

Richmond Township INFORMER

FALL 2012

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Meetings: 1st Thursday, 7:30pm,
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Bill Taylor, Chairperson
Don James
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Bonnie B. Bradish

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Nancy Lokuta

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Kathleen Wheelock
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AUDITORS

Rebecca Schreffler
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PLANNING COMMISSION

John Lawrence - Chairperson
Gary Coburn
Luigi DeFrancesco
Mike Lokuta
Tom Morgan
Don Myers

RECREATION BOARD

Scott Wheelock - President
Phyllis Humes - Secretary/Treasurer
Patti Capron
David Crago
Bryan Morton
Earl Wanker

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Ray Crocker
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A WORD FROM YOUR SUPERVISORS

Dear Residents:

We find ourselves at the end of another successful Spring and Summer. Thanks to Charlie and Dan for their hard work on our roads as well as their efforts on the three Grants that we received this year. Thanks, too, to fellow supervisors Don James and Matt Capron for their cooperation as all three of us have worked together for the benefit of the Township. My sincere appreciation also goes to Bonnie Bradish and Nancy Lokuta for their hard work that keeps the rest of us on track! I also want to thank all of the volunteers from the Rec Board, Planning Commission, Veteran's Committee and folks who helped with Spring Clean-up, Rec facility clean-up and other volunteer activities.

Our Rec facilities have been busy with baseball and softball season, continued use of the Walking Trail and picnic shelters. I hope each and every one of you took advantage of the great facilities your Township has to offer. I want to commend Gene Galford who has worked part time to keep the Township grounds looking good, and for all of his help with cleaning up the area after one of our major storms this summer. Gene has been a welcome addition to our Township team.

As we move into Fall and Winter, please check the Township website for the latest news. Thank you all for your continued support.

Bill Taylor, Chairman
(814) 967-4642

Friends and Neighbors:

It's hard to believe that summer is over, but what a great summer it's been. Hopefully everyone was able to take advantage of the warm weather and enjoyed the sunshine.

It's been a busy summer for the Township. Thanks to Charlie and Dan, we received three grants from the Crawford County Conservation District, one for the lower end of Castile Road one for Castile Road Hill and one for Sheets Road. Those undertakings, in addition to regular road and equipment maintenance, kept the road crew very busy. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding regarding temporary road closings and detours associated with these projects. All three projects have been completed, with some fine-tuning being done on Castile Road hill. As they say, temporary inconvenience, permanent improvement. Our sincere thanks goes out to the DCED for their support of all three projects.

I am very happy to report that the Township is operating within our approved budget. I think this says a lot about the supervisors' oversight of expenditures as well as the good judgment shown by our road crew when it comes to proposed spending. As supervisors, one of our primary responsibilities is to be good stewards of your hard-earned tax dollars. But I want you to know that Charlie and Dan both are also committed to staying within the budget. Projects are researched and material costs are put out for bid. They, too, are

very careful when it comes to spending your tax dollars.

I also want to say how pleased I am to see increased participation and new faces at our Township-sponsored events! We had several new volunteers who helped with the Township Clean-Up Day in April. The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success, thanks to numerous old and new volunteers and all those who attended. And Memorial Day brought out many residents to honor those who have served and are serving in the United States Military. Many thanks to the Rec Board and Veterans Committee volunteers. These are the true heroes and workers in our township who give their time and energy to make our township better and a great place to live.

.And thank you all for coming and making these events a success. If you haven't attended a Township event, please make the effort to do so, to join your neighbors for a really good time, to meet fellow Township residents and to make new friends. If you are interested in getting involved with the Rec Board or Veterans Committee, please contact one of the Board members or your Supervisors. Events are also posted on the Township website at www.richmondtownshipcc.com.

As colder weather approaches, you can rest assured that the Township is financially sound and prepared to face whatever kind of winter Mother Nature presents us with. Is it supposed to be a bad one? As a wise old friend of mine used to say, "I'll tell you next spring!" Until then, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. It is truly an honor to serve Richmond Township residents as Supervisor.

