS CLIPPING DO'S

- **Leave them on the lawn** – This practice provides many benefits.
- **Other uses for clippings** – Compost with other yard waste, use a mulch, or incorporate into garden soil.

#### GRASS CLIPPING DON'TS

- **Don't trash them** - They add cost to collection and are too valuable to throw away.
- **Don't blow them into the street, leave them on other paved areas or near any water bodies, or dump in neighborhood common areas** - Grass clippings are stormwater pollutants. The nitrogen and phosphorus they contain will reach storm sewer system and then a river or lake, causing algal bloom. All the practices above are illegal.

#### BENEFITS OF LEAVING GRASS CLIPPINGS ON THE LAWN

- **Reduce Watering** - Grass clippings contain 80 to 85% water and decompose quickly when left on the lawn, assisting in keeping moisture in the soil longer.
- **Reduce Fertilizing** - Grass clippings contain about 4% nitrogen (N), 0.5% phosphorus (P), 2% potassium (K), plus a small amount of other plant nutrients. If left on the lawn, grass clippings can supply 25% of a lawn's total fertilizer.
- **Reduce Air Emissions** - Reducing the tonnage of grass clippings hauled to other places will reduce exhaust emission from hauling vehicles.
- **Cost Savings** - Less money spent on fertilizers and watering.
- **Time-Saving** - Not needing to stop and bag the clippings, you can cut your mowing time by 30% when you leave them on the lawn.



## WHY GRASS CLIPPINGS SHOULD NOT BE TRASHED

- In the United States, if bagged, grass clippings account for around 20% of a household's annual output of solid waste.
- In the collection system, grass clippings are a costly nuisance. The clippings add significantly to the Borough's waste stream and add expense for all residents.
- When taken to landfills, as grass clippings decompose the nutrients they contain are not only wasted, but also contribute to landfill leachate and groundwater contamination. Grass clippings are too valuable to throw away. They contain plant nutrients and organic matter for your soil.

## MOWING TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

- **Any mower can recycle grass clippings.** Simply remove the grass catcher! Ask your lawnmower dealer if a special safety plug or adapter kit is needed to convert your mower into a "recycling" mower. You can also have a mulching blade installed.
- **Keep your grass mowed to 2" - 3" tall.**
- **Do not remove more than 1/3 of the grass blade in any single mowing.** For example, if your lawn is kept at 2" tall, it should not be allowed to grow higher than 3" before it is mowed again.
- **Mow when the grass is dry.**
- **Keep your mower blade sharp** because dull mowers tear the grass blade, injuring the plant, and create a brownish cast to the turf.
- **If the grass gets just a bit too high,** simply mow over the clippings a second time to further shred and scatter them.
- **If excessive growth occurs between mowings,** raise the mower height, mow and then gradually lower it over a span of several mowings. This will help prevent shock to the plants.
- **When it is time to replace your mower,** consider buying a mulching, recycling, or a nonpolluting reel mower. All of these do a good job of shredding and scattering grass clippings.

## FERTILIZER APPLICATION

Proper fertilizer application is important. And remember, when it comes to fertilizer, more is not better! Research shows that most grasses require only modest levels of nitrogen for good color and controlled growth. Too much fertilizer will make your lawn grow faster, resulting in more mowing and more clippings!

Apply fertilizer to your lawn in late April and again in September. If a third treatment is needed, apply in late May. Apply only 1/2 pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of lawn at each application. To figure this out, simply divide 100 by twice the percentage of nitrogen (N) in the fertilizer. This will give you the application rate in pounds of fertilizer per 1000 square feet of lawn.

For slower, more uniform growth, choose fertilizers containing sources of self-release nitrogen such as methylene urea, ureaformaldehyde, sulfur coated urea, or IBDU. The bag may also read "water insoluble nitrogen" or "slow release nitrogen". All are acceptable and will increase the amount of time the grass can use the nutrient.

