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Remembering Mayor Lloyd Ewer: A Cherished Piece of Richlandtown's History

During the last part of July this year, Richlandtown Borough suffered a profound loss as we bid farewell to a prominent figure in our community's history. Mayor Lloyd Ewer, who dedicated over three decades of his life to serving this town, suddenly passed away at the age of 89. His departure leaves a void in the hearts of his many relatives and friends who cherished him deeply. Mayor Ewer's devotion to his family, including his wife, children, and grandchildren, was unwavering. He also had a special place in his heart for the borough he loved dearly.



Lloyd's journey of service began in 1975 when he was appointed to the council, and after four years, he proudly assumed the position of Honorable Mayor. He served with distinction for an impressive 30 years before deciding to step down. Beyond his mayoral role, Lloyd was an active member of the Richlandtown Lions Club, faithfully attending meetings and contributing to community initiatives. Even after leaving office, his commitment to volunteering remained strong, and he played a vital role in fundraising for the Fire Hall. Mayor Lloyd Ewer's influence extended beyond politics as well; Throughout his tenure, he officiated over 600 weddings, touching the hearts of countless individuals with his warmth and humor, a testament to the impact he had on the lives of the people he served.



"Lloyd Ewer will forever be remembered to me as "Mr. Mayor." He was an exceptional and straightforward political figure, leaving a lasting impression on those who had the privilege of working with him. Whether it was the Planning Commission or Town watch, he never missed a meeting, even when many times he was the only individual there; but he never got discouraged. With more than three decades of experience in service, Mayor Ewer was a repository of invaluable information about the borough's history and transformation. Most of all, his compassionate nature stood out to me. He imparted the wisdom of treating everyone with kindness and empathy. When I was first elected Mayor, "Mr. Mayor" advised me, "Never promise anything you can't deliver," a valuable lesson that continues to resonate with me to this day." - James S. Dunn Jr.

As we mourn the loss of a remarkable individual, let us also celebrate the enduring legacy he leaves behind. Heaven gains an extraordinary soul as we bid farewell to our dear friend, Mayor Lloyd Ewer. Though he may be gone for now, his memory will forever live on in the heart of our community.

Until we meet again, farewell, Mayor Ewer.

- James S. Dunn Jr., Richlandtown Borough Historical Society President & Former Mayor
- Christopher Willever, Richlandtown Borough Council President



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Richlandtown Borough Mayor's Letter

To Residents of Richlandtown Borough,

This summer has been an ever-changing story of weather. No rain became flooding. Cool breezes became excess humidity. Clear skies became cloudy with the help of smoke imported from Canada. I visited Canada earlier this year and put in a request that they keep their smoke to themselves next year.

As the winter months roll in, the days will get shorter as the pants and sleeves get longer. There are still several family friendly events in the borough before the end of the year. Please log on to the borough website (richlandtownborough.com), then choose (Parks & Recreation) then (2023 Events). The Borough Council and the Parks & Recreation Committee work hard to plan events for the public so please come out and enjoy.

At this time of year, we look forward to seeing family and counting our blessings for another year. Please remember to stay connected to the borough announcement system to know when and where to move your vehicle if needed. The web site is the same as above, then go to (Contact Us)

This community has always had a spirit of helping our neighbors and I'm honored to be a part of that endearing legacy. I look forward to the fun we'll have as we round out our seasons for this year.

Wayne Codner

Mayor-Richlandtown Borough
wayne.codner@richlandtownborough.org

PROPER MAILING ADDRESS

The Richlandtown Water Department is currently updating the Water Customer Data Base and is asking for your help to inform us of your "proper mailing" address. If your mailing address contains a PO Box, we must have your street address and your PO Box Number on file. While we are updating our information, we would appreciate your phone number and your email address as well. You can call us 215-538-9290 with this information or email the information to us at info@richlandtownborough.org.



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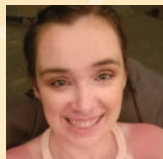


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Borough Council Meetings are always open to the public and are held at Benner Hall at 7:00 p.m. at 1260 Cherry Rd. The Borough Council Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The Parks & Recreation Committee Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. The public is invited and encouraged to attend any and all of these meetings.

REGISTRATION OF TENANTS

All owners of property leased/rented for either residential or commercial occupancy must annually report the name and address of occupants to the Borough Office according to Ordinance No. 194 adopted September 10, 1990, by the Richlandtown Borough Council. Appropriate forms are available at the borough office or on our website at www.richlandtownborough.org. You can email the form to info@richlandtownborough.org, or you can mail or hand-deliver the form to 125 S. Main Street, PO Box 455, Richlandtown, PA 18955. Please call the borough office at 215-538-9290 if you have any questions.



