



FALL 2021



Quakertown BOROUGH

President's Letter

October 1, 2021

As we welcome the autumn season, your Borough team is busy planning the 2022 services, projects and activities that will be undertaken in the new year. The fall is budget season, and again this year everyone in Quakertown Borough is working hard to ensure that the essential services will continue to be delivered with the high quality and professionalism that you have come to expect. Our goal as always is to do this with little or no increases in taxes or utility rates. The budget process will be open to the public during our budget work session (at time of going to press, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 4 at 6:00 PM.) and again at the monthly Borough Work Session on Monday, November 22. Adoption of the budget is expected at our December 1 council meeting. Check the Borough website for details.

With the successful bond offering that was undertaken in 2020, which lowered our borrowing costs significantly, and the continued pay down of the debt related to the water project, council is pleased that we can again reduce the residential debt service fee from the previous \$9 to \$6 a month. This reduction will become effective on January 1, 2022.

Work on the swimming pool complex continues, and we anticipate an early summer opening in 2022. It should be an exciting upgrade to the prior pool and again be a popular destination on summer days. You may also have noticed work on QuiNBy's Playground has begun. The new all-inclusive multigenerational playground is estimated to be complete and open to the public this fall.

Last, a sincere thank you to the volunteers and Borough staff that made the Sounds of Summer Concert Series a success, and especially to the concert goers who came out and attended the events. The series culminated with a sold-out concert by the Beach Boys. The Borough Park and Recreation team are busy working on another great line up for 2022.

Best regards,
Donald Rosenberger
Council President

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Customer Relations: 267-347-5009	24-hour Anonymous Crime Tip Line: 267-371-5094
Police Administration: 215-536-5002	Utility Emergency after hours: 215-721-3520
Police Non-Emergency Dispatch: 215-328-8505	

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
Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat	October 2	3:00pm-7:00pm	Park at 4th
Bulk Trash Collection <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>	October 4-8		
Council Meeting	October 6	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Coffee with a Cop	October 7		Dunkin Donut (224 W. Broad St.)
Yard Waste Drop-Off	October 9	9:00am-12:00pm	Rear Entrance of the Sewer Plant
Planning Commission Meeting	October 14		
Curbside Yard Waste Pick-Up <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>	October 18-22		
Yard Waste Drop-Off	October 23	9:00am-12:00pm	Rear Entrance of the Sewer Plant
National Drug Take Back	October 23	10:00am-2:00pm	Quakertown Borough Hall Parking Lot and St. Luke's Hospital
Council Work Session	October 25	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Butterfly Garden Fall Clean-Up	October 30	8:30am-12:30pm	Park at 4th
Bucks County Hazardous Waste Collection	October 30	9:00am-2:00pm	Strayer Middle School
Trick or Treating	October 31	5:00pm-8:00pm	
Bulk Trash Collection <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>	November 1-5		
Council Meeting	November 3	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	November 11	7:00pm	Borough Hall
Curbside Yard Waste Pick-Up <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>	November 15-19		
Council Work Session	November 22	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Letters to Santa	Nov 22 – Dec 10		Borough Hall
Thanksgiving - Borough Hall Closed	November 25-26		Borough Hall
Council Meeting	December 1	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Bulk Trash Collection <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>	December 6-10		
Shop with a Cop	December 9		
Curbside Yard Waste Pick-Up <i>(on scheduled trash day)</i>	December 20-24		
Christmas - Borough Hall Closed	December 24-27		
New Years – Borough Hall Closed	Dec 31 - January 3		

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
Scott C. McElree, Chief of Police



QUAKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRES TWO NEW OFFICERS

On August 2nd, 2021, The Quakertown Borough Police Department proudly welcomed two new police officers, Patrick McTear and Vince Tenaglia. The two officers were sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Lisa Gaier.

Office McTear was born and raised in Southampton, Pennsylvania. From a young age, McTear had a strong desire to serve his community. In 2009, Office McTear began following his desire by becoming a volunteer firefighter followed by becoming an EMT in 2012. After graduating from Penn State University in 2016 with a Bachelor's degree in History, he started his career in Law Enforcement with the North Wildwood Police Department.

After his experience with North Wildwood, he applied to the Philadelphia Police Department and started the academy in December of 2017. After graduating in August 2018, he was assigned to the 12th District where he worked the last out tour of duty. Patrick was also an active member of the Philadelphia Major Incident Response Team (MIRT).

