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President's Letter

July 1, 2022

Summer season is in full swing in Quakertown. As this letter goes to press, we're looking forward to the grand opening of the new QuiNBy's Playground in Memorial Park and the reopening of our refurbished swimming pool.

QuiNBy's Playground is a fantastic addition to our park system. It is accessible and has play areas suitable for all age ranges of children. We thank QNB Bank for their sponsorship of this attraction sure to be popular with children for many years to come. The playground replaces our former Panther Playground that served the community for nearly 30 years.

The swimming pool experienced some delays in its renovation, but we trust the improvements, including new features and a separate baby pool, will enhance the pool experience for our community.

Recently, I and several other council members attended an educational conference presented by the statewide Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs. It was three days of informative talks and interactive groups allowing us to keep up to date with legislation and other developments that effect municipal operations. As Borough Councilmen and women, we take our responsibility to the town seriously and strive to do our best in serving you and the local business community.

Fourth of July is Quakertown's annual Community Day which we look forward to each year. Many thanks to the Community Day Committee that works hard every year to make this day an immense success, and all the service organizations for their parts. It is an event that adds to what makes Quakertown a special place to live.

Best wishes for a happy and safe summer season!

Donald Rosenberger,
Council President

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Parks and Recreation Month	July 1-31		
Borough Hall Closed – Independence Day	July 4		
Community Day	July 4	8:00am-11:00am	Memorial Park
Bulk Trash Collection (on scheduled trash day)	July 5-9		
Council Meeting	July 6	7:30pm	Borough Hall
The Sounds of Summer: Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	July 7	Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm	Univest Performance Center
The Sounds of Summer: Scotty McCreery	July 8	Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm	Univest Performance Center
Yard Waste Drop Off	July 9	9:00am-12:00pm	Sewer Plant
Planning Commission Meeting	July 14	7:00pm	Borough Hall
The Sounds of Summer: Queensryche & Great White	July 15	Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm	Univest Performance Center
Summer Bus Trip: Annapolis, Maryland	July 16	7:00am	Pool Parking Lot
FREE Concert in the Park: Little Nikki's Radio	July 17	6:30pm-8:30pm	Univest Performance Center
Yard Waste Drop Off	July 23	9:00am-12:00pm	Sewer Plant
FREE Concert in the Park: The Other Brothers	July 24	6:30pm-8:30pm	Univest Performance Center
Council Work Session Meeting	July 25	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Movie in the Park: Soul	July 30	Activities: 7:00pm Movie: 8:20pm	Univest Performance Center
FREE Concert in the Park: Reservoir Hill Band	July 31	6:30pm-8:30pm	Univest Performance Center
Bulk Trash Collection (on scheduled trash day)	Aug. 1-5		
Council Meeting	August 3	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	August 11	7:00pm	Borough Hall
Yard Waste Drop Off	August 13	9:00am-12:00pm	Sewer Plant
FREE Concert in the Park: Large Flowerheads	August 14	6:30pm-8:30pm	Univest Performance Center
The Sounds of Summer: Rodney Atkins & Diamond Rio	August 20	Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm	Univest Performance Center
FREE Concert in the Park: Alex Buono Band	August 21	6:30pm-8:30pm	Univest Performance Center
Council Work Session Meeting	August 22	7:30pm	Borough Hall
The Sounds of Summer: The Hooters	August 26	Gates: 5:30pm Show: 7:00pm	Univest Performance Center
Yard Waste Drop Off	August 27	9:00am-12:00pm	Sewer Plant
FREE Concert in the Park: Quakertown Band	August 28	6:30pm-8:30pm	Univest Performance Center
Borough Hall Closed – Labor Day	Sept. 5		
Bulk Trash Collection (on scheduled trash day)	Sept. 6-10		
Council Meeting	Sept. 7	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	Sept. 8	7:00pm	Borough Hall
Yard Waste Drop Off	Sept. 10	9:00am-12:00pm	Sewer Plant
Free Paper Shred Event	Sept. 10	8:00am-10:00am	Borough Hall
Yard Waste Drop Off	Sept. 24	9:00am-12:00pm	Sewer Plant
Council Work Session Meeting	Sept. 26	7:30pm	Borough Hall
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	October 8	8:30am-2:00pm	Strayer Middle School
Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat	October 8	3:00pm-7:00pm	Park at 4th

