

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023



COMMUNITY CORNER

2023 LOCAL ELECTIONS

There will be elections held for your Richland Township local officials to serve on the Board of Supervisors this year. There are 8 voting districts that make up 4 supervisor districts, with one supervisor at-large. Richland is represented by a total of five (5) Supervisors. Some important dates and deadlines:

Primary Election: May 16, 2023 (Last day to register May 1)

General Election: November 7, 2023 (Last day to register Oct. 23)

Where to vote? You can visit richland.pa.us/240/Where-to-vote or pavoterservices.pa.gov.

RICHLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

WE THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVING OUR COMMUNITY! YOUR DEDICATION DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED!

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

This upgrade increases the functionality of the website on multiple levels: residents now can do everything online for streamlined service. Agendas and minutes will now be posted via CivicClerk; Residents can apply for permitting; and register for events and reserve facility rentals. There is a notification system built within the website where residents can sign-up to be notified of Township news and information. Integrating and streamlining services built within our website is the Township's way of looking toward the future to ensure residents are receiving the most efficient services the Township can provide. We ask residents to call (724-443-5921) or email (info@richland.pa.us) us with any questions or concerns about the new website.

BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWS FLASH ON OUR NEW WEBSITE TO KEEP INFORMED ABOUT TOWNSHIP NEWS AND UPDATES!

VISIT WWW.RICHLAND.PA.US TO SIGN UP!

In the Township

2023 Street Paving Program

During the March 15, 2023 Board of Supervisor's Public Meeting, the Supervisors accepted the lowest bidder, Shields Asphalt Paving, for the 2023 road paving program:

- Heckert Road (Bakerstown Rd north to Parkview Estates Plan)
- Bellfield Court
- Corey Dr
- Woodhill Drive (Applewood to Lamont)
- High Meadows Dr
- Cider Mill Dr
- Blossom Dr
- Greenspring Dr
- Madison Dr
- Meghan Ct
- Brooke Ct
- Banbury Crossing Rd
- Clendenning Rd (Grandview to Twp line)
- Dickey Rd (Meridian to Rt 8)
- McIntyre

Total Estimated Cost:
\$1,525,625

COMMUNITY BARN

2022-2023 Renovations

You may have noticed quite a bit of commotion at the Community Barn this past fall and into spring. The Township received a grant of \$400,000 to renovate the historic and notable community barn that has become a Township landmark.

Improvements include: new barn doors; new hardie board siding; light fixtures; screens and window fixtures; kitchen improvements; bathroom upgrades; ADA compliance.

Outdoor improvements finalizing this spring: governor's drive pavement, including handicap parking, in front of the barn; paved driveway and cement sidewalks leading to the rear of the building; landscaping and hardscaping in front.

In the near future, the Township will be installing a new playground and a firepit, both will be ADA accessible.

STORMWATER

"Running off" to summer vacation!

Spring and summer signals the start of the official vacation season. Most Pennsylvanians spend at least some time at their local pools each summer, enjoying the sun, and the water. Stormwater runoff is the main source of water pollution to freshwater, drinking water and marine waters not industrial discharges or sewage treatment plants.

If you've ever noticed water flowing down the street when it rains, then you've noticed stormwater. When stormwater hits the pavement, it picks up and mixes with what's there. That may include:

- Oil, grease, and automotive fluids
- Fertilizer and pesticides from gardens and homes
- Bacteria from pet waste and improperly maintained septic systems
- Soap from car washing
- Debris and litter

OTHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO COME

If you have been to the park recently, you may have seen some vegetation disturbance on Sterling Drive. The Township went out for bid to install a parking lot in that area. This is to help alleviate the congestion that occurs when multiple games occur at once. It will also improve safety for those attending and participating in football games.

An improvement completed in the fall is the ADA sidewalk installation around the ball fields. These improvements were made possible by way of a CDBG grant, in the amount of \$45,000.

Pine-Richland Baseball & Softball Association will also be installing additional batting cages and enclosing dug-outs for the season.

Many people assume that stormwater flows down storm drains and then to a treatment facility. That is almost never the case. It either flows directly into local waters or down storm drains, which channel it into local water bodies, posing a health risk as well as spoiling a nice day at the ocean, bay, river or pond through its presence in the water.

Fortunately, there are simple steps that you can take to help safeguard our water supply:

- Utilize Waste Management's At-Your-Door service for safe collection of harmful chemicals. If oil is spilled, use appropriate oil absorbing products and properly dispose.
- Use fertilizer responsibly: use sparing applications and be mindful not to cast onto roadways/driveways/walkways
- Clean up animal waste and properly dispose
- Wash your car on a pervious surface, like your lawn, as to not have soap enter into our streams
- Pick up litter when you see it