

Spring 2024

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Spring Yard Waste Collection

Richland Township will be conducting a Spring Yard Waste Collection week in May. Pick-ups will occur the week of May 6th through May 10th.

The Township's Public Works department will collect the yard waste during those dates. Please try to place your waste out by Sunday, May 5th, if possible, to ensure that you don't miss our pick-up.

Leaves may be piled against the curb or bagged (paper bags only, no plastic). Sticks should be stacked (bundled and/or tied would be appreciated) on top of the curb or along the edge of the road if you do not have curbing. We WILL NOT collect grass clippings, pine needles/cones, or other unacceptable items. Please DO NOT put out rocks, dirt, stumps, trash, lumber, or ANYTHING OTHER THAN LEAVES AND STICKS.

Please note: There is NO set schedule of which days we will be on which roads. The schedule depends upon weather and other circumstances at the time. Depending on those factors, we will make sure we get around the entire township in a timely manner.

As a reminder, the Township also has a brush dumpster and a grass clipping/leaf bin located in the far rear of the property (behind the salt storage shed) located at the Township building, 1328 California Road, Quakertown, PA for residents to bring yard waste at their convenience.



Richland Township Community Garden 2024 SIGN UP FORM



Richland Township is currently offering garden plots in our community garden which is located at:

402 Station Rd, Quakertown, PA 18951

The plots are approximately 10x7 feet. Please park in the area in front of or behind the One-Room Schoolhouse on Station Road. Access to the gardens is currently through a path in the treeline. We may add additional access in the near future.

Plots will be available to work on beginning April 22nd. There is currently no rental fee associated with use but space is limited. Please note: there is no water currently at the site, so it is a BYOW facility. (We currently have a water collection barrel that will be available for use but dependent on rain conditions.) Each gardener is responsible for making his/her own accommodations and may use the rain barrel on a first come, first serve basis.

The following rules are designed to ensure that you and your fellow gardeners have a pleasant and productive season. Please take a moment to review them.

Reserving a plot:

- Plots are reserved on a first-come first-served basis.
 Return this form to the Township office Monday to
 Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm., or mail in the form to the address below.
- · Garden plots are not rented to commercial growers.
- Gardeners may not sublet or give away their plots. If you no longer wish to garden, please contact the Township office during normal business hours.
- Any plots not occupied by July 1st will be reassigned.
- Please clean up after yourself. Richland Township will not provide trash services.

Plot Maintenance:

- All gardeners are to maintain their plots in a reasonable manner. Weeds and garden debris can serve as cover and food for undesirable insects, rodents, and other vermin.
- Gardening is permitted from dawn to dusk.
- No fertilizer or commercial pesticides are permitted.
- · No shade producing plants over 4' tall are permitted
- No corn permitted.
- Fencing and plant supports are permitted but please refrain from using metal as it may damage the tilling equipment.
- No permanent structures or fencing is permitted.
- Tools, supplies, and related gardening equipment left at a garden plot site are left at your own risk and must be left in a tidy manner and within your plot limits.

Your Responsibility to Fellow Gardeners:

- Please do not block garden paths with vehicles, equipment, or debris.
- · Highly invasive plants are not allowed.
- Please be aware of larger shade producing plants
- be sure to include a valid email for information, communication, and updates.

End of Year Responsibilities:

Remove all non-organic materials including fencing, stakes, and rain barrels.

Please note: Abuse of the above rules will result in the denial of future rentals.

Have a fun and productive growing season

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP FIRE & RESCUE

64 SHELLY ROAD QUAKERTOWN, PA 18951



TUESDAY NIGHTS

Doors Open 5:00 PM; Games begin 6:45 PM

Complimentary Refreshments Weekly Call

215-536-7226



May 17, 2024

June 21, 2024

September 20, 2024

October 18, 2024

59.00

chips & condiments





Richland Historical Society: Preserving the Past & Shaping the Future

Are you passionate about one room schoolhouses and Richland Township history? Do you find joy in uncovering forgotten stories and exploring the past? If so, we invite you to become a member of our esteemed Richland Historical Society!

Who We Are?

Our historical society is a vibrant community of like-minded individuals who share a common love for one room schoolhouses and Richland Township history of Bucks County. We are dedicated to preserving our remaining one room schoolhouses in the township such as the Shelly School and Central school. We promote, educate, and celebrate the achievements of our local school system. Our mission is to share the history and stories of Richland Township teachers, students, and the beauty of one room schoolhouse to ensure that their legacy lives on for generations to come.

