

State of the Township

by Brien Kocher, Chairman

The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors wishes all residents a prosperous and safe 2015! The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors has worked hard in the past few years to secure funding to improve recreational opportunities throughout the township and to maintain the rural atmosphere residents know and enjoy. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, through the Community Conservation Partnership Program, has provided Bushkill Township in excess of \$1,000,000 over the past four years to improve the township. In 2014 Bushkill Township received statewide recognition from the Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation and from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission for excellence in planning and environmental stewardship.

In recognition of Veterans Day 2014, a section of Bushkill Center Road between State Route 512 and Cherry Hill Road was designated as **“Veterans Memorial Highway.”** Chairman Brien Kocher, Marcia Hahn, and Bill Brackbill all spoke at the November 10 road dedication

and sign unveiling. “Today we honor true heroes who fought for their lives and for ours so we can enjoy the freedoms we often take for granted,” State Representative Marcia Hahn began. “Not only do our veterans sacrifice but their families do also” she continued. Chairman Kocher spoke about the township’s appreciation of veterans and called to mind the two Veterans Remembrance and Flag Retirement events held by the township in 2013 and 2014 and announced that a third one is scheduled in May of 2015. Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day but the holiday was later changed by President Eisenhower to Veterans Day; today 19.6 million veterans are in the U.S. and a Pennsylvania Veterans Trust Fund has been established for our veterans. About 75 people attended the dedication and sign unveiling including several area veterans. Two “Veterans Memorial Highway” road signs are in place in the township: one on Bushkill Center Road near State Route 512 and the other at the Cherry Hill Road intersection.

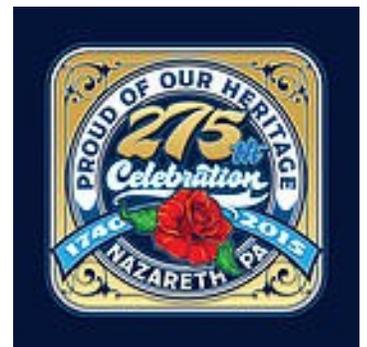


From left: Kent Herman, LVPC Chairman; Brian Harris, Township Manager; Brien Kocher, Chairman; Jason Smith, Vice Chairman.

Nazareth Borough Celebrates 275 Years

Join our neighbors in Nazareth Borough in celebrating their 275th anniversary in 2015! As part of the celebration, a variety of events are being held throughout 2015, including:

- May 7 - Moravian Historical Society
- May 22 - Iron Pigs Night for Nazareth, 610.746.1000 for tickets.
- June 7 - Nazareth Ministerium Ecumenical Service 3:00pm Nazareth Borough Park
- June 14 - Love Feast and Celebration Concert
- August 15 - 275th Historical Trolley Tour
- September 12 - 275th Parade and Birthday Party
- December 12 - Christmas in Nazareth & Holiday House Tour



Visit www.nazarethnow.org for more details!



First Regional Compost Authority

Bushkill Township residents are reminded that they can drop-off their yard waste at the municipal garage located at 897 Clearfield Road. Accepted items include leaves, small brush, trimmings, plantings, and Christmas trees. Residents are required to show proof of residency along with the required permit. Permits can be obtained from the municipal building located at 1114 Bushkill Center Road. The First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA) main facility is also open to residents to drop-off brush, wood, wood chips, leaves, and grass clippings (certain rules apply) at the Central Processing Center, 6701 Weaversville Road, Northampton. The FRCA is governed by five (5) local townships and was originally formed to recycle yard waste. Visit www.frcaweb.org.

2015 Bushkill Township Yard Waste Drop-off Dates - Saturdays from 8am-12pm

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| March 7 | May 9 | July 11 | September 5 | November 14 |
| March 21 | May 23 | July 18 | September 19 | November 21 |
| April 11 | June 6 | August 1 | October 3 | |
| April 18 | June 13 | August 15 | October 10 | |
| April 25 | June 27 | August 22 | October 31 | |
| May 10 | July 19 | October 4 | | |

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENTS

Saturday, May 30, 2015 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday, October 10, 2015 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Northampton Community College Main Campus, Bethlehem Township, PA

