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Memorial Day: A Day of Honor and Gratitude

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I have had the honor for the past 15 years to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Each year, our community lines the sidewalks, waving flags and recognizing the sacrifices of those who have served. It's not just a parade, but a reminder of the cost of freedom and our desire to remember.

I still recall my first year participating in the parade, and the streets lined with families, but what struck me the most was all the Veterans, many of them were marching or riding with pride. Their presence was deeply moving. But over the years, I've noticed fewer of them. The long lines of Veterans from past conflicts have slowly dwindled. It's a subtle but powerful sign of time passing.

One of the most touching parts of the ceremony is when we read out loud the names of our fallen. For the many local heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice, a bell is rung after their name. The sound of that ringing bell is a reminder that behind every name is a story and a life given for something greater than themselves.

I would like to share a childhood story about my father and how he taught me the real meaning of honoring and gratitude. One night, after eating at a restaurant, my father, a Veteran himself, walked up to the counter to pay our bill. Instead of just paying our bill, he paid for another customer, an older man sitting by himself who was wearing a World War II Veteran's hat. I asked why? My father simply said, "That Veteran risked his life for us, the least I can do is pay for his dinner." That moment will always be etched in my mind. It made me realize that acknowledging one's service does not necessarily need to be a grand gesture, that sometimes it is simply saying thank you or paying for that Veteran's meal. My father understood that.

Each year, when I participate in the Memorial Day parade, I find myself thinking about the Veterans who never returned home. I think about my father, United States Army Sergeant Leonard James Arnold, and the quiet way he taught me the real meaning of honoring and gratitude.

Memorial Day is as much about gratitude as it is about remembering with gratitude for the sacrifices that were given. It's a solemn time for reflection, a time to honor those who've served by living thankfully. That's what my father taught me. And every year, I hold on to this and I hope others do too.

Tim Arnold
Supervisor

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IN HONOR & REMEMBRANCE OF DALE P. HENNINGER

for His Service to Preserving Open Space in Richland Township

The Richland Township Preservation Board and Board of Supervisors would like to honor the life and service of Dale Phillip Henninger, one of our long-time community volunteers. Dale volunteered for the last 18 years on the Preservation Board with many successes for the Township. Unfortunately, Dale's health issues took him away from his love of the land and preserving open space in northern Bucks County. Sadly, Dale passed away on July 8th, 2025, at the age of 80.

Dale lived most of his life here in Quakertown and Richland Township. He was a man of many talents but was rooted in farming and working with farmers in northern Bucks County. Dale was one of the first property owners to participate in Richland's new preservation program. His enthusiasm in preservation helped instill trust in the program with the farmers and the public. He worked tirelessly on targeting properties and introducing the process of land preservation to landowners in Richland Township. He participated in many of the baseline evaluations of properties that have been preserved, as well as the monitoring to produce annual reports. He was a person of unlimited determination.

One of his many accomplishments was initiating the Agricultural Security Area in Richland Township. He went door-to-door to the area farmers explaining the program and was instrumental in securing the initial 500 acres of valuable farmland for this program. Dale was instrumental in sharing information on both referendums that were voted on by the public. In addition to preserving land in the Township, Dale was a Director of the Upper Tohickon Watershed Association and helped to secure funding for its operations and spearheaded many of their projects. Outside of volunteering, Dale was an extremely talented singer with the local church choir and was a self-taught piano player of classical music.

We would like to thank Dale for his many contributions to Richland Township and numerous organizations throughout his life. Dale will be remembered for his dedication to the preservation of the lands and history of Richland Township, but mostly he wanted to be remembered as a farmer at heart. He will be missed. Thank you, Dale. God Bless.

thank you

Richland Township would like to thank BJ's Wholesale Club. They made a generous donation of ice cream for Richland Township's National Night Out. We greatly appreciate receiving the donation to provide to our community!



Opening Up Sunday Hunting and Keeping Our Community Informed

By Rep. Craig Staats (R-Bucks)

Starting this fall, Pennsylvania hunters will finally be able to hunt on Sundays thanks to a new law I was proud to support. I have backed this effort for years, and I am glad to see it become a reality.

This change gives the Game Commission the authority to include Sundays when planning hunting seasons. It offers more flexibility for working families and opens the door for more access and participation in the outdoors. It is a commonsense update that benefits hunters, supports conservation, and boosts our local economy.