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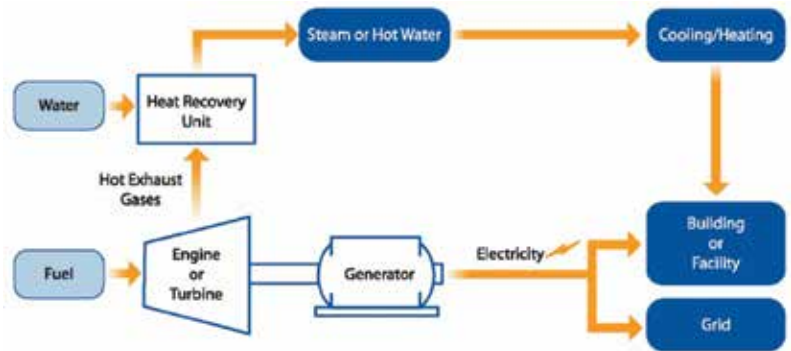
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## BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING GREEN RENEWABLE ENERGY

Quakertown Borough is in the process of designing an expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Borough's Wastewater Treatment Plant treats flows from Quakertown Borough, Richlandtown Borough, and Richland Township. As part of the expansion design, the feasibility of generating green renewable electricity and thermal energy from biogas is being studied. This project has the potential to set an example of sustainability for others to follow and to enable significant economic development for the Quakertown area through jobs and infrastructure related to increased diversion of organic wastes and generation of renewable energy.



The Borough of Quakertown has established goals as part of the treatment plant expansion. The ability to maximize environmental benefits through production and beneficial use of biogas and renewable electricity, in an economically efficient manner. A major objective for the Borough is to reduce the electrical demand charges that the Borough currently pays. The Borough has the opportunity to utilize renewable energy generation to help offset some of this cost. An additional goal is to address the treatment plant biosolids treatment during the winter months. The treatment process to generate biogas will produce a higher quality of biosolids that will qualify for beneficial use.

The Borough stands to lead a significant opportunity to demonstrate and showcase an economical approach to organic waste diversion that can help the Quakertown area increase organic diversion while generating renewable energy. Many municipalities across North America and the world have begun to take steps towards a zero-waste approach to waste management.

The Borough is studying the feasibility of a Combined Heat Power unit (CHP). According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency "CHP is an energy efficient technology that generates electricity and captures the heat that would otherwise be wasted to provide useful thermal energy—such as steam or hot water—that can be used for space heating, cooling, domestic hot water and industrial processes. CHP can be located at an individual facility or building or be a district energy or utility resource. CHP is typically located at facilities where there is a need for both electricity and thermal energy." The Borough's Wastewater Treatment Plant offers an ideal opportunity to utilize a CHP unit.



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# UTILITY BILLING

## INVOICE CLOUD

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For our customers' safety and security, payment information from the old online payment system, Xpress Bill Pay, was not migrated to Invoice Cloud. You will need to register an account with Invoice Cloud to re-enroll in AutoPay or set up scheduled payments: [invoicecloud.com/quakertownpa](http://invoicecloud.com/quakertownpa).

Registering your account is not required for One Time Payment. However, by registering you will be able to view prior history, set up AutoPay, and store payment information.

1. Customer accesses account via the Borough of Quakertown website by clicking the "Pay Online" button on the main page or the "Invoice Cloud" button on the Utility Billing page.
2. Customer locates and views utility bill and either enters payment information for a One Time Payment or registers an account to enroll in AutoPay or a scheduled payment.
3. Customer receives an email confirmation with their payment amount and payment process date.

For additional questions, call Customer Service at 267-347-5009, during regular business hours or email Customer Service at [utilitybilling@quakertown.org](mailto:utilitybilling@quakertown.org).

Note: The new Utility Billing online payment system, Invoice Cloud, has high security standards to keep customer payment information secure. This may mean that you must upgrade your browser or enable certain settings to use Invoice Cloud more securely and avoid security warning messages.

## RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

If you have not yet completed your "Return of Security Deposit" form, this will be your last opportunity to do so. If you fail to return this form, your property will be transferred to the Pennsylvania State Treasury – Unclaimed Property. If you need another form or have further questions, please contact Utility Billing at 267-347-5009 or email of [utilitybilling@quakertown.org](mailto:utilitybilling@quakertown.org).



