

Richmond Township

INFORMER

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Richmond Township Building

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Meetings: 1st Thursday, 7:30pm,
at the REC Building.

SUPERVISORS

Bill Taylor, Chairperson
Don James
Matt Capron

SECRETARY

Bonnie B. Bradish

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Nancy Lokuta

TAX COLLECTOR

Kathleen Wheelock
814-967-4319
Office hours may vary.
Please call for times.

AUDITORS

Rebecca Schreffler
Rhonda Phillips
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

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Bob Worley

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Ray Crocker
Rick Shorts

EMS COORDINATOR

Bill Taylor

PICNIC SHELTER/FACILITY

BOOKINGS:

David Crago - phone: 814-967-3551
Email: cragofullhouse@windstream.net

A WORD FROM YOUR SUPERVISORS

Happy Fall to everyone in Richmond Township:

I am pleased to say that we again had a very successful Spring/Summer calendar of events in our Township. Clean-up day in May went smoothly with many volunteers offering their time to dress up flower beds and take care of routine maintenance of the grounds. Memorial Day also offered speakers, music, and refreshments for a moment of reverence for our veterans. Our baseball fields, walking trail, picnic pavilions, and Recreation building were all in busy demand for games, reunions, graduations, and exercise. We are thankful for the grant monies that made all of these beautiful places possible.

Fall activities include getting ready for the Haunted Building sponsored by our Recreation Board and all of the general preparation that is needed for the upcoming winter.

It is an honor to be your Supervisor and work with good people including other Supervisors, the Recreation Board, Planning Commission, and Athletic Association. Everyone involved gives their time freely. A hearty thanks to all of you. Also thanks to Charlie and Dan, their dedication to a good job and for all of their hard work.

Bill Taylor, Chairman
(814) 967-4642

Dear Richmond Township residents:

Summer is gone, fall is here, and winter is fast approaching. Where did the time go? As we age, time seems to fly by and we seem to slow down. With most anyone and anything, we tend to see some problems along the way and our township is no different. We had some unexpected issues come up this year and our township grader was one of those issues. With much discussion, the supervisors felt that a new grader should be purchased. The township received a good deal for the old grader and the new grader was purchased at a respectable cost. Additionally, we were looking for a well maintained used 1 ton, and thanks to Charlie and Dan they found us one that we could not pass up. Both equipment purchases were necessary and were purchased without an increase in taxes. As always, all three supervisors are very aware of costs and work hard to provide Charlie and Dan with equipment and supplies that are needed to keep the township running smoothly and moving forward while keeping in mind these are financially hard times for most everyone.

I try to always look at things with approach of "the glass is half full not half empty". As I look at our township, there are so many positives and many more good things to come. That doesn't mean we stand still or except our short-comings. What we do is use everyone's

strengths to exceed and overcome each and every challenge that Richmond Township may face. Bill Taylor, Don James, and I all have different strengths and ideas and being able to work together even if our ideas and strengths differ, allows Richmond Township to continue to move forward. As employees, Charlie, Dan, Bonnie, Nancy, and Gene also bring different strengths to the township. They know their strengths and use them to keep the township running. All of us know that we could not make the township what it is if we didn't work together and rely on each other's ideas and strengths.

Additionally, Richmond Township wouldn't be where it is today if it wasn't for all the great volunteers that give selflessly of their time. I cannot thank them all enough for all they do and continue to do. With that being said, if anyone would like to volunteer, please contact any one of the supervisors. We greatly appreciate any amount of help you can give.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to check out the Richmond Township web site at www.richmondtownshipcc.com to keep up with what has been going on in your township and I hope to see you at the Halloween party and HAUNTED HALLS on October 18th and 19th. Stay warm and keep safe as the winter months quickly approach.

Matthew J. Capron
(814) 967-3851

Hello Everyone:

From our Spring newsletter until the Fall letter could not have gone quicker! So many things have happened since

then that I'm not sure where to begin. So I'll start with something near and dear to me – the people in our township that give their time to volunteer.

What great people I have met over the last few years! These folks are the true heroes of our township. These are the folks that you need to thank for the time and effort they contribute to make this an even better community for you and your family to live in. They are instrumental in helping the Supervisors control costs by doing everything they do voluntarily. They are the ones that plan the Memorial Day service, the Easter egg hunts, the clean-up and maintenance of the Rec facilities and they help with the annual Township clean-up day. No pay...hard work...giving of their time, all for the betterment of the community and for their fellow residents. They are can-do people. They don't complain, they just get things done and are looking for nothing in return. Just knowing these people is an honor in itself. To be friends with them means a great deal to me. I can't thank them enough for all that they do.