Watch Out for Common Scams

Unfortunately, scams continue to target people in our community. While tactics vary, the goal is always the same, to trick you into giving up personal information or money.

Common scams include:

- Impersonation scams from fake police, IRS, or relatives
- Tech support scams asking for remote access or payment
- Gift card scams demanding cards to pay fake fines
- Lottery or prize scams requiring payment to "claim" winnings
- Online sales scams with fake buyers or sellers

Tips to protect yourself:

- Do not share personal info with unknown callers
- Avoid clicking suspicious links or downloading files
- Talk to someone you trust if something feels off

You can always call my office if you are unsure about a call or message. We are happy to help.

Need Help with a State Issue?

My district office can assist you with a wide range of services, including:

- PennDOT forms and license services
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications
- Senior benefit applications (PACE/PACENET)
- Voter registration and state forms
- Referrals for help with state agencies

If you have a state-related issue or need assistance, please call my office at 215-536-1434.

See you around town!

Craig



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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

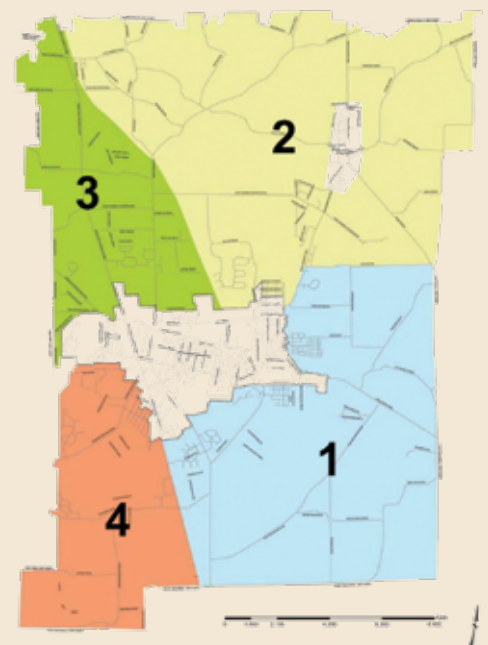
If you live in the northeast section of the Township, north of Raub Road and east of the railroad tracks, you will cast your ballot at the Richland Township Municipal Building located on California Road.

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 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.



From The Desk Of Zoning Office . . . 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.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

1. **Bible Baptist Church**
20.9 acres on Reservoir & California Rd. – C1 Place of Worship
2. **MRP Industrial NE, LLC-**
58.64 acres at the southeastern corner of Pumping Station Rd. and Heller Rd. - G3 Warehouse Use Proposed 209,000 SF Building



COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

1. **Northfield Business Campus, LLC Lot 6 & 7**
6.35 acres on the north side of E. Pumping Station Rd. - G3 Warehouse Use Proposed 80,500 SF Building
2. **PNK P4 LLC**
12.29 acres southwest corner of West Pumping Station Rd. & O'Neill Dr. - G3 Warehouse Use Proposed 173,600 SF Building
3. **Development Services, LLC**
(Richland Tracts) Tollgate Road- 62.32 acres southwest corner of Tollgate Rd. and S. West End Blvd. - G3 Warehouse Use Proposed - 400,050 SF Building and 156,000 SF Building



PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR:

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

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| • Signage | • Moving or relocating a building | • Earth disturbance over 1,000 sq. ft. (<i>Chapter 9 Part 1 Earth Disturbance of the Code of Ordinances of Richland Township</i>) |
| • Well drilling | • Demolition, razing | • Sheds, fences, pools, concrete/paver patios, parking lots & driveways |
| • Change of Use of Occupancy | • Plumbing fixtures, installed or replaced | |
| • Construction of a new building | • Adding new structures, additions, or dwelling units | |
| • Structural alterations or repairs | | |

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Richland Township Spring Yard Waste Collection will occur in May. Pickups will be held during the week of May 4th through May 8th. The collection will be done by the Township's Public Works department. The yard waste should be placed curbside by Sunday, May 3rd so you are not missed.

Leaves should be piled against the curb or bagged (paper bags only – no plastic). Sticks should be stacked (bundled and/or tied would be appreciated) and placed on top of the curb or along the edge of the road if you do not have curbing.