Officer Tenaglia was born and raised in Bristol, Pennsylvania. He attended Bucks County Community College where he received his Associate's degree in Business Administration in 2013. Tenaglia then transferred to Penn State Abington and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice in 2015. While in college, he interned with the United States Postal Inspection Service which exposed him to many facets of law enforcement. This became the driving force to pursue a career in the field.

In 2019, Vince graduated from the Montgomery County Municipal Police academy and received his Act 120 Certification. Vince's law enforcement career began as a patrolman with the Septa Transit Police Department in Philadelphia in October of 2019.

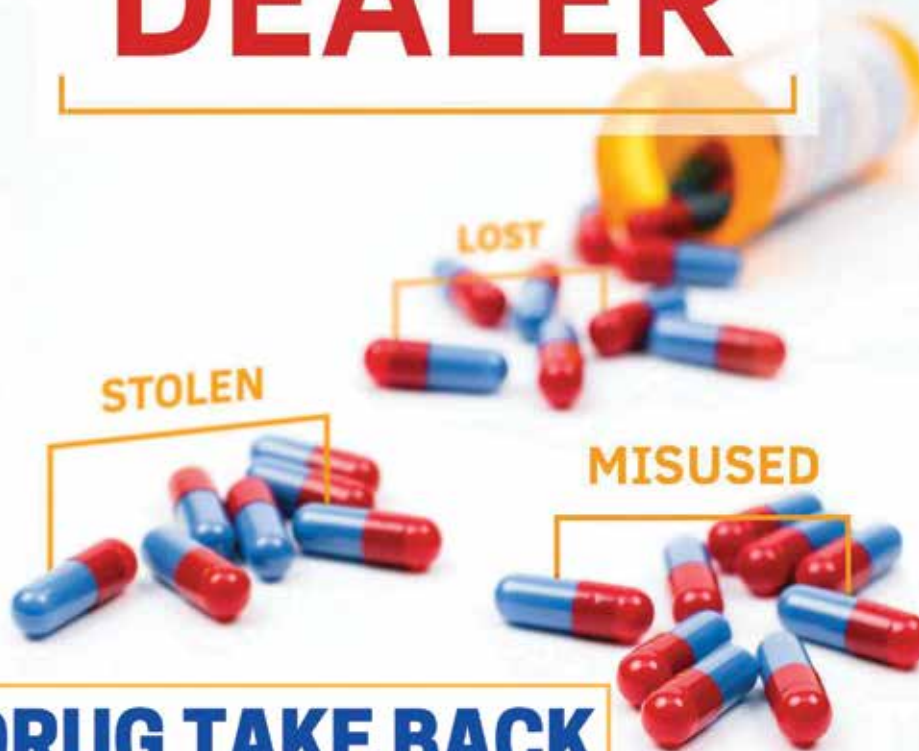


Pictured from left to right: Officer McTear, Chief of Police Scott McElree, Lieutenant Donald Bender



Pictured from left to right: Officer Tenaglia, Chief of Police Scott McElree, Lieutenant Donald Bender

DON'T BE THE DEALER



DRUG TAKE BACK

Saturday, October 23rd

10am-2pm

2 Locations:

- Quakertown Borough Hall Parking Lot
- St. Luke's Hospital - Upper Bucks Campus



NEW BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Dirt

239-241 W. Broad Street

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338 Juniper Street

Oahu Poke

116 E. Broad Street

Seehras Brow Bar

585 S. West End Boulevard

Suburban Street Trading Company

101 E. Mill Street

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ICE CREAM CRUISE

National Night Out takes place each year on the first Tuesday in August. This year, the Quakertown Borough Police Department wanted to get back to the roots of National Night Out of enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. With that in mind, the Department established the Ice Cream Cruise with help from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Before National Night Out, residents were asked to pre-register their house to ensure there was enough ice cream to go around. Then on Tuesday, August 3rd, Officers cruised around the Borough delivering ice cream treats. At each stop they found eagerly awaiting children; some who chased them down, and others surprised to see an officer bringing them ice cream. During the three-hour event, officers distributed over 200 ice cream treats.

Our appreciation goes out to the Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation for helping us plan this event and to the Auxiliary Police for ensuring the night ran smoothly. We would also like to thank GIANT Food Stores for being a sponsor and donating snacks for the night. Events like this help to bring our community together!



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11th 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 11th Annual SHOP WITH A COP event on December 9.

