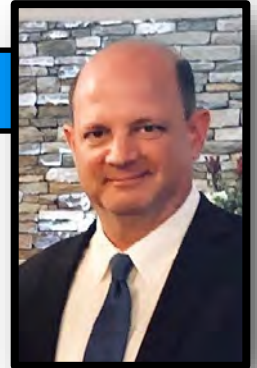


# Bushkill Township News

Spring / Summer 2023 Newsletter

## Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



As we come out of a relatively mild 2022-23 winter season, we look forward to all of the spring activities available to Bushkill Township residents. As we put away our snowblowers and snow shovels and begin to get out our spring and summer picnic and patio equipment, I would make note of opportunities for cleanup to Bushkill Township residents. We offer local drop off for yard waste at our Public Works Facility on Clearfield Road, beginning on Wednesday, March 29, and continuing through the season on all Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. There's also the opportunity for electronic recycling at the Lucas Lane parking area on Wednesday, May 10. Last but not least, we will again be hosting our Township Cleanup Days at the Lucas Lane parking lot on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22. Please join us at these opportunities to help cleanup and prepare your properties for a fun-filled spring and summer outdoor season!

Spring is also an opportunity to help fundraise for the operations and equipment for our Township Volunteer Fire Company. Did you know the members of our Fire Department are all volunteers? In addition to training and responding to serve you with fire protection and accident response, these volunteers must also fundraise to support operations and to purchase necessary equipment. In addition, the Fire Company sponsors many community activities which allow our residents to enjoy a wide variety of community events. The first of which is an Egg Hunt which will take place on Saturday, April 1, on the Fire Company grounds. There is also an opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day with a Fire Company volunteer-prepared breakfast on Sunday, May 14. Our Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company Carnival is once again being held this year, running from Wednesday, May 3, through Saturday, May 6 at the Fire Company grounds. All of these activities allow us to come together as a community and also help raise important funds for our Fire Company!

Don't forget our Recreation Complex, our four open space preserves, and our trail system connecting with the Jacobsburg State Park trail system, which are all excellent opportunities to enjoy the wonderful outdoors and open spaces throughout our Township. The active sports facilities, extensive trail and walking systems, and fishing opportunities are available to all Township residents to enjoy.

Please come out and celebrate Jacobsburg Historic Society Museum's opening weekend on Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21. The Society was recently recognized in 2022 by Bushkill Township as our official historic society. Please come out and enjoy the wonderful treasures provided by the Society, right here in our beautiful Township.



# Bushkill Township Police Department

## **BTPD PROMOTIONS**

### **Bushkill Township Police Department names its first Sergeants.**

On January 6, 2023, Dale Steigerwalt and David Marino were ceremoniously sworn in by Board of Supervisors Chairman, Brien Kocher.

Dale Steigerwalt joined the Department as a part-time officer in 1998, was appointed full-time in 1999, and was promoted to a Patrol Corporal in 2009.

David Marino joined the Department as a part-time officer in 1999, was moved to full-time in 2002, and was promoted to Patrol Corporal in 2007.

*Congratulations Sergeants and thank you for your exemplary service to the residents of Bushkill Township.*



## **SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS**

The Police Department routinely receives information on suspicious persons, vehicles and activities through social media sites and word-of-mouth, often well-after a criminal incident has occurred. Receiving timely information about suspicious activities from our residents is a vital tool in helping to keep Bushkill Township a safe community. If you see something that looks out of place, a person acting suspiciously, or a strange car on your street, please get involved. Dial 911 and give us the opportunity to investigate the activity in a timely and professional manner. The crime we prevent may be one that would have impacted you, your neighbor, or your family member.



### **LOCK IT OR LOSE IT**



In just seconds, a thief can enter your unlocked car and steal your belongings.

- Take one second to lock your car after exiting.
- Do not leave valuables visible.
- Place packages and shopping bags in the trunk.
- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Do not leave spare keys inside your vehicle.

### **Did you know? Thieves do!**

Many luxury vehicles come equipped with side view mirrors that retract when the vehicle is locked.

It's an easy way for a thief to know if they should target your vehicle.

