

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director's Report – June 2022

Second Glass Recycling Center Opens – On Saturday, May 28th the QVCOG opened its second glass recycling drop off site. Residents within participating member communities are invited to use the additional site located in Avalon Borough (629 New Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). The Rules and Regulations remain the same as for the glass dumpster within Sewickley Borough's Riverfront Park. For more information, please visit qvcog.org.

Shared Glass Recycling Resolution – 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 Conners.

Cyber Security Training – In an effort to provide a proactive solution for an increasingly important workplace environment, the QVCOG has purchased access for a Cyber-Security webinar that will be hosted by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs which will take place on June 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Attendees will learn how to spot fraudulent emails, links, or texts and how to recover from a ransomware attack as well as what insurance policies will and won't cover. All member communities are encouraged to take advantage of this free webinar. Those who are interested in attending the webinar are asked to request the login credentials via email (pconners@qvcog.org). A recording of the webinar will also be available upon request.

Welcome Ms. Anna Richard – On June 1st Ms. Anna Richard of W & J College began her journey with the QVCOG. Anna will be working to increase engagement, both in-person and virtually, with member communities. Additionally, she will be assisting in the promotion of existing QVCOG programs and services. Anna's "capstone" project will include an internal organizational analysis as well as a list of recommendations for future programs and initiatives based upon an evaluation of other regional COGs and feedback from member communities.

Route 65 Committee Meeting – On June 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. the Route 65 Committee will be meeting at Sewickley Borough building (601 Thorn Street Sewickley, PA 15143) to continue the discussion concerning the initial findings of the Route 65 Study as well as next steps, including the formation of an Intergovernmental Collaboration Agreement and the push towards a more comprehensive Master Plan to implement selected findings of the initial study.

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](https://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.

Website Renovation – The QVCOG's website has undergone several enhancements in an attempt to improve accessibility and increase effectiveness. These renovations can be found on the front page of <https://QVCOG.org> and include a section highlighting events in the QVCOG's member communities, an upcoming events section, a gallery of photos, and an interactive calendar. These updates allow for increased awareness of what events and projects are occurring in the QVCOG. Members of the COG are encouraged to send in any upcoming events to be highlighted on the website. Notices of events can be emailed to pconners@qvcog.org