Please DO NOT put out rocks, dirt, stumps, trash, or lumber.

ONLY LEAVES AND STICKS WILL BE COLLECTED

We **WILL NOT** collect grass clippings, pine needles/cones, or other unacceptable items.

Please note: We do not have a set schedule of which days we will be on which roads. Our schedule depends upon weather, workload, and other unforeseen factors. We will make sure we get around the entire Township in a timely manner, depending on those conditions.

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 at the Township building. This is available year-round for residents to bring yard waste at their convenience.



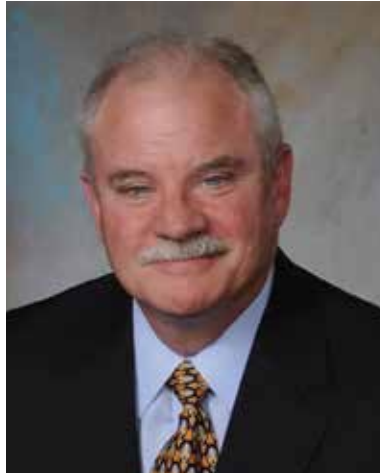
RAY'S TAX TIPS FALL 2025

This past year I had the opportunity to talk and appreciate the cooperation and that have taken the time to provide contact number or email address and will only use if you have previously supplied your contact unless it changes.

Many property owners are taking advantage a state funded benefit which reduces your whose property is their primary residence. This toward your school tax bill. Look at the top area labeled Tax Description. The line School multiplied by 175.65 mills and the result is your labeled Homestead Exclusion and Farmstead the amount of \$396.99 will be printed in this You do not need to renew each year unless the title to your parcel.

If you do not see the \$396.99 deduction, contact the Bucks County Board of Assessment (BOA) at 215-348-6219, or me at 215-529-5719, to sign up. Applications must be submitted by March 1st for the current year. If you use the internet, go to www.buckscountyboa.org and look for the Homestead/Farmstead Application tab. Details on eligibility for Farmstead are on the website or by calling the BOA.

My office is here to assist you with this, or any property tax question. You can reach me at 215-529-5719 or by email at Raymond@RichlandTC.com. My website RichlandTC.com offers other useful information, links to relevant websites, and the opportunity to pay by credit/debit card or by eCheck.



Ray Goodnoe
Tax Collector

with many taxpayers; I enjoy the conversations courtesy I have received. Thank you to those information, I do not share your phone them to contact you regarding tax business. information you need not provide it again

of the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion, school tax. The credit is available to those year the program provided a \$396.99 credit section of your school tax bill in the outlined Real Estate is the assessment of your property base school tax. Below that line are two lines Exclusion. If you are signed up for the exclusion space and is deducted from the base amount. you change title, refinance or otherwise adjust

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West End Fire Company
Station 18

Chief – David Erwin / President – Greg McDermott

Pride of Quakertown Reaches Half Million Dollar Mark in Scholarships Provided to Community Kids

We at the Pride of Quakertown (POQ) organization are excited to report that we will shortly surpass the half million-dollar mark in scholarships provided to “help kids achieve their dreams” in participating in the co-curricular activity of their choosing! Our all-volunteer non-profit organization has been in existence for 15 years and it has been our mission to make sure that all children in our community have access to extracurricular activities. We have done that by providing \$500,000.00 to qualifying students in the Quakertown area.

As adults, we know the many benefits of engagement in developmental activities. Through a partnership with our school guidance counselors, who often see the needs and benefits firsthand, referrals come to POQ. Retired QCSD Counselor Douglas Detweiler recounts, “for many students, the value of participating in co-curricular activities is well beyond the dollar value! Apart from the benefit of physical activity, for many participants values like self-discipline, teamwork, and perseverance are learned. Many will make solid friendships and find a ‘place of belonging.’ Perhaps the greatest lifelong impact on a young person’s life is the connection with adults who serve as role models. Opening the door for a student to participate in a co-curricular activity is truly an investment worth making.”

