



Movie Night

Our monthly family movie night will be replaced by the Star Party on April 17. Movie night will conclude for this season on May 21 with the feature "Chipmunks the Squeakquel." Bring your blankets, pillows, and chairs to enjoy a night in with your friends and neighbors! Popcorn is always free. There is no movie night over the summer, but it will return in September.

Forum on Aging

The Bucks County Forum on Aging will be held at Benner Hall on Friday May 14, from 10am-1:30. It is sponsored by Phoebe Richland Health Care Center, Richland and Haycock Townships, the Boroughs of Richlandtown, Quakertown, Trumbauersville and Perkasie. Speakers and information on various topics will be available. This event is free and open to anyone aged 50 or older.

Oldies Dinner Dance

To be held at Benner Hall on Saturday June 5th from 7-11pm. DJ Ron Funk provides classic tunes for your enjoyment and dancing. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Call Polly for tickets at 215-536-6716.

Spring's Main Events:

Easter Egg Hunt:

The Annual Richlandtown Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 3, 2010 at 10am SHARP. Please arrive a little early, because the event will be prompt and the rush for eggs is over quickly. Event held rain, snow, or shine!



Spring Flea Market:

The Annual Spring Indoor Flea Market will be held April 10, from 9-2pm at Benner Hall. Come early and stay late to get all of the best deals! Breakfast and lunch will be served. Proceeds benefit Benner Hall and the grounds.

Annual Star Party:

Benner Hall will host the second Annual Star Party on April 16, at 8pm. As soon as sundown hits, we'll be on the fields with local amateur astronomers to learn about the night sky. Bring your telescope if you own one! event makes a great extra credit assignment, so pass the words on to your teachers! Kids' door prize to be offered! If necessary, the rain date of April 17, will be announced at www.bennerhall.com.

Work Day:

There will be a work day at Benner Hall on April 17 from 9-2pm. Come on out and help paint, clean, do light construction, plant, and clean up the yard for the Spring! Complimentary light lunch for volunteers who work with us for the whole day.



How Your Local Government Works

Most people know how the federal and state governments work, but how does your local government function?

Richlandtown Borough is overseen by a group of 7 Borough Council members. The council members are elected at a regular election in November and serve for four year terms. Richlandtown is one of many small boroughs in Pennsylvania where the council members receive no monetary compensation for their duties.

Council is headed by a President and Vice President who are appointed by a vote of council. The president appoints the members of council to serve on committees. Committees include: Public Welfare, Finance, Personnel, Buildings and Grounds, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works. At committee meetings, no more than three council members brainstorm ideas and come up with recommendations for council. Their recommendations are discussed at the public borough council meetings on the first Monday of each month at Benner Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings!

In a borough, the Mayor has a different type of position than in a city. While a city's mayor is basically the CEO of the city, in a borough he has less political power than the council. Instead, he is largely the go-to person for the citizens and is a voice for the people. He brings concerns from the public to council and advises on resolutions to those concerns. He is tasked with preserving the well-being and safety of the people.

Richlandtown currently employs two staff members: a borough manager, and a part-time office worker. The borough manager position is a full time multi-tasking job. The primary function of the job is to make sure the borough runs smoothly, safely, and efficient on a day-to-day basis. Richlandtown's manager also serves as the official borough secretary and holder of the seal. The part-time office position handles billing for the Water Department and assists the manager as needed with other tasks in the office. Some additional part-time temporary help is employed during different times of year to assist with duties like snow plowing and grass cutting.

If you would like to learn more about your elected officials and borough employees, visit our website to see the new "profiles" section of our page that will be active this Spring. www.richlandtownborough.org

US Census

Remember that you are required by law to return your census form to the US Census Bureau. There will be Census workers canvassing the neighborhood in the coming weeks to collect forms from those who did not send the form back. These workers will carry official identification badges from the US Census Bureau and be able to produce them at your request.

Playground Fund

The Playground Fund currently holds about \$6,600. These funds were raised during events held Sep. through Feb. Be sure to check the community calendar for events to benefit the fund.

Would your business like to sponsor the playground? Visit www.bennerhall.com to learn about our corporate sponsorship opportunities.