Why Join?

- 1. **Connect with Fellow History Enthusiasts**: As a member, you'll have the opportunity to connect with others who share your passion for our community. Attend our monthly meetings, workshops, and events to exchange ideas, stories, and discoveries.
- 2. Access to Archives and Resources: Gain exclusive access to our extensive archives, including rare photographs, documents, and artifacts. Whether you're researching your family tree or diving into a specific historical era, our resources will be invaluable.
- 3. **Engage in Community Projects**: Be part of something bigger! Our society actively contributes to community projects such as restoring historical landmarks, organizing educational programs, and curating exhibitions. Your involvement can make a real impact.
- 4. **Learn and Grow**: Attend our expert-led lectures, workshops, and field trips. Expand your knowledge, learn new research techniques, and deepen your understanding of the past.

How to Join?

Becoming a member is easy! Visit our website at www.RichlandHistoricalSociety.org and click on the "Membership" tab. Fill out a brief form, and you're in! Annual membership dues are affordable, tax deductible, and your support directly contributes to our preservation efforts.

Together, We Preserve History

Join us in celebrating the rich tapestry of our Richland Township community's past. Let's honor the teaching pioneers, the students, the visionaries, and the unsung heroes who shaped our township. Become a member of our Richland Historical Society today!

2024 Fall Leaf Collection

Although it is still Spring, our 2024 Fall leaf collection schedule has been prepared. Please visit our website at www.richlandtownship.org for more information on dates and locations. The street lists will be posted and you can check back closer to October for updates and reminders.

FOR CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS OLD

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FREE

FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Quakertown Community Pool Parking Lot (601 W. Mill Street)

Bike Safety Education & Skills Course

Bicycle Inspections & Helmet Fittings

Refreshments & Bicycle Drawing

Games, Prizes & More!

QUAKERTOWN.ORG/BIKERODEO

Presented By:

Quakertown Borough Police Department Richland Township Police Department









Please detach and bring to the rodeo	
Name:	Age:
Address:	
Phone:	

2024 BUCKS COUNTY

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

Registration is not required in Bucks County this year.

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April 6	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Community College 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, Newtown Township
May 18	Upper Bucks	Upper Bucks Area Vocational Technical School 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasie, Bedminster Township
June 29	Central Bucks	Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Road, Warrington, Warrington Township
August 10	Lower Bucks	Bensalem High School 4319 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, Bensalem Township
October 26	Upper Bucks	Strayer Middle School 1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township



Collection events run from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM Rain or shine







Batteries

- Car

- Marine

- Truck

- Motorcycle

Propane Tanks

(2 lbs. or less)

- Button Batteries

- Lithium Batteries

Lead-Acid Batteries

- Re-Chargeable Batteries

- Mini Propane Tanks Only

What You Can Bring

Up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label, for example: *Danger, Warning, or Caution*. Other words or phrases that can signal hazardous products include: *poisonous, hazardous, combustible, flammable, corrosive, volatile, caustic, irritant, explosive, toxic, use with adequate ventilation, or avoid inhaling*.

Pesticides

- Chlordane
- DDT
- Malathion
- Sevin
- Rodent Poison

Flammables

- Aerosols
- Gas/Oil Mixture
- Gasoline
- Heating / Motor Oil
- Kerosene

- Oil-based Paint
- Paint Thinner
- Spot Remover

Caustics

- Ammonia-based Cleaners
- Degreasers
- Drain Cleaner
- Household Lye
- Metal Cleaner
- Oven Cleaner

Fire Extinguishers

- Antifreeze
- CFLs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes)
- Mercury
- Photographic
- Chemicals
 Pool Chemicals
- Rust/Paint Remover
- Weed Killer

What You Can't Bring

ELECTRONICS-TVs-Computers-Cell Phones-Any
Corded Devices

LATEX PAINT-Non-Hazardous Waste/Water-based*

Appliances-with or without Freon

Asbestos

Explosives / Ammunition

Gas Cylinders

Household Batteries-Regular Alkaline

Medical Waste / Prescription Drugs

Non-Hazardous Waste

PCBs

Pressurized CFCs / Freon

Propane Tanks-Greater than 16 oz.

