

Richmond Township INFORMER

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SUPERVISORS

Bill Taylor, Chairperson
Don James
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SECRETARY

Rhonda Phillips

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Nancy Lokuta

TAX COLLECTOR

Kathleen Wheelock
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Please call for times.

AUDITORS

Rebecca Schreffler
Gina DeFrancesco-Hayden

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
Matt Capron

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Bob Worley

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Ray Crocker
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David Crago - phone: 814-967-3551
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A WORD FROM YOUR SUPERVISORS

Welcome Spring and Summer!

Foremost, as we see the end of a very long, hard winter is bearing in mind how the frost affects our gravel roads. Please bear with us getting roads back in shape.

Remember to reserve picnic shelters and Recreation building facility. Dave Crago is the "Call" guy. Also, take advantage of the many baseball and softball games hosted at our ball fields throughout the spring and summer.

I know after the Polar Vortex we are all excited about warmer weather. Please remember events coming up as in Easter Egg Hunt, Cleanup Day, and Memorial Day Service. Our facility offers some great opportunities for recreation and relaxation. Enjoy the Walking Trail, basketball courts, and playground.

Thanks to the great people of Richmond Township and have a great Summer.

Bill Taylor, Chairman
(814) 967-4642

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

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Dear Richmond Township residents:

Wow, what a long winter it has been. You might even want to call it stubborn for not wanting to go away!

This one more than usual has caused damage to our roads. The road crew will be out in force doing the best they can to get all of the problem areas fixed as soon as they can. Please be patient for they have approximately 44 miles of road to look after.

In life, things move and change all the time. The Township is no exception. Matt Capron has been replaced with Glenn Sharpe as Supervisor. I cannot say enough about what a pleasure it was to work with Matt. He is a hard working, problem solving and dedicated man. What he lacks in height he more than makes up for in heart! I'm proud to call him my friend. I have known Glenn Sharpe most of my life and I know him to carry a lot of those same qualities. He is an independent thinker with a strong work ethic. I am looking forward to working with Glenn for Richmond Township.

Bonnie Bradish is starting a new chapter in her life and is retiring as Township Secretary. Talk about a problem-solver with a wealth of information! She has been a huge asset to and for Richmond Township. She is truly deserving of a standing ovation for a job well done. She will be missed!

Rhonda Phillips will be our new secretary and Bonnie has agreed to mentor her through

the process. I am sure that Rhonda will do a wonderful job. And we are all looking forward to working with her.

While we are on the subject of retirement, Dan Mailliard is also retiring. I have been acquainted with Dan for a long time but had never gotten to know him until the last few years. I regret not doing so years ago. Dan brought with him a wealth of knowledge. He is also a stickler for keeping equipment maintained. His mechanical knowledge, work ethic and even temperament will be hard to replace. I wish him and his family the best of luck in his retirement. He, too, will be missed.

When hiring a replacement for Dan, Bill, Glenn and I were faced with a very difficult decision. After much discussion, we chose to hire John Flaugh. We are all very confident that he and Charlie will do a good job for Richmond Township. Welcome board, John.

Thanks again to all of you who volunteer your time to Richmond Township. I'd like to invite anyone interested to come join us at various township activities. And don't forget to check the website at www.richmondtownshipcc.com.

Don James
(814) 398-4214

Hello to Richmond Township Residents.

This winter sure has been something! We haven't had a winter like this in over 30 years. Over the winter, the road crew has worked hard plowing and spreading anti-skid and getting equipment ready for Spring. The bad part of Spring is it's the time of mud and bad roads. I

ask that you be patient when the roads start to thaw. The road crew will get to them as soon as the frost goes out. The main focus will be getting our roads back in shape.

The other spring and summer programs will be the annual Easter Egg hunt on April 19th, Township Cleanup Day on April 26th, Recreation Facility cleanup on May 10th, and Memorial Day service on May 26th. We have one grant project for Jouver Road this year. We also have two personnel changes. Bonnie Bradish, Township Secretary and Dan Mailliard, Road crew, have decided to retire. They have been a very important part of making our Township prosper and move forward. Join me in thanking them for their invaluable service when you see them. Taking over for Bonnie will be Rhonda Phillips, and for Dan will be John Flaugh. I am confident they will both do a good job for the Township.

I am honored to serve as one of your Township Supervisors and I thank you.

Glenn Sharpe
(814) 720-5741

FROM YOUR ROAD CREW:

Friends and Neighbors:

The road crew would like to welcome spring! We have had a heck of a winter this year and cold temps that haven't been in this area for over 30 years. It is very much appreciated by the road crew that you, the people of Richmond Township, have been patient and cautious due to road conditions, and we ask that you be the same for the Spring thaw. We will do our best to get the roads in shape, especially where trouble spots appear.

