

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director's Report – July 2022

Shared Glass Recycling Resolutions – In order to ensure the financial sustainability of the shared glass recycling program, the QVCOG Board of Delegates has approved a cost sharing model (based on a community's population as of the 2020 Census) as well as a resolution which is to be approved by participating municipalities. Any additional costs (i.e. increased shipping costs, unanticipated dumpster pulls, etc.) will be absorbed by the QVCOG and its joint recycling fund. Member communities are asked to approve the prepared resolution which has been provided to QVCOG Delegates as well as all managers/secretaries. Once approved, each community will be billed on a quarterly basis based upon their designated rate (based on population). For any questions, please contact Executive Director Connors.

QVCOG Police Chiefs Meeting – On July 19th the QVCOG Police Chiefs Committee will convene to continue its evaluation of the current Mutual Aid Agreement (approved in 2009). The Committee will meet every other month henceforth at 10:00 a.m. (locations will rotate amongst member communities).

PRC Hard to Recycle Event – On July 23rd the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) will be hosting a hard to recycle event at the Quaker Valley High School ([625 Beaver St, Leetsdale, PA 15056](http://www.qvcog.org)). The event will take place between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. PRC's Hard to Recycle Collection events are registration based and timeslots are limited. Participants may drop off items such as cell/home phones, computer towers, and peripheral equipment (keyboards, laptops, mice, etc.) free of charge. For a fee, individuals can drop off televisions and computer monitors, printers, fluorescent tubes, small Freon appliances and tires (with and without rims). The fee schedule and registration information can be found by visiting prc.org.

Waste Management Service Request – WM officials have requested that QVCOG members communities participating in the 5-year Waste and Recycling Agreement allow for earlier collection times between the months of May – September (no earlier than 6:00 a.m.) during “hot weather events”. Please note, this request may not align with a respective community’s noise ordinance. WM has defined hot weather events as a day(s) which the weather forecast exceeds 87 degrees Fahrenheit. Member communities that deem this request acceptable are asked to send a correspondence (email) to their respective WM dispatchers (please cc pconnors@qvcog.org). If a community does not agree with this request, WM must continue to abide by the language within the current Agreement and/or follow the community’s noise ordinance.

CDBG Year 48 Grant Awards - The following projects were awarded funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for CD Year 48 totaling \$140,092.00

- Bell Acres Borough Park ADA Parking Project - \$20,000.00
- Leet Township Orchard, Beech, and Plum Street ADA Sidewalk Replacement Project - \$31,592.00
- Leetsdale Borough Henle Park ADA Parking & Sidewalk Project - \$43,500.00
- Sewickley Borough Centennial Avenue ADA Ramp Project – \$45,000.00

2022-23 Rock Salt Bids Received - On June 30, 2022 the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) received bids for the 2022-23 purchasing season with Cargill, Inc. submitting the lowest bid in the amount of \$88.96 per ton (an 8% increase from the previous purchase price). Please note, the increase can be attributed to the increased cost of transportation (which includes rail, truck and barge expenses). Participating municipalities must formally accept the bids received and give notice to Cargill, Inc. by **August 29, 2022**. A sample award letter that gives notice to Cargill, Inc. has been created by SHACOG and is available upon request. Please forward a copy of the letter you send to the vendor to the SHACOG office as well. Additionally, each participating municipality – no matter how small its usage – should, after formally accepting the bid, enter into a contract with the vendor using the bid specification contract document as the basis for the arrangement. Lastly, SHACOG will be finalizing the details for the pre-winter conference with the vendor. Details will be provided in the coming weeks.