



BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP

FALL 2016

Chairman's Corner, by *Brien Kocher*

In addition to public safety and infrastructure, local governments in Pennsylvania also provide both active and passive recreational opportunities to residents. The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors place a high priority on recreation and active living as there is a direct link between active living and health and happiness. In 2016, thanks to funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), a new playground was installed at the Bushkill Township Recreation Complex. The new playground is designed for ages up to twelve and is great for younger children to learn agility and balance. In addition to the playground, the grant also funded construction of a perimeter walking trail around the 85 acre complex which included 10 fit stations. The fit stations provide strength training opportunities to supplement the cardiovascular workout.

Bushkill Township has aggressively pursued grant funding for recreation and is constructing a pocket park at the Heintzelman Tract. The parcel is located off of West Beil Avenue and construction of the parking area and trail loop will be completed in 2017. Residents can utilize the public fishing pond until the improvements are completed and are reminded to park in the designated areas.

DCNR also funded improvements at the 90 acre "Ballas Tract" located off of Kromer Road. Trail construction began in 2016 and includes a one mile perimeter trail, fishing pond and overlook area.



Heintzelman Tract located off of West Beil Avenue .

The Bushkill Township Public Works Department saw a change in leadership in 2016 as longtime employee Harrison Kline Jr. retired. The Board of Supervisors appointed Peter Yotter as his successor to lead the department. Pete has been employed with the Public Works Department for the past decade and brings a wealth of skill and experience to the department. Snow plowing on all township roads begins after 2 inches of snow has fallen. If an accumulation of snow is in the forecast, be on the safe side, and remove your cars from the street. Anytime snow plows are dispatched during a snow storm, parking is prohibited on all township roads except in areas where no off street parking is available. In those area where there is no off street parking available, all motor vehicles shall be parked on the even side of the street on even numbered calendar days, and on the odd side of the street on odd numbered calendar days. Please do not park in cul-de-sacs during snow storms, any vehicles parked on the street during a snow storm may be towed and fined. The township's snow removal procedure calls for snow emergency routes to be salted first. This is to ensure that all developments in the township can be accessed by emergency vehicles (fire, police and ambulance). During heavier snow storms, snow emergency roads will be completely cleared prior to equipment starting to plow on secondary roads. Should you have a non-medical emergency during a snow storm, please contact the Bushkill Township Police Department at 610-759-2200. For medical emergencies, please dial 911.

Mailbox Policy During Snowplowing Events

- Any installation within the township road right of way, including mailboxes or parked cars, are placed at the owner's risk.
- Bushkill Township does not repair or replace mailboxes or posts damaged by snowplowing operations. Residents are reminded that snow being discharged from a plow truck can generate enough force to knock down unsecure posts and mailboxes.

Stormwater Management—It's Everyone's Responsibility

There is no doubt about it, stormwater management in Pennsylvania is a multi-jurisdictional, ever changing quagmire of rules, regulations and requirements. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, or MS4's as they are known, are comprised of drainage systems including streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, ponds and storm piping owned by the municipality. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations require a permit for discharges from MS4's, mainly those located in urbanized areas. Therefore, most townships and boroughs, including Bushkill Township, must comply with the federally mandated MS4 program.

What is the MS4 Program? Untreated or uncontrolled storm water runoff is the number one cause of impairment in our local waterways. Polluted runoff is often transported through drainage systems ultimately discharging into streams, rivers and the bay. MS4 programs are intended to improve our nation's surface waters by reducing quantities of pollutants transported during rainfall events. As part of the MS4 program, Bushkill Township must implement and maintain a storm water management program that (1) reduces the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent possible; (2) protects water quality; and (3) satisfies the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act. In Pennsylvania, the MS4 program is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Bushkill Township program has 6 elements termed "minimum control measures" that when implemented should result in reductions of pollutants being discharged into receiving waters:

- **Public Education and Outreach**—Newsletters and websites.
- **Public Participation / Involvement**—Yard Waste Recycling / First Regional Compost Authority
- **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**—Annual inspection/sampling of discharge points
- **Construction Site Runoff Control**—Erosion and Sediment Control measures
- **Post-Construction Runoff Control**—Best Management Practices
- **Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping**—Making sure public facilities are maintained properly.