Our goal this year is to do a lot of berming. We will receive help, as well as help our surrounding townships while doing so. Anyone wanting dirt this year can contact us at the maintenance building. We also were approved for a grant for Jouver Road. However, due to the Conservation Office budget, we are not sure yet if we will get that done this year.

At this time, I would like to say thank you to my partner of the last four years and let him know that I appreciate his dedicated service to this township. I wish all the best to Dan in his retirement. Dan has been a great person to work with and has been a great asset to the township. Thank you.

Charlie Hartman
(814) 967-3822

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Fellow Residents:

The planning Board members are: Luigi DeFrancisco, Gary Coburn, Don Meyer, Tom Morgan, Mike Lokuta and John Lawrence. If there is anything we can help you with, please contact us at the Township Building.

The Planning Board has been working, along with the supervisors, to establish a procedure to implement when a home or structure has been built in the township without the owners procuring any of the needed permits to do so. These permits are required under the law in Pennsylvania. Any questions regarding sewage systems need to be addressed to our Richmond Township sewage officer, Mike Rinkevich, 814-833-1177.

Anyone needing a building permit must go through John Burnell, the building code officer, with Building Inspection Underwriters of Erie, 814-860-8044.

We are very fortunate in Richmond Township in that we are not hampered by all of the various "nuisance" ordinances that exist elsewhere in our county. We should feel good that our supervisors do all they can to balance complying with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on one hand, and protecting our property rights with the other.

**John Lawrence, Chairman
(814) 398-8101**

FROM THE REC BOARD

Your Rec Board members include Scott Wheelock, Phyllis Humes, Dave Crago, Patti Capron, and Bryan Morton and Matt Capron. We currently have 2 vacancies. If anyone is interested in joining or helping with events or activities, call Scott Wheelock at 967-4319 or any Rec. Bd. Member.

The 2013 Haunted Halloween Building "scared" approximately 200 people on Friday and Saturday night in October. A special thank you goes to the many fine young people, along with several adults, who did a terrific job setting up different mazes and Halloween decorations. Thanks to the Supervisors for all of their help, and John Lawrence for the hay. The younger children played games, colored, and enjoyed special treats for their age range. It was a fun time for all. Thanks to Jim Wheelock for the plastic that they use for the different rooms. We received many compliments throughout the evening, which are always

appreciated. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

The 2014 Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Recreation Building on Saturday, April 19th from 2-4 PM. All ages are invited. There will be door prizes and treats.

Recreation facility clean-up will be Saturday, May 10th starting at 8 AM. Last year we appreciated all residents who helped furnish equipment and implements for everyone to use. Amazing how many hands make small work of big jobs. Everyone is invited to come and participate again this year to help our grounds and facility stay beautiful.

The annual Memorial Service will be held at the Recreation Building at 10 AM on Monday, May 26th. This is a great service to honor our veterans both past and present in all branches of the military. Remember to bring a plant or plants to honor your veteran.

Have a great Spring and summer and remember to enjoy our walking trail and picnic facilities.

**Scott Wheelock, President
(814) 967-4319**

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Hello Richmond Township!

It's me, Matt Capron, and I am back!!!! After getting a short break from Richmond Township Supervisor, I decided that I wanted to get involved in the Veteran's Committee. After retiring from the Army after 22 years of service and wanting to be a part of honoring our service men and women, I felt this was one way to show my support to all those who have served and continue to serve. As being

recently nominated to serve on the Veteran's Committee, I do have some ideas, but the more people that get involved with the committee, the better the ideas will be. With that being said, "Many hands make light work."

An idea is merely the starting point. It is only when those ideas are implemented by determined people that they become of value. I'm asking you to join me in becoming a part of the Veteran's Committee. If you are interested, please give me a call at (814) 967-3851 or send me an e-mail at matnpat@windstream.net or mcapron@womensservicesinc.org.

Memorial Day services will be held May 26th at 10:00 AM and updates will be posted on the Richmond Township website at www.richmondtownshipcc.com.

Thank you and God bless

**Matthew Capron
(814) 967-3851**

RECYCLING CENTER INFO

The Supervisors would like remind all residents that tires and electronic equipment should **NOT** be left at the Rec center recycling facilities. The recycling bins are for specific non-hazardous, recyclable items as indicated on the container labels. Please watch the newspaper for information on agency-sponsored events that accept tires and electronic equipment for disposal.

Residents are also reminded that the dumpsters at the Rec facility are **NOT** for individual trash. These units are for Rec Board and Athletic Board activities only.

**Thank you
for your cooperation!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19th

Township REC Building

30031 State Hwy. 408

2 pm until 4 pm

RAIN OR SHINE

Township Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 26th

Township Office Building

30348 State Hwy. 408

8 am until 3 pm

REC Facility Clean-up Day

REC Building

Saturday, May 10th

30031 State Hwy. 408

8 am until ????

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 26th

REC Building

30031 State Hwy. 408

10 am