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Project Lifesaver

The Quakertown Borough Police Department is proud to offer the Project Lifesaver program! Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies and is strategically designed for "at risk" individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. Project Lifesaver is a community based, public safety, non-profit organization that provides law enforcement, and caregivers with a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to wandering. The necessity of this program was determined through the correlation between cognitive conditions and the act of wandering. With the dramatic increase of cognitive conditions since the inception of the organization, the program has grown from a localized program to a program recognized internationally as a proven and effective method of "bringing loved one's home."

Project Lifesaver was the first to apply such locating techniques to aid in the search and rescue of individuals and is the most widely used and proven most effective program in the nation that is specifically designed to protect the "At Risk" populations in our communities. The program was structured in a way that strategically combined state of the art locating technologies, innovative search and rescue methods, and community policing courses that educated first responders about cognitive conditions. The search times for certified Project Lifesaver agencies have been reduced from hours, potentially days, down to minutes. Recovery times for Project Lifesaver agencies average 30 minutes, which is 95% less time than standard operations without Project Lifesaver. The method relies on proven radio technology and specially trained search and rescue teams. Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized frequency signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. The first responders will then use the client's individualized frequency to locate the position of the individual. The knowledge given from the community policing courses is best applied in this situation because the first responders will know how to best approach the client once found, and allow them to be brought back to safety.

A fee may apply and if you are interested in more information on how to join the program, please contact Sergeant Steven Stoneback at sstoneback@quakertown.org or call 215-536-5002.

Quakertown Borough Police Department Welcomes New Officer

On Wednesday, May 4th, 2022, the Quakertown Borough Police Department proudly welcomed their newest police officer to the department, Officer Niall Meenagh. Officer Meenagh was sworn in at the Borough Council Meeting surrounded by family and friends.

Niall was born in Philadelphia, PA and grew up in the Omagh area of County Tyrone, located in the north of Ireland. In 2008, he graduated high school from South West College, Omagh, Northern Ireland. Following high school graduation, Niall attended Liverpool John Moores University in England, where he later earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Animation and Visualization in 2012.

Niall graduated from the Philadelphia Police Academy in 2016. He served over five years with the Philadelphia Police Department, where he was assigned to the 35th and 39th districts. In Niall's spare time, he likes to play golf, watch sports, and attend live music concerts.

Congratulations and welcome to the QBPD Family!



2022 Bike Rodeo Recap

The Quakertown Community Bike Safety Rodeo was held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, 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, EAS Water, ServPro and Cyclezone. Six bicycles were donated by Walmart and the Richland Township Water Authority and given away via a raffle. The winners of the new bikes were: Savannah Tearney, Larson Hagenbuch, Aiden Kehs, Maggie Gunter, Oliver Brooks, Courtney Robinson, and Adam Lechniak. Adam Lechniak won the raffle, but said he wanted to allow another child that needed a bike more to win, so he picked another winner. Medals were awarded to first, second, and third place in each of the following age groups:

Ages 6 & 7

- 1st Place: Isaac Kehs
- 2nd Place: Vincent Gaspar

Ages 8 & 9

- 1st Place: Aiden Kehs
- 2nd Place: Maggie Gunter
- 3rd Place: Savannah Tearney

Ages 10, 11, & 12

- 1st Place: Larson Hagenbuch
- 2nd Place: Oliver Brooks
- 3rd Place: Adam Lechniak



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Community Oriented Policing plays an important and vital role in reducing crime in any community. The Quakertown Borough Police Department established a Citizens Police Academy and recently graduated our EIGHTH class! The eight-week academy consisted of a series of classroom instruction and practical field exercises, which gave an in-depth view into several areas of law enforcement. Participants had the opportunity to fire a handgun at our shooting range, perform mock traffic stops, learn hostage negotiation active listening techniques, see a K-9 in action, and much more! We have received very positive feedback and look forward to our next Citizens Police Academy. If you are interested in participating in our next class - contact Sergeant Steven Stoneback at 215-536-5002 or ssstoneback@quakertown.org.



