

# Township of Ridley

February, 2025

Dear Residents:

As we begin 2025, we are pleased to share that for the **fifth consecutive year, there will be no increase in your township real estate tax.**

Additionally, we are happy to report that there will be **no increase in rubbish or sewer service charges for the fourth year in a row**, despite a 51% increase in rubbish fees and a 22.7% increase in sewer charges over that period. We remain committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility while ensuring that the services you depend on continue without interruption.

Ridley Township continues to prioritize services that benefit our residents. Twice-a-week trash collection and once-a-week recycling collection, fall curbside leaf collection along with bulk trash collection are essential services that the township will continue to provide in a cost effective, responsible manner. On the subject of recycling, we encourage all residents to participate in our single stream program. We are currently paying to have recyclables processed, but it is far less than what we would pay if those same recyclable items were disposed of in your trash. Please refer to the insert in this newsletter for a list of acceptable recyclable items and information on our program.


Economic development continues in Ridley Township with the redevelopment of *Wawa* at MacDade Boulevard and Bullens Lane completed and the opening of *Popeye's* and *Sparks Car Wash*. I know the issue of vacant commercial properties concerns all. We hear from residents through phone calls and social media about this subject. Please know that these are privately owned properties, not township owned. The Township cannot control whom a landowner sells or leases their property to, as long as the tenant and the use complies with our Township zoning laws and regulations for that property location. Owners of these properties do not want to see their storefronts vacant any more than the residents or this Board. The owners purchased these properties in Ridley Township because we are an excellent community with residents who enthusiastically support small businesses. The Board continues to work actively with commercial property owners and developers who are interested in locating to our township and will report on future efforts to bring new businesses, job opportunities and growth to our community.

## Property Tax Bill Information

- **Tax payments are no longer accepted at TD Bank.**
- **If taxes are paid by a mortgage company, in order to ensure you receive the proper discount, please forward the entire bill to the mortgage company.** Taxes can be paid at a 2% discount by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- In-person payments can be made by check or money order at the Ridley Township Tax Office, 100 E. MacDade Boulevard, Folsom Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, excluding holidays. **NO CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON AT THE TAX OFFICE.** *\*The Tax Office will extend their hours on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to 7:00pm in order to accept in-person payments.*
- We are no longer using the Philadelphia Lockbox for mailing payments. Payments may be mailed directly to the Ridley Township Tax Office in the envelope provided. Payments may also be made online at **EdmundsGovPay.com/RidleyTownship**. *The third-party processor charges a 2.95% fee for credit/debit card payments or a flat \$1.95 fee for bank ACH payments.*

We extend our thanks to all of our residents for your continued support and we look forward to another year of progress and shared success. Together, we are making Ridley Township a place we can all be proud of. Wishing you a prosperous and joyful year ahead!

Sincerely,



Robert J. Willert

President, Board of Commissioners

### **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.** Check out the Ridley Township Police Department's Facebook page for the latest information and any community updates. You can provide tips and report criminal activity anonymously by emailing [ridleytownshippdtipline@gmail.com](mailto:ridleytownshippdtipline@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**

**Senior citizens eligible for the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate are also eligible for a partial refund of service charges for rubbish and/or sewer up to \$200.00. You must have received your PA rebate check and paid your 2025 TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES before applying for a partial refund of Township service charges.** Please visit or call the Tax Office at 610-534-4807 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, including single family dwellings that are rented 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? A Certificate of Occupancy application is required 45 days prior to settlement. Contact the Code Enforcement office to obtain the necessary information. For 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, eBooks, zoo and museum passes, video games, magazines, DVDs, hotspots, Rokus, and much more. All programs, classes and activities are offered both in-person and online. The Library is now a designated Passport Acceptance Facility. Passport application processing appointments can be made on the Library's website. 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.ridleytpw.org](http://www.ridleytpw.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.