The dedicated members of our scholarship committee work with families and area establishments to set up the scholarship program for each student, continuing until they graduate from high school. These experiences have a lasting impact on the child and their families. As one parent shared, “With the generous support from the Pride of Quakertown, my daughter has been able to attend karate class and is working towards her junior black belt. She has learned that hard work pays off, to always do your best, and to be kind and respectful towards others. My family appreciates the opportunity we have been given, and we are thankful to all those who support and fund the Pride of Quakertown.”

Funds for our scholarships now come from multiple sources, such as grants, donations and event sponsorships. Our inaugural event, the impetus for POQ, did not really foreshadow the organization to come, though. We held a softball tournament that pitted teams of residents from eight neighborhoods against one another in a chance to be the “Pride of Quakertown.” When the event leaders found themselves with extra money after all fees had been paid, they decided to give back to those that stepped up to help with



the event; first was RASA. Our event leaders quickly found through others involved that there were quite a few businesses in town already supporting kids in the community on their own by allowing discounted memberships to their classes, programs and events. This led to the idea that we may be able to create something bigger and more philanthropic and so money from

the second tournament was saved and used to provide our first scholarship. And thus began the Pride of Quakertown organization.

Word of our organization spread slowly, but through the persistence of our small group, we have come pretty far! We have had many people step up through the years and help where they can and we are incredibly grateful for that. Without them, we would not be celebrating this milestone.

Along with the good feelings that come from helping a child is the overwhelming support we have from the general community! So many places we send our kids to are often eager to work with us from a financial aspect as well, doing what they can to make student participation as affordable as possible. We also receive great support from the QCSD including the teachers’ union and, of course, the Guidance Department. We continue to be surprised by the unexpected generosity of others as we will periodically be contacted by an individual or group that has heard of us, and our mission, and would like to donate proceeds from their own event. Sometimes this means partnering for an event, other times it just means showing up to accept a check, and we are honored to be thought of as worthy of receiving these proceeds.

We also have a POQ student club at QCHS after a few students reached out to develop a club with similar ideals as ours. With lots of zest for creating exciting events, they have held a trivia night and brought some unique excitement and bigger crowds to the indoor Easter Egg Hunt!

So, as we beam with “Pride” over this great goal our charity has met, we would be remiss in doing so without acknowledging that we in no way have done this alone. This is an achievement for the community as a whole who has shown the continued value of investing in our children. Thank you to everyone who has helped us on this journey!

Please check our website at www.prideofquakertown.org for a list of our sponsors, upcoming events, opportunities to Sponsor a Child, or to learn how you can become more involved.

2025 FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Full leaf collection will begin in October. Please visit our website, www.richlandtownship.org where we will try to share more specific dates and times as we get closer to the collection dates.

While we try to meet the following schedule, our collections may be affected by bad weather or other factors. Should we get behind in our schedule, we will collect leaves as close to your collection date as possible. Unfortunately, we can't always determine the order in which we service each area, so please be prepared for us to be on your street on any day throughout the week you are scheduled for.

Updates to our schedule will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page. Please continue to check back often during that time.

Leaf Collection in Developments

Residents who live in developments where the roads have been dedicated to the Township should place leaves out for collection beginning **October 21st** through **December 6th**. The Township crew will travel through the dedicated road developments weekly. If leaves are placed out late in the week, they may be collected the following week. Leaves must be on the road surface, against the curb. Leaves on the sidewalk or in yards will not be collected.

Developments in this group are:

- The Elms
- Walnut Bank Farms (Walnut Bank Farm Road, Farm House Lane, Red Barn Lane and School House Lane)
- Richland Mead
- Hunters Crossing, (including Timberbrook Drive and Hallmark Place)
- Sweetbriar
- Brayton Gardens I
- Brayton Gardens II
- Tollgate Landing
- Richland Court
- Regency Manor
- Spring Meadows
- Presidential Estates (Academy Place)
- Richland Station, (including Turntable Circle)
- Heather Valley/Richland Farms
- Deer Run Estates
- Morgan Creek



Residents who live in developments with roads that are privately maintained, will have leaves collected two times; on **November 3rd to November 7th** and again the week of **November 17th to November 21st**. Most of these developments have parking lots or courts that cannot be accessed with our equipment because of space constraints and numerous parked cars. Therefore, we ask you place leaves on the street, against the curb on the main access roads. Leaves on sidewalks and yards will not be collected.

