



SUMMER 2021

Quakertown

B O R O U G H

President's Letter

July 1, 2021

It is the start of our 2021 Sounds of Summer Concert Series in July, and we are looking forward to a great line up. Live performances at the Univest Performance Center in the Park at 4th are scheduled:

- Marshall Tucker Band – July 8
- Chris Janson – July 9
- Happy Together Tour – July 28
- The Hooters – August 13
- The Beach Boys – August 27

A large volunteer force makes these events successful, and a sincere 'thank you' is extended to everyone who gives time to make these concerts a memorable time for everyone who attends.

We will also be hosting six free summer concerts at the Univest Performance Center beginning July 11. This is the 34th year for this summer concert series, and the performances will be held Sunday evenings beginning July 11 through Sunday, August 29. You can experience a range of music from country, pop, blues and instrumental. New this year, food trucks will be present each evening to provide an opportunity for a light meal or snack. You can find the line up and the food vendors at the Quakertown website, look for Free Concerts in the Park.

We rolled out our new borough trash collection earlier this year. Faced with our previous trash hauler backing out, and escalating trash collection fees, the Borough made the move to provide this service directly. Borough Council appreciates the tremendous job the borough team did in putting this program into place in a relatively tight time span. We also appreciate your understanding and patience as we worked out some issues that were identified and we strive to make trash collection as seamless as possible.

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| 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 |

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 |
|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Parks and Recreation Month | July 1-31 | | |
| Pancake Breakfast | July 4 | 8:00am-11:00am <i>or until sold out</i> | Memorial Park |
| Community Day | July 4 | 11:00am-9:00pm | Memorial Park |
| Borough Hall Closed – Independence Day | July 5 | | |
| Bulk Trash Collection (<i>on scheduled trash day</i>) | July 6-10 | | |
| Council Meeting | July 7 | 7:30pm | Borough Hall |
| The Sounds of Summer: Marshall Tucker Band | July 8 | Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Planning Commission Meeting | July 8 | 7:00pm | Borough Hall |
| The Sounds of Summer: Chris Janson | July 9 | Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Yard Waste Drop-Off | July 10 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Rear Entrance of the Sewer Plant |
| FREE Concert in the Park: Dutch's Basement Blues Band | July 11 | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Univest Performance Center |
| FREE Concert in the Park: Barefoot Bobby & the Breakers | July 18 | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Yard Waste Drop-Off | July 24 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Rear Entrance of the Sewer Plant |
| FREE Concert in the Park: Dueling Pianos | July 25 | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Council Work Session Meeting | July 26 | 7:30pm | Borough Hall |
| The Sounds of Summer: Happy Together Tour | July 28 | Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Movie in the Park: Onward | July 30 | Activities: 7pm Movie: 8:20pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Bulk Trash Collection (<i>on scheduled trash day</i>) | August 2-6 | | |
| Council Meeting | August 4 | 7:30pm | Borough Hall |
| Planning Commission Meeting | August 12 | 7:00pm | Borough Hall |
| The Sounds of Summer: The Hooters | August 13 | Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Yard Waste Drop-Off | August 14 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Rear Entrance of the Sewer Plant |
| FREE Concert in the Park: Tequila Rose Band | August 15 | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Univest Performance Center |
| FREE Concert in the Park: Reservoir Hill Band | August 22 | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Council Work Session Meeting | August 23 | 7:30pm | Borough Hall |
| The Sounds of Summer: The Beach Boys | August 27 | Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Yard Waste Drop-Off | August 28 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Rear Entrance of the Sewer Plant |
| FREE Concert in the Park: Quakertown Band | August 29 | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Univest Performance Center |
| Council Meeting | September 1 | 7:30pm | Borough Hall |
| Borough Hall Closed – Labor Day | September 6 | | |
| Bulk Trash Collection (<i>on scheduled trash day</i>) | September 7-11 | | |
| Planning Commission Meeting | September 9 | 7:00pm | Borough Hall |
| Yard Waste Drop-Off | September 11 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Rear Entrance of the Sewer Plant |
| Free Paper Shred Event | September 11 | 8:00am-10:00am | Borough Hall |
| Park-Side Food Festival | September 11 | 12:00pm-6:00pm | Park at 4th |
| Bus Trip: Baltimore Inner Harbor | September 18 | 8:00am-8:00pm | Register on Quakertownrec.com |
| Yard Waste Drop Off | September 25 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Rear Entrance of the Sewer Plant |
| Council Work Session Meeting | September 27 | 7:30pm | Borough Hall |
| Community Yard Sale | Sept 30 - Oct 2 | 9:00am-Dusk | |
| Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat | October 2 | 3:00pm-7:00pm | Park at 4th |

