

# Township of Ridley

February, 2022

Dear Residents:

As we begin 2022, we wish all our residents a happy and healthy new year. I can speak for the Commissioners, Officials and employees in saying that we are grateful for your support, especially over the course of the pandemic, and look forward to continue to make Ridley Township an excellent place to live, work and raise a family.

**I am happy to announce there will be NO increase in your township real estate tax, nor any increase in the rubbish or sewer service charges for 2022.** Although costs across the board continue to rise and mandated costs are incurred, the Board of Commissioners worked to develop a budget that will continue to maintain our first-class services, such as police and fire services, twice-a-week trash collection, single stream recycling collection, curbside leaf collection, road and park maintenance, plowing operations, recreation and library programs and more.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge former 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Commissioner, Tom Donahue. Tom served for 11 years in this capacity and was a valued member of the Board of Commissioners. We thank him for his service, dedication and commitment to Ridley Township and the residents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward and wish him well in his future endeavors. We welcome Patti Rodgers Morrisette as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Commissioner and know she will be an asset to the township and our residents.

Our *Hometown Hero Banner Program* continues its success with over 300 banners throughout the township honoring those in our community who have served or continue to serve. We are proud to honor them and their sacrifice in this manner. Applications will be available on our website beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> for those who are interested in obtaining a banner for their loved one.

Residents are reminded to contact their Commissioner with any concerns you may have. That's why we are here! Don't know who your Commissioner is? Visit the township website and click on the Ward Map to find your Commissioner and their contact information.

This newsletter includes important information for your use, including the 2022 Trash/Recycling Collection Schedule. Please keep handy and refer to it throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact the township office at 610-534-4800 if you have any questions – we're here to help!

Sincerely,



Robert J. Willert

President, Board of Commissioners

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Facebook.com/RidleyTwp ♦ Instagram.com/RidleyTownship ♦ Twitter.com/Ridleytwp  
Government Access Channels – Comcast 5; Verizon 36; RCN 52

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

For any police, fire or ambulance emergencies or non-emergencies, dial 9-1-1. **Residents are reminded never to leave valuables in vehicles and always keep vehicles locked.** Don't forget to download our **CRIMEWATCH** app where you can browse crime related information and receive news directly from the Ridley Township Police Department. You can also provide tips and report criminal activity anonymously through the app or by emailing [ridleytownshipdptipline@gmail.com](mailto:ridleytownshipdptipline@gmail.com). During normal business hours, if you would like to reach the Captain, Detective Division or Records Office, dial 610-532-4000.

## TAX COLLECTOR

All Ridley Township tax bills are sent in February to the registered property owner. By doing so, the owner sees the exact amount of taxes levied. Taxes can be paid at 2% discount if paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>. **If taxes are paid by a mortgage company, in order to ensure that you get the proper discount, please forward the entire bill to the mortgage company.** If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please contact the Township Tax Office at 610-534-4807, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Senior citizens eligible for the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate are also eligible for a partial refund of service charges for rubbish and/or sewer. You must have received your PA rebate check and paid your 2022 TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES before applying for a partial refund of Township service charges.** Please call the Tax Office for application information or if you have any questions.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

All residents are reminded to call the Code Enforcement Office at 610-534-4803 for permit information and requirements before commencing any new construction or alterations. Residents are also reminded that sidewalks - as well as alleyways - are the responsibility of the property owner and **must be maintained properly**, including being cleared of wet leaves or other debris as well as snow or ice. Snow must be cleared no later than twenty-four (24) hours after snow has stopped falling. **Piling of snow in the street is strictly prohibited. Residents are reminded never to blow grass clippings in the street.** Doing so clogs the sewer inlets and can lead to roadway flooding. If you employ a landscaper, please pass this information along – your neighbors will thank you! The Township enacted an ordinance whereby owners of rental units within the Township are required to secure an annual certificate of use for each occupied or unoccupied dwelling unit pursuant to the regulations listed in the ordinance. Selling your home? Contact the Code Enforcement office to obtain the necessary information prior to going to settlement. Any other questions regarding codes or ordinances, please contact the office at 610-534-4803.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTER

The Ridley Township Public Library & Resource Center is a valuable source of books, DVD's, video games, magazines, eBooks, hotspots, Roku, museum passes and much more. As the popularity of downloading books, audios, magazines, movies and series grows, the library continually adds new titles for Ridley residents to borrow. New in 2022 will be additional museum and attraction passes available at no charge to residents, including the Philadelphia Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion, the Independence Seaport Museum, and the Mt. Cuba Center. Programs, classes and activities will continue to be offered both in-person and online through 2022. Visit the website [www.ridleylibrary.org](http://www.ridleylibrary.org) or email [RidleyLibrary100@gmail.com](mailto:RidleyLibrary100@gmail.com) for more information about all the library has to offer.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Improper management of discarded needles and other sharp items can pose a health risk to the public and to our Public Works personnel. Township Ordinance requires needles and other sharp items to be placed inside a hard, plastic container, such as a detergent bottle, with a screw on cap or tightly secured lid. We ask that you label the container **“Not for Recycling”** and place it out with your regular trash. Failure to follow the proper guidelines will result in fines ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 per occurrence. Residents in Ridley Township are required by ordinance to clean up after their pet while walking their dog along streets or in public parks. When pet waste is left on the ground, rain and snowmelt can wash it into storm drains or directly into waterways. This “stormwater runoff” can contaminate our sources of drinking water. Animal waste breeds harmful bacteria, promotes excessive plant growth, and causes algae blooms, which can kill fish and other animals.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Ridley Township Parks and Recreation Department provides recreational opportunities for all of our residents. Visit our website, [www.ridleytp.org](http://www.ridleytp.org) and click on “Parks and Recreation” for information on our available programs and special announcements. Keep an eye out for our summer programs and register early as space is limited and they fill up quickly. Check our website and like our Ridley Township Parks and Recreation Facebook page for news and updates. Looking to rent a place for your next special event? Consider renting Ridley's Creekside Center, 794 Milmont Avenue located in the 5th Ward of Ridley Township or the Leedom Community Hall, located at Darby & Rodney Roads in the 6th Ward. The Creekside Center can accommodate up to 180 guests ; Leedom Hall can accommodate up to 50 guests. Contact the Township Office at 610-534-4800 for further information.

## RIDLEY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL MARINA

Ridley Township Municipal Marina, 401 S. Swarthmore Avenue, Ridley Park, PA, offers a public boat ramp and public fishing pier for residents of Ridley Township and the surrounding communities. Seasonal and daily ramp passes are available. In addition, there are four docks housing 99 slips, a secure storage facility, and more! *Water's Edge Banquet Room* located at the Ridley Township Municipal Marina, accommodates 50 to 120 guests - perfect for your next special event! Contact the Marina Office at 610-521-2800 for further information on all services.

## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Want to know what you can do to help keep our stormwater and local creeks cleaner? Visit the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watershed Association website at [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org) where you will find helpful information on stormwater pollution solutions and what you can do to protect the water resources of the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Valleys, along with announcements of CRC Watershed sponsored events. In addition to the CRC Watersheds website listed above, the township also posts announcements of upcoming stormwater quality management events to continually educate and solicit residents' participation in this worthy program to assure the township's continued compliance with its mandatory NPDES MS4 Stormwater Management Permit issued and enforced by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP).

### **WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS!**

Did you know that debris and other pollutants that litter driveways, sidewalks, and roads eventually end up in our waterways? When it rains, or when snow and ice melt, the stormwater drains to low points in the streets where storm inlets are located. These inlets connect to the storm sewer system and ultimately discharge directly to creeks, carrying with it salt, leaves, oil, cigarette butts, and any other pollutant. Stormwater does not get treated! You can help keep harmful pollutants out of our local waterways by doing the following:

- Limit your use of pesticide and fertilizers.
- Don't blow grass clippings or leaves into the streets.
- Wash your car on your yard or use a commercial car wash.
- Please remember to pick up pet waste when walking your pet.

### **SWIMMING POOL DISCHARGE**

Swimming pools and hot tubs are a great way to relax and spend time with family and friends but, what do you do when you are done with the pool or hot tub water? Swimming pool and hot tub water cannot be discharged into streams because this water contains large amounts of chlorine and other chemicals that, once released into the environment, pose a health hazard to fish and other aquatic animals and plants. For information on how to safely dispose of swimming pool and hot tub water, please see DEP's article "SPLISH, SPLASH: A DEEP DIVE INTO PROPER POOL WATER DISCHARGE" on their website at [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov). Please consult with the Code Enforcement Office if you have any questions about how to discharge your pool or hot tub water.