Developments in this group and the streets where leaves may be placed are:

- Stonegate Village (place leaves on Stonegate Road)
- Beaver Run (place leaves on Beaver Run Drive, Terrace Drive and Windsor Circle)
- Richland Green
- Quakers Green (place leaves on Quakers Way)

- Walnut Bank Farms Condominium Section (place leaves on Walnut Bank Farm Road)
- Renaissance at Morgan Creek (place leaves on Memory Lane, Creekside Lane, and Turtle Creek Lane)
- Arbours at Morgan Creek
- Reserve at Hidden Ponds

Leaf Collection Along Rural Roads

Due to the amount of frontage along roads that are not in developments, those roads will be limited to a **one-time collection** during the week specified for your road. Leaves placed for collection after the specified week may not be collected.

Leaves should be placed on the shoulder as close to the roadway as possible. Our machine cannot reach farther than the shoulder so leaves beyond that point will not be collected.

Week of October 20th through 24th

North Mine Road; South Mine Road; Hickon Road; Keystone Road; Gross Road; W. Cherry Road; California Road; Dickert Road; Camp Rockhill Road; Scholls School Road; Yankee Road; W. Rich Hill Road; Whaland Road; East Rich Hill Road; Muskrat Road; Smoketown Road; South Old Bethlehem Pike; Station Road; Stoneback Road; Tohickon Road; Shelly Road; Nice Road; East Zion Hill Road.

Week of November 10th through November 14th

Rockhill Road; Raub Road; Erie Road; Axehandle Road; Meadow Road; Beck Road; East and West Pumping Station Roads; Heller Road; East and West Reservoir Roads; Milford Square Pike; Franklin Lane; Morris Road; Fairview Ave.; Hellertown Street; Perkasio Ave.; Station Ave.; Cemetery Road; Portzer Road; Ambler Street; Woodland Ave.; Penrose Street; Walnut Street.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. DO NOT place any other materials such as sticks, grass clippings, or yard waste with your leaves. These items clog the vacuum hose and cannot be collected. ONLY leaves will be collected, all other waste will be left behind.
2. DO NOT park vehicles on (or close to) leaf piles. We cannot collect leaves that are under or too close to vehicles (we need room for our equipment to be able to get to the piles). Hot mufflers and exhaust pipes may ignite the leaves and cause vehicle damage or loss.
3. A leaf drop-off area is available for all residents. You may drop them off in the leaf bin located behind the salt storage shed at the Township Building at 1328 California Road.
4. WE NO LONGER ACCEPT LEAVES IN PLASTIC BAGS AT THE DROP OFF BIN. Empty bags out on to the pile and take the plastic bags away or use the provided trash receptacle. Leaves in paper bags are acceptable.

If you have questions concerning these matters, please contact the Township's Public Works Director, Jim Benner, at 215-536-4066.

FREE!

Richland Township Police Department Shred Event

Saturday, November 1, 2025

10:00 AM - Noon

Richland Township Police Department
229 California Road, Quakertown, PA



(Rain or Shine)

~ For Residents Only ~



Shredding sensitive documents is one way to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of identity theft. These documents include materials containing names, addresses, social security numbers and account numbers.



Trumbauersville Fire Company
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Trumbauersville Fire Company Happenings

Gun Raffle tickets are on sale until December 1st. Five (5) prizes will be awarded on December 8th at 7:30 P.M. Winners will be picked from a wheel which can be viewed on our Facebook Website. Contact Trevor at 215-239-5883 for tickets.

We are again selling Cemetery Cross's, which are all handmade from the cutting of the wood to decorations and a light on the cross. Contact Marilyn at 215-536-2518 if interested in purchasing a cemetery cross for your loved one.

Fire Prevention Open House on October 14, 2025 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. at the firehouse. Come learn some fire prevention information, look at our fire apparatus and try on some firefighters' personal protective equipment.

We have Lottery Calendars for 2026 which run from January 1 to June 30, 2026. They make great Christmas gifts for employees and family members. Daily winning amounts change with special days and holidays. Contact Marilyn at 215-536-2518 for your Lottery Calendar and a chance to win.

Hoagie and Chef Salads are a great lunch and/or dinner meal. We make Italian, Ham, Turkey and Roast Beef hoagies. They are made on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and orders need to be placed by the Friday, 10 days prior to being made. Call Jen for information and to order at 215-989-0909. Orders are due by October 31st. Pick-up is on November 9, from 12-2 P.M. at the firehouse. December orders are due by December 5th. Pick up is December 14th, 12-2 at the firehouse.