Smoke Detectors Radioactive Waste

Tires

Unidentified Waste

*Remove lid to allow to air dry or mix with absorbent (e.g., kitty litter) until no longer a liquid and discard in plastic trash bag.

For additional information on disposal options, contact:

Bucks County Planning Commission www.buckscounty.gov/recycling

215-345-3400

or

The PADEP Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242

Why bring your household hazardous wastes to a scheduled event?

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.



This program is a community service of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners and participating municipalities and is not open to business, industry, or institutions.

Bucks County Board of Commissioners

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, *Chair* Robert J. Harvie Jr., *Vice Chair* Gene DiGirolamo, *Secretary*



02/21/2024

Bucks County Planning Commission
1260 Almshouse Road · Doylestown, PA 18901

245 245 2400 Ferm 245 245 2006

215-345-3400 Fax: 215-345-3886

 ${\bf Email:} \ \ {\bf \underline{planningcommission@buckscounty.org}} \ \ {\bf Website:} \ \ \underline{{\bf www.buckscounty.gov}}$

Join us as we clean up Richland Township!

Road Clean-Up Day

May 4, 2024

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Township Building, 1328 California Road

A FREE lunch will be provided after the event. To volunteer contact Tim Arnold at

tarnold1@richlandtownship.org or 215-536-4733



2023 Water Quality Report is now on the Website

The Richland Township Water Authority is pleased to report that the water quality monitoring, in accordance with EPA and Pennsylvania DEP guidelines, shows that our water is safe and meets or exceeds federal and state requirements.

The 2023 Water Quality Report is now available on our website. To see the report, please go to: https://www.richlandwaterauthority.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/2023 water quality report.pdf

If you are a Water Authority Customer, this report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

If you do not have internet access and would like a paper copy, please contact Kathy by phone at 215-536-4733, or by email at kwetzel@richlandwaterauthority.org and the report will be mailed or emailed to you promptly.



VETERANS PARK -145 E. Pumping Station Rd, Quakertown

Sponsored by the Richland Township Park & Recreation Board

All movies start at dusk



Questions feel free to call Tim Arnold @ 215-536-4733 or e-mail tarnold1@richlandtownship.org



Richland Township Police Department



Saturday May 4, 2024 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Richland Township Police Department

229 California Road

Quakertown PA 18951

Rain or Shine

For Residents Only

Rep. Craig Staats of Richland Township, Bucks County, was elected to represent the 145th Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in November of 2014.

As a state representative, Staats aims to promote job growth through the adoption of business-friendly policies that will attract job creators to the Commonwealth and help them to thrive and grow. He also supports efforts to ease the property tax burden on Pennsylvania citizens and to improve public education by focusing on greater control at the local level. Other legislative priorities include road and bridge improvements in upper Bucks County and the preservation of open space.

In the 2023-24 Legislative Session, Staats has been reappointed to the Education, Liquor Control and State Government committees and will serve as deputy chair of the Policy Committee for the session. Staats was also named again as chairman of the Education Subcommittee on Career and Technical Education (CTE).

Staats brought 32 years of business-related experience to the House including 25 years in the restaurant industry. He also worked as a business broker, conducting business sales and acquisitions and promoting business growth and job creation by matching entrepreneurs with business opportunities.

No stranger to public service, Staats has served as chairman of the Richland Township Board of Supervisors, the Richland Township Preservation Board, Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee, and he held a seat on the Richland Township Planning Commission. He also served as Judge of Elections in Richland, was president of Sweetbriar Homeowners Association and is a former youth sports coach. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Staats is active in his church and is a Fourth Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, St. Isidore Council.

A graduate of Central Bucks public schools and Johnson and Wales University, Staats earned a bachelor's degree in business management. He lives in Richland Township in upper Bucks County with his wife, Robin. They have two adult sons, Dylan and Nicholas.

The 145th district includes the townships of Bridgeton, Durham, East Rockhill, Haycock, Milford, Nockamixon, Richland, Springfield and West Rockhill and the boroughs of Quakertown, Richlandtown, Riegelsville, Telford (Bucks County Portion) and Trumbauersville.