President's Letter *continued from cover*

At press time, Governor Wolf has recently lifted some of the Covid restrictions that he placed on businesses and events and followed the mask guidance for vaccinated individuals that the CDC released. It will be good to see community life return to closer to normal as this past year has been difficult for everyone, and certainly for those who experienced health issues or loss of loved ones due to Covid. We are mindful of the past year's challenges as we look forward this summer.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy summer season.

Donald Rosenberger

Council President

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JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE UPPER BUCKS COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY PANEL AND QUAKERTOWN YOUTH AID PANEL

The Community Accountability Panel (CAP) is a diversion program for first time non-violent lower level offenses for adult offenders. CAP is operated through the Bucks County District Attorney's and meets monthly at the Quakertown Borough Police Department. The CAP program is a volunteer program that operates between Upper, Central, and Lower Bucks Counties.



Pictured from left to right are Robyn Colajezzi, Dennis Lawrence, Ken Jonas, and Connie Maurer who were sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Lisa Gaier on March 22, 2021.



The Youth Aid Panel is comprised of community volunteers who are trained to hear cases involving first time juvenile offenders. The panel will hear each case individually with both juvenile and parent together. The panel's job is to interview the juvenile to determine an appropriate course of action that will benefit the victim, community, and juvenile. The panel will assign obligations such as community service, letter of apology, drug, and alcohol classes, and/or a writing assignment.

Pictured from left to right Yngwie Journey Anderson, Jessica Kuestner, and Alim Newkirk

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QUAKERTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION AND POLICE PARTNER FOR CHILDREN'S TOY RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

Back in March, The Quakertown Borough Police Department hired 21 new recruits, at least temporarily. The Police Department and Quakertown Parks & Recreation Department have teamed up for a Toy Ride Along Program. 21 local children were able to register their toy to spend the week with the Police Department. As a recruit the toys received a police badge, and attended orientation training with the Chief of Police, Scott McElree. The toys spent their week assisting officers on calls, examining evidence, eating donuts, and assisting with clerical work. The department documented their ride along and sharing photos of their experiences through the Quakertown Borough Police Department Facebook page. At the end of the week each child received a certificate for their brave recruit as well as photos of the adventure their friends took.

Scott McElree, Chief of Police for Quakertown Borough Police Department stated, "We are hoping that the toy ride along program will help foster relationships with children and help them feel more comfortable with the officers in their community". "You can tell that these are all well-loved toys. We are proud of their owners of being brave enough to part with them for a week and trust our department to take care of them". "We are thankful for the Parks and Recreation Department for organizing the program and we hope to continue to offer it in the future".

Ashton Miller, Recreation Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department stated, "We are happy to partner with the Police Department for this wonderful program. With everything going on in the world it is nice to see officers taking the time out of their day to connect with these children and their toys. It is also nice to see some friendly competition among the officers to see who submits the most creative photos of their recruit."