November 1, 2025 is our Holiday Bazaar at the firehouse from 9 A.M.-2 P.M. We have a variety of different crafters, various raffles, Cemetery Crosses and 2026 Lottery Calendars for purchase. Come out and get your Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers early.

Behind the firehouse you will find a clothing bin to place any used & unwanted clothing to donate for the needy.

If you have any question on the above information, please contact me at 215-536-2518.

Marilyn J. Bobb

President
Trumbauersville Fire Company



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SNOW AND ICE TIPS

Snow and ice are conditions that affect each one of us at the same time. We can't be everywhere immediately, but the Public Works Department works very hard keeping the roads passable throughout a storm. We ask that our residents help us accomplish our tasks most efficiently by doing their part. Here's what you can do to help:

Important Safety Tips for Winter:

- **When snow is forecast, keep your cars off the roadways and park them in your driveways.** This gives us a chance to do a much better job of clearing the roads and it will eliminate the need of you having to clear the snow out from around your car after we have plowed it in. It also gives you less driveway to clean because it never snows under the car!
- **Give the plow truck the right of way.** Staying far enough away from it prevents that you don't get caught in one of the many blind spots. The driver needs a lot more room than you realize in maneuvering the equipment.
- **When cleaning sidewalks and driveways.** Always throw the snow back into your yard so you won't have to move it again. If it goes into the street, our plows will push it right back to you and you'll end up having to move it again. **It is against the law to put snow in a roadway.**
- **If you live on a two-lane street, wait until we have your street plowed back to the curb before cleaning out your driveway entrance.** Remember, some storms require us to plow more than once; sometimes we need to plow streets multiple times. Whenever possible, we always take the snow back to the curb line. After the storm is completely over it may take several hours to get around to all the streets. You will know that we are done with your street when it is plowed back to the curb line after the storm is over.
- **Remember, snow emergencies mean all vehicles (this includes boats, trailers, and campers) are prohibited from being parked on any Township street and may be towed at your expense.** We do not want to have to do that.
- **Please remove basketball nets from roadways and curb lines.** There is an Ordinance prohibiting this! Nets or hoops hanging out into or over the roadway prohibit drivers from doing their jobs properly and can cause damage to our trucks and your nets or backboards. Richland Township will not be responsible for damage to them if they are left in the roadway or on the curb line.

THANK YOU for your assistance in keeping our roads safe for travel. Working together we can have the cleanest and safest roads around!

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP TRAIL UPDATE

BY THOMAS MARINO, CHAIR OF RICHLAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

With cooler weather setting in, now is a great time to enjoy the outdoors. Richland Township continues to expand and enhance its trail system—linking neighborhoods and parks to provide safe, accessible routes for walking, running, biking, and hiking. These updates aim to improve quality of life, promote wellness, and offer alternative transportation options across the community.

e-bikes on Township Trails

Richland Township follows PennDOT regulations regarding electric bicycles. You can review the PA micromobility factsheet. Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are permitted on Township trails, provided all riders follow safety rules and trail etiquette:

- Cyclists must yield to pedestrians at all times.
- Always pass on the left and use a bell or verbal warning to signal.
- Riders must be 16 years or older to operate an electric bicycle.

To be legally classified as an e-bike (pedalcycle with electric assist) in Pennsylvania, the bike must meet the following:

- Electric motor of 750 watts or less
- Maximum speed of 20 mph when powered by the motor alone
- Operable pedals
- Total weight not exceeding 100 pounds

Please help keep the trails safe and enjoyable for everyone by following these guidelines.

New Trail Connection Open

Over 115 households in Richland Township now have direct access to the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Network (PHTN) thanks to a new trail bridge near Trumbauersville Road and Hunter's Crossing Development. The connection was made possible through developer funding tied to a nearby residential project.

The new bridge crosses a tributary of Beaver Run, part of the Delaware River Watershed, in an area that holds both ecological value and cultural significance, historically inhabited by the Lenape people until the late 1700s.