RICHLAND TOWNSHIP PAVILION RESERVATION FORM

1328 California Road, Suite A, Quakertown, PA 18951 215-536-4066

TODAYS DATE:				
NAME:		92	-8	
ADDRESS:				
PHONE #:				
Email:			78 73	
PAVILION RESERVATION DATE	i:		 	
PAVILION LOCATION:				
Robert O. Kelle	r Memorial P	ark (Township	Building)	
Great Blue Here	on Park (Bray	ton Gardens II	Development)	
TIME OF RESERVATION: F	ROM		то	
# OF PEOPLE:				
ELECTRICITY NEEDED _	YES	NO		
DEPOSIT: CHECK	CASH	CREDIT CARE		
2 SEPARATE DEPOSITS ARE RE \$25.00(WILL BE REFUND \$50.00 (NON-REFUND	NDED IF PAVI		IED)	
* BAG ALL TRASH AND DEPOS * IF THE PAVILION IS NOT USE				FEITED
SIGNATURE				
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OFFICE USE:				
PAVILION CLEAN AMOUNT OF REFUND			OF REFUND	

Ray's Tax Tips

The 2024 Bucks County and Richland Township combined property tax bills were issued on March 1st. Richland Township has increased the millage collected for the benefit of the local fire services. Across the county, and beyond, volunteer fire companies, such as we have in Richland, are under pressure to continue providing the high level of service that we have come to expect. However, we can't take for granted the efforts and commitment of our volunteer men and women. The hours spent responding to fire calls, traffic accidents and rescues are many. More time away from home and family is spent training and complying with new laws and regulations. Our volunteers provide care and maintenance of trucks and equipment when not responding to service calls.



RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

Raymond "Skip" Goodnoe Property Tax Collector www.RichlandTC.com

P.O. Box 1346 Quakertown, PA 18951 Office: 215-529-5719 www.richlandtownship.org Raymond@RichlandTC.com

Above and beyond those commitments are the financial needs to purchase, maintain and equip the apparatus, which are expensive, and growing. In order to recognize and respond to the needs of the fire services community and to adequately serve the residents, Richland Township has increased the Fire tax to 3.0 Mills. That translates to \$3.00 per thousand dollars of assessed value of your property. The average assessment in Richland is approximately \$20,000 (your assessment is a fraction of the property's fair market value, which I can cover in another newsletter) which results in approximately a \$60.00 total fire tax bill annually. If you need the services of our volunteers, you can be confident that they are equipped and prepared to respond.

I am not a member of the fire company. Like most of us I hope not to need them but can be assured that they are ready, willing and able to respond if the need arises. Thank you to the brave men and women who volunteer and are dedicated to answering this life saving need.

2024 Road Projects

NovaChip Paving will be performed on the roads in the following developments:

- 1. Sweetbriar
- 2. Hunter's Crossing
- 3. Hallmark Place
- 4. Timberbrook Drive

This work is planned for Spring (April or May) and will be weather and schedule permitting.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Benner at 215-536-4066.



Primary Election Day - April 23, 2024

Polls Open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Richland's Four Voting Precincts & Polling Places

Richland 1

Richland Elementary School Fairview Avenue

If you live south of Raub Road and east of Route 309, you will cast your ballots at the Richland Elementary School just off Route 313.

Richland 2

Municipal Building

California Road

If you live in the northeast section of the Township, north of Raub Road and east of the railroad tracks, you will cast your ballot at the Richland Township Municipal Building located on California Road.

Richland 3

Grace Bible Fellowship Church N. Old Bethlehem Pike

If you live in the northwest section, west of the Railroad Tracks and north of Cemetery

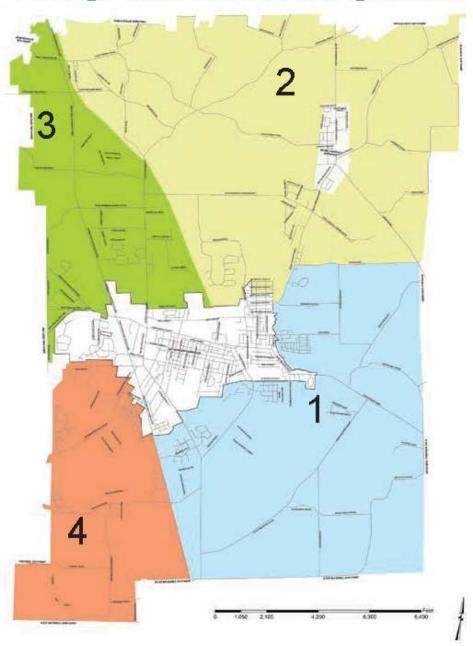
the Railroad Tracks and north of Cemetery Road and Milford Square Pike, you will cast your ballot at Grace Bible Fellowship Church on N. Old Bethlehem Pike near Stonegate Road.