Paper Recycling

Please remember to drop off your paper recycling products into the Abitibi bins in front of Benner Hall. The Playground Fund receives the proceeds of this recycling. **CONTEST RUNNING:** If we can recycle at least as much as last April, we receive double the earnings!

Benner Hall Rentals

Rent the Hall for you next party or event! Featuring discounted weekday rates, full kitchen, and the ability to bring your own caterer! Book your party now by calling 215-538-2444.

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Fire Company Easter Egg Hunt 10AM Sharp!
4	5	6	7 Parks and Recreation Meeting 7pm	8	9	10 Indoor Spring Flea Market 9-2
11	12 Borough Council Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16 Star Party 8pm	17 Work Day 9-2 (star party rain date)
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Parks and Recreation Meeting 7pm	6	7	8
9	10 Borough Council Meeting 7pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Friendly's Community Night 5-8pm	18	19	20	21 Family Movie Night 7pm, last one until Fall!	22
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Parks and Recreation: www.bennerhall.com

Richlandtown Borough: www.richlandtownborough.org

Summer Camps

The Parks and Recreation Department is happy to announce that we have partnered with Richland Township to offer summer camps to the residents of Richlandtown. The prices listed include all supplies and lessons. Please register early for these camps as they tend to fill up quickly! Please visit our website to download the necessary forms and register. www.bennerhall.com/camps.html

Mad Science Camp

Held at Benner Hall, Richlandtown.

Week of 7/12/10 - Sensational Week of Science!

All New : From 9:30 AM-12:30 PM - For Ages 6-12 years old \$139

Join us for a fun-filled week of science experiments and totally cool science projects that ROCK! Children will experiment by making ooey, gooey slime and Mad Science Putty. They will also take part in an Indoor Fireworks demonstration while learning about light and color. Lastly, all students will become science sleuths as they investigate how chemistry provides evidence at the scene of a crime as well as build their own electromagnet.

Week of 8/9/10 - Mad Machines & Jr. Engineers!

All New : From 9:30 AM-12:30 PM - For Ages 6-12 years old \$139

Whether your child loves to build things or destroy them, this week of camp includes lots of both! The junior Mad Science engineers will design and build Bridges and "Skyscrapers" and even construct a Geodesic Dome big enough for all the campers to sit inside! Then the machine madness starts... This journey will include many different machines, simple & complex, we use in our daily lives. Campers will have fun building their very own Catapults, Sonic Race Car and much more to take home from this Awesome Camp!

US Sports Camp

Held at Keller Memorial park, 1328 California Rd

Week of 7/19/10 Multi-Sport Camp

From 9am-1pm Ages 5-7 \$129; From 9am-3pm Ages 7-14 \$149

Experience over 15 different sports in one week with the US Sports Institute. The multi sport program is the only summer camp program dedicated to the truly sports minded youngster.

Week of 7/19/10 Sports Squirts Camp

From 4pm-5:30pm Ages 3-5 \$79

Sport Squirts is a great way to introduce children ages 3 to 5 to a variety of new and exciting sports. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment, and all sports are learned through a series of games and activities designed to capture imagination, ensure learning and most importantly to let the children have fun, fun, fun!

Arts Camp With Linda Stauffer

Held at Richland Township Municipal Building, 1328 California Rd

Week of July 19-23 Junior Arts Camp 1

From 9am-4pm- Ages 6-11 \$175

Week of July 26-30 Junior Arts Camp 2

From 9am-4pm- Ages 11-18 \$175

Work with artists and volunteers developing techniques in: Sculpture (free form, ceramics, mosaics, wire), **Paper** (print making, book making, plaster), **Still Life** (drawing, painting, reverse art), **Fabrics** (tie dye, fabric collage, fabric sculpture, batik). Your best work will be displayed at a Grand Art Show at Richland Township Community Day, Saturday, July 31st (*Junior counselors ages 14 to 18 needed for week one, \$75.00 discount offered to participate as student in Week 2*)

Basket Bingo

The Richlandtown Fire Company is holding their annual Basket Bingo on June 6, 2010 at Benner Hall. Doors open at 12pm, the first game begins 1pm. Refreshments, raffles, Chinese auction. Tickets \$20: Call 215-538-2159

Friendly's Community Night

To benefit the Playground Fund. Monday May 17, 2010 from 5-8pm. Everyone counts and no coupons necessary. Come show your Richlandtown pride while socializing with your neighbors. Save room for ice cream!