Quakertown Borough Police Department Security Camera Index

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



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AUGUST 2

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CONCERT ON 7/7: Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo (Rock)

7/8: Scotty McCreery (Country)

7/15: Queensryche & Great White (Heavy Metal)

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17, 24,
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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 2022 will be no different! Concerts are held on selected Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Univest Performance Center.



CONCERT ON 7/17: Little Nikki's Radio

7/24: The Other Brothers

7/31: Reservoir Hill Band

JUL.

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MOVIE IN THE PARK

Sit back, relax and enjoy the showing of "Soul" 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.



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AUG.

14, 21,
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CONCERT ON 8/14: Large Flowerheads

8/21: Alex Buono Band

8/28: Quakertown Band

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SPRING CLEAN UP DAY 2022

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20 &
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CONCERT ON 8/20: Rodney Atkins & Diamond Rio (Country)
8/26: The Hooters (Rock)

SEPT.
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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!



More information coming soon!

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Starting November 28th 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 28th through December 13th.



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FRI. JUL. 15



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SAT. AUG. 20



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SUN. MON. TUES. WED. THURS. FRI. SAT.

JULY 2022

					1 Find it Friday	2 Zumba in the Park
3	4 Borough Hall Closed	5 Zumba in the Park	6 Yoga in the Park	7 Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	8 Find it Friday Scotty McCreery	9 Zumba in the Park
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17 Concert in the Park	18 Yoga in the Park	19 Zumba in the Park	20 Yoga in the Park	21	22 Find it Friday	23 Zumba in the Park
24 Concert in the Park	25 Yoga in the Park	26 Zumba in the Park	27 Yoga in the Park	28	29 Find it Friday	30 Zumba in the Park Movie in the Park
31 Concert in the Park	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: QUAKERTOWN.ORG/PARKSANDRECMONTH</p>					

Tree Tenders and Earth Day

On April 22nd, 2022, Quakertown Borough Tree Tenders and Quakertown Borough Staff were joined by United Friends School's (UFS) second and third grade classrooms to plant fifteen trees at Memorial Park around QuiNBy's Playground. These fifteen trees will mature to shade trees to provide natural shade for visitors of QuiNBy's Playground. There were four Red Maple, three Hackberry, four Honey Locust, and four London Plane trees planted. At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, UFS second and third grade classrooms started weekly visits to Licking Run Creek, where they are taught by their UFS teachers and Bucks County Penn State Extension Watershed Stewards. Students were gathering data to measure the health of Licking Run Creek. They plan to post their findings on citizen science sites that crowdsource vital information about our local watershed. Additionally, students have been learning effective ways to help protect Licking Run Creek, such as planting more trees within Memorial Park to aid in reducing stormwater runoff. To get these fifteen trees planted within Memorial Park the students wrote persuasive letters to Quakertown Borough and raised over \$700 for a tree planting!

Quakertown Borough Tree Tenders was established in Spring 2022. Tree Tenders is a program that was established through the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS). PHS's Tree Tenders program works with volunteer-based community groups to plant trees. The program provides workshops on tree planting, care, and volunteer organization. Quakertown Borough Tree Tenders was one of eighty tree tenders' groups across the Greater Philadelphia Region to plant trees this Spring. In total 1,500+ trees were planted between all eighty tree tenders' groups!

FREE FALL ACTION SPORTS

Free Fall Action Park

Free Fall Action Park has sprung back into Action with the warm weather. As the flowers bloomed earlier this April, we held a cleanup day where we picked up trash, did some lawn and park maintenance, and even some indoor cleaning and redecorating to get ready for the summer season! With our monthly Goodlum team meetings, we've prepared for the seasons to follow. Come out to skate, scooter, bike, or blade the park amongst the lively friends and action sport community. And if your child needs help with their skate skills after a hibernating winter, we have Skateboard Lessons to help them get ready just in time for the summer.

