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Richlandtown Borough's Newsletter

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## MAYOR'S LETTER

To the residents of Richlandtown Borough,

Hello, my name is Wayne Codner. I'm the newly elected Mayor of Richlandtown Borough and I want to first thank the people who have given me their support to date. I will not let you down. If anyone has questions or comments for me, please feel free to email me. I'll work hard and continue to actively listen to the desires of the community. Personally, I'm a big fan of fixing small problems before they become larger. I intend to practice that theory as I perform this new role.

In collaboration with the Borough Council, I intend to continue the good works of the previous administration. I also have ideas of my own that I feel will help us progress into the future. I will be meeting with a county-wide agency to address the speeding concerns on our main thoroughfares. Most drivers are maintaining a respectful speed. I will put my focus on the drivers that create a hazard for our pedestrians and property.

I also intend to support our Fire Company so it can continue to thrive and grow in number. The ladies and gentlemen of our fire company dedicate a lot of time and energy training to keep our town protected from unforeseen dangers. I've met with the postmaster of our mail system. With his help, I'll better inform the public of the best actions to take for your mail delivery to be as efficient as possible.

I want to promote the endeavors of business owners in our town and make sure they have success. When our small businesses succeed, we all reap the benefits. I also want to make myself available for our military veterans. These men and women are the most needed, and often the fastest forgotten, members of our society. The sacrifices made by veterans deserves all our respect and appreciation.

During my campaign I walked through our borough and documented the concerns of the public. Most people find our town to be a pleasant and enjoyable place to live. I agree and want to keep the comfortable small town feeling we share. Anyone who talks to me for a length of time may hear the phrase I use. "Richlandtown Borough, We Are THE Jewel of the State". That is how I feel about our town. The smiles, warmth, and friendly words I share with fellow residents is what makes us all part of this jewel.

I look forward to learning and growing in my new title of "Mr. Mayor". Collaboration, mutual respect, and a sincere optimism can overcome any challenges we face as a community. I'll also try to remember to laugh along the way. I look forward to all the good moments we'll share in the future.

Respectfully,

*Wayne Codner*

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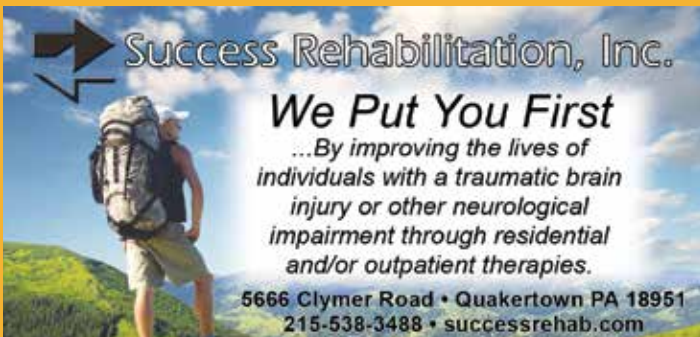


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## Richlandtown Borough Council President's Letter

To my Fellow Neighbors,

Hello! I hope you all are as ready for spring and summer as I am! As we make our way into the warmer weather, your Borough Council has been working hard making plans and initiating further improvements to the borough for us all to enjoy!

Keep an eye on the renovations taking place at the John E Kandel Memorial Park in the center of town! Plans for the park started taking shape last year and we hope to finish this year with a new community sign, flag pole, and memorial plaque.

Some other initiatives you will see taking place in Benner Memorial Park include new grass and general improvements to the Dog Park, updates to the Baseball Field, Security upgrades to the park and Benner Hall, and other “sprucing” up projects to beautify the borough as a whole. I highly suggest visiting our new website and check out the several new events our Parks & Recreation committee have put together for us this year!

As always, I implore you all to take some time and get to know your neighbors as well as your Borough officials. Give us your feedback, come to a council meeting, or volunteer on our Parks & Recreation committee. With the help of our residents, I know we can continue the tradition of being a close-knit community and help each other out for the better good.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Willever*

Richlandtown Borough Council President



The Borough has implemented the Swift911 emergency notification system to better serve the residents of Richlandtown during major events involving the Borough. If you are already registered to receive these notices please be sure to download the Swift911 App on your cell phone or register your landline at [www.swiftreach.com](http://www.swiftreach.com)







## **RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH PUBLIC OFFICIALS – 2021 SESSION**



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*Wayne Codner*



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*Christopher Willever*



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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 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. The public is invited and encouraged to any of these meetings.*

## **RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH EVENTS FOR 2022**

**Christmas in July Craft Fair** – Saturday, July 16th

**National Night Out** – Tuesday, August 2nd

**Fall Borough-Wide Yard Sale** – Saturday, September 17th

**Harvest Fest** - Saturday, October 8th

**Halloween Pet Parade** – Saturday, October 29th

**Trick or Treat** – Monday, October 31st

**Christmas Tree Lighting** – Saturday, December 3rd

**Annual Coat Drive** – Saturday, December 10th

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



## JR. COUNCIL PERSON, MCKENZIE HUFF

Meet McKenzie Huff, Richlandtown Borough Council Jr. Council Person. McKenzie attends all of the Richlandtown Borough Council and Committee Meetings and is very involved with discussions regarding matters of the borough.