What residents can do: Never dump anything in storm sewers or swales; limit use of fertilizers and pesticides; recycle motor oil, paint and other hazardous chemicals; recycle glass, plastic and aluminum.

2016 Capital Improvement Projects

Bushkill Township continued to repair the 57 miles of Township roads in 2016. As part of the long term road improvement plan, Recon Construction Incorporated was awarded the bid to perform Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) on Golden Eagle and Beaver Run. The FDR process mills the existing asphalt and injects a predetermined amount of cement, reapplying the base course and preparing it for the final wearing course. In addition to shoulder restoration throughout the township, paving was also completed on Clearfield Road, Schoeneck Avenue, East Douglassville Road, and other areas throughout the Township. Stormwater projects were completed on Hoffman Road, Clearfield Road and Schoeneck Avenue. Bushkill Township anticipates receiving \$325,000 in State Liquid Fuels funding in 2017 to continue to repair and maintain municipally owned roads throughout the Township.

MS4 Program—Leaf Collection for “Urbanized Areas”

As part of the Federally mandated MS4 Program, which focuses on management of stormwater from municipal-owned properties and rights-of-way, Bushkill Township is required to provide leaf collection from “Urbanized Areas” within the Township. MS4 stands for “Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems,” and the Urbanized Areas are designated by the Federal government based on higher population densities (determined from the 2010 Census). Leaf collection is a very costly venture for the Township and its residents, and therefore is only being provided in the Urbanized Areas, as mandated. Bushkill Township has been and will continue to be a relatively rural township based on our Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Wherever possible, even in Urbanized Areas, it is best for residents to compost their leaves in upland (non-wetland) areas of their properties. Doing so will help reduce costs to all Township residents and will keep valuable organic matter and nutrients on the land from which they came. The sole intent of the leaf collection program is to keep organic matter and nutrients from getting into stormwater in high density areas where composting on-property is simply not feasible. Collected leaves will be hauled to the First Regional Compost Authority facility where they will be processed and returned to local municipalities for re-use. Residents in Urbanized Areas, as well as non-urbanized areas, are encouraged to compost their leaves to help control costs.

If you live in an Urbanized Area within the Township and need to have leaf pick-up it will be done based on the schedule listed below. Residents of Bushkill Township are required to abide by the following regulations governing leaf collection. Residents must place their leaves along the edge of the street and it is the responsibility of the resident to protect their leaves so they do not blow throughout the neighborhood. **It is not the responsibility of the Township collection crew to empty plastic bags or containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, grass clippings, shrubbery, garbage and building material will not be collected and will be left behind.** Please do not use bricks, rocks, etc. to hold tarps on top of your leaf pile. They can get mixed into the pile and vacuumed up by the equipment. With the increasing number of maturing trees each year it is impossible to guarantee a specific pick-up day for any one location. If the leaves are not in place when the crew goes by, they will be picked up on the next rotation or residents can take their leaves to the public works yard waste facility on Clearfield Road. The schedule is subject to inclement weather and mechanical breakdown and your area could be skipped at any time should these situations occur. Leaf collection will tentatively follow the schedule below:

Area 1 Boundary – Beginning at the Moore Township/Bushkill Township border, State Route 512, Miller, Bushkill Center, West Douglasville, Clearfield, Hahn, and Williams Road. If you live within these boundaries your leaves will be picked up during the fourth week of October and the third week of November.

Area 2 Boundary– Beginning on Miller Road, Baron, Keller, Gold Mill, Parkland, Renaldi, State Park, Jacobsburg, Henry, Schoeneck ending at Bushkill Center Road. If you live within these boundaries your leaves will be picked up during the first week of November and the fourth week of November

Area 3 Boundary– Beginning at Williams Road, Hahn, West Douglasville, Bushkill Center, Beil, High, Gower, Knauss to Bok Road. If you live within these boundaries your leaves will be picked up during the second week of November and the second week of December.

Visit www.bushkilltownship.com for a map of the leaf collection zones.

The remainder of December will be used to collect leaves throughout the township on as needed basis. Questions regarding leaf collection can be referred to the Bushkill Township Public Works Department at 610.759.2758, between the hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity



From the Desk of the Library Director,

It is a great honor to serve as the newly appointed Library Director of the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity. As a resident of Upper Nazareth Township, I am fortunate to serve the community in which I live. My philosophy is that a public Library exists to educate and inspire patrons, as well as, cultivate community relationships. I encourage you to stop by the Library and visit us; there is something here for everyone!

