

Richmond Township

INFORMER

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Mike Lokuta
Tom Morgan
Don Myers

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Scott Wheelock - President
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A WORD FROM YOUR SUPERVISORS

Hello Fellow Residents,

Well, summer is almost over. It seems the older I get, the days, months and years go by a lot faster. Spring started off cold and wet and made it difficult to work on the roads. We had planned a major gravel replenishment this summer, with gravel added to portions of the following roads: Russel, Castile, Tomer, Mercer, Mailliard, Cox, Pinney Corners, Beider and Ingraham. Charlie and John have done a fantastic job of getting this accomplished. Almost 8,000 tons of 2rc material was put on these roads. Thanks to everyone involved, we stayed within our budget and are hoping to do a similar project next year on other roads.

As winter approaches, Charlie and John will be putting the final touches on the roads and getting the trucks ready for plowing snow. At this point, I'd like to bring something to your attention. We have had some issues with people parking on the roads and not leaving enough room for the plows to get by, especially during hunting season. If you are using the game lands on Johnson or North Richmond Roads, please use the game lands parking areas. Elsewhere, please try to get permission to park in a driveway. If you must park in the road, please find the widest spot in the roadway.

Vehicles blocking the road may have to be towed and we really don't want that to happen. We ask the same of residents. Please park in your driveway, not on the road in front of your house. The plows need to get through to keep the roads cleared and safe for all of our residents along with everyone who travels our roads, including school buses. We also ask residents to refrain from plowing snow across the road when clearing your driveway as this can create a hazard for vehicles traveling your road.

In closing, I must thank all of our volunteers for all of their hard work and time spent on various projects throughout the year. They help make our township a great place to live.

Glenn Sharpe, Chairman
(814) 720-5741

Hello Everyone,

It has been a busy summer for all of us at Richmond Township as I'm sure it has been for you. Along with all of their regular duties, our road workers have completed our most aggressive grant project to date – the removal and replacement of two new culvert pipes on North Richmond Road. I encourage everyone to go look at the finished project. "Thanks for a great job" goes to everyone involved.

I'm sure you've noticed the new location for the recycling bins in the REC Center parking lot. We had to move them to make room for 2 additional bins provided by the Solid Waste Authority. Please remember that these bins are for cans, glass, paper and cardboard only, NO tires, electronics or household garbage. Please use them appropriately.

On Saturday, November 18th, we will be hosting a Electronic & Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Day from 9 am until 1 pm at the REC Center, 30031 STATE Hwy 408, Townville, PA . The event is sponsored by the Crawford County Commissioners, Crawford County Solid Waste Authority and will be run by Environmental Coordination Services & Recycling (ECS&R). **EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.** You can pre-register at www.ecsr.net, or www.countyrecycling.com or by calling 1-866-815-0016. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items can be found on the township website. This is a great opportunity to get rid of those hard-to-dispose-of items. **JUST BE SURE TO PRE-REGISTER.**

**Don Jame, Supervisor
(814) 398-4214**

Hello Friends and Fellow Residents,

I hope all of our residents have been enjoying this beautiful summer as I know my family and I have. It's hard to believe summer has come and

gone by so fast and yet fall is knocking on our door.

We successfully tackled a large township project this summer on North Richmond Road thanks to a grant from the Conservation District. Great weather was also a plus. As fall approaches we would like to remind all township residents that we will be switching gears and getting prepared for the upcoming winter months so we appreciate your patience in advance. We've already been working on some of our equipment during the inclement weather days making improvements as well as preventative maintenance. Some of these repairs range from a new oil pan on our plow truck and new lighting on our ditch tractor.

Glenn, Don and I plan to work together with our neighboring townships again this year to help minimize duplicate road work on shared/border roads. This cooperative approach benefits both the townships as well as all of their residents.

Please be sure to mark your calendars as we have planned another Trunk or Treat for October 26th. We had a great success last year and hope for a great turnout this year as well.

I would like to thank everyone in our Township for their past and continued support throughout the remainder of the year.

**Bryan Morton, Supervisor
(814) 967-2114**

FROM YOUR ROAD CREW

To All Township Residents,

We can say it's been a productive year for the Road

Crew. We completed the North Richmond road project through the conservation grant. This project involved the removal and replacement of two existing culvert pipes, both approximately 74 ft. long and 7 feet high – a huge project and a much needed improvement. The grant request was for \$88,197 with the township contribution of \$11,771.17. The finished project came in at \$84,498.12 in grant funding plus \$14,592 in kind from the township for a total project value of \$99,090.12.