"I am currently very involved in my school's music program, being a part of Varsity Singers, Choir Council, Marching Band, and the theater program. I am also a part of National Honors Society and volunteer at PAWSabilities animal shelter through it. I am hoping to go to college for International Relations and eventually law school, in hopes of working either in International Law or as a public prosecution attorney. I was and am interested in Jr. Council as I want to give back to the community as much as possible. I have and continue to learn so much about how local government works and believe that Jr. Council is truly the best hands-on experience in learning more about the community and how it functions and thrives."

## Congratulations, McKenzie!



McKenzie Huff

## BAKE WITH BROOKE by Brooke Morita

### Lemon Bars



1 cup softened butter  
2 ½ cups flour  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
¾ cup lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together softened butter, 2 cups flour and ½ cup sugar until well blended. Press evenly into the bottom of an ungreased 9"x13" pan. Bake for 15-20 minutes until firm and golden. In another bowl, whisk together the remaining 1 ½ cups sugar and cup flour with the eggs and lemon juice. Pour over the baked crust. Bake for an additional 20-25 minutes. Lemon filling will set as it cools. Cut into squares and serve.

**Pro Tip:** Add a pinch of salt to the crust to cut the sweetness. Or if you have a sweet tooth, top your bars off with a dusting of powdered sugar.

## MAINTAINING YARDS AND WASTE

**Grass Clippings:** Please do not allow your grass clippings to go into the street when mowing, raking, or blowing off sidewalks. Rain will carry the clippings into the storm sewers which will eventually clog and force storm water into basements. If you have a lawn service, please make them aware that clippings should not be placed into the street.

**Tree Trimming:** Please trim your tree branches so that they do not hang over the sidewalks or roadways. Low hanging tree branches over sidewalks pose a danger to walker and bike riders. Low hanging branches over roadways or parking areas pose a danger to cars and drivers.

**Sidewalk Safety:** Please inspect your sidewalks regularly for cracks or buckling sidewalks that need to be repaired. Cracked or buckling sidewalks cause a safety hazard for anyone using the sidewalk that could lead to bodily injury. Cracked and buckling sidewalks also cause a potential hazard to the borough's infrastructure with water runoff and other debris entering the storm sewers.



## MY TOP 3 EASY TO GROW AND STORE GARDEN PICKS:

By Jillian Snyder

Garden preparation and planning has already begun, and I thought I would share my favorite easy to grow garden picks, and if done in larger quantities can store for a long time given the right conditions.

1. Potatoes
2. Beans
3. Quinoa

Not willing to give up yard space for a garden? Try food suitable planters or alternatives to create a garden space that fits your yard. A tall, food safe barrel or planter is a great way to grow potatoes. Then if you take a few small, but sturdy wood supports around the top edge of the barrel in the potting soil, and then zip tie netting around the supports, you can successfully grow beans together with your potatoes.



**Potatoes and Beans:** Last year in my own garden I tried the potato and bean companion planting method, and I can say the trials in my garden were successful. The potato bed that I used this duo together gave me larger potatoes, versus just the potato bed. My preference for beans are ones that are good for dry storing, (which I let dry on the vine), such as the Cherokee Trail of Tears or Cannellini beans). The best part of all, you can take as many as you want of your dried beans, and plant them again next year!

**Quinoa:** A colorful quinoa is not only easy to grow, but easy to process as a home grower. The best part is, after leaving it to dry, you can thresh it whenever is convenient for you.

*Happy Planting!*



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The Richlandtown Borough Neighborhood Watch Meetings have resumed and are held quarterly. The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 7 p.m. at Benner Hall located at 1260 Cherry Street. The May meeting presentation will be from the Quakertown Academy of MMA (Mixed Martial Arts). Everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to provide insight into what ideas you might like to see as a future topic, please contact the borough office at [info.richlandtownborough.org](mailto:info.richlandtownborough.org). For more details and for other scheduled meetings please visit [www.richlandtownborough.org](http://www.richlandtownborough.org)





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