



Executive Director's Report – July 2024

Hard to Recycle Event – In partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) the QVCOG has financially supported the return of a “Hard to Recycle” event to the region. The event has been scheduled for Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is set to take place at Leetsdale’s Buncher Industrial Park, Building No. 15 (687 Avenue A, Leetsdale, PA 15056). Hard to Recycle events provide responsible and convenient disposal for items that are not eligible for curbside recycling. At these events, individuals have been able to recycle items such as e-waste, cell phones, polystyrene, Freon-containing appliances, tires and more. These events require all participants to register in advance. Additional details of the event, including disposal fees and registration details can be found at qvcog.org.

Dixmont Cemetery Cleanup Event – Kilbuck Township & LGA Municipal Intern Hailey McClain has organized a community clean up event for the Dixmont Cemetery. The goal of the event will be to help remove fallen trees, pick weeds, rake leaves, and remove debris. Come and help make the cemetery a better resting place for those that remain there. The event will take place on July 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Drinks and snacks will be provided. The first 30 volunteers will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Volunteers may register for the event by visiting kilbucktownship.org.

Confined Spaces Training – Avalon Borough Public Works has arranged a confined spaces training session in partnership with MRM Trust. The event will take place on July 17th beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department (629 New Brighton Rd, Avalon, PA 15202). All QVCOG community Public Works Departments are invited to participate. MRM Trust communities can register attendees at no-charge while non-MRM communities will be subject to a \$45 per person fee. Payment can be made via check mailed to: Optimus Risk Services, 130 Waltz Mill Road, Ruffs Dale, PA 15679. Interested attendees should email Avalon Manager Lorraine Makatura (lmakatura@boroughofavalon.org) by Monday, July 8th.

2024 International City Management Association Conference – The 2024 ICMA annual conference will be held in the City of Pittsburgh from September 21 - 25, 2024. The conference will bring together local government professionals around the world to connect and learn from peers, focus on emerging trends and challenges, and provide solutions to help them prepare for the future. Registration for the event officially opened on June 12th and a discounted rate is available through August 14th.

Automated License Plate Reader Cameras – With the assistance of a Keystone Communities grant award, and with direction and guidance from the QVCOG Police Chiefs Group, five regional intersections are slated to become equipped with Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera systems. After soliciting five quotes for procurement of ALPR equipment and installation, the Surveillance Group provided the lowest quote in the amount of \$69,535.00. Agreements for the proposed systems are being considered by Avalon Borough, Bellevue Borough, Leetsdale Borough (2) and Glen Osborne Borough (administered via Sewickley Borough P.D). Each host community would be responsible to maintain the systems as well as pay all legacy costs (i.e. internet access, utility billing, etc.). Additionally, remaining grant award funding will be utilized to provide all QVCOG member police departments with one year of access to the PLATESMART network. This access will better connect all regional police departments and should result in enhanced traffic monitoring and communication to solve outstanding criminal cases.