Entrance from Green Pond Rd, ONLY, Follow Signs to parking area

**Tire Collection
Fee:
\$2 / car tire
(including with rim)
\$7/ tractor-trailer tire
\$25 /tractor tire**

- **Northampton County residents ONLY**
- **No appointment needed**
- **No need to leave your car**
- **No charge for HHW**
- *Please bring Photo ID or recent utility bill to verify residency.*
- *Please package and handle carefully to prevent spills.*

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ACCEPTED

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| Adhesives | Fire Extinguishers |
| Aerosol Cans | Herbicides/Pesticides |
| Antifreeze | Household Cleaners |
| Automotive Fluids & Cleaners | Mercury-containing Products |
| Batteries (all types) | Motor Oil/Filters |
| Compressed Gas | Oil-based Paint & Stain * |
| Fluorescent Lights | Pool Chemicals |
| Flammable/Combustible Fluids | Thermostats |

* Items NOT considered hazardous cannot be accepted including
****NO Latex Paint ****

Northampton County Department of Community & Economic Development...improving quality of life through investment in our communities



**Questions?
Contact Ken Zinis,
Environmental and Sustainability at:
kzinis@northamptoncounty.org
or 610-559-3200, ext 6**

2015 Clean-up Day—May

The 2015 Clean-up Day will be held on Friday, May 15 from 8am to 3pm & Saturday, May 16 from 7am to 12pm.

Bushkill Township has hosted an annual Clean-up Day for residents for several years. In the past it had been held at a location outside of the Township. As a convenience to our residents, the location was changed to within the Township and is now at the Lucas Lane Recreation Field Parking Lot.

The following is a small list of items that will be accepted: White Goods ~ Metal Goods ~ General Trash ~ Wood Materials ~ Tires (will be accepted for a FEE, see note).

Items NOT Accepted :

Paint, Batteries, Chemicals (of any kind), Electronics of any kind, Appliances containing Freon (e.g. Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, and Dehumidifiers)

If you have questions regarding Clean-up Day, please feel free to contact the office staff at 610.759.1250.

Tire Fees:

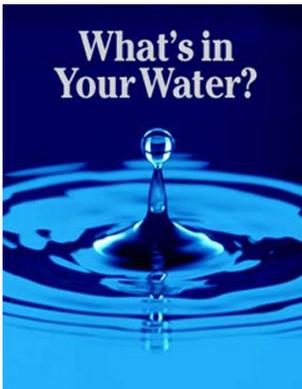
Car Tire (NO Rim) ~ \$3 per tire

Car Tire (Rim) ~ \$5 per tire

Truck Tire (NO Rim) ~ \$11 per tire

Truck Tire (Rim) ~ \$15 per tire

Tires larger than a Pick-up Truck Tire ~ \$25 per tire



In conjunction with the Clean-Up Day on May 16, the Bushkill Environmental Advisory Council will once again be sponsoring a booth from 8am to 12pm for well water testing and rain barrels. All Township residents are invited to participate in these two programs. Rain barrels and associated hardware will be available for residents to purchase on-site, including optional installation of valves and other hardware. Rain barrels are an excellent way to retain stormwater for future use on gardens, flower-beds, etc., while helping to minimize impacts from runoff on local streams. If you are interested in purchasing a rain barrel or have any questions, please contact the Public Works at 610.759.2758.

Residents are also reminded to RECYCLE. As a result of the 2010 census, Bushkill Township is now a mandated recycling community per the Department of Environmental Protection. Bushkill Township Ordinance 1994-02 requires residents to separate recyclables from waste, and the recyclables are to be collected by a licensed hauler.

For the convenience of our residents, the Bushkill Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is sponsoring a Community Well Testing Day through our partnership with the ALS Environmental laboratory (ALS). Water sampling kits will be on sale at the Township Clean-up Day from 8am to 12pm. The EAC will have a marked, designated area at the entranceway to the Lucas Lane recreation field parking lot. Directions for sample collection will be provided with each sampling kit. You **MUST** drop off the samples on **Monday, May 18** from 7am to 10am at the Bushkill Township Municipal Building for sample results to be legally viable. The kits are \$35 and include one (1) total coliform and one (1) nitrate test, each. Cash only. Please bring exact change.

Each kit will also contain literature to interpret the results of the testing and for treatment of well water impacted by either bacteria or nitrates. PLEASE NOTE: The laboratory does not provide any water treatment systems and is not associated with any water treatment companies. If you decide to have you well tested, your results will be kept private with the laboratory and will not be shared with anyone or any companies. The Bushkill Township water well sampling program is being provided to test your well for health concerns only (bacteria and nitrates) and not aesthetics (i.e., hardness, pH, total dissolved solids, etc.).

