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MAYOR'S LETTER

It doesn't seem that long ago that former Mayor Carl Raub was wishing me luck in the Fall 2013 Boro Buzz as he closed out his chapter of being a public servant. Just like Carl, I also want to wish my successor the very best of luck. Being your mayor for the past eight years has been a great blessing and the memories will be with me forever. I want to thank my wife Lisa, for being by my side this whole time.

I have served with many great council people and have experienced first hand all their hard work in keeping Richlandtown a great place to live. One thing that I will cherish the most is the interaction with the residents. Part of the duties of the mayor, is to bring the concerns of the residents to the council members. Throughout the years there have been many. Because of these requests, I was able to form many great friendships. I hope I was able to respond to all of them.

Many of you have asked me why I didn't run for another term. The answer is simple, I am a firm believer of term limits. Although we do not have term limits in the borough, I made a personal decision to limit myself. Some of you know that I love the history of the borough, so my plans for the upcoming year is to serve in the Richlandtown Historical Society. I may be knocking on some of your doors, and asking you questions about your knowledge of the borough. I will also be busy serving in my church.

Before I go, I want to encourage all if you to attend a Council meeting and see first hand how hard your elected officials work for you. Don't stop there, join our Parks and Recreation Committee. They are always looking for fresh ideals on fun events for the residents to enjoy. The Planning Commission is always looking for new members to give input to Land Development. I would be negligent if I didn't make a plug for the Historical Society. Be on the watch for future meeting dates.

Growing up I was a fan of The Mickey Mouse Club and I still remember the way they would end each show with the same song. The lyrics started with "Now its time to say goodbye".

Goodbye and thanks for the memories.

Mayor James Dunn

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RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

By: Iolanda Logan

We will be bringing back the Neighborhood Watch Program, with our first meeting November 30, 2021 at 7PM. There are several goals for this program, one being to be more available as council members for the community. On our new website will be a submission form for residents to anonymously complete for when they are having any neighbor disputes, safety concerns, suggestions and so on and so forth. That form will then go to our Public Welfare Committee- Brooke Morita and Jillian Snyder to handle and direct as needed.

Another goal is to educate the community on topics such as: new scams, dangerous apps for children, safety protocols, contact sites, etc... We plan to have our meetings quarterly at Benner Hall and hope to see the community join together!

RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH FIREHOUSE AWARDS

By: Iolanda Logan

Richlandtown Borough Council has continued our tradition with awarding our long term Firehouse volunteers this past September. It has been an honor to continue awarding our dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers work very hard keeping up with their fire education, training hours, as well as giving up their own personal time when residents need them the most. They assist with our wonderful Park and Rec events such as: Harvest Fest, the Easter egg hunt, Santa Clause for the tree lighting ceremony and so on. They also have fundraising events throughout the year like their cream chip beef and hoagie sales that many residents have come to enjoy!

So join me in congratulating this year's volunteers:

40 years- Tod Fox	15 years- Dave Williams
25 years- Dave Gerstenberg	15 years- Rachel Slifer
15 years- Mike Studenroth	5 years- Sue Trovinger

Congratulations!

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**Know what's below.
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The Richlandtown Borough Council would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. The Borough would like to further request that citizens, in response, patronize these businesses first when given a choice as these businesses are saving each citizen tax dollars.



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Borough Council Meetings are all 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 Tuesday of every month. The Parks & Recreation Committee Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. The Borough Council Committee Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month.

RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH EVENTS CALENDAR

Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Delivery - Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021

Tree Lighting - Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021

Coat Drive - Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021

Luminaries - Friday, Dec. 24, 2021

Watch the Richlandtown Borough Facebook Page for more information on these and other great events planned throughout the borough in the upcoming year.





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JR. COUNCIL PERSON, ALEXA SCHEETZ

During a recent meeting, the Richlandtown Borough Council bid farewell to its Jr. Council Person, Alexa Scheetz. Ms. Scheetz served on Council since 2019 and participated in council discussions, committee meetings, and as a member of the Parks & Rec Committee. Service as a Junior Council Person allows the student an opportunity to see the workings of local government firsthand and promotes the development of leadership skills. Although the Junior Council Person is not allowed to vote or attend executive sessions, this position provides an opportunity for the voice of our youth to be heard. Alexa received special recognition and thanks from Council and from Mr. Ed Childs, First Vice President of Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs for serving in her position for three years and was commended for working with both Council and as a vital member of the Parks & Rec Committee. Alexa was instrumental in starting the Christmas Eve Luminary Project that has become a tradition in the Borough. Ms. Scheetz demonstrated leadership skills, dedication, and compassion for the Borough and was an invaluable member of council during her time as Jr. Council Person. Alexa will be attending Elizabethtown College in the Fall and Borough Council wishes her all the best as she continues her education.



*Alexa with James Dunn,
Mayor Richlandtown*



*Alexa with Ed Childs, First
Vice President PSAB*

BAKE WITH BROOKE by Brooke Morita

Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars



2 cups powdered sugar
2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 cup peanut butter
1 cup melted butter
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Mix together sugar, graham cracker crumbs, peanut butter, and melted butter until well blended. Press evenly into the bottom of an ungreased 9"x13" pan (try placing parchment or wax paper down first to prevent sticking). Melt chocolate chips in double broiler or microwave until smooth. Immediately pour over crust. Refrigerate until set, at least an hour, and cut into squares.