### **REPORT IT!**

Help us protect our environment by reporting suspicious and unusual spills and other events of hazardous or strange looking fluids that may end up in our township roadside stormwater inlets and ultimately discharge to our local creeks. It only takes a minute, and your community will thank you for it. Simply call one of the numbers below that most closely matches what you see, hear, or smell out of the ordinary in Ridley Township:

Clogged Sewer Lines/Sewage Smell	Ridley Township – 610-534-4800 (After hours, call 9-1-1)
24-hour Water Quality Hotline	PA DEP – 484-250-5900
Sewage Spills & Emergency Hotline	PA DEP - 484-250-5900
Fish Kills/Illegal Fishing	PA Fish Commission – 717-626-0228
Broken Water Mains	Aqua PA – 877-987-2782

### **POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLAN UPDATE**

Ridley Township has a permit from PA DEP to discharge its stormwater to local waterways. As a requirement of this permit, Ridley Township had to prepare a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) to reduce the amount of sediment going into the waterways. Local waterways are impaired due to sediment runoff from nearby streets, lawns, and streambank erosion. The PRP outlines in general terms the Township's 5-year plan to reduce sediment loadings from the MS4 stormwater discharges. During this timeframe, the Township will design, construct, and implement management devices to reduce sediment runoff. The PRP has been approved by PA DEP as of November 2021. Please visit the Township website for more information.

### **2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATES**

Delaware County residents can bring unwanted household hazardous waste products to regional drop off sites for proper disposal or recycling. This program is offered as a community service and is not open to businesses, industry or institutions. If improperly discarded, household products containing toxic chemicals can be a threat to people, pets & the environment. Never dispose of hazardous materials in the trash as they may harm sanitation workers or result in a collection vehicle fire. It is also unsafe to pour HHW down a sink or storm drain as it will end up polluting our drinking water. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9627 or visit [www.delcopa.gov/recycle](http://www.delcopa.gov/recycle). **ALL EVENTS WILL BE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – REGISTRATION REQUIRED. TICKET MUST BE PRESENT TO ACCESS EVENT. Register at <https://delcophhw.eventbrite.com>**

- Saturday, April 23, 2022
  - Saturday, June 11, 2022
  - Saturday, September 10, 2022
  - Saturday, October 15, 2022
- Emergency Services Training Center**  
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill, PA 19079
- Rose Tree Park**  
1671 N. Providence Road, Media, PA 19063
- Emergency Services Training Center**  
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill, PA 19079
- Upper Chichester Municipal Building**  
8500 Furey Rd., Upper Chichester, PA 19061

**NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Latex paint is NOT hazardous waste** and should not be brought to a County collection event. In order to safely dispose of latex paint, solidify the paint before placing it out with your trash. Simply take the top off the can and place it outside, away from children and pets, and allow it to harden. If the can is very full, place kitty litter in the can and stir until all the paint is absorbed. Empty, lidless paint cans should be placed in a box and placed out with your trash.

# 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

The 2022 Ridley Township Board of Commissioners meeting dates are listed below. A public forum is held before the meetings at **6:00 p.m. in Garling Hall**, Ridley Township Municipal Building, 100 E. MacDade Boulevard, Folsom, PA at which time any interested party may be heard. Those interested in addressing the Board, please sign in via the dry erase board upon arrival. The regular meeting will immediately follow the public forum. Meetings are also live streamed on the township website – [www.ridleytpw.org](http://www.ridleytpw.org).

Wednesday	February 23, 2022
Wednesday	March 23, 2022
Wednesday	April 27, 2022
Wednesday	May 25, 2022
Wednesday	June 22, 2022
Wednesday	July 27, 2022
Wednesday	August 24, 2022
Wednesday	September 28, 2022
Wednesday	October 26, 2022
Wednesday	November 16, 2022
Wednesday	December 21, 2022

## Important Phone Numbers

### Police, Fire or Ambulance

**9-1-1**

Ridley Township Police Department

610-532-4000

Ridley Township General Information  
Ridley Township Code Enforcement Department  
Ridley Township Manager's Office  
Ridley Township Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office

610-534-4800  
610-534-4803  
610-534-4806  
610-534-4807

Ridley Township Recreation Department

610-522-0557

Ridley Township Public Library

610-583-0593

Ridley Township Municipal Marina

610-521-2800

Ridley School District

610-534-1900

County of Delaware Government Center

610-891-4000

Aqua, PA  
PECO Energy  
Comcast  
RCN  
Verizon

877-987-2782  
800-494-4000  
800-266-2278  
800-746-4726  
800-837-4966

## Township of Ridley Board of Commissioners

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