Willard Tilghman Werkheiser (1917-2015)

This Winter, Bushkill Township lost a lifelong resident and very impressive and generous individual. Willard Werkheiser, at age 97, passed away in February at his farm located on Keller Road. Willard was the husband of Evelyn E. (Weiss) Werkheiser, with whom he shared 69 years of marriage. Born in Nazareth on December 24, 1917, he was the son of the late Howard J. and Florence R. (Fehr) Werkheiser. Willard was a graduate of Nazareth High School, Class of 1935, and later honorably served in the United States Coast Guard from 1937 to 1940. Willard continued his education at East Stroudsburg University where he graduated in 1967, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Prior to his retirement in 1977, he was a math teacher at Easton High School. Willard also worked at the former Nazareth Waist Mill and Bethlehem Steel Co., earlier in his career. Farming was his life-long passion, however, and after decades of working the land along Keller Road, the Werkheisers preserved their 110-acre farm through the Township's Open Space Program for future generations to farm and enjoy.



Additionally, Willard served as a Bushkill Township Supervisor, and in 1958 was chairman of the committee that named the roads throughout Township. Willard was instrumental in the drafting and publishing of the *History of Bushkill Township, Pennsylvania 1813 - 2009*, written by the late James Wright and completed by local resident, Alyssa Young. Willard funded the writing of this publication, knowing the importance of our local history (copies are available at the Township Building). He enjoyed genealogy research, and sang with the Nazareth Choral Society, as well as Bach Choir, Musical Arts in Easton, Bethlehem M.O.R.A. Club, and the Nazareth Community Chorus. Willard was a member of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nazareth. He will be very missed by the community he loved and will always be remembered for everything he gave back to it. Thank you, Willard, it was an honor to know you and to be your friend.



Nazareth Soccer Club promotes and develops an interest in soccer amongst young people in the Nazareth and surrounding areas through developmental and competitive soccer programs for all levels.

> Our organization is run by volunteers and sponsorships, if you are looking to help out in your community and/or would like to make a donation please contact us at info@nazarethsoccer.org

> Land /Open Space for soccer fields is needed!
If you have space or know of an area please contact us today!

**Thank you to Bushkill Township and their Employees,
to our dedicated Coaches and Volunteers!
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**



**Fall Season Registration & Tryouts
Coming in May 2015
Check us out at www.nazarethsoccer.org**

Bushkill Township Police Department

Please join us in celebrating Detective Corporal Donald Ackerman, as he approaches his 25th year of service with the Bushkill Township Police Department. Detective Corporal Ackerman began his law enforcement career with the Borough of Bath. He policed Bath from 1978 to 1986. He then worked for police departments in Northampton Borough and Moore Township. Donald joined the Bushkill Township Police Department on June 21, 1990, and worked in patrol for nine years and developed a talent for investigating crimes. A newly formed position of Criminal Investigator was established in 1999, which allowed Donald to transition from patrol work to investigating crime on a daily basis. In 2003 Donald was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Many municipalities in the area have seen an increase in crimes committed by telephone. We ask all residents to use caution when providing personal information over the phone. Here are a few scams we've recently encountered:

IRS SCAM - A caller will identify themselves as an agent for the Internal Revenue Service. The caller will tell the resident that they owe money and if a sum is not paid they will come to the residence and arrest them. These calls have various area codes. The caller instructs the resident to go to a store and obtain a Green Dot Money Pak® card or another similar gift card for a certain amount of money. The caller then instructs the resident to provide the gift card number to them over the phone. Within a short time the money is off the card in the hands of the caller.

SHERIFF SCAM - A caller identifies themselves as a sheriff from out of state and has the resident's grandson or granddaughter in custody for some type of offense. The caller indicates that the grandchild did not want to call their parent to avoid family problems and knows the grandparent will help. The caller tells the resident to go to a Western Union office and obtain a money order and send it to a location usually out of the United States.

SKIMMING SCAM - There has been an increase in identity theft around the area. It appears that information is being obtained by the use of some type of skimming device. The device is attached to either an ATM machine or a gas station service pump. When you use your credit card, please make sure you look at the card reader to ensure it is part of the machine and not a secondary attachment. If you are suspicious, do not use the machine and notify the police.