Nearby trail access points include:

- Great Blue Heron Park – approximately 1.7 miles from the new bridge
- Country Square Shopping Center – approximately 0.7 miles (access behind the shopping center)

Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Challenge

May 1 – December 31, 2025

The PHTN Trail Challenge invites walkers, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts of all levels to explore the Highlands Trail at their own pace. Participants log their mileage (on the honor system—no tracking app required) and earn recognition when they reach the following milestones: 10 miles; 25 miles; 50 miles; 100+ miles

Trails can be repeated and completed in any order. Prizes and certificates will be awarded after the challenge concludes.

Sign up and learn more at:
pahighlands.org/highlands-trail/trailchallenge

Phase 2 Uber Bucks Rail Trail Extension – Bucks County Project

Bucks County is designing a new 0.75-mile off-road trail to extend the Upper Bucks Rail Trail (UBRT) within Richland Township. The trail will provide a direct link between two existing segments near Walnut Bank Farms.

Key details:

- Two crossings at Walnut Bank Farm Road with high-visibility crosswalks
- Asphalt surface for smooth, accessible use
- Currently in the design and engineering phase
- Estimated construction: 2027 – 2029

Once completed, this trail will improve connections to parks, neighborhoods, and the broader regional network.







Recently Repaved Trail Section

A key section of trail between Mill Street in Quakertown and the Walnut Bank Farms development has been freshly repaved. This upgraded path is part of the PHTN and will soon link directly with the new Bucks County-built extension, creating a safer, smoother connection to Veteran's Park and the UBRT.

Thank you for your continued support of Richland Township's trail system. These projects reflect our commitment to outdoor recreation, community health, and sustainable transportation.



PA MICROMOBILITY FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	RIDE ON BIKE LANE	POSSIBLE DUI	PA VEHICLE CODE
ELECTRIC SCOOTER 	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	§ 102
Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.												
MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE 	16	C	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 1714
Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.												
MOTOR SCOOTER 	16	Class M/Class if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525
Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.												
SEGWAY 	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.												
E-BIKE 	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514
Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												
BICYCLE 	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547
Is a pedalcycle. Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												

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BIRD TOWN NEWS

Project NestWatch and New Housing for Purple Martins and Chimney Swifts at Richland Township
by Barbara Beck, Richland Township Bird Town Leader



This year Richland Township Bird Town had two exciting activities take place and we want to thank the Township for helping to make these happen.

First, Bird Town monitored seven Blue Bird nest boxes in Township Parks and recorded the data. Updates were posted on the Richland Township Bird Town Facebook page. We had 13 tree swallows and 12 blue birds hatch. It is an activity that we will do again next year, and Bird Town will put another call out for volunteers to help. NestWatch is a monitoring program, and no prior experience is necessary. Any individual or group can participate. It tracks the status and trends around nesting birds, like how many eggs are laid, how many eggs hatch and how many fledglings survive. Regular visits are conducted to bird boxes (or nests) and as data is collected it is entered, by the participants, into a database. There is an online manual on how to conduct the program and a code of conduct that must be followed to minimize disturbances to the birds. There is no restriction on what bird is monitored, although it is very popular to monitor blue birds or tree swallows which like to inhabit the same types of nest boxes.

Further details on the program are available at www.nestwatch.org. NestWatch is more than observing birds—it is about contributing to something bigger than ourselves. Each nest you watch, and record is a step toward preserving our avian friends for future generations. Watch for more information next spring.

The second project was the installation of a Purple Martin condominium and a Chimney Swift tower.

The PA Game Commission generously donated both the condo and the tower. The condo is installed in Great Blue Heron Park, and while we didn't get any Purple Martins this year, we did get some Tree Swallows. Purple Martins are native songbirds and the largest members of the Swallow family. Their numbers have been in steep decline and so the Game Commission was looking for sites to place new homes.

The Chimney Swift Tower arrived in August and resides next to the municipal building. Chimney Swifts are also native and literally live on the wing, flying all day with quick snappy wingbeats. Their populations are also in decline because of habitat loss and less food/insect availability. Like the Purple Martins, they will be migrating to South America this fall, and hopefully, in spring both the Martins and the Swifts will find these new homes.



Tree Swallow



Blue Bird Eggs



Blue Bird Tree Swallow Eggs



Chimney Swift Tower



Purple Martin Condo

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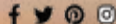


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