

RADNOR TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRPERSON REPORT, TERESA WATKINS

It is my honor to write the first remarks for the inaugural issue of The Radnor Township newsletter. It is the intent of the Board of Trustees to improve communication within our community and share information concerning township business. To receive the newsletter electronically, please send us an email at dboysel@radnortwp.org.

A special thank you is in order to our voters, for passage of a five-year, 2.9 mill road improvement levy. With the generation of new funds, beginning in the summer of 2021, it will aid the township in repairing and repaving our 29 miles of road surface, as well as support mowing, culvert repair, and snow plowing.

Important dates to remember are:

Radnor Park Organizational Meeting-Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the community building

Memorial Day Celebration - Monday, May 25, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

PARK UPDATE:

In 2016 Radnor Township took possession of the 10.5 acre parcel in Radnor where the Radnor School once stood. With ballfields and playground equipment still in place, continued effort is being made to improve the ammenities at the park site to be a gathering place and a place of pride for township residents.

In 2017 a volunteer steering committee met to begin the process of a master plan for the park. Blake Rafeld Landscape Architect, Inc. was hired to put together an initial master plan. The plan was drafted and presented at an open house for volunteers, trustees and the public. Since that time, an account has been opened to accept financial donations for the park's improvement. The Township has also recently won a grant through the Delaware County Health Department for improvements and security to the recycling area. The grant will pay for a permanent concrete pad and security cameras to deter illegal dumping at the site.

We are ready for the next step, which is convening a volunteer committee to plan the park, its uses and how to finance the improvements. The organization meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7:00 p.m. March 24, 2020 at the Township Hall. If you are interested in participating on this working committee, please

plan to attend or contact Trustee Dan Boysel at dboysel@radnortwp.org or 740.595.3702, or Chairperson Teresa Watkins at twatkinw@radnortwp.org.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL

The Radnor Township Hall is available for rent to township residents. There are full kitchen facilities for your use in the hall. A contract agreement must be signed and a security deposit of \$50 is required. For additional information or to make a reservation please contact Randy Butts at 740.595.3464.

TOWNSHIP ZONING CONTACTS

Zoning in Radnor Township falls under the responsibility of Delaware County Code Compliance, who can be reached at: 50 Channing Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015, phone (740) 833-2200. E-mail is building@co.delaware.oh.us.

ROAD UPDATE

There has been a lot of activity in the road maintenance area this year. The Township has entered into an agreement with Marlboro Township to repave Sectionline Road from Peel Road to Norton Road. A majority of the monies will come through a grant from OPWC and Delaware County. Radnor Township's responsibility is to provide matching funds with Marlboro Twp to receive the grant. Work will begin this summer on the road.

We had applied for a similar OPWC grant to repave River Road from State Route 37 to David Road. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful this year in receiving the grant as funding had been depleted. In the process of preparing for the repaving of River Road, several culverts have been replaced in the targeted section. This should help in preparing us for the grant funding next year. Other opportunities to receive grant funding for road repair will be a shared grant with Troy Township for Hills Miller Road in 2021.

A great thank you for your support of passing the recent road levy. This is the first time a road levy has been placed on the ballot in Radnor Township and you have shown your support. The Trustees are currently putting together a strategic plan to repair the roads in the township in an efficient manner. The tax is being levied as of January 1, 2020, but will not be billed until January of 2021. The funds will not be available for use by the township until the spring of 2021.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE, CHIEF RANDY BUTTS

I would like to ask for everyone not to forget about grill safety as the peak months for grill fires arrive. Nobody wants to see their backyard barbecue go up in flames. There are simple measures that can be taken to avoid charring dinner and setting anything on fire.

General Safety Tips for Outdoor Cooking

Always keep young children and pets away from any outdoor cooking areas. Only grill outdoors in areas that are well ventilated. Never use a grill in any type of enclosed location. Never pour or squirt lighter fluid or any type of fire-starting fuel directly onto a lit grill.

Every year, 7,000 Americans are injured while using backyard barbecue grills. It's usually a case of good products used incorrectly.

DO'S:

1. Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from your house. Farther is even better. This includes portions attached to your house like carports, garages and porches. Grills should not be used underneath wooden overhangs either, as the fire could flare up into the structure above. This applies to both charcoal and gas grills.