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 180 children in 2020, 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 _____

Address _____

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ANOTHER BUSY SUMMER FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As the hot weather fades, chilly breeze and pumpkin season falls among us, we realize that the summer season is behind us. This is a perfect time to reflect on the events of the passing season. As with past years, this summer was a busy but rewarding time for the Parks and Recreation Department. Let's recap some of the events from the past season.

As always, K.I.D.S. Camp was an enjoyable time for both campers and counselors alike. This long running program ran from June 28 through August 13 hosting nearly 150 kids a week. Each week featured games and activities that corresponded to a unique theme, visitors, and fields trips! This year camp had visits from a magician, the State Police, Wildlands Conservancy, and the Quakertown Fire Department. Campers also visited a few local destinations such as the Holiday House Pool, DaVinci Science Center, Lehigh Valley Zoo, Lego Land, and the Crayola Factory. For registration for the 2022 K.I.D.S. Camp, keep an eye on QuakertownRec.com.

The Free Concert in the Park Series remains a highlight of the summer season for music lovers of all ages. During select Sundays in July and August, families brought their lawn chairs and blanket to enjoy summer nights filled with live music, fresh air, and the beautiful scenery of the Park at 4th. From country music to classic rock, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Undoubtedly, the biggest highlight for the Univest Performance Center this summer was the Sounds of Summer Concert Series presented by Sands Auto Group. The Series featured popular groups such as the Marshall Tucker Band, Chris Janson, The Happy Together Tour, The Hooters, and the sold-out Beach Boys. Overall, the five concerts brought over 10,000 people to the Univest Performance Center. For more information on the success of the Sounds of Summer Concert Series, read the article "Our Hidden Gem" on page 9.

If K.I.D.S. Camp and concerts weren't enough, the Department also organized the Movie in the Park, a 5-week Camp in a Bag program where they gave 150 children the opportunity to grow and learn through the summer, Fitness Series in the Park, new activities that got people on our trails, and assisted the Police Department with the National Night Out Ice Cream Cruise. While it is sad to see all the summer fun come to an end, the Parks and Recreation Department is working hard to keep the momentum going into the fall. We hope you will join us for upcoming events such as the Fall Festival, Letter to Santa, and a new holiday event!



OUR HIDDEN *gem*



THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SANDS

Record crowds from all over flocked to the Univest Performance Center this summer for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series presented by Sands Auto Group after being canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's series was filled with so many successes and milestones including larger groups, record tickets sales, and a sold-out concert.

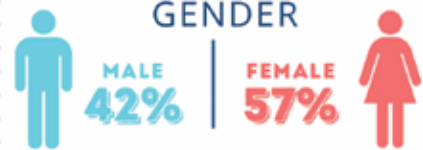
During July and August, over 10,000 people ventured to Quakertown for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series that featured larger groups than before. The impressive lineup featured the Marshall Tucker Band, Chris Janson, The Happy Together Tour, The Hooter, and The Beach Boys.

The Univest Performance Center continues to grow and become known as a must-attend outdoor concert venue for thousands of people. The Sounds of Summer Concert Series supports the Borough of Quakertown's revitalization efforts by bringing not only our community together but bringing people from all over to our community's hidden gem.

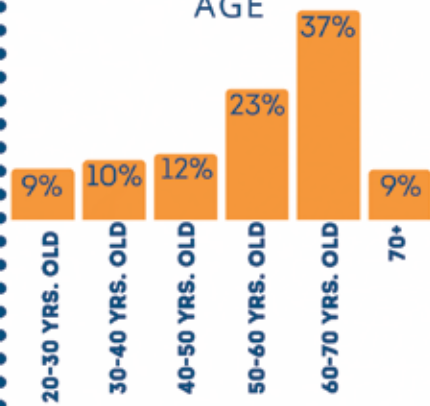
It's always sad to see another series and summer come to an end, but we can't wait to show you what we have in store for you next year!

DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER



AGE



GROWTH IN ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEARS



ATTENDEES FROM



38
STATES
12 COUNTRIES



The Sounds of Summer Concert team is extremely grateful for the 75+ volunteers who dedicated 5 nights out of their summer to help ensure our concerts were run smoothly. Thank you for generously sharing your time and energy with us. We appreciated you all!





The Sounds of Summer Concert Team would like to thank you each and every one of their sponsors for seeing the importance of music and recognizing the significant role the Sounds of Summer Concert Series plays in the Borough of Quakertown's revitalization efforts. We couldn't do it without your support!