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QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY BIKE SAFETY RODEO RECAP

The Quakertown Community Bike Safety Rodeo was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the Quakertown Community Pool parking lot. The event was co-sponsored by the Quakertown Borough Police Department and Richland Township Police Department. Additional affiliates include the Boy Scouts, Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, and Cyclezone. Five bicycles were donated by Walmart and the Richland Township Water Authority and given away via a raffle. The winners of the new bikes were: Alayna Drissel, Kimberlee Opdyke, Sammi Williams, Casey Oliemuller, and Max Malveiro. Josiah High won the raffle but said he did not need a bike and wanted to allow another child that needed a bike more to win. Medals were awarded to first, second, and third place in each of the following age groups:



Ages 6 & 7

1st Place: Justin Drews
2nd Place: Trey Wittman
3rd Place: Hazel DeHaven



Ages 8 & 9

1st Place: Casey Oliemiller
2nd Place: Olivia Lynch
3rd Place: Adam Lechniak



Ages 10, 11, & 12

1st Place: Josiah High
2nd Place: Grady Reiss
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PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A quick checklist for parents

Place this list in a prominent area of your home for quick reference. Then, before your children head out the door for the playground, check that:

Supervision is present, but strings and ropes aren't.

Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, intercede and facilitate play when necessary. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.

All children play on age-appropriate equipment.

Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5-12, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.

Falls to surface are cushioned.

Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats or tiles. Playgrounds surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks.

Equipment is safe.

Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, there are no exposed footings, etc.



Checklist is from the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) at www.uni.edu/playground/

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It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct a garage sale in the Borough without first filing with the Zoning Officer the information required and obtaining from the Zoning Officer 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 sale is conducted throughout the entire period of the permitted sale. The permit for a garage sale shall not be transferable.

No signs advertising the garage 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. An approved permit will be issued with a copy of the ordinance pertaining to garage sales.



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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.
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OUR PARKS AND RECREATION STORY

See how we have grown over the years



Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation plays a critical role in creating opportunities to improve the quality of life for its residents. The department encompasses over 125 acres of park land, 2 playgrounds, a skate park, community pool, amphitheater, athletic fields complex, historical baseball stadium and over 40 programs and events, all within its 2.5-mile radius.

The department actively practices inclusion and works to demolish institutional barriers by offering fee assistance, special recreation programs, and support to families who need it. The organization strives to promote community pride and strengthen relationships by offering programming and events that allow neighbors to interact in a safe, fun environment, making the Borough an ideal location to live, work, and play.

Since being established, the department has experienced tremendous growth as the community has taken ownership and breathed life into its efforts. Since 2013 the Parks and Recreation Department has received over \$1.6 million in grant funds and has completed over \$6 million in capital park projects.

Today, the Parks and Recreation Department consists of a three-person department that hosts over 40 programs and events throughout the year such as a free Easter Egg Hunt, Food Truck Festival, Sounds of Summer Concert Series, Movie in the Park, and a free Fall Festival featuring a Trunk or Treat. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department collaborates with the Quakertown Police Department to provide a Shop with a Cop Program and the annual K9 Mutt Strutt. The department would not be able to accomplish all these projects if it wasn't for the support of the dedicated Borough Staff members.



WHERE OUR STORY BEGINS

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1939 | 1945 | 1957 | 1967 |
| Baseball Stadium was built | Establishment of Memorial Park | Quakertown Community Pool Built | Quakertown War Memorial Build |



ASHTON MILLER RECREATION COORDINATOR

Ashton is the Recreation Coordinator for the Borough. She oversees the Boroughs Programs, Events, K.I.D.S Camp, Quakertown Pool, and Athletic Fields. Ashton is also a part of the Sounds of Summer Concert Series team and helps book bands and oversee logistics. She enjoys developing new programs and events and seeing the impact they have on the community that she grew up in. In 2020 Ashton received her Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certification. When not in the Parks, Ashton enjoys boating and hiking with her husband Ryan, and eating ice cream with her Goldendoodle Abe.



EASTER EGG HUNT 2021



- 2020**
- Free Camp in a Bag Program
- 2021**
- Opening of Free Fall Action Park and QuiNBy's Playground

JOIN US AS OUR STORY GROWS

Parks and Recreation Logo Established

The Department's slogan "Grow with Us" is a constant reminder that they are always looking ahead and finding ways to better serve the community, drive economic vitality, and create ways to make lasting memories.