Don James
(814) 398-4214

Richmond Township Citizens:

Well it's time again for the fall newsletter. Where did the time go? I have been a Supervisor for Richmond Township almost one year now. What an interesting year it has been. I have learned a lot about the roads, budget, laws that govern a township, and so much more.

The time came for me to start thinking about what I should write in the fall newsletter and what's been going on within the Township. I thought back through my past year as a Supervisor and all the great people I have come to meet and had the honor of working with, and how busy all the supervisors have been. Then I remembered a quote from George Bernard Shaw that I really hold true to me.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. ~George Bernard Shaw

I come from a family of 12 children; I being number 10. I spent most of my childhood moving back and forth from Pennsylvania to Arizona. I never knew what it was like to have long time friends or be a part of a community. When my wife and I moved into Richmond Township, we were quickly made part of the community. Many people have grown up here and are lucky to know so many people and their families. I, too, feel very lucky to be a part of this township.

I'm looking forward to continually working closely with the Rec. Board and volunteers that help out. Many thanks to the people that came out and supported the events the Rec Board put on this year. What a great success. I am also looking forward to the upcoming haunted house and the fun games for the

younger people. Each year it seems to get bigger and better. Anyone wanting to volunteer is more than welcome to help out.

The Planning Commission has been reviewing township ordinances and giving the supervisors their opinion on what needs to be updated and clarified. This takes up a lot of their time which is all on a volunteer basis. They have been doing a great job and I can't thank them enough for all their hard work.

We are very lucky to have Charlie and Dan as our road crew. They are honest, hard working guys that have the resident's best interest at heart. It is difficult to complete every task that needs attention; however, Charlie and Dan have done a superb job and will continue to do what needs done. Everything takes time and I know they will do the best job they can to the best of their ability.

As for my fellow supervisors, Don and Bill, I would like to thank them for all their hard work. We have, and will continue to work together for the betterment of Richmond Township. In addition, none of this would be possible without the rest of the team, Bonnie and Nancy. They keep the wheels of the township running like a fine oiled machine.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to take a moment and look over Richmond Township's website at www.richmondtownshipcc.com. The site has a lot of good information that many find very helpful. I would like to also thank the volunteers that keep the web site up and running.

Matthew J. Capron
(814) 967-3851

FROM YOUR ROAD CREW:

Hello again!

The road crew would like to thank everyone for their patience and input as to our grant projects

and other projects that we have accomplished this past summer. We are more than satisfied with the outcome of all three Grant projects that were paid for by the Conservation Office and have received word that they, too, are very pleased.

We are already thinking of projects for next year to improve the road system in Richmond Township. Anyone with ideas as to a potential project that they might like to see done can stop by and let us know what it is and we can see if it would be considered for a grant project.

The remainder of this year will be focused upon graveling a few more roads and also changing some pipes, and if time allows, more berming is also needed.

I would also like to give a shout out to Randolph and Steuben Townships - they have been the best of help with our projects and also with berming this year! Anyone that may see someone from those townships, tell them thank you for their help.

Dan and I do appreciate the opportunity to work for you, the people of Richmond Township, and will continue to improve the road system that you have to travel.

Thanks again!

Charlie Hartman
Dan Mailliard
(814) 967-3822

FROM YOUR PLANNING COMMISSION

**Dear Richmond Township
Citizens:**

The Richmond Township Planning Commission is made up of community volunteers that help the Supervisors review ordinances and resolutions that affect our township. The current board members are: Luigi DeFrancesco, Gary Coburn, Mike Lokuta, Tom Morgan, Don Myers and John Lawrence.

Meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 7pm at the township building. The public is invited to attend.

With the help of Township Secretary Bonnie Bradish and Nancy and Mike Lokuta, we have compiled all of the existing township ordinances. We are currently reviewing them one by one to evaluate them and make any recommendations to the Supervisors. They can also be found on the township website. Many of the existing ordinances have been mandated by the state, and as such, we must comply with them.

