

RICHMOND TWP BUILDING

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Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of  
the month, 6 pm at the  
Township Office Building

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## **A Word from Our Newly Elected Supervisor**

I am Bob Potts, your newly elected supervisor. Serving you is a great privilege, and I am eager to meet you in our community. There are many opportunities to get involved; please check out the calendar of upcoming events and see where you may want to help or attend. Many hands make light work; if you can help with Dumpster Day or Rec facility clean-up, we need you! Our annual Memorial Day service is May 27, and we need to ensure the facilities are clean and ready for our guests. Those who have visited or driven by the recreation facilities this winter may have noticed that the buildings are getting a much-needed facelift! We are delighted that we could complete projects to rehabilitate the buildings and thank the Recreation Board for heading up this important project; excellent job, everyone! If you see me around the area and have a question or concern, please let me know, or you can just say hello and introduce yourself. We have a great township, and I look forward to a brighter future together! ~ Bob Potts, Supervisor

## **Great Road Crew**

The township's road crew have done a wonderful job during a difficult winter. Please be patient as they will get to your road as soon as they can take care of those nasty potholes. Good weather will play an important part as to how soon they will be able to get this job done.

## **Township Clean-up Day Details**

We are encouraging all residents to aid in cleaning up our community by picking up road litter and bringing those items to clean-up day. Items that will NOT be accepted include chemicals, hazardous items, contractor waste, tires, paint, household garbage, shingles, barrel debris, and electronics which require recycling by state law (TVs, computers, monitors, tablets, phones). Appliances will be accepted WITHOUT freon.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Clean-up Days**

The township and Rec Complex clean-up days will soon be here and we need your help. For the township clean-up day, we specifically need volunteers who would be able to assist in unloading items from vehicles. The Rec Complex clean-up day will involve outside yardwork and cleaning up the grounds. Please contact the township office at 967-3822 if you know of individuals or groups that would be interested in helping for either day.

**RECREATION BOARD**

Scott Wheelock  
Matt Capron  
Patti Capron  
Dave Crago  
Bill Taylor  
Kathy Taylor  
Bill Shoemaker  
Melissa Smock

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Joe Smock

**EMS COORDINATOR**

Bill Taylor

**SEO/BCO**

Rick Makohus  
814-392-1864  
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**PICNIC SHELTER/FACILITY**

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**WEBSITE**

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**Building and Septic Permits**

Springtime is just around the corner, so please remember to get a building permit before you start construction. Please contact the township's UCC and Sewage Office Rick Makohus at (814) 392-1864.

**TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENTS**

The township has recently made numerous upgrades to our Richmond Township Recreation Center buildings. Please stop by and admire our new improvements :).

**John Brown Heritage Association**

The JBHA wants to thank the supervisors of Richmond Township who have allowed an exhibit of artifacts found at the John Brown Tannery site in New Richmond at the Recreation Complex building. The archeological dig was done by the French Creek Archeological Society under the direction of Sandy Porter. In 1826, the future abolitionist moved from Ohio to Crawford County where he started a farm and a successful tannery that employed twelve men. He became postmaster and renamed the village New Richmond. His mail route was from Meadville to Riceville. The barn on his farm is said to have a "hide room" as part of the underground railroad. Brown's first wife and infant son are buried across the road from the tannery. In 1833, Brown married Mary Ann Day from Guys Mills, and together they had thirteen children, giving him a total of twenty children. In 1835, Brown moved back to Ohio, where his antislavery sentiments continued to grow until his fateful raid on Harper's Ferry in 1859 that helped trigger the Civil War. For more information on how to support the JBHA call Mark Peaster at 814 676 5820 or visit [johnbrownheritagecc.com](http://johnbrownheritagecc.com).

**TOWNSHIP AUDIT**

We want to thank our elected auditors for once again completing the audit of our township's finances. A recent financial report has been advertised in The Meadville Tribune.

**NO TAX INCREASE FOR 2024**

We are pleased to announce that there will be no need for a tax increase for the year of 2024 in Richmond Township.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

***Primary Election Day*** – Tues. April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 am – 8 pm at the Township Rec building

***Township Clean-up Day*** – Sat. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 3 pm at the Township office/garage

***Rec Facility Clean-up Day*** – Sat. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 am at the Township Rec building

***Memorial Day Service*** – Mon. May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the Township Rec building