Pro Tip: After 15 minutes of refrigeration (when the chocolate is partially set), remove the pan from the fridge and cut your squares. This will help prevent cracking in your chocolate when it hardens. Place the pan back in the fridge to set fully. Before serving, retrace your cuts for easy removal.

3 QUICK GARDEN TIPS TO DO THIS FALL by Jillian Snyder

With the garden harvest coming to an end for the season, Fall is a great time to reflect on your summer garden victories and prospective goals for the next year.

1. Look at what did well in your garden, what you wished you planted more or less of, and get your plan and supplies in place for next year's gardening adventure. You can never start too early.

2. Make a plan to save your seeds and use this garden down time for reading up on drying and preserving Heirloom seeds. These seeds will help carry your garden through from year to year.

3. Preserve your harvest. If you plan on planting a little extra next year, it's a great time to learn various methods of food preservation such as canning, lacto-fermentation, or utilizing a root cellar.

BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS

Do you need a building or zoning permit? Applications are available online! Download applications for permits right off of our website at: www.richlandtownborough.org. On the website home page, click on "Forms and Applications" and choose which application you need. Simply fill it out and return the completed application to the Borough Office at 125 S. Main Street, so we can begin processing your permit. If you have any questions about permits, please call the office at 215-538-9290 or email info@richlandtownborough.org. Some examples of permits that the Borough of Richlandtown require include Building Permits for building repairs or remodels (causing structural changes), footers, foundation, framing, plumbing, electrical, and solar panels, along with Zoning Permits for fences, sheds, and demolition.





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Harvest Fest 2021 was held on Saturday, October 9, 2021, and it was a great success! The Parks & Rec Committee would like to say “Thank You” to everyone who came out and celebrated with us. Congrats again to our pumpkin contest winners and everyone who brought such creative submissions. We love seeing what you come up with each and every year!

NEW EVENT RECAP: CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Richlandtown got into the holiday spirit this summer by hosting a new event: Christmas in July! Over 40 crafters and vendors set up inside Benner Hall to sell their wares and help folks get a jumpstart on their Christmas shopping. Food and kids’ activities rounded out the day. A great time was had by all, and we look forward to keeping this new tradition alive next year.



TAKING A STEP TOWARDS VOLUNTEERING

Are you aware and/or concerned about what’s happening in your community? Do you wish you were a bigger part of your community? Do you want to have the opportunity to have a voice of the decisions shaping our community?

We all lead super busy lives. We either work outside of the home or inside of the home. We have children, grandchildren, spouses, significant others and/or friends all wanting some of our time. So how do you find the time to volunteer? How do you decide where to volunteer your time? Why do people volunteer?

Volunteering provides many benefits. It allows you to help people in need, help support worthwhile causes and your community. It allows you to develop friendships or relationships within your community. Volunteering can teach you new skills, it can advance your career all while providing you with fun and fulfillment in your life.

How to decide where to volunteer?

1. Volunteer to help your child’s school, sports team, community activity.

2. Volunteer at something that brings you joy and fulfills a passion.
3. Volunteer to help fill a void in your community.

Just take one step, try one of these as an option:

1. Richlandtown Fire Co.
2. Richlandtown Fire Co. Auxiliary
3. Parks & Recreation Committee – Do you like planning activities for the community? Are you a party planner?
4. Borough Council – Do you want to know what’s happening in your community? What changes are being proposed or decisions made?
5. Do you have a skill that the Borough could use on a special project?

We hope you will join one of these opportunities over the next year. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of our Borough Council Members.

Michele Grida
Borough Council Member





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JOHN E. KANDEL PARK DEDICATION

The renaming of Walnut Street Park to "John E. Kandel Memorial Park" took place on August 5, 2021, at the Annual National Night Out Event. Representative Brian Fitzpatrick's office participated in the rededication ceremony and Kyle Melander from the Representative's office presented a flag flown over the US Capitol building in honor of the occasion. John E. Kandel who was a firefighter in the Borough of Richlandtown for 69 years passed away earlier this year. John was a lifetime member of the community and was dedicated to making our borough the best it could be. John had a business in Richlandtown for many years as a barber and also spent several years serving as the tax collector in the Borough. Donations are being accepted at the Borough Office to help fund the new signage and flagpole for the park.



PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RICHLANDTOWN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Richlandtown and the Mayor recognize the extraordinary contributions that John E. Kandel made to the Borough of Richlandtown;

WHEREAS, John was an integral part and the Borough as a volunteer life firefighter with Richlandtown Fire Company as a life member for 69 years;

WHEREAS, John Kandel had a personality and the natural gift to provide not only his volunteer services to the Richlandtown Fire Company for 69 years but also worked as a barber and a tax collector in the borough;

WHEREAS, John continues to be loved and appreciated by an overwhelming majority of borough residents and is recognized as always being there to assist in any way possible, and;

WHEREAS, John's love for the borough and its residents has always been recognized and appreciated by the Borough Council, Richlandtown Fire Company, Mayor James Dunn, and the residents of the Borough of Richlandtown it only seems a fitting tribute to all the contributions John has made;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Dunn, Mayor of the Borough of Richlandtown, do hereby declare that the Walnut Street Park of Richlandtown to be formally renamed the **John E. Kandel Memorial Park** with signage designating such naming.

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