As part of the Library's commitment to serving the community, I am pleased to highlight events for the season ahead and beyond. Please note that you can access complete information through the Library's website at nazarethlibrary.org. See you in the Library!

Holly Bennett, Library Director

AROUND THE CORNER

- Oct. 19: Fall Family Craft Night @ 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm in the Library basement
- October 21: October Book Club @ 6:30 pm/ The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende
Only 12 spots are available and you will receive a free copy of the book with registration
- Oct. 26: Neil Hartley as Ichabod Crane in “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” @ 6:30 pm in the Library Living Room
- Nov. 3 -12: Friends book sale in the Library basement

DOWN THE ROAD

- Nov 18: ~~Adult Library Libations and Painting Creations~~ Painting Party with Jen Pritchett @ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Library basement. Paint a Fall/Winter scene with a fun group and Jen Prichett on this chilly Friday. Refreshments provided. 12 slots available. Sign-ups required.
- Nov 24: The Library is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 7: Holiday Family Craft Night @ 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm in the Library basement

ONGOING

- Story times: check out www.nazarethlibrary.org for days, times, and places
- Toddler Shake n' Boogie: Every Tuesday morning @ 10:30 am in the Library Living Room
- Wee Build: Every Monday morning 10:30 am – 12:00 pm in the Children's Department

Please check www.nazarethlibrary.org for programming changes and additions.



Veterans Remembrance

May 29, 2016 was a beautiful warm sunny day as Bushkill Township hosted the 4th annual Veterans Remembrance and Flag Retirement Ceremony. The well-attended ceremony was framed by a beautiful memorial wreath provided by Mycalyn Florals of Nazareth and one-hundred and eighty four flags that each represented a Veteran whose name was read. Pennsylvania Representative Marcia Hahn was a wonderful emcee and the Nazareth Community Band led by Ralph Brodt III was outstanding as usual! Lizzie Brodt Zimmer is living proof that our National Anthem can

be sung the way it was written, a proud and beautiful tradition!

John and Kit Cotton were on hand to tell their personal story. They met and married in Vietnam in 1969 when he was an Air Force fighter pilot and she was a Red Cross "Donut Dollie" helping with troop morale. Their presentation touched both the horrific side of the war and the light-hearted approach sometimes necessary to survive it.

Special thanks to all of our participants who added so much to the day: The Rev. David Schaeffer (Invocation), Girl Scout Troop 8609 (programs and water), Boy Scout Troop 44 (Honor Guard), Sam Miller and Susan Kirk (name readers), Scott Backer and Boy Scout Troop 44 who offered a very meaningful Flag Retirement Ceremony, U.S. Army Reserve 744th M.P. Battalion Rifle Squad, and Randy Baxendale who closed the program with "Taps."

Beth Masiado of STARS for Our Troops was on hand to present Stars to Veterans, Reservists, and Active Duty Troops. Brochures and a donation jar for PA Wounded Warriors Inc. were also available. \$172.00 was collected!

The 5th Annual Ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial Flagpole at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 28, 2017.

By: Susan Kirk, Doris Tamandl, Pat Finady

Our thanks are extended to everyone who helped with planning and set-up... Carl Bergen, John Bergen, Charles Finady, Brian Harris, JR Kline, and our Township groundskeepers Tom and Dale.



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION UPDATE

Northampton County currently has 14,480 acres preserved on approximately 167 farms. Thirteen farms chosen for preservation from the 13 qualified farms on the 2016 list are moving through the preservation process. **The 2017 application round starts November 1, 2016 and ends on December 15, 2016.** All applications with original signatures must be submitted to our office by December 15, 2016 at 4:00 PM. Any property submitting an application for preservation must first be enrolled into the municipality's Agricultural Security Area. If you're interested in getting an application to preserve your land, call our office to determine whether you qualify and to make sure you are on our database. Not all properties will qualify. There is a list of additional criteria each farm must meet in order to qualify for farmland preservation. When the county purchases an agricultural conservation easement from a landowner, he/she is agreeing to adhere to the conditions of the easement. The Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement contains a list of 13 restrictions.

