

Food Truck Frenzy is as Festive as it Sounds!

The RIDC Business Alliance held the first of their annual Food Truck Frenzy events of the year on June 8th.

Under sunny skies and a light spring breeze, Park residents mingled, took in the relaxing sounds of Caribbean Jazz, and enjoyed the diverse offering of eleven different food trucks. Old favorites were in attendance, such as Southside BBQ – whose distinctive calls of “Bar-B-Cone!” resounded through the crowds; Nakama, and the Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck; as well as quite a few new faces, including StudeCakers (gourmet cupcakes), Rollin’Up (Thai ice cream), and Food Baby, the offspring of Curbside Coffee in Blawnox, offering fresh-made salads and unique sides.



Attendance this year is estimated at well over 1,000 patrons, and promises to grow as the popularity of this breed of event steadily increases. RIDC Board Members were present to answer questions and offer assistance if needed, and were many times asked to hold this event more frequently!

Food truck vendors likewise seemed pleased with the event, with many commenting on the patronage and saying they look forward to participating in the next one.

Save the date! Our second Food Truck Frenzy is already planned for Thursday, September 14th – same place, same time. Keep your eyes open for alerts closer to the event!



5,000 Pounds Collected at June e-Waste Recycling Event!

In a popular service for companies and employees in RIDC Park, this semi-annual recycling event brought in over 5,000 pounds of e-waste.

Since the first event in November 2014, companies and individuals in the Park have recycled in excess of 20 tons of waste! Stay tuned for the announcement of dates for the fall event.

The RIDC Business Alliance, Sequoia Waste Solutions, Ascent Data, and Evolution e-cycling hosted this recycling event.

**Mark Your Calendars for October 12th!
Free Seminar on Performance Excellence
Sponsored by the RIDC Alliance, CORE,
and the Mid Atlantic Alliance for
Performance Excellence, Hosted by
CORE**

High performing organizations across the country are using the Baldrige Framework to become better – and to get better results. In today’s rapidly changing marketplace with ever-increasing competition, being results-focused is essential. Senior leaders are responsible for cultivating a results-driven environment. Those who understand organizational performance excellence know that business results must create and balance value for their organization’s key stakeholders, including it’s customers, stockholders, employees, suppliers and partners, and the public and community.



The Baldrige Criteria help organizations from all sectors to achieve and sustain improved levels of:

- Customer satisfaction and engagement
- Product and service outcomes and process efficiency
- Workforce satisfaction and engagement
- Revenue and market share
- Social Responsibility

The seven, comprehensive Categories of the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence are designed to help organizations capitalize on their unique strengths and identify their opportunities for improvement. When organizations effectively develop and deploy

strategies in each of the Baldrige Categories, they can expect these linked processes to drive better business results.

The Mid-Atlantic Alliance for Performance Excellence (MAAPE), a 501 (c)3 Baldrige-based awards program serving Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware is one of 31 state and regional programs across the country. Although MAAPE’s process is modeled after the prestigious Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, the process is not about “winning an Award.” It’s about using the Baldrige Framework to perform low-cost, non-prescriptive assessments in addressing each applicant’s unique challenges. Applicants have said that the MAAPE process is one of the best, most cost-effective and comprehensive assessments available. MAAPE is funded by members and sponsors, and we rely almost entirely on volunteers who share our passion for performance excellence.

New Waste Receptacles Have Arrived!



Storm Water Solutions for Commercial Properties

Keeping pollutants out of our waterways is everyone's responsibility. We can make sure at work that we use the best storm water practices.

Here are some storm water pollution reduction ideas for work:

- Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
- Cover grease storage and dumpsters, and keep them clean to avoid leaks.
- Ensure all work vehicles are well-maintained and leak-free.
- Use a commercial car wash to clean work vehicles.
- Ensure that yard waste and grass clippings are kept off of the street and out of storm drains.
- Properly clean up any spills and, if needed, report them to the appropriate agency.

RIDC Alliance Board Meets

The RIDC Business Alliance Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 28th, to discuss usual business and explore ways in which it can have a greater impact on RIDC Park affairs and the Park's overall welfare.

As part of these efforts, a Government Affairs Committee was formed to act as a liaison between business owners and residents of RIDC Business Park, and the Township of O'Hara. We hope to be able to resolve ongoing issues, and relay any concerns to the appropriate bodies for resolution, engaging and motivating O'Hara to partner positively with RIDC Park for their mutual benefit and development.

Upcoming Events

FOOD TRUCK FRENZY!

Sept. 14 / 11 AM – 1:30 PM / 107 Gamma

Our second Food Truck Frenzy of the year will be held once again at Evolutionary Fitness. Look for a larger truck lineup and new vendors!

FREE SEMINAR ON PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

Oct. 12 / 204 Sigma Dr.

Sponsored by the RIDC Alliance, CORE, and the Mid Atlantic Alliance for Performance Excellence. High performing organizations are using the Baldrige Framework to improve performance. Learn more at this free seminar.



Do You Know the O'Hara Township Elected Officials?

President At-Large: Robert John Smith
Vice-President: Charles A. Vogel, Ward 1
Ward 2: Mark F. Rothert
Ward 3: Scott Frankowski
Ward 4: Allison Garcia
Ward 5: Cassandra Eccles
At-large: John R. Denny

Regular meeting: Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Workshop meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM; Second Tuesday following Regular meeting.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building, located at 325 Fox Chapel Road. All Township residents are invited to attend.

We are looking for content! If you would like to see your company's news, events, or article featured in the RIDC Business Alliance Newsletter, please contact Alyssa Pistininzi at apistininzi@shbellco.com.

Designations of Distinction!

Township of O'Hara Council is pleased to announce that the Township has received two Designations of Distinction.

The Township has once again been named a Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM). This indicates that O'Hara Township implements the best practices in all aspects of their government and that it is governed in an inclusive, collaborative manner. O'Hara, along with over 45 other municipalities in Allegheny County have received this important designation.

The Township has also been certified a Gold Community through Sustainable Pennsylvania. This municipal certifications program aims to shine a light on pacesetters and brings more local government leaders to the forefront of sustainable community development. The program sets 131 policies and practices that they recommend that municipalities have in place.



About the RIDC Business Alliance

The RIDC Business Alliance is comprised of business leaders and representatives from O'Hara Township's RIDC Park. Through one unified voice, the Alliance promotes business development by building relationships, networking, and striving for a clean, aesthetically pleasing, and healthy work environment within the suburban Pittsburgh park. The RIDC Business Alliance is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization. Please visit our site at www.ridcalliance.com.