- 2016**
- Opening of the Park at 4th
- 2012**
- Start of Fall Festival and Letters to Santa
- 2009**
- Establishment of the Parks and Recreation Department. Start of Easter Egg Hunts,



Movies in the Park, Spring Clean Up, and Tennis Lessons

- 1972**
- Beginning of K.I.D.S. Camp
- 1987**
- Start of Concerts in the Park
- 1992**
- Panther Playground Built
- 2003**
- Main Street Park Built



JESSICA MYERS
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Jess is the Communications Specialist for the Borough. She oversees the Borough's social media, newsletter, website, graphic design, communications, and assists with Borough events. Jess is also a part of the Sounds of Summer Concert Series team and helps book bands and oversee logistics. Outside of work, Jess enjoys exploring new hiking spots and camping with her family.



COURTNEY BOEHM
PARKS COORDINATOR

Courtney is the Parks Coordinator for the Borough. She oversees the QuiNBy Playground Project, Skate Park Project, Park Development, Programs, and assists with Borough Events. Courtney is also a part of the Sounds of Summer Concert Series team and helps book bands and oversee logistics. She is currently working towards a Master's Degree in Parks Conservation and Resource Management through Slippery Rock University. When not in the Parks or studying, Courtney enjoys container gardening and trying out new recipes in the kitchen with her fiancé Mike.

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OUR 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Be sure to check our website and social media sites for a full list of events and activities happening in July for Parks and Recreation Month!

JUL. 8, 9, 28

SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERTS

The Sounds of Summer Concert Series presented by Sands Auto Group is back for its fourth year at the Univest Performance Center! This series brings world-renowned entertainers right into our backyards here in Quakertown! Tickets are available at QuakertownEvents.com



AUG. 13 & 27

- CONCERTS ON 7/8:** The Marshall Tucker Band (Southern Rock)
 7/9: Chris Janson (Country)
 7/28: The Happy Together Tour (Hits of the 60s)
 8/13: The Hooters (Rock)
 8/27: The Beach Boys (American Rock)

JUL. 11, 18, 25

FREE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Quakertown Borough's Free Concerts in the Park Series has been a summer highlight for music lovers for the past 34 years, and 2021 will be no different! Concerts are held on selected Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Univest Performance Center.



AUG. 15, 22, 29

- CONCERTS ON 7/11:** Dutch's Basement Blues Band (Blues)
 7/18: Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers (Pop/Country)
 7/25: Dueling Pianos (Instrumental)
 8/15: Tequila Rose Band (Country)
 8/22: Reservoir Hill Band (Southern Rock/Blues)
 8/28: Quakertown Band (Instrumental)

JUL. 30

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Sit back, relax and enjoy the showing of "Onward" on a large outdoor screen in the park! Movies begin at sunset with pre-show activities beginning at 7:00pm. Please bring your own blankets and/or chairs.



FOOD TRUCKS: The Tot Rod and Rita's Italian Ice

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SPRING CLEAN UP DAY 2021

SEPT.
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FREE PAPER SHRED EVENT

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PARK-SIDE FOOD FESTIVAL

Calling all foodies! This event is full of different food trucks! In addition to all the delicious food, attendees can enjoy live music, non-food vendors, yard games, activities, and a beer garden at the Park at 4th from 12:00pm to 6:00pm! This event is free to attend.

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FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

Enjoy a night filled with spooky games and tasty treats! A fun festival with various crafts and activities. Come out to the Park at 4th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm and get ready for Halloween!



FOOD TRUCKS: The Tot Rod, Local Harvest Pizza and Rita's Italian Ice

NOV.
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Starting November 22nd children can write a letter to Santa and drop it off in his mailbox located in the drive-thru on the side of Borough Hall (35 N. Third St.). Letters will be collected from November 22nd through December 10th.



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STORYTIME WITH MRS. CLAUS

Storytime with Mrs.Claus is a free community event held at the Free Fall Energy Center. There are North Pole Games, Activities, Crafts, Snacks, and stories read by Mrs.Claus.



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FREE FALL ACTION PARK IS NOW OPEN!