LIVE FROM THE UNIVEST PERFORMANCE CENTER

Quakertown Borough Parks & Recreation

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Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation

LETTERS TO SANTA

Children can write a letter to Santa and drop it in his mailbox located in the drive-thru 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 12/10

LETTERS WILL BE COLLECTED 11/22 - 12/10

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH PARKS & REC

CAMP IN A BAG

Thank you for supporting and donating to our Camp in a Bag program. Your generosity helped children learn, grow and stay entertained throughout the summer. This would not of been possible if it wasn't for our donors!

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Quakertown Borough
Parks & Recreation

Butterfly Garden

FALL CLEAN-UP

AT THE PARK AT 4TH

SATURDAY | 8:30AM
OCT. 30 | 12:30PM

Join Quakertown Borough Staff, community organizations, and individuals to help beautify the Butterfly Garden located at the Park at 4th! Volunteers from Bucks County Master Gardeners will assist with plant identification and weed removal to bring the Borough's Butterfly Garden back to life!

SIGN-UP ON QUAKERTOWN.ORG/FALLCLEANUP

QUAKERTOWN ALIVE!

AUTUMN ALIVE!

FALL FESTIVAL

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DECEMBER 3rd 6 - 8:30PM



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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.

AUTUMN IS HERE!

THE BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN OFFERS AUTUMN SAFETY TIPS FOR THE QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY

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

CHIMNEY MAINTENANCE IS VITAL TO YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY.

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

TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY

Don't get caught up in the holiday spirit —make sure your children trick-or-treat safely.

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

HIKING AND PICNICS/CAMPING

As you take in the fall's beautiful scenery, think ahead, be prepared, and stay safe.

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

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Parents must do some homework to keep their kids healthy and safe. Don't let safety "fall" by the wayside.

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

PET SAFETY

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

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

FALL CLEANUP

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

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

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, REMEMBER TO CALL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

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

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

RECYCLING

On an average week the Borough Sanitation Department collects 10 tons of trash and 3 tons of recycling per day. The Borough currently collects solid waste and recycling from 2848 households in the Borough. The average household in the Borough generates 45.6 pounds of waste per week. The Borough Sanitation Department has made protection of the environment a priority. One of our main goals is to help residents reduce the amount of solid waste that goes to the landfill. The Borough has expanded the Yard Waste Drop-Off program to make it more convenient for residents to dispose of yard waste. The best way residents can do their part, to reducing the amount of solid waste, is to recycle.



There are some easy ways that you can increase the quality of recyclables collected in the Borough.

- Recycled items should be placed in the recycling bin loose, not in a trash bag. This allows for the items to be sorted at the recycling facility
- Large items such as milk jugs and 2 liter soda bottles should be flattened
- Cardboard boxes should be broken down. This helps at the recycling facility.
- Do not mix trash with recycling. This causes large amounts of recyclables to be rejected at the sorting facility, which then get disposed of in a landfill.
- Rinse out the recyclables.

WHAT IS COLLECTED TO BE RECYCLED?

Glass: Clear, green, or brown bottles and jars (food and drink only) can be collected. Remove all caps and rings. Please rinse.



Paper: Materials that are collected include newspaper, magazines, advertising inserts, catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, waxed paper, paper bags, phone books, and wrapping paper (remove metallic paper, bows, etc.) Place all paper in heavy brown bag or tie together with twine. Do not use wire or plastic bags.

Cardboard and Corrugated Paper: Cardboard boxes and items such as cereal boxes, tissue boxes, and gift boxes can be collected, as well as milk and juice cartons. Please flatten cardboard.



Cartons: Milk, juice, soup, flavored drinks and aseptic cartons are recycled in some areas. Please check with your municipality. For more information on the recycling of cartons visit www.recyclecartons.com.

High-grade paper: Manila envelopes, file folders, fax and copy paper, and computer print outs are collected for recycling. Please place in paper bags or box (no plastic bags).



Aluminum Cans and Foil: Rinse cans and place in the recycling container. They may be flattened or left intact. Labels do not need to be removed.



Steel & Bi-Metallic Cans: Any food container such as coffee cans or soup cans can be recycled.

Plastics #1. PET (E): Soft drink bottles, peanut butter jars, and toiletries are collected. Lids and caps should be removed and bottles should be rinsed. 2-liter bottles should be flattened.