Richmond Township is currently a wonderful place to live and raise a family, and we are free of many of the "nuisance" type of land use ordinances that other townships and municipalities have saddled themselves with over time. We view it as our job to help the Supervisors keep it that way.

Thanks, and please come to a meeting!

John Lawrence, Chairman
(814) 398-8101

NEWS FROM THE REC BOARD

Dear Residents:

The Rec Board kicked off events for 2012 with the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 7. Approximately 96 kids colored eggs, played games, and hunted for eggs in the hay. Thanks to Chuck and Audrey Toms for bringing two alpacas for kids and parents to enjoy.

The annual Memorial Day Service, held on May 28th, was coordinated by Rick Shorts, one of our outstanding Vets, along with Ray Crocker, a long-time and much appreciated MC, and Earl Wanker who has played an important part in all of our Veteran's activities. We thank everyone who donated flowers for

around the flag pole and Veteran's Memorial.

Clean up day at the Rec. Building and grounds was on May 19th. Many thanks to Greenhill Farms for loaning us a tractor with a bucket to use and to Martin's Mulch for donating the mulch for flower beds and around the flag pole. The signs were re-painted, trees trimmed and flowerbeds weeded. Again we thank all of the volunteers who came to help beautify and maintain our grounds for so many people to enjoy.

June 16 was Flag Day. Thanks to Earl for coordinating that ceremony. And thanks to County Commissioner Jack Lynch for attending and delivery of a very moving speech. A community picnic followed. We enjoyed the new kitchen facility in the Rec. Building. Thanks to Charlie and Nicki Hartman for the refrigerator and to Matt and Patty Capron for their hard work installing all of the cupboards, counters and counter top. IT's a great addition to the Rec Building!

The main activity for Fall will be for Halloween. Township Trick or Treat night will be Thursday, October 25th from 6 to 8 p.m. On October 26 & 27 the Rec Board will sponsor a fun house and carnival for "Kids" of all ages. Please join us for games and fun. We are also having a Chinese Auction and sale of fall flowers, wreaths, and Halloween decorations. Please come, enjoy your facility, and support the Rec. Board, an organization working for you!

Scott Wheelock, President
(814) 967-4319

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

**Ray Crocker, Rick Shorts,
Earl Wanker**

What a wonderful tribute to Richmond Township to have such an active Veteran's Committee.

Our thanks to the Veterans and all of the men and women who are serving our country at present and in the past.

Richmond Township has for many years paid tribute to all of our fallen heroes on Memorial Day. This year was no exception. We celebrated with speakers and music that moved us all to remember what is most dear to us – our freedom. Thanks to everyone who attended

Richmond Township Vets also celebrated Flag Day with a ceremony at the Rec. Building and a community picnic that followed. Thank you to Jack Lynch who gave a very moving speech about our heritage and the meaning of Flag Day.

Goals for the Veteran's Committee this year involve a possible grant and/or fund raiser to continue improvements to the memorial at the Rec. Building. The Veteran's committee thanks you for all of your support.

Earl Wanker

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

ABC Inspections is handling all building permit needs and state-required building inspections for Richmond Township. Your contact for information and all paperwork needed for any type of construction in the township is:

ABC Inspections
Robert Kulak
12158 State Hwy 198
Guys Mills, PA 16327
(814) 789-3921 or (814) 720-0363

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Thursday, October 25, 2012
6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

HAUNTED BUILDING

October 26 and 27, 2012
Richmond Township Rec Facility
6 p.m. until 8 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The Township website is your information source for township news and activities.

www.richmondtownshipcc.com

Events can be found on the CALENDAR page.

In addition, you can read the RICHMOND TOWNSHIP INFORMER on-line. Simply go to the website and click on the NEWSLETTER link.

We continue to compile an e-mail mailing list for those who would like to receive the newsletter this way. To add your e-mail address to the list, please click on the e-mail list link on the website Home page

KATHLEEN WHEELOCK
Tax Collector

Hours:
Tuesday 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. - Noon

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