Following years of hard work and relentless determination, local officials, action sports enthusiasts, and supportive community members are excited to announce that the new Free Fall Action Park is officially open! In partnership, Free Fall Action Sports and Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation Department hosted the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday June 11, 2021 at 4:30pm. Hundreds of sports enthusiasts joined community members, local organizations, and local officials to celebrate the opening of this destination skate park. Sports enthusiasts were all eager to try out the new Free Fall Action Park. A top skater that was visiting the park that day commented, "Best Park in PA!"

At 47,000 square feet, the new concrete Free Fall Action Park opened to the public on May 19, 2021. Since its opening, the park has seen hundreds of visitors! Free Fall Action Park features a large flow bowl, pool, street section, rails, vert ramps, a large Keystone structure, and much more! Free Fall Action Park is the first skatepark in Bucks County that features a traditional pool, street section, and a 100-foot bowl with lights! The traditional pool, which looks like a swimming pool, highlights the start of bowl skating. Bowl skating began in swimming pools during droughts in California, quickly becoming a staple to the skating community. Free Fall Action Park will be open every day from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Free Fall Action Park also provides park-side support through the Free Fall Energy Center, which opened in September of 2019. The Energy Center features a snack stand, restrooms, media room with equipment, a shop to buy equipment, and a garage/repair station. The Energy Center has over 15 people on staff and volunteering on a weekly basis with the goal of providing a welcoming community for students. This is accomplished by helping develop their passions and interests through relationship building, skill development, and, if interested, faith. The Free Fall Energy Center serves the community Tuesday through Saturday from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The \$1 million skatepark is the result of strong collaboration between Free Fall Action Sports, Quakertown Action Park Committee, and Quakertown Borough. Funding for Free Fall Action Park was made possible due to the significant support of local family business partners including the Marcho Family, Bergey's Auto Dealerships, Kenneth M. Carr Family, and Hatfield Quality Meats. In addition to our local partners, grant funding was secured through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Community and Economic Development, and The Skatepark Project, formerly known as the Tony Hawk Foundation. Free Fall Action Sports and Quakertown Borough are incredibly grateful to all sponsors that generously gave to this project to make Free Fall Action Park a reality!

QuiNBy's PLAYGROUND



On Thursday April 18, 2021, Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation Department held the groundbreaking ceremony of the new modern all-inclusive playground.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, the Parks and Recreation Department excitedly announced that QNB Bank will serve as the title sponsor for the new playground, which will now be known as QuiNBy's Playground. QNB Bank has partnered with Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation Department by pledging a sponsorship of \$250,000 towards QuiNBy's

Playground. The Parks and Recreation Department is so grateful for the generosity of QNB Bank and looks forward to this partnership. Construction on QuiNBy's Playground will begin in the upcoming months, weather permitting, and is expected to open to the public Fall 2021.

QuiNBy's Playground will cost more than \$1 million. The Parks and Recreation Department's funding efforts were kicked-off when they received \$250,000 of grant monies from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources administered by the National Park Service. Funding was further enhanced by businesses and organizations, QNB Bank, St. Luke's University Health Network, Pat and Scott Sanders, Robert Ganter Contractors Inc., Calvary Church, Maye Dental Associates, and Nexus Financial, and community members who have generously gave and supported QuiNBy's Playground through the Buy-a-Brick program and sponsorship of play pieces.

To help the Parks and Recreation Department build a playground for future generations, please visit:
Quakertown.org/Playground.



WATER

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH WATER CONSUMER NOTICE OF: 2020 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available. To view the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and to learn about your drinking water, please go to:

www.quakertown.org/2020-wqr

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

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



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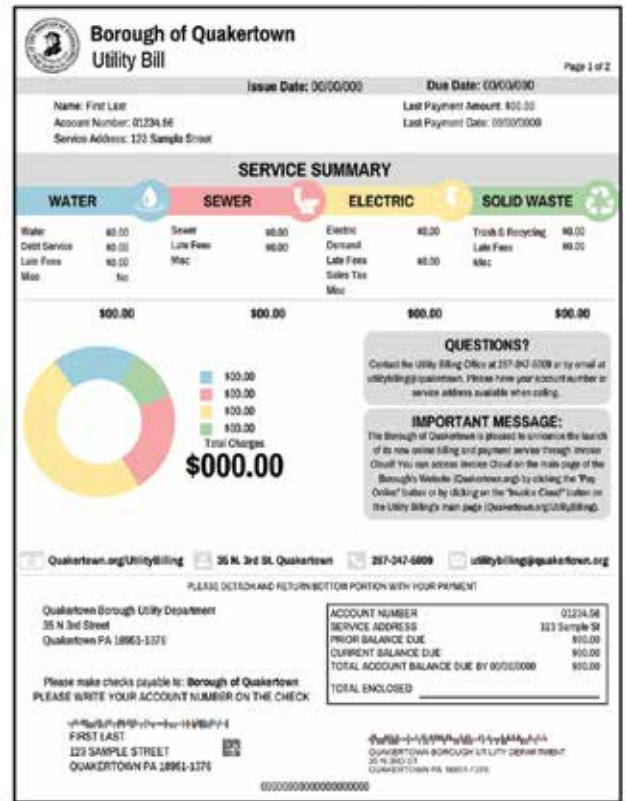
UTILITY BILLING

QUAKERTOWN BOROUGH LAUNCHES NEW UTILITY BILL DESIGN

Beginning May 2021, Quakertown Borough utility customers noticed a new format of their utility bill. Over the past several months, the Finance Department worked to improve the utility bill's readability to help residents better understand charges and usage. After many versions, the result is a new two paged double-sided utility bill. The new version of the utility bill is visible each month on Invoice Cloud and mailed unless registered for paperless billing. We encourage all residents to go green and sign up for Paperless Billing on Invoice Cloud.

Our main priority was to create a utility bill that is more user-friendly and increases transparency while providing the most information in the best format possible. Improvements to the bill include:

- A "Service Summary" section that separates each utility by cost and usage.
- Better utilization of graphics to visually show the breakdown of charges and draw attention to important elements.
- Ways to pay and contact information clearly indicated on each page.
- A full page containing important information about your utility bill.



On the right is a sample of the first page of the new utility bill format. For a full description of how to understand the new utility bill, visit Quakertown.org/UnderstandYourBill. For additional questions please contact Utility Billing at 267-347-5009 or utilitybilling@quakertown.org.

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RECYCLING TIPS:

- Please do not put anything in the can that is not recyclables.
- Empty & rinse all jars, bottles, cans, etc.
- Cardboard & boxes should be flattened
- Pizza boxes can be recycled but must be completely empty & grease free

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Place containers at pick up location by **6AM** on your collection day!

Trash and Recycling containers shall not weigh more than **40** pounds each!

BULK TRASH COLLECTION occurs the **FIRST** full week of the month!

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF occurs the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month July through October

If a holiday is within your scheduled collection week then your collection will take place one day late.
Upcoming Observed Holidays
INDEPENDENCE DAY (NO COLLECTION MON.)
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Quakertown Borough
SANITATION DEPARTMENT



YARD WASTE

DROP-OFF

2nd & 4th Saturdays

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Rear Entrance of the
Sewer Plant on Erie Ave.

Please be advised:

- Residents will be responsible for unloading their own branches
- Proof of residency is required
- No branches over 5 inches in diameter permitted
- **Accepted Items:** Yard waste (branches, brush, twigs, etc.) garden waste, and grass clippings

Yard Waste Collection Dates:

June 12 & 26 September 11 & 25
July 10 & 24 October 9 & 23
August 14 & 28

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Yard Waste (Branches, Brush, Twigs, etc.): Yard waste will be collected same day as your trash. Branches have to be bundled and tied, no longer 48 in. and no heavier than 40 lbs.

Please note: Grass clippings will not be accepted in curbside collection!

If you have an excessive amount of yard waste, please contact Utility Billing at 267-347-5009 to schedule a pick-up time.