I am asking you to come to a REC Board meeting, a Planning Commission meeting, or to get involved with the Athletic Board. Give yourself the opportunity to join these great people and give them a hand. The activities they plan get bigger and better each year, and more help is always welcome. Not only will you be doing something for your community, I can guarantee that you'll have fun! Come give a few hours of your time this coming year and become friends with our own township heroes!

Don James
(814) 398-4214

FROM YOUR ROAD CREW:

Friends and Neighbors:

This has been another productive summer improving the roads of Richmond Township. We received two grants this year from the Conservation office – Hickory Corners and Eddie Road. The Hickory Corners project is complete and I feel was a great success. The Eddie Road project is at a standstill due to a GP11 permit that has not been cleared by the DEP. It has been there since the first of June. We are still waiting! Dan and I, along with normal road maintenance, have also installed several driveway pipes as well as replaced multiple cross pipes. In a few places, we created drain relief for water bleeders that were surfacing in the roadways. All in all, it has been a busy year and a productive one at that. To those interested, I am proud to say that in the past four years we have generated over \$240,000 worth of grant projects and we sure do appreciate the residents that have told us they can see the improvements that have been done.

In closing, I would just like to thank you, the citizens of Richmond Township, for your understanding and patience as to work zones, road closed signs, and Mother Nature. Remember, your safety, as well as ours, is our goal.

Charlie Hartman
Dan Mailliard
(814) 967-3822

**RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
WEBSITE**

www.richmondtownshipcc.com

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Fellow Residents:

The Richmond Township Planning Commission has spent a great deal of time over the past several months compiling and reviewing each of the Township's many ordinances. A report of our findings and suggestions has been compiled for the supervisors. You can review any of these ordinances can be viewed on the Township's website at www.richmondtownshipcc.com. Your Planning Board includes the following township residents make up our Planning Board: Tom Morgan, Gary Coburn, Mike Lokuta, Luigi DeFrancesco, Don Meyer, and John Lawrence. The Board meets at 7:30 pm on the last Monday of each month at the Township garage building. The public is welcome to attend.

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

FROM THE REC BOARD

Welcome Fall to Richmond Township residents:

We have had a busy spring and summer with lots of activity at the Recreation Complex. Our annual Easter Egg hunt was a huge success with over 100 children attending. They participated in crafts, the egg hunt, and had lots of "goodies" including money and gift certificates to take home. Children's bikes were also given away to two lucky winners. Donations for this event were given by Dave's Place, Brian Hamilton's Country Store, and

Blooming Valley Store. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

On May 15, the Recreation Board sponsored a Clean-up Day for the Recreation grounds. Many hands make for light work, and there were plenty of volunteers who showed up to help. Martin's Mulch donated mulch for the flowers and signs, Greenhill Farms donated the use of a 4-wheeler, and Gene Galford brought his backhoe. Thanks again for those who worked and donated. The grounds have never looked better thanks to everyone's efforts.

On May 27 the annual Memorial Day service took place at the Recreation Building. This is always a well-attended, moving event. This year's speakers were Chief Master Sergeant Bob Potts of the U.S. Air Force Reserves and Crawford County Commissioner Weiderspan. Great job by the Veteran's Committee and thanks to all who participated.

The upcoming Fall events will be the "Haunted Building" and Halloween Party held for the children at the Recreation Building. This is scheduled for October 18 – 19 at 6 PM. Admission is free and drinks and snacks will be provided. Watch for more details in the paper and on our Township website. Anyone interested in helping call 967-4319.

Our shelter and building rentals continue to stay active and busy. Contact Dave Crago at 976-3551 for reservations.

Anyone interested in helping or joining the Recreation Board contact Scott Wheelock at 967-4319. Hope you all have a great fall and winter season.

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

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Kathleen Wheelock
(814) 967-4319

Tues. – 9 AM – 1 PM
Wed. – 5 – 7 PM
Please call for appointment

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

--HAUNTED BUILDING--

October 18 and 19, 2013
Richmond Township Rec
Facility
6 p.m. until 8 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

--TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT--

Thursday, October 24, 2012
6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

--ELECTION DAY--

Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Richmond Township Rec
Building
Polls open 7 am - 8 pm
**ID required of FIRST-TIME
VOTERS ONLY**

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!**

New Building Inspector for Richmond Township

**John Burnell
Building Inspectors Underwriters – BIU
Office: (814) 860-8048
Toll Free: (877) 272-0255
Fax: (814) 860-8048**

**Please contact John Burnell with any questions
regarding building permits, inspection requirements
and all related costs.**

**We welcome Mr. Burnell and BUI
and look forward to working with them.**

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