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New Quakertown Visitor Center a Gateway to Bucks County

(Bucks County, PA) After nearly a year of renovations, the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Borough of Quakertown, Quakertown Historical Society and Visit Bucks County, the official tourism promotion agency of Bucks County, announces the opening of a new Visitor Center in Quakertown.

Conveniently located within the Quakertown Historic District, this new location is easily accessible from major highways and will serve as a northern gateway to Bucks County.

To celebrate its opening, the Visitor Center will host an Open House on May 18 during Quakertown's Arts Alive Festival. "Our vision for the new center incorporates a rich sense of tradition and local history to provide a welcoming experience for visitors to the Upper Bucks County region," said Tara King, Executive Director of the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

"This is an exciting time for tourism in Bucks County," Jerry Lepping, Executive Director of Visit Bucks County said. "We are proud to be working with the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce to provide travelers a stop along their drive from points such as the Poconos, Lehigh Valley, and New York."

The 2,300 square-foot building features a glass-enclosed display space highlighting historic artifacts of Bucks County's industrial heritage, including items manufactured in Quakertown, advertisements from historic businesses, and photographs documenting 150 years of Upper Bucks County. A renovated visitor services area will showcase brochures, itineraries, maps, an information kiosk and information specialists to assist visitors with travel needs.

"Visitor Centers remain a valuable asset to the hospitality that our region holds so dear," said Quakertown Borough Manager Scott McElree. "With its convenient accessibility from major highways and roadways, this center will provide a boost to tourism in Quakertown and throughout the region."

In conjunction with Quakertown's Art Alive Festival, the May 18 Open House will feature trolley service from the Quakertown Train Station to the new visitor center. In addition, John Fries Rebellion presentations will take place at 11am and 2pm at McCoolle's Red Lion Inn, located within a half block walk of the center. There will be plenty to see and do for the young and young at heart with carriage rides and street performers. The historic Burgess Foulke House and Liberty Hall will be open to the public in addition to the Richland Library Company, located a half block south of McCoolle's.

Bucks County Trolley Co. will provide the May 18 trolley service, which is sponsored by Quakertown Alive, the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, the Quakertown Historical Society and Dr. Guy Coby.

The Visitor Center, a renovated late 1800's barn, is currently open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., with plans to open weekends beginning this fall.

For more information on things to do in Bucks County, check out VisitBucksCounty.com

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