TRAILS, PARKS, AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANS ARE TOUTED IN UPPER BUCKS

Quakertown Alive! hosted a press conference with the Pennsylvania Downtown Center (PDC) in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to announce the release of the Nature-Based Placemaking 2.0 project including a statewide economic impact analysis: Pennsylvania's Outdoor Recreation Economy: Exploring the Economic Development Potential of Nature-Based Placemaking and a Nature-Based Placemaking video – Connecting Nature, Commerce & Community.

The Nature-Based Placemaking initiative complements Quakertown Alive!'s Keystone Communities Main Street program designation through Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) as well as their work in developing an Active Transportation Plan with a grant through Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) WalkWorks program. Quakertown Alive! recently received a \$20,000 WalkWorks grant meant to develop an Active Transportation Plan for Quakertown Borough. The committee released an online survey to assess public opinion and meets regularly to discuss options.

Communities that are walkable and bikeable with trails, green space, parks, and access to water not only create a richer quality of life for their residents, they also have the potential to draw visitors into their downtowns," Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Deputy Secretary Lauren Imgrund said. "Nature-based placemaking provides a step by step process for communities to fully embrace their outdoor assets. "Kudos to Quakertown for exploring this concept to take advantage of visitors to DCNR's Nockamixon State Park."

"What we've seen encouraging with support from the state, county, and local officials to market and improve access to all of our trails and parks and to facilitate better signage to direct trail users into Quakertown's downtown district," said Quakertown Alive!'s Executive Director Naomi Naylor. She continued," We are working to accommodate an influx of cyclists to our downtown. We have installed two bike repair stations and will have five bike racks installed in strategic locations throughout our downtown in the coming weeks. Our thanks to the Borough's Public Works Department for working with us to get this equipment installed in a timely manner."

Richland Township Supervisor Tim Arnold also spoke at the event to extol the value of unity among localities. "Trails and parks do not and should not stop at municipal boundaries and today's event is a great example of that belief", said Arnold in his remarks. He went on to emphasize the importance of the PDC's mission to "educate local community leaders and volunteers, to advance the sense of place, quality of life and economic vitality of the Commonwealth's downtowns, traditional neighborhoods, business districts, and nearby residential areas."

Bob Swaim the area's local "Bike Man" was also on hand for the event. Swaim bought several of his "human-powered vehicles" for attendees to take for short rides. One of the vehicles was a six-person conference bike. Swaim emphasized that he has used this bike, which is steered by one person with the option for everyone to pedal, to bring the impaired onto trails so that they can enjoy a healthy bike ride.

The Upper Bucks Rail Trail opened in November of 2020, the culmination of more than a decade of work to turn the vision into a reality. The trail occupies the former Bethlehem branch of the SEPTA-owned line. Surfaced with a crushed stone aggregate, the trail also features an 800-foot boardwalk and is accessible for users on foot or on wheels (non-motorized). The trail currently stretches from Veterans Park in Richland Township, Bucks County, and follows the old railroad right-of-way north to Coopersburg in neighboring Lehigh County, where it links up with the Saucon Rail Trail. The trail leads through Quakertown's downtown district.

Quakertown Alive! has received grants to purchase and install equipment to make the Borough more friendly to cyclists. Cyclists are welcome to use two bike repair stations, one located near the amphitheater in the Park at 4th and another on East Broad Street, near the new Trolley Barn Public Market. Five bike racks will be installed in the coming weeks.

The Upper Bucks Rail Trail is a part of the Circuit Trails network, a growing trail system across Greater Philadelphia with a goal of 800 miles of connected trails. It is also a part of the Highland Trail, which will stretch across 13 counties in Pennsylvania's Highland country.



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

SAFETY TIPS

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

CHARCOAL GRILLS

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



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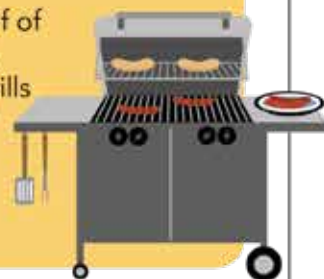
PROPANE Grills

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

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

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