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## BUDGET BILLING

### Budget Billing – Plan Your Utility Expenses

The Borough of Quakertown offers budget billing on a year-round enrollment basis. You have the right to request budget billing. Budget Billing is an agreement you make with the Borough to have your bills averaged throughout the year. To be eligible for Budget Billing, you must be delinquent-free for one year. The Borough will review 12 months billing history and adjust the amount of your bill based on your usage. You will be billed the same amount each month even though your usage may vary from season to season. At the end of your budget year, if you must pay a large amount to settle the difference from what you actually used, you can ask the Borough to spread the amount over several billing periods. If you do not pay your monthly budget amount on time for two (2) consecutive billing periods, the Borough will remove you from budget billing and you will be required to pay the balance in full. The budget billing program may make it easier for you to plan your utility expenses. If you are interested in signing up for the Budget Billing for utilities, please complete the Budget Agreement found on our website ([www.Quakertown.org/UtilityBilling](http://www.Quakertown.org/UtilityBilling)) and return it to [utilitybilling@quakertown.org](mailto:utilitybilling@quakertown.org).

All budget accounts are monitored multiple times over the course of the year to verify proper averages are maintained. Similar to most other utility companies, the Borough of Quakertown Budget billing accounts do not balance out at the end of the year. Budget amounts may change at any time during the course of the year. Customers will be notified of any change to the billing and a new Budget Agreement must be signed and returned. Failure to sign the form will result in the account being changed back to a normal billing account. Any outstanding amounts will become immediately due.

### Residential Owner Occupied Budget

In order to enroll in Budget Billing, your utility account must be at a zero balance. The account must be in the name of the occupant of the address in order to be eligible for the Budget Billing.

### Tenant Budget

The Borough recently changed its ordinance to allow tenants the ability to enter into the budget plan, with their landlord's consent. Similar to the Budget Plan for homeowners, there are certain criteria that must be met prior to entering into the Tenant Budget plan. A tenant must complete the Tenant Budget Application form and have the landlord authorize that they are in agreement.

1. The tenant must have established residency in their location for at least one year.
2. The tenant must have a zero account balance.
3. The tenant must be delinquent free for at least twelve months.
4. The tenant must be made aware that their account will be audited annually and an adjustment may be made.

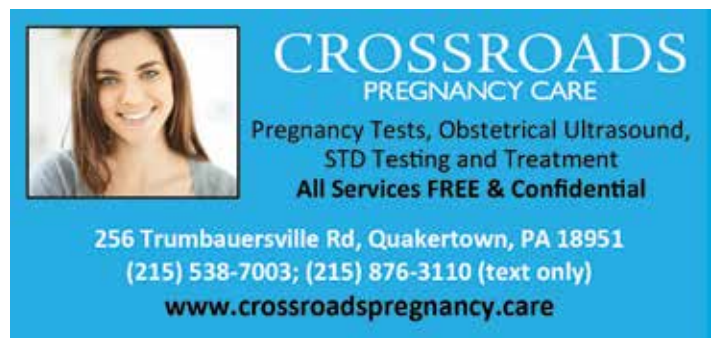
### Commercial Budget

Commercial customers requesting the Budget Billing must own the property where the commercial enterprise is located and the services must be in their name. Commercial Rental tenants are not eligible for the Budget Billing.



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## 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.

## HARD HAT SAFETY AWARD

Ken Christman, Quakertown Borough Electrical Lineman, received the AMP Hard Hat Safety Award. The Hard Hat Safety Award recognizes individuals of AMP member utilities who have contributed to safety within their community during the past year; have shown adherence to on-the-job safety procedures; and have promoted electric safety within their department and community in the past year. We tip our hard hats to Ken for his dedication to the Electric Department and safety.



*Pictured above (left to right):  
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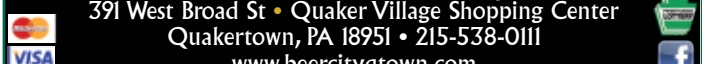
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