

**\*\* THE RICHMOND TOWNSHIP INFORMER \*\***

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP 30348 State Hwy 408 Townville, PA 16360  
Spring 2019

Winter is hopefully over and spring is here. And with it we face the usual road issues as the frost weeps out of the roads, rains take their toll and potholes appear. Our road crew has already been busy grading and raking the roads as weather permits. We ask for your patience as this work progresses. We will get to your road as soon as possible. Any major problem areas can be reported to the township by calling (814) 967-3822 and leaving a message.

The township has purchased a new piece of equipment, which should make late winter/spring road maintenance more efficient - a road maintainer also called a road plane. The decision to make this purchase was made after seeing how it works and talking to other townships that have one. The road plane can be towed behind a tractor which will enable us to get on the roads sooner when the roads are still too soft to handle the weight of the grader. We're looking forward to using it.

You may recall that last summer, the DEP was not issuing permits for brine due to a lawsuit filed in Warren County. That issue has yet to be resolved. However, we have been able to make arrangements with a company that can provide us with brine for dust control. The provider has the appropriate permits and has assured us that he will be able to provide what we need for what we feel is a reasonable delivery charge. We assure you that we will be efficient when it comes to the quantity purchased and the spending of your tax dollars.

Speaking of taxes, your supervisors were once again able to pass a budget with no tax increase. This is good news for all residents of Richmond Township and is a result of sensible and cost-effective allocation of your tax dollars that go toward the running of the township. However, our budget could be adversely affected by Governor Wolf's proposal of a sliding scale per person tax on municipalities that rely exclusively on the State Police for protection. The supervisors have written a letter to State Representative Brad Roae and Senator Michelle Brooks strongly opposing this tax. It is not unreasonable to expect this tax to be increased in the future, potentially requiring the township to increase taxes. Imposing this per capita tax would be very unfair. We believe funding for the State Police should be appropriated in the general fund rather than trying to raise money through per capita fees which target smaller municipalities. We are already paying for State Police services through existing state taxes. We urge you to contact Brad Roae and Michelle Brooks to urge them to oppose this proposed legislation.

Along with Spring comes the township's annual Easter Egg Hunt. The date is Saturday, April 13, 2019, beginning at 10 am, rain or shine. Children of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend. It's rumored that the Easter Bunny may make an appearance. And there will be snacks and punch available for all. We'd like to thank our sponsors in advance – Brian's Country Market, Dave's Place, Stanford Farms and Southern Care Hospice.

As the weather improves, don't forget that the Rec Building and picnic shelters are available to rent for your upcoming reunions and parties. You can contact township secretary Rhonda Phillips to make your reservation. Rhonda can be reached at (814)967-3822. If you leave a message, she'll get back to you soon.

Finally, the township welcomes anyone who would like to get involved with the various projects and activities the township offers. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Rec Board can contact Scott Wheelock at (814) 967-4319. Activities include the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Trunk or Treat. Volunteers are also needed to help unload vehicles on Clean-up Day (April 27) as well as clean-up of the Rec Center grounds and facilities (May 11). Whatever the job, we can assure you that you'll have a good time.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of Richmond Township. We are honored to serve as your supervisors.

**Bryan Morton**  
Chairman

**Glenn Sharpe**  
Supervisor

**Don James**  
Supervisor

**RICHMOND TOWNSHIP**  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 13

10 am

Township REC Building

**TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAY**

**(“Dumpster Day”)**

Saturday, April 27

8 am until 3 pm

Township Garage

**REC FACILITY CLEAN UP DAY**

Saturday, May 11

8 am

Township REC Building

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

Monday, May 27

10 am

Township REC Building