Recreational Survey

We want to know what you want to see at Benner Hall's fields. Take our short recreational survey by visiting www.bennerhall.com and clicking on the survey button on the front page.

Mayor's Corner

Greetings Richlandtonians!



As your newly serving Mayor, one of my goals is to look at safety issues that affect the residents of our community. Many of the concerns that surface frequently regard motor vehicle issues. These include: the amount of time that a motor vehicle sits in the same location without being moved for an extended period of time; parking in the wrong direction - especially on a one way street; expired registration tags; and disabled vehicles (i.e. missing a tire, engine problems, etc.).

With the approach of warmer weather, my thoughts turn to our community's children who are heading for the outdoors for play and recreation time. I think of the danger and hazards of our children playing near, or even in, vehicles that may no longer be operational. This type of activity can result in a child getting hurt or even worse. As grandparents, my wife and I have experienced the painful loss of a grandchild (although it was due to health reasons). I would not like to see anyone else go through the agony of the loss of a child or grandchild.

In order to prevent any resident - child or adult - from getting hurt, I ask for your help and cooperation. Please do not allow your vehicle(s) to sit in any location for the extended time of several weeks or longer. Always park in the direction traffic moves on your street. Keep your vehicle inspections and registrations current at all times for your own protection and to avoid being stopped by a police officer while traveling. If you should happen to have a motor vehicle that is no longer operational, please make the proper arrangements to dispose of it. Not only will a vehicle that is no longer operational look like a perfect place for our children to play, but car parts can crack and/or fail releasing anti-freeze, oil, gas, etc. which will result in permanent soil contamination.

I encourage all Richlandtown residents to be good neighbors and good stewards of our borough by helping to keep it clean and safe for each other and our children. Thank you.

Carl T. Raub III
Mayor
Borough of Richlandtown

Water Customer Update:

A new DEP Tier I Regulation is going into effect in May 2010. It mandates that the water authority personally notify all of our customers within 24 hours in the event of an emergency. A Tier 1 Emergency would cause adverse health effects as a result of short-term exposure. The Borough needs to have your current information in case of such an emergency. Please fill out the form below and send it back to the Borough, or drop it off at the office. Thanks for your cooperation!

Name _____ Account # _____

Service Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Spring Reminders

Evening Considerations

As summer approaches and the school year winds down, we would like to remind you to be considerate to your neighbors. Teens skateboarding, fireworks, parties outdoors, and other fun activities can bother your neighbors when they occur in the late evening or overnight hours. Please remember that not all of your neighbors have off on the weekends or work "regular" hours. What can be perfectly fine at 6pm, is a nuisance at 2am.

Grass Cutting

Please be considerate of the neighborhood when you mow your lawn. Clippings and loads of grass should be disposed of through your trash service or other means. Please do not brush or blow them into the streets, as they can clog the storm sewers.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will take place in April. Please sweep all of the cinders from your sidewalk on to the street to be cleaned up.

Dog Cleanup

Walking your dog can be a great Spring activity, just remember to bring along a baggie for his waste. If your doggie must go while walking, don't allow him to go on your neighbor's new flowers and try to restrict his alleviations to public or inconspicuous areas. Deposit your doggie bag into a trash can- preferably when you get home!



Pool Inspections

Borough Council recently passed updates to the borough rules and regulations. Among these updates is a requirement for seasonal inflatable swimming pools holding over 24 inches of water to be inspected **annually** for safety purposes. Be sure to alert the borough office and obtain the proper permits.

Tenant ID Forms

Reminder: Landlords are required to fill out tenant ID forms each year for tenants living within the Borough.

Borough Website

Check the Borough's website for up to date information on happenings in the Borough and information. You can find copies of the Borough Code, permits, and minutes from Borough Council meetings among other commonly requested items. Richlandtownborough.org

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