The following is a list of adult programs at the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity; 295 East Center Street; Nazareth; 610-759-4932; www.nazarethlibrary.org. The Library serves the communities of Bushkill, Lower Nazareth, and Upper Nazareth Townships and Nazareth Borough. Please consult the calendar on the Library's webpage for additional information or for information about our children and teen programs.



Upcoming Library events include:

- May 2 - Tea for Two: Your Everyday Hero and You with David C. Perry Caricature Artist
- May 15 - Nazareth Garden Club: Container Gardening is not just for Flowers Anymore
- June 5 - Escape the Ordinary Adult Summer Reading Club - Classics "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee
- June 6 - Star Wars Appearance
- October 3 - Touch a Truck, Tuskes Community Park

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center 2015

It's a cold winter day and the rain from the night before has put an icy crust on the existing blanket of snow. A park visitor was walking his perfect 35-lb English springer spaniel type dog in the park...off leash. A small band of deer are crossing Belfast road and start to head into the woods behind the office, but are having trouble because of the ice. With nothing to stop it, the dog is off to the races and after the weary deer. The dog catches one of the deer and tries to bring it down, injuring it during an already difficult time period for the deer to survive through the harsh winter months. This scene plays out as the deer eventually escapes while the dog's owner is yelling commands – to no avail. Keep in mind, this is a dog that is perfect and listens all of the time; nothing like this has ever happened before; this dog, like so many others, never leaves the side of the owner.....except this time. This bad situation for everyone could have been easily avoided. On another occasion, an innocent park visitor is out for an early morning run. He crests the hill on the Henry's Woods Trail and sees a couple walking with their "friendly" dog off leash. Not wanting to frighten the unsuspecting couple or the dog, the runner coughs and politely announces he is coming up on their left. The dog immediately turns, barks and charges the runner. The dog's owner screams frantically at the dog, and thankfully calls the dog off at the foot of the runner before a horrible situation occurred. The runner and the dog owner both left this situation with terrible feelings and unnecessary fears; all of which was easily prevented simply by following the rules and keeping the dog on its leash.



The above events are true stories which recently occurred in Jacobsburg State Park, and both highlight the importance of keeping your canine companion ON A LEASH. It does not matter how well your dog listens to you – dogs are dogs, and you never know what your ever-obedient companion may be capable of doing. Other people do not know your dog in any way, and those people have rights which must also be respected. All people have the right to enjoy the Park, and dog owners have a duty to have 100% control over their dogs at all times. The truth is, problems with unleashed dogs occur all the time at Jacobsburg. We welcome you to bring your pet along when visiting the park, but PLEASE be courteous and respectful to wildlife and other park visitors by keeping your dog on a leash at all times. This means all dogs, large and small.

Dog "waste" is also a common issue within the Park. Please clean-up after your dog **and make sure the waste gets put into a trash can or dumpster**. This is a simple request (regulation, actually) which is necessary to prevent sickness in wildlife, nutrient and bacterial contamination, and impacts on use and aesthetics for all Park visitors. Cleaning-up after your pets and keeping them leashed are established State Park regulations. The Park is a beautiful place to visit, but it is the responsibility of ALL visitors to be respectful of the rules and regulations which have been established.



400 Belfast Road
Nazareth, PA 18064
610-746-2801

Spring and Summer Programming

- May 1 - Family Night
- May 5 - Tuesday Trails
- May 16 - Wildflower Walk
- May 25 - Family Fishing
- June 6 - Forest Pests
- June 9 - Tuesday Trails
- June 12 - Family Night
- June 13 - Stream Walk
- June 20 - Wildflower Walk
- June 20 - Lehigh River Paddle
- July 3 - Family Fishing
- July 10 - Family Night
- July 12 - Butterfly Walk
- July 21 - Tuesday Trails
- July 25 - Wildflower Walk & Moth Magic
- August 8 - Astronomy Program
- August 14 - Family Night
- August 18 - Tuesday Trails
- August 29 - Wildflower Walk

Zoning Reminders

As the weather warms up and you begin to plan for outdoor projects, here are some guidelines to follow:

Accessory structures like a shed, detached garage, or storage building are allowed in the side and rear yards; with setbacks depending on the total floor area of the structure.