Plastics #2. HDPE (clear or colored): Clear plastic items such as milk or juice jugs are collected. Colored plastic bottles include laundry and dish detergents, bleach bottles, and fabric softener bottles.

Plastics #3. PVC: Mineral water bottles, salad and vegetable oil bottles, floor polishes, and mouthwash containers are collected.

Plastics #4 – LDPE (low density polyethylene): Bread bags, food wrapping, and shopping bags are some examples of this type of plastic. LDPE is not often recycled through curbside programs. Plastic shopping bags can be returned to many stores for recycling.

Plastics #5 – PP (polypropylene): This type of plastic is found in yogurt containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, caps, straws, and medicine bottles. Curbside recycling of these materials will vary depending on your area. Please rinse.

Plastics #6 – PS (polystyrene): Disposable plates and cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers, aspirin bottles, and compact disc cases may be recycled through curbside recycling depending on your area.

WHAT IS NOT COLLECTED?

- Scrap metal
- Hazardous waste
- Disposable diapers
- Paper towels or tissue paper
- Textiles, fabric, or clothing
- Ceramics, chinaware porcelain or Pyrex dishware
- Books
- Toys
- Liquids
- Mirrors
- Window glass
- Light bulbs
- Batteries
- Syringes/Needles
- Computer and electronic equipment
- Plastic storage bins
- Plastic lawn furniture



**Thank
YOU!**

The Sanitation Department would like to thank the Borough residents that have been providing our crews with cold drinks and snacks during the extremely hot summer weather. It means a lot to our crews that the residents take time to provide our employees with much needed hydration. We really do appreciate the residents of Quakertown. You are what makes this a great place to work. Thank You!

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

YARD WASTE DROP OFF

The Borough has expanded our yard waste drop off program for resident. Yard waste is now accepted at the Borough's composting facility Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 3pm. The compost facility is located at the rear entrance of the Borough's Wastewater Treatment Facility, 650 Erie Rd. The compost facility is only available to Borough residents and for yard waste generated in the Borough. Residents may be asked for ID to prove residency. Please follow signs for drop off location. "Yard Waste" is defined as leaves, grass clippings, garden materials, shrub/hedge trimmings, weeds, and brush one inch or less in diameter. The yard waste drop-off and composting are the most environmentally and cost-effective method to collect and dispose of yard waste and leaves. After the material is composted, it is used as a soil enrichment and mulching for Borough use and is offered free to Borough residents.



- Large branch and loose brush drop-off service is only available during regular hours of operation. (8am to 3pm)
- Max size of limbs is six (6) inches in diameter and eight (8) feet in length.
- Loose (untied or un-baled) brush can be dropped off at this site; however, loads must be secured and/or covered while transporting loose materials to the drop-off site.
- NO tree stumps will be accepted.
- Garden waste, shrubbery trimmings, leaves, and grass clippings are accepted.
- No yard waste from commercial sources will be accepted.
- Dumping materials other than yard waste at yard waste locations is strictly forbidden and is considered illegal dumping.
- Only biodegradable paper bags can be left at compost facility. Plastic trash bags are considered illegal dumping.
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JUNIOR COUNCILMAN LEAVES FOR COLLEGE

At the Borough Council meeting, on August 4th, Borough Council gave Junior Councilman, Mason Smith, his final farewell before leaving for college. Back in November 2018, Mason was sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Lisa Gaier, as part of the Boroughs Junior Council Person Program. The Junior Council program provides youth in our community an opportunity to engage in borough government and develop leadership skills.

One of Mason's greatest accomplishments during his three years on council was planning and successfully executing a Community Food Drive during the COVID-19 pandemic. The multi-municipal food drive collected a total of 12,056 pounds of food that were donated to the Quakertown Food Pantry.

This fall, Mason will be attending Shippensburg University, as a member of the class of 2025, studying for a bachelor's degree in Political Science. In addition to his studies, he will be a part of Shippensburg's Reserve Officer Training Corps and the boxing club. He aspires to commission as an Army officer in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard or the Army Reserves, all while serving as a legislative aide or working in a government agency such as the Department of State or Department of Defense before becoming a public servant by holding local, state, or federal office.

Quakertown Borough Council would like to recognize Mason Smith for his participation in the Junior Council Person Program and acknowledge his dedication and efforts in learning about municipal government and the development of his government leadership skill.





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