If you haven't already signed up take a minute to sign up to Swift911 Emergency Broadcast System. When an emergency or weather related event occurs, you will be the first to know by receiving a text, phone call, or email (you choose). If you need help setting this up, please contact the borough office by phone or by email for assistance, we will be more than happy to help you.

No overnight parking is permitted in Benner Hall parking lot unless a State of Emergency has been issued during inclement weather. Thank you for your cooperation.



WHAT IS BIRD TOWN ANYWAY?

On Tuesday, July 11, Barbara Beck, Richland Township Bird Town Leader gave a brief presentation, about Bird Town and what its goals are, and potential ways to collaborate with Richlandtown Borough.

The Audubon Society started the Bird Town program due to the loss of nearly 3 billion birds in North America since 1970 - primarily due to habitat loss. Standard homes and municipal areas have replaced the native trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses with non-native plants- especially turf grass. Insects compose 85% of the diet of most adult terrestrial birds and 95% of baby birds require insects for 100% of their diet-usually in the form of caterpillars. With the loss of native plants, due to development and other factors (outdoor cats, window collisions, etc.) bird populations have significantly decreased.

The Bird Town program is designed to help homeowners and municipalities rebuild habitat by encouraging the planting of native plants. Because birds and other animals so desperately need insects to survive, we also discourage the use of insecticides and cultivation of turf grass as it supports no native insects. The more diverse the plantings, the better the ecosystem functions as native trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses supply shelter and food for a diverse range of animals.

Bird Town volunteers work with interested municipalities, communities, schools, and homeowners to help define projects (both municipal and community) and implement ecosystem friendly ordinances, which encourages the planting of native plants, trees and shrubs. Education is a large part of what Bird Town does and we can give presentations to groups interested in learning more about native plants and how they can easily replace or add to their gardens and landscapes to make it more eco and bird friendly. We can also work with your municipality to become a Bird Town and join with the forty-three other municipalities across the State that are designated Bird Towns.

To become a Bird Town or to work on a Bird Town project with a neighboring Bird Town takes volunteers interested in improving the environment and lots of enthusiasm. We hope you will join us in our mission to rebuild habitat for birds and other animals by planting native plants in your yard or municipality. Let your council members know of your interest.

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GARDENING WITH JILL

My Top 5 Native Plants to Attract Birds and Pollinator Populations to your Yard

By Jillian Snyder

If you're looking to increase bird and pollinator activity in your yard, here are 5 of my favorite native plants which are sure to be buzzing with activity each year!

1. Purple Coneflower
2. Wild Bergamot
3. Summer Phlox
4. Honeysuckle Trumpet
5. Columbine, Eastern



Cornflower



Wild Bergamot

The Fall and Winter seasons are the best time to consider what space you have, and what plants to add, so you're ready for Spring planting.

Happy Gardening!



Make sure you have one or more strong, durable snow shovels to clear your porch, walkway and sidewalk.

Make sure you have enough de-icing or ice melt compounds at home and in your car to get you through winter.



Check and repair (or invest in) emergency heating equipment and a backup generator should you lose power over the winter.



Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. House fires peak in December and January.



Create or replenish your home emergency kit. Keep it stocked with a five-day supply of food, water, cold weather supplies, medicines, first-aid kit, flashlights and batteries.

RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH PARKS AND REC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

Monday, September 11, 2023

911 Memorial Ceremony at John E. Kandel Memorial Park

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Borough-wide Fall Yard Sale

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Harvest Fest/Halloween Pet Parade at Benner Memorial Park

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Trick-or-Treat in the Borough

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Winter Clothing Drive at Benner Hall

Saturday, December 2, 2023 – Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at John E. Kandel Memorial Park

Saturday, December 3, 2023

Launch of Letters to Santa

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Luminaries

For full details on all of the Borough events please watch the Richlandtown Borough's website at www.richlandtownborough.org or on the Richlandtown Borough Facebook page.

RFC BREAKFAST AT BENNER HALL SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Sunday, December 17, 2023
(breakfast with Santa)

January 21, 2024

February 18, 2024

March 17, 2024



RFC HOAGIE SALES AT THE FIRE HALL

Thursday, September 28, 2023
(orders due by September 14)

Thursday, October 27, 2023
(orders due by October 13)

Thursday, January 25, 2024
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Thursday, February 29, 2024
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