Stop in for a slushie on any weekend, and maybe you'll come across one of our community events like our family friendly outdoor concerts, or action sport competitions. Loving the warmer weather? Us too. Stop in or check out our website for information on our new Summer Camp Program for children under 18! As always, our Signature Free Fall competition is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th, 2022. At this thirteenth annual competition, we will be holding multiple action sport competitions, offering free food, and hosting many local vendors for the access of anyone interested in the community. Save the date and plan to attend!

As a non-profit, we always love when people get involved and help give back to our community. If you are interested, or inspired by our story and community, you can volunteer, give, or sponsor to support our ever-growing community at www.freefallactionpark.com.

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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 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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Moody's Investors Services Releases Credit Opinion

On April 19, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) released a credit opinion regarding the recent updates to the credit analysis of Quakertown Borough A1 rating. According to the Moody's opinion, "Quakertown Borough is a relatively small suburban tax base with below-average but stable resident wealth. The Borough's General Fund reserves are fairly narrow and largely supported by Enterprise Funds rather than tax revenues." However, the Moody's opinion confirms that Quakertown Borough, exhibits "Solid management controls and long-term planning".

The report recognizes specific credit challenges such as "General Fund is reliant upon transfers from Enterprise Funds to balance operations" and "Small tax base with below-average resident wealth indicators". Conversely, the report also asserts the credit strength as "Significant reserves outside the General Fund which are readily available to support operations".

The opinion from Moody's is conclusive evidence of Quakertown Borough's economic strength and sound fiscal policies, particularly during these extraordinary times.

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Sewer Credit

The warmer weather is approaching and with that, pools will need to be filled. If you would you like to receive a sewer credit towards your utility bill, please complete our Pool Sewer Credit form. You can locate the form on our website at www.quakertown.org.

Notice Of: 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available. To view the 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and to learn about your drinking water, please go to:

www.quakertown.org/waterreport

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

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

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.

Infrastructure 101

Infrastructure - What is it, what does it mean? The infrastructure in the Borough consists of the roads, water system, sewer system, electrical system, etc. Our lives as we know them depend on a reliable, well maintained infrastructure to support our needs as a Borough and in the big picture, our nation.

The Borough's water system and associated infrastructure was originally developed in the late 1800's. In the beginning, the Borough did not own the system; it was privately owned and went by the name of the Quakertown Water Company. In the 1940's it was sold and became the Quakertown Water Authority, and a short time later became municipally owned by the Borough and continues as such to this day.

As our Borough grew, the water system was expanded to accommodate growth adding additional water wells and water mains to meet the increased demand. As the years progressed it became apparent that the water system needed some upgrading, so in the 1960's a large portion of the water mains, (approximately 30-35%), were replaced to provide better supply and firefighting capability.

In the 1970's, the Federal Government passed the Safe Drinking Water Act. As the Act was expanded and the regulations became more stringent, the Borough began a program in the mid 1980's to upgrade the water quality and water main replacements. This work continues even now. Periodically you will see the Water Department personnel working in the Borough replacing a water main or digging up and repairing leaks. Additionally, work is constantly being done to the wells and equipment that supply these water mains. This work mainly goes unnoticed because the wells and treatment facilities are scattered in and around the Borough. All of this is what makes up the water system infrastructure.

The Borough has spent millions of dollars over the years to upgrade and improve our water system. It is a never-ending process to keep pace with the systems' needs. With proper planning and funding, work will continue to be done to improve the Borough's water infrastructure well into the future.

BEHIND THE METER

Behind The Meter – Peak Shaving Generation Project

Over the past year, the Borough of Quakertown has been in discussions with American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) regarding a generation project which is now a reality. This project not only provides peak shaving, demand response, lower capacity and demand charges, but also provides a "back-up" system to our electric grid in the event of a catastrophic event.

In late April, Energy Infrastructure Solutions, LLC prepped the site for the 10.8 meg generation system that is now installed at our sub-station. Once the project is complete, American Municipal Power is responsible for managing the generation to impact the coincident peaks throughout the year and reduce the peak energy demand and lower the capacity cost, impacting the cost of energy to the Borough.





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