

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director's Report – January 2023

GIS Workshop – On Thursday, February 16th at 11:00 a.m. the QVCOG in partnership with Civic Mapper will be conducting a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) workshop open to all who are interested in learning more about the platform. Newly generated maps focusing on road ownership and legislative boundaries will be demonstrated. The workshop will take place at the Sewickley Public Library (500 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143).

Tree Adoption Event – The QVCOG is happy to announce that the greater Quaker Valley region has been selected by Tree Pittsburgh for an “Tree Adoption” event. Hundreds of young trees will be available for selection (free of charge) for residents to plant on private property in the region. The event will be in collaboration with the Sewickley Civic Garden Council’s annual May Mart event which is scheduled to take place on May 13, 2023. Additional details about the event will be announced in the coming weeks. For additional details about Tree Pittsburgh please visit treepittsburgh.org.

Mobile Fingerprint Scanner - The QVCOG is proud to announce that it has been selected by the PA Chiefs of Police Association to receive a shared Mobile Fingerprint Scanner which would be made available to all QVCOG police departments. The device must be “hosted” by one of our member community police departments. The Police Chiefs Committee is set to meet on January 26th to discuss selection of a host site among other topics. The QVCOG was recognized by the PA Chief of Police Association as being the first organization in the state to utilize a shared equipment model (latent fingerprint grant & mobile fingerprint scanner). The mobile fingerprint scanner requires a cellular connection and software maintenance package totalling \$990 annually. The QVCOG has budgeted accordingly to pay for the required services in 2023.

Glass Dumpster Update - Since the program’s inception in March of 2022 the QVCOG’s glass recycling initiative has collected 68.67 tons of glass. However, as has been the case for many products and services over the last year costs have risen. In an email correspondence dated January 5, 2023 Michael Brothers Hauling informed the QVCOG that dumpster exchange rates will increase from \$270.00 to \$320.00 effective February 1, 2023. For the coming year the QVCOG is prepared to pay for the increase out of the joint-recycling fund (approximately \$1,300.00 based off of an estimation of 26 dumpster exchanges annually).

LGA Municipal Intern Program Application Period - Beginning January 9th applications will be accepted for the 2023 Local Government Academy Municipal Intern Program. Applications are due February 15, 2023. Interested parties may review past projects and program criteria by visiting localgovernmentacademy.org. Executive Director Connors has experience as both an intern and supervisor within this Program and would be happy to assist any member community with their project proposal. The Academy anticipates awarding 10 host sites within Allegheny County for the 2023 cycle. Per the program’s guidelines, appropriate projects include, but are not limited to, financial management, human resources, asset mapping, development of geographic information systems, comprehensive planning, economic development, capital improvement planning, intergovernmental cooperation, code enforcement, community engagement, and social media campaigns.