Richland 4

First Church of Brethren

Trumbauersville Road

If you live in the southwest portion of the Township, south of Mill Road and west of Route 309, you will cast your ballot at First Church of the Brethren, 455 Trumbauersville Road.





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HEART AND VASCULAR | CANCER | NEUROSCIENCE | ORTHOPEDIC | SURGICAL

From the Zoning Office

Of Rich Brittingham

Developments Under Consideration

1. Richland Walk (Better Living Homes)

B5 Performance Standard Subdivision, 104 townhome units—53+ acres south side of E. Pumping Station Rd

2. Greenway Development-Front Gate Community

5 Mid-rise Buildings, 180 units (age targeted) plus 91 townhomes for a total of 278 units 46.26 acres located along Station Rd behind Q-mart

Developments Under Construction

1. Reserve at Woodside Creek

74 Single Family-Phase I-36 & Phase II-39 101.7 acres located on the south side of Paletown Rd & Rocky Ridge Rd

2. Trinity Homes (Steeple Run)

38 Single Family

21.1 acres located on the north side of E. Paletown Rd



Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Projects Under Construction

1. GBG Holdings, LLC

3.6 acres located at 1466 N West End Blvd (SR 309) E20 Truck Sales Use Proposed 5,000 SF Building

2. Heller Road Associates, LLC

7.8 acres located along the west side of Heller Rd G3 Warehouse Use Proposed 100,984 SF Building

3. Quaker Industrial Commons

3.93 acres located on north side of Kelly Rd G17 Flex Building Proposed 26,000 SF Building

4. Olympus Pines, LLC

1.938 acres located at southwest corner of Franklin Ln and S West End Blvd (Route 309) E17 Car Wash Use (Tommy's Express)

Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Projects Under Consideration

1. Bible Baptist Church

20.9 acres located on Reservoir & California Rd C1 Place of Worship

2. MRP Industrial NE, LLC

58.64 acres located at the southeastern corner of Pumping Station Rd and Heller Rd G3 Warehouse Use Proposed 209,000 SF Building

3. PNK P4 LLC

12.29 acres southwest corner of West Pumping Station Rd & O'Neill Dr G3 Warehouse Use Proposed 173,600 SF Building

4. Richland Tracts-Tollgate Road

62.32 acres southwest corner of Tollgate Rd and S West End Blvd G3 Warehouse Use Proposed 649,230 SF Building

Permits are required for:

- Signage
- Well drilling
- Change of Use of Occupancy
- Construction of a new building
- Structural alterations or repairs
- Moving or relocating a building
- Demolition, razing (Ordinance #191)
- Plumbing fixtures, installed or replaced
- Adding new structures, additions, or dwelling units
- Earth disturbance over 1,000 sq. ft. (Ordinance #210)
- Sheds, fences, pools, concrete/paver patios, parking lots & driveways

All applications for building and zoning permits can be found on our website at www.richlandtownship.org





Richland Township

1328 California Rd, Suite A Quakertown PA 18951 215-536-4066

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Public Works Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<u>www.richlandtownship.org</u> www.facebook.com/richlandtownshipbuckscounty/

Offices Closed:

April 23rd - Primary Election May 27th - Memorial Day July 4th - Independence Day September 2nd - Labor Day MAILING PANEL NO CONTENT INSIDE THIS BOX

Richland Township Officials

Kathie Doyle - Chair
Chris Vanelli - Vice Chair
Tim Arnold - Member
Leslie Huhn - Township Manager
Richard Ficco, Sr. - Police Chief
Rich Brittingham - Asst. Township
Manager/Zoning Officer
Scott Ambron - Code Enforcement Officer
James Benner - Roadmaster

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	Dial 9-1-1
Police Department	215-536-9500
Administrative Offices	215-536-4066
Water Authority	215-536-4733
Bucks County Water & Sewer	215-343-2538

2024 Monthly Meetings

(check website for exact dates)

Board of Supervisors

2nd Monday - 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation Board & Trails

4th Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Water Authority

2nd Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Preservation Board

2nd Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

(Meetings are advertised as needed)