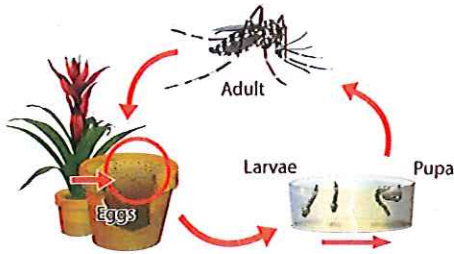
A brief summary is as follows:

1. First, and foremost, the land is used solely for the production for commercial purposes of crops, equine, livestock or livestock products, including the processing or retail marketing of those products as long as more than 50% is produced on the preserved land.
2. Construction of additional buildings or structures are permitted as long as they support the agricultural operation. One additional residential structure for the landowner or a person working the land, is also permitted on preserved land, subject to additional criteria and municipal zoning.
3. Subdivision is permitted provided the farm is at least 104 acres. More restrictions apply.
4. The granting of "rights of way" for utility lines is permitted. This does not include a cellular tower.
5. Activities related to the removal of coal, oil and gas is permitted.
6. Certain off-season or part-time rural enterprises are permitted subject to approval by the County Board. All activities must be incidental to the farming operation and cannot diminish the productive capacity of the soils. There is a list in our Farmland Preservation Program booklet.
7. Every preserved farm has to have a current Conservation Plan, which addresses the installation and maintenance of practices that will improve and maintain the soil, water, and related plant and animal resources of the land.
8. The landowner is responsible for all taxes and improvements on the property, and acknowledges there is no hazardous waste on the property. The landowner follows all environmental regulations.
9. The property will be inspected on a regular basis, and written notice will be given. If a violation is suspected, the property can be inspected without prior notice. If a violation is not resolved, legal action will be taken.
10. The easement is effective in perpetuity (forever).
11. Notify our office within 30 days, if the property is conveyed or transferred.
12. The deed restrictions apply to all successive owners.
13. The deed is interpreted under the laws of the Commonwealth of PA.

Again, the above is just a summary of the restrictions imposed by the easement. If you'd like additional information, or more specifics on any of the items listed above, please call our office at 610-746-1993.



With the Zika and West Nile Virus having a prominent impact in 2016, residents are reminded to do their part next Spring and Summer to reduce mosquito populations. Various mosquito species serve as vectors for West Nile virus, Chikungunya virus, Dog Heartworm, Dengue, Yellow Fever and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Residents can take some simple measures around their homes to reduce the opportunities mosquito's have to reproduce.



Mosquito Life Cycle—Egg to Adult in 7-10 days.



Nazareth Soccer Club promotes and develops an interest in soccer amongst young people in the Nazareth area by sponsoring, organizing and operating developmental and competitive soccer teams for children.

2017 Spring Season Registration
 will begin in January for Boys and Girls ages 4-18
 Visit www.nazarethsoccer.org for details

Thank you to Bushkill Township, our sponsors and volunteers for supporting Nazareth Soccer Club.

Our organization is run by volunteers. If you are looking to help in your community and would like to volunteer, please contact us at info@nazarethsoccer.org

We offer unique opportunities for local businesses to become club sponsors. Please contact us for more information.



JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY *presents*
MARKET FAIRE & RENDEZVOUS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016: 10AM - 4PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016: 10AM - 3PM

ADULTS \$5.00 - Free on-site parking

MEMBERS/ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY/SCOUTS/CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER: FREE

Market Faire Vendors of 18th & 19th Century Wares

18th & 19th Century Living History Encampments

Early American Arts & Crafts Exhibits with Demonstrations

LEATHERWORK, HORNWORK, GUNMAKING,

ROPEMAKING, OUTDOOR COOKING, SHOEMAKER

Basket Raffle - Children's Games - Scavenger Hunt - Hands On Crafts

**The Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, the J.J. Henry House, Summer Kitchen,
and Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop will be open during this event!**

Located at 402-403 Henry Road, Nazareth PA - Just west off the Belfast exit of Route 33
610-759-9029 www.jacobsburghistory.com or www.jacobsburg@rcn.com



Bushkill Township Police Department

In January the department retired its first K-9, "Havoc," who served the township over eight years. Havoc and his handler, Officer Josh Miller, were instrumental with assisting in numerous building searches; the discovery of vast amounts of controlled substances; the tracking/locating of criminal suspects, lost, and injured or missing persons who needed to be located so they could obtain proper care.