1. When the total floor area is **300 square feet or less**: the accessory structure must be a minimum of 10 feet from the rear and 10 feet from the side lot lines, and cannot be within any drainage easement.
2. When the total floor area is **greater than 300 square feet**: the accessory building must be a minimum of 50 feet from the rear and 20 feet from the side lot lines.
3. All residential accessory structures cannot exceed a maximum height of 20 feet; and tennis courts, bath-houses, and greenhouses cannot exceed 15 feet.

Swimming pools must be located in a rear or side yard, only. An above or in-ground pool and any deck surrounding the pool must be a minimum of 15 feet from the rear and side yard lot lines, 10 feet from any septic tank or sewage disposal leaching field, not under any electrical lines, and not on top of any sewage disposal leaching field.

Please be advised that any addition or residential accessory structure **greater than 1,000 square feet**, as well as all in-ground swimming pools require a plot/grading and erosion and sediment pollution control plan drawn by a registered Professional Engineer or Professional Land Surveyor to be submitted for review and approval.

Other projects that require zoning permits are fences, driveways, retaining walls, decks and patios. If you have any questions, please contact the Zoning Office. The Zoning Officer's hours are: Monday and Wednesday 12pm to 5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 2pm to 7pm; and Friday 9am to 2pm.



Jacobsburg Historical Society

Jacobsburg Historical Society was an idea born in the fall of 1972. Members of various community groups worked together for a common cause: to preserve the beauty of the Bushkill Creek Valley, particularly the Henrys Woods area. They also pledged to bring to life the rich history and culture of the lost industrial community area of Jacobsburg, Filetown, and Boulton. We are still dedicated, over forty years later, to preserving and presenting the art and industry of making early American Firearms and the character of the individuals and community that created and sustained that enterprise. We have transformed the historic Henry Homestead into the internationally-known Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, opened J. Joseph Henry's 1832 mansion as a fascinating house museum for the public, and organized and continue to develop an important Archive that researchers use to study two hundred years of American History. And the Society continues to devise new ways to fulfill our mission. Most recently, we have digitized and made available on this website forty years of our society's newsletter, each issue featuring both original research and reports on society events and members.

Jacobsburg Historical Society's annual **Market Faire & Rendezvous** is traditionally held during the last full week of October on the grounds of the Boulton Historic Site. The 2015 event will be open to the public on **Saturday, October 24 from 10am to 5pm and Sunday, October 25 from 10am to 3pm**. The Market Faire & Rendezvous is family-friendly with a living history encampment representing many periods of American history, including the Pre-Colonial, Colonial, and Fur Trade Eras. Demonstrations and events include primitive archery, blacksmithing, black powder demos, children's games, scavenger hunt, a Market Faire of 18th & 19th century traders, and individual blanket traders. Demonstrators of Early American Arts & Crafts will present their skills in leatherwork, hornwork, ropemaking, quillwork, shoemaking, and gunmaking near the Nicholas Hawk, Gun Shop. Open hearth cooking demonstrations will also be provided in the Summer Kitchen. The Early American Craft Education Center, the John Joseph Henry House Museum, the Nicholas Hawk Log Cabin Workshop, and the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum and gift shop will all be open to the public during this event.

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
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Mailing Address Line 5

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Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors

Bushkill Township residents are reminded to exercise their right to vote in 2015. Local municipal elections which elect township supervisors, borough council members, and school board members, have the most direct impact on the lives of Pennsylvania citizens. Unfortunately, voter turnout for these elections is often 15-25% of registered voters. Below is information pertaining to the 2015 elections and the voting precincts in Bushkill Township.



- **Primary Election** - May 19 **General Election** - November 3
- **Clearfield Voting District** - Bushkill Township Municipal Building located at 1114 Bushkill Center Road
- **Cherry Hill and Center District** - Bushkill Elementary School located at 960 Bushkill Center Road



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

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

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| Municipal Building | 610-759-1250 | Public Works | 610-759-2758 | Police Department | 610-759-9588 |
| Zoning Office | 610-759-7197 | PA DOT | 610-871-4100 | Non Emergency | 610-759-2200 |
| State Senator Browne | 610-502-1567 | State Rep. Hahn | 610-746-2100 | Northampton County | 610-559-3100 |
| Emergency | 911 | | | | |