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# **MAYOR'S LETTER**

To the residents of Richlandtown Borough,

As 2022 comes to an end, I look back at the interactions I've had in my first year as Mayor. I deeply appreciate the conversations I've had with the public. There are a lot of great people in our town that have shown me kindness. I witnessed neighbors helping each other from collecting an empty garbage can from being blown away to an entire neighborhood coming out to help the victims of a house fire. The most common statement I hear is "We like the small-town feel" of Richlandtown Borough. I'll continue working to keep the good vibes of the community. It's the reason 'We ARE the Jewel of the State'

Throughout the summer I've enjoyed seeing the care taken to beautify houses in the borough. A lot of work goes into the lawn and the flowers. It's a positive impression on all of us and gives me a good feeling as I walk around town. As Old Man Winter approaches and Jack Frost starts nipping, please remember the Borough Council works hard to keep our streets cleared of snow and ice. Please help us keep you informed by signing up for notifications. I'd like any resident who is unable to remove snow due to physical limitations to contact me at my email below. I'll do all I can to have our sidewalks safe for all residents. I'd also like every veteran in town to contact me. I have ideas I'd like to discuss with you. I want to make sure you receive the respect you've earned.

We've given thanks for what we have and were moving toward remembering the King of Kings. Soon we'll be closing the book on 2022 and opening a new chapter in life called 2023. From my household to yours, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. May the bright days of tomorrow give you the warmth of happiness. Our best days together are yet to come.

Respectfully,

# Wayne Codner

Mayor-Richlandtown Borough wayne.codner@richlandtownborough.org



### St. John's Lutheran Church

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Activity Center & Church Offices
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215-536-5027
admin@stjohnsrpa.org
www.stjohnsrpa.org
The Rev. Dr. David A. Genszler, Interim Pastor

Come join us and make Christ a part of your life. Experience a caring neighborhood church!

Worship In Person! Worship in person at 9:30 AM with Holy Communion every Sunday. Worship is held in the Activity Center June-August.

Worship Online! A recording of our in-person Sunday worship service is posted to our website and Facebook page as soon as possible following the end of service. Also find videos on our church website on the "sermons" page, as well as our Facebook page.

Our vision at St. John's is to reach out to our neighbors and create a community that celebrates faith and fun through collaboration, education, and compassion driven service. We are excited about building partnerships and serving our community.



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# PARKING DURING DECLARED WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCIES

As a courtesy to borough residents with limited parking options, parking is always available at Benner Hall located at 1260 Cherry Street, or on the back lot behind the Richlandtown Fire Company located at 125 S. Main Street during a declared winter weather emergency. Parking on a borough street is not permitted during a declared weather emergency in order for the snowplows to do their jobs as swiftly and as efficiently as possible, allowing all residents to access their normal parking as quickly as possible.

# **CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIES**

For the last few years, you may have noticed luminaries lining our streets on Christmas Eve. We are proud to be continuing this tradition. Luminaries date back hundreds of years and have several potential origins. Likely beginning in Mexico and later spreading throughout the southwest United States, luminaries commonly symbolize lighting the way for Mary and Joseph as they searched for lodging in Bethlehem prior to Jesus' birth. Small bonfires or candles have also traditionally been used for communication and guidance to important destinations. In Richlandtown, we hope the festive lights lead you to joy, peace and hope in the coming year.





Richlandtown Borough utilizes the Swift911 Emergency
Notification System to notify the residents of impending emergencies or weather related events that impact the lives of our residents. If you have not already done so, please register so that you can be prepared.

You can also contact the borough office and we will be happy to register your information for you.



# RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH PUBLIC OFFICIALS - 2021 SESSION



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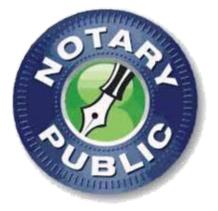
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Borough Council Meetings are always open to the public and are held at Benner Hall at 7:00 p.m. at 1260 Cherry Street. The Borough Council Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The Parks & Recreation Committee Meetings are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

# REGISTERING TENANTS **BY PROPERTY OWNERS**

All owners of property leased for either residential or commercial occupancy must annually report the name and address of occupants to the borough according to Ordinance No. 194 adopted September 10. 1990, by the Richlandtown Borough Council. Appropriate Tenant Notification 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.



Notary Public Services are provided to Richlandtown Borough residents free of charge at the borough office during regular business hours. You can call or email the borough office for more details or schedule an appointment.



Please observe the boroughwide Speed Limit is 25 mph.

# BAKE WITH BROOKE by Brooke Morita

# **Quick & Easy Fudge**



Mix together ingredients and melt in double broiler or microwave until smooth. Immediately pour onto baking sheet lined with wax paper. Refrigerate until set, at least an hour, and cut or break into pieces.

Pro Tip: Feel free to swirl in extra ingredients for some fun texture and taste: chopped walnuts, peanut butter, sprinkles, etc. Add any extras after pouring the melted batter onto the baking sheet. You can also try a holiday variation using white chocolate chips and peppermint extract.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 can (14oz) sweetenedcondensed milk3 cups semisweet chocolate chips

1 Tbsp vanilla extract





## **RECYCLED & REUSABLE "GREENHOUSE"**

**By Jillian Snyder** 

Join me in trying this new garden project- Recycled & Reusable 1 gallon "greenhouse."

This winter my plan is to collect 1 gallon milk jugs, to turn them into seed starting greenhouses for early Spring. Another option to utilize these for would be growing microgreens indoors. Are you not familiar with microgreens, or want more information? Take a look at Penn State Extension for a "Step by Step Guide for Growing Microgreens at Home."

To start this project, check the bottom of the milk or water jug. They should be labeled as a number 2 plastic or HDPE (High-Density Polyethylene). Research suggests HDPE is one of the safest food plastics for its low risk of chemical leaching, and not being affected by heat. So, start gathering and let's get started.

- Step 1: Gather 1 gallon HDPE containers.
- Step 2: Using a box cutter, cut 2/3 of the way up around the jug, leaving 1 side attached.
- Step 3: Puncture the bottom of the jug with 10 small holes for drainage.
- Step 4: Take seed starter mix and transfer into each jug with at least 2 inches of depth, disperse seeds, and water well.
- Step 5: Bend the top back over the jug and use duct tape on the sides to close.



- Step 6: Leave the cap off the jug.
- Step 7: Label each container well.
- Step 8: In the Spring place jugs outside in a good location that they can't easily be knocked over by the wind.
- Step 9: After the last frost, carefully transplant each plant to the appropriate planting location, being sure not to disrupt the roots.

Happy Gardening!

# RICHLANDTOWN BOROUGH PARKS AND REC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Easter Egg Hunt at Benner Memorial Park

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Borough-wide Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Bingo Fundraiser at Benner Hall

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Christmas in July at Benner Hall

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

National Night Out at John E. Kandel Memorial Park

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

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Luminaries

# **RICHLANDTOWN FIRE COMPANY BREAKFAST**

The Richlandtown Fire Company will be hosting their breakfasts at Benner Hall on the following Sundays **from 8 a.m.** – **12 p.m.** Bring your friends and family to show your support for Station 36.

February 19, 2023 March 19, 2023







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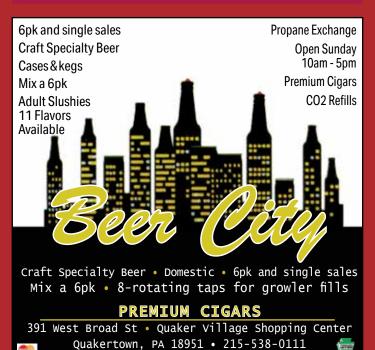
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