The department ventured to raise money to keep the K-9 program and is proud to announce that through partnerships with citizens, businesses, and students from Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School we were able to purchase and train a new police dog. Officer Miller and his new partner Dark recently completed their training and are now serving together.



Municipal Police and Radar:

Did you know that Pennsylvania is the only state in the country that municipal police officers are not permitted by Statute to use radar? This may soon change through Senate Bill 535 and Senate Bill 559 Co-Sponsored by Senator Mario M. Scavello. The Bills were overwhelmingly approved by the Senate Transportation Committee and sent to the full Senate for consideration. When thinking about whether you support radar for use by municipal police in Pennsylvania or not, please remember that speeding is one of the top reasons for motor vehicle crashes. With this in mind, motor vehicle crashes continue to rank as a top ten cause of death in the United States for people aged 1-54. As a police department we are committed to improving roadway safety and support this legislation as we believe that the use of Radar is an effective tool to combat speeding and preventing motor vehicle crashes. You too could support this legislation by contacting both Senator Scavello and Representative Marcia M. Hahn to express your support. Their offices are: Hon. Mario M. Scavello, 2 North Robinson Avenue Pen Argyl, PA 18072 and Hon. Marcia M. Hahn, 196 West Moorestown Road Wind Gap, PA 18091.



Update:

Since joining with the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development and the Northampton County Chiefs of Police Association in providing a Med Return Box, the department has collected approximately 50 pounds of expired, unwanted, and unused prescriptions, medications, over the counter drugs and pharmaceuticals. The collection site is located inside the police station and is available through normal business hours.



Trick or Treat will be held Monday, October 31 from 6-8 pm in Bushkill Township. Residents are reminded to accompany their children and have a safe and happy Halloween!

BUSINESS NAME

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5

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Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors



Election Day—Tuesday, November 8th.

In the 2012 Presidential Election 5,742,040 of Pennsylvania's 9,651,432 voters cast ballots which was a turnout of nearly 60%. Pennsylvania has 20 Electoral Votes at stake and is generally considered a battleground state. Pennsylvania, like many industrial northern states, has seen population migration in recent decades and has lost electoral votes. Pennsylvania peaked at 38 electoral votes in 1910-1920 and has since lost 45% of it's electoral clout.

Board of Supervisors

Brien Kocher, Chairman; Jason Smith, Vice Chairman; Julie Bender; Carolyn Hill; and Harrison Kline.

Brian Harris, Township Manager; Gary Asteak, Solicitor; and Robert Collura, Engineer



Photo (left to right): Rear—Jason Smith, Harrison Kline; Front—Julie Bender, Brien Kocher, and Carolyn Hill

Municipal Building	610.759.1250	Public Works	610.759.2758
Police Department	610.759.9588	Zoning Office	610.759.7197
Non Emergency	610.759.2200	State Senator Browne	610.502.1567
Emergency	911	Northampton County	610.559.3100
State Representative Hahn	610.746.2100	Pennsylvania DOT	610.871.4100

A message from the

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company

The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank all of those who have donated and subscribed to the fire and ambulance services. Your continued support assist in our fund raising efforts, these funds allow us to purchase and maintain equipment to protect and serve Bushkill residents.



2016 Carnival



Thank you for making it a success

The Firehouse has many public events.

Events include:

**\$4000 Bingo
Purse and basket
themed Bingo
Wine and Chocolate
Tasting**

***Events subject to change**

Please follow our web site or



Wednesday Night Bingo

**Doors Open
5:00 Pm
First Ball Called
6:45PM**

21 Regular games
5 Novelty games
Rip Open Tickets
\$1000 Jackpot*

Kitchen Open at 6:00PM
Serving Coffee, Soda, Fries, Hot-
dogs Hamburgers, pierogis and
much more

*Attendance may affect jackpot



Rent Our Hall

The Bushkill Township Fire Company social hall is a great place to hold your next event.

Round or Rectangular tables*

Weddings
Birthdays
Fundraising Bingo
Holiday parties
Family reunions

Beer and Mixed drink fountains available

New Caterers

For More info call Patty
484-239-4016

Join the firehouse on social media

<http://bushkilltownshipfireco.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/Bushkilltwpfireco>

Annual Carnival

July 5th-8th 2017

**Vendor Space Available
Sponsors Needed**

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company

155 Firehouse Drive, Nazareth PA 18064 610-759-2274