We were also able to do a considerable amount of ditching this year to prepare for adding almost 8,000 tons of gravel to several roads. All in all, we've had good weather for working on the roads, despite a rainy spring. Let's hope the great weather we've had this summer doesn't bring a bad winter. Either way, we will do our best to keep the roads drivable. Please be patient and safe out there this year.

**Charlie Hartman
John Flaugh
(814) 967-3822**

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Fellow Residents,

Members of your Richmond Township Planning Commission are Gary Colburn, Luigi DeFrancesco, John Lawrence, Mike Lokuta, Tom Morgan and Don Myers. Our meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 6pm at the Township Office on State

Hwy 408. Residents are welcome to attend.

We have been helping the Supervisors by reviewing existing ordinances and suggesting updates to some of the older ones. There are many items to be reviewed so this will continue to be a work in progress.

We are also in the process of applying for an Act 13 Grant, which involves monies made available to county governments through the Act 13/Impact Fee for unconventional (Marcellus and Utica Shale) gas wells. We are working with the Rec Board and the Supervisors to come up with a long range multiyear plan with specific upgrades to the township Recreation complex and building at 30031 State Route 408. If you have not been to the park lately, please stop by and take an enjoyable walk on the trail.

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

FROM THE REC BOARD

Friends and Neighbors,

Your REC Board volunteers include Matt Capron, Patti Capron, Dave Crago, Phyllis Humes, Bill Taylor, Kathy Taylor and Scott Wheelock.

It's been a busy year starting with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, May 8th. A sincere thank you goes to all who helped make this a great event: co-sponsor Southern Care Hospice, Brian's Country Market, Dave's Place, Lost Lanes and Stanford Farms as well as our many helpers. The Township Clean-up Day and REC Center Clean-up were

also staffed by volunteers as was the Memorial Day service. Many, many thanks to Ray Crocker, Rev. Harry Zurasky, Allison Mattis and the Amy family for their continued support of this ceremony. We had good turnouts for all events and are already making plans for next year. Volunteers are very important and greatly appreciated. If you would be interested in becoming involved, please call me at 1-814-967-4319. I promise you'll have a great time and meet some great people!

There have also been some noticeable improvements at the REC center. You may have noticed the new fence in front of the REC Building. The fence was purchased with your donations and REC Board funds and installed by hard working volunteers. In addition, one of the picnic shelters has new picnic tables constructed by the Industrial Arts students at Maplewood High School. Many thanks for their hard work.

Our next event will be our third annual Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 26th, from 5 pm until 8 pm, in the parking lot at the Rec Center. Township residents are welcome to participate by distributing candy and treats from the trunk of their car to trick or treaters. Participants are also encouraged to dress up and to decorate their vehicles. Everyone has a good time! We expect it to be bigger and better this year, rain or shine! We look forward to seeing you there!

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

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

John Brown in Crawford County

The John Brown Heritage Association invites all Township residents and friends to visit the 1/2 acre John Brown "park memorial" site in New Richmond. The site includes the patched-up and preserved four stone walls of the tannery built in 1825-26. The 9 foot high walls are all that remains of the 27 by 52 foot tannery built by Brown with the help of Moses Gilbert from the Guys Mills area.

Two markers at the sight detail Brown's ten-year life in Richmond Township as well as his activities that made him an important part of our country's history. Visitors are also invited to cross the road to visit the 18th century cemetery where John Brown's first wife and two of his very young children are buried. The cemetery can be found behind the Colburn's house and barn, on the high point of the hill.

The next meeting of the John Brown Heritage Association will be Thursday, Nov. 9th at 7 pm. The public is invited to attend and enjoy a presentation on the life of Frederick Douglas. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Cribbs Home at Wesbury in the Activities Center adjacent to the Community Room/kitchen. Parking is available at the main entrance to Cribbs.

The association is a non-profit, volunteer organization. Contact Ed Edinger, Secretary by phone at (814) 724-8625, by mail at 291 Park Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335, or email peter5@zoominternet.net. to volunteer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**DOOR TO DOOR
TRICK OR TREAT HOURS
Thursday, October 26th
6 pm until 7 pm**

**TRUNK OR TREAT
Thursday, October 26th
REC Center Parking Lot
5 pm until 8 pm**

**ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 7th
7am until 8 pm
REC Building**

**ELECTRONIC & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
RECYCLING**

**Saturday, November 18th
9 am until 1 pm
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