2. Clean your grill regularly. If you allow grease and fat to build up on your grill, they provide more fuel for a fire. Grease is a major source of flare ups.

3. Check for gas leaks. You can make sure no gas is leaking from your gas grill by making a solution of half liquid dish soap and half water and rubbing it on the hoses and connections. Then, turn the gas on (with the grill lid open.) If the soap forms large bubbles, that's a sign that the hoses have tiny holes or that the connections are not tight enough.

4. Keep decorations away from your grill. Decorations like hanging baskets, pillows and umbrellas look pretty AND provide fuel for a fire. To make matters worse, today's decor is mostly made of artificial fibers that burn fast and hot, making this tip even more important.

5. Keep a spray bottle of water handy. That way, if you have a minor flare-up you can spray it with the water to instantly calm it. The bonus of this tip is that water won't harm your food, so dinner won't be ruined!

6. Keep a fire extinguisher within a couple steps of your grill. And KNOW HOW TO USE IT. If you are unsure how to use the extinguisher, don't waste time fiddling with it before calling 911. Firefighters say many fire deaths occur when people try to fight a fire themselves instead of calling for expert help and letting the fire department do its job.

DON'TS:

7. Turn on the gas while your grill lid is closed. NEVER do this. It causes gas to build up inside your grill, and when you do light it and open it, a fireball can explode in your face.

8. Leave a grill unattended. Fires double in size every minute. Plan ahead so that all of your other food prep chores are done and you can focus on grilling.

9. Overload your grill with food. This applies especially fatty meats. The basic reason for this tip is that if too much fat drips on the flames at once, it can cause a large flare-up that could light nearby things on fire.

10. Use a grill indoors. People often think it will be safe to use a grill, especially a small one, indoors. NOT TRUE. In addition to the fire hazard, grills release carbon monoxide, the deadly colorless, odorless gas. That gas needs to vent in fresh air or it can kill you, your family and pets.

FISCAL OFFICER UPDATE

Radnor Township begins 2020 in a stable financial position to serve our residents in the coming year. Fiscal Year Appropriation and Revenue Budgets were approved by the Board of Trustees on January 13. From a financial perspective, the Township's road maintenance budget will continue to be our primary area of concern. Even with the recently approved road levy and additional funding from the State of Ohio gas tax increase, equipment, salt, fuel and road surface maintenance and improvement costs continue to rise and strain our financial well-being in road specific funds. To see how your tax dollars are spent visit [www.https://radnortownshipdelaware.ohiocheckbook.com](https://radnortownshipdelaware.ohiocheckbook.com)

CENSUS 2020

Every town is an important part of the American story. Make sure Radnor Township's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census—the count of everyone living in the United States. When you do, you'll also help our county and township get the most out of the American dream. Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- Medicare Part B
- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responding is safe as our personal information is kept confidential by law. It is easy to respond to the census, answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you. Every person counts,

whether it's funding in communities across Ohio or helping determine the number of seats Ohio will have in the U.S. House of Representatives—every count makes an equal impact. For more information, visit: 2020CENSUS

HEALTH DISTRICT UPDATE Currently drop-off bins are located at the south end of the Radnor Park on SR 203. Please help us keep the park and community beautiful by following simple recycling rules. There are also special collection events scheduled throughout the year to assist you in your recycling efforts.

2020 SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS

April 25, 2020

Morrow County Fairgrounds

9am - 1pm - ONLY Hazardous Waste & Paint

Latex paint cans \$2 each - Limit 10 cans - Up to 5 gallon containers
Cash or check only | No charge for hazardous waste disposal

May 16, 2020

Marion County Fairgrounds

9am - 1pm - ONLY Electronics & Paper Shredding

Televisions \$20 each | Cash or check only | No charge for electronics or paper shredding

June 6, 2020

Delaware County Fairgrounds

9am - 1pm - ONLY Hazardous Waste & Paint

Latex paint cans \$2 each - Limit 10 cans - Up to 5 gallon containers
Cash or check only | No charge for hazardous waste disposal

August 22, 2020

Knox County Fairgrounds

9am - 1pm - ONLY Electronics & Paper Shredding

Televisions \$20 each | Cash or check only | No charge for electronics or paper shredding



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