### **RENTAL HALL INFORMATION**

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**

Ridley Township has a permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) to discharge its stormwater to local waterways. This permit is referred to as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for stormwater discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). As a requirement of this permit, the 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 five-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. Please visit the township website for more information.

### **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.
- Remember to pickup pet waste when walking your pet.
- Wash your car on your yard or use a commercial car wash.
- Please discard cigarette butts in designated containers.
- Fix oil leaks from your car in your garage or at an auto shop.

### **SWIMMING POOL DISCHARGE**

Do you know what to do when you are done with the water in your pool or hot tub? 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. According to the PA DEP, swimming pool or hot tub water can be drained on-site for irrigation (ensuring that the water is released at a rate to prevent flow into streams and storm sewers). If permission is granted, swimming pool or hot tub water can be discharged into a sanitary sewer system. For information on how to safely dispose of swimming pool and hot tub water, please see PA DEP's article "*Management of Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, and Spa Water Discharges*" on their website at [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov). Please consult with the Code Enforcement Office at 610-534-4803 if you have any questions about how to discharge your pool or hot tub water.

### **REPORT IT!**

Township residents are typically the first to spot "illicit" discharges of suspicious spills or contaminated stormwater that may end up in our roadside inlets and outfall pipes that discharge to our local creeks. Help us protect our environment by reporting all stormwater violations and problems to the Township office at 610-534-4800 and your complaint will be directed to the appropriate personnel. It only takes a minute, and your community will thank you for it! Additional helpful numbers are below:

Clogged Sewer Lines/Sewage Smell  
Fish Kills/Illegal Fishing  
Broken Water Mains  
24-hour Emergency Response Hotline

Ridley Township: 610-534-4800 (After hours, call 9-1-1)  
PA Fish & Boat Commission: 717-626-0228 or 855-347-4545  
Aqua, PA: 877-987-2782  
PA DEP: 800-541-2050

### **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

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 resident 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 PA DEP.

### **2025 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 additional information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority at 610-892-9620 or visit [delcoswa.org](http://delcoswa.org).

- Saturday, April 12, 2025
- Saturday, May 10, 2025
- Saturday, September 6, 2025
- Saturday, October 11, 2025

**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.

**PROPERTY ALERT PROGRAM**

Get notified against potentially fraudulent claims or transactions regarding your property using the Delaware County Recorder of Deeds Office free GovOS Property Alert. Receive email alerts any time your personal or entity name is used in a property filing within the county. The service was designed with the goal of reducing fraudulently recorded documents that could affect your property ownership. Simply visit the Delaware County Recorder of Deeds website at <https://delcopa.gov/departments/recorderofdeeds.html>, click on "Cloud Search", then click "Property Alert" at the top of the page to register and for more information.

**2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule**

The 2025 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 our YouTube channel.

Wednesday	February 26, 2025
Wednesday	March 26, 2025
Wednesday	April 23, 2025
Wednesday	May 28, 2025
Wednesday	June 25, 2025
Wednesday	July 23, 2025
Wednesday	August 27, 2025
Wednesday	September 24, 2025
Wednesday	October 22, 2025
Wednesday	November 19, 2025
Wednesday	December 17, 2025

**Important Phone Numbers**

**Police, Fire or Ambulance**

- Ridley Township Police Department
- Ridley Township General Information
- Ridley Township Code Enforcement Department
- Ridley Township Manager’s Office
- Ridley Township Treasurer/Tax Collector’s Office
- Ridley Township Recreation Department
- Ridley Township Public Library
- Ridley Township Municipal Marina
- Ridley School District
- County of Delaware Government Center
- Aqua, PA
- PECO Energy
- Comcast
- RCN
- Verizon

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- 610-534-4800
- 610-534-4803
- 610-534-4806
- 610-534-4807
- 610-522-0557
- 610-583-0593
- 610-521-2800
- 610-534-1900
- 610-891-4000
- 877-987-2782
- 800-494-4000
- 800-266-2278
- 800-746-4726
- 800-837-4966



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