## **WHEN YOU GO ON VACATION.... TIPS FOR SECURING YOUR HOME**

Summer is a time when many residents will be leaving home for extended periods of time. A vacant home is an attractive target for thieves. Here are a few steps you can take to secure your home:

### **Make doors and windows crime resistant**

- ⇒ Install deadbolt locks, solid doors, and sturdy hinges and strike plates. (Be sure all materials meet building and fire codes.)
- ⇒ Secure sliding doors with locks to prevent sliding or lifting. Place a strong piece of wood in the track.
- ⇒ Consider grates for the basement and first floor windows (Check local fire codes first)

### **Crime-proof outside areas**

- ⇒ Keep yard, porch and entrances well lit.
- ⇒ Look into motion detection lighting.
- ⇒ Look into outside video surveillance systems.
- ⇒ Store tools, toys, etc., after use.
- ⇒ Never hide keys outside your home.
- ⇒ Keep bushes trimmed near doors and windows.

Have peace of mind when you're away. Inform a trusted neighbor of travel plans. Have them collect mail and other deliveries. Don't share your plans on social media. Have police conduct security checks on your home while you are on vacation. If you are interested in vacation security checks, file a Vacation Home Check with the Police Department.

# Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company



## **FIRE COMPANY EVENTS:**

- **Saturday, April 1 at 12:00pm - Easter Egg Hunt, for Township residents, only**
- **Weekly BINGO - Wednesdays, doors open at 5:30, starts at 6:45pm**
- **Sunday May 14th - Mother's Day Breakfast - 6:30am to 1:30pm at the Firehouse**
- **CARNIVAL - Wednesday, May 3, through Saturday, May 6, rain date of Sunday, May 7**

**See our Facebook page for further details and future events!!**



## **MEET YOUR BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP EMS:**

The Bushkill Township Vol. Fire Company EMS Division is housed in the Fire Company Headquarters. We operate our licensed EMS vehicles, including three transport-capable ambulances and one 4-wheel drive SUV, a Dodge Durango. The ambulances are licensed to provide either Advanced or Basic Care, depending on unit staffing. The SUV, known as a quick response vehicle, does not transport patients but does deliver paramedic level care to calls when necessary. It is also used to operate our trailer that transports a 6-wheel drive John Deere utility vehicle, which can transport patients from remote areas inaccessible by normal vehicles. The EMS division also performs upkeep on medical equipment carried on one Fire Department apparatus that is used for medical assist calls in our Township. We responded to approximately 2,000 calls for service, last year.

We are staffed 24 hours a day, and our quarters consist of a living area, small kitchen, bathroom/shower, and bunk areas. Our staff respond to medical, fire, and rescue incidents in Bushkill Township, as well as surrounding municipalities (known as "mutual aid response"). The division is led by Captain Damian Ober, EMS Director, and Lt. Marjorie Ober, Deputy EMS Director. There are 14 paramedics, 13 EMTs, 5 volunteer responders, and 1 Advanced EMT. Many of our providers have achieved additional training levels, including instructors, tactical paramedics, rescue technicians, and firefighting modules.

Some of the ways we exceed State minimum requirements include:

- PA Prepared for Pediatrics-Master level
- Automated ventilator (autovent) to assist in breathing
- Multiple LUCAS devices (automated CPR)
- Advanced EMT level of care (a relatively newer concept allowing more pre-hospital treatment)
- BLS units carry glucometers, injectable epinephrine, CPAP and albuterol (devices for breathing), and can obtain EKG readings - these optional skills exceed minimum requirements and are maintained so that we can deliver the best care possible.



In addition to call responses, our agency also provides standby services and public relations/education in the community. Some of our outreach this past year included: Slate Belt Regional Police Department Youth Cadet Program, during which we demonstrated CPR and other life saving techniques. We appeared at the "Parks on the Air" event with the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club and we conducted EMS Standby services during an endurance running race, both of which were held in Jacobsburg State Park. There were also numerous other school and scouting related appearances that gave us the opportunity to demonstrate life saving skills to local youth. For more information, Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company and EMS has a Facebook page, or call 610-759-2274.





# Memorial Library

OF NAZARETH & VICINITY



## Spring and Summer 2023

The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity is excited to announce an abundance of wonderful happenings for spring and summer 2023!



Participate in the Windows to the Future Campaign! The library is seeking funding to replace its original 1927 boiler and windows. This effort is focused on ensuring the functionality and maintenance of the heating in the building while at the same time increasing efficiency so that the library can reduce operating costs. The total cost to replace the boiler and windows is estimated to be \$800,000. Please consider making a donation to this campaign through our website, [www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org), or sending a donation to the library at 295 E. Center St., Nazareth, PA, with “Windows to the Future Campaign” in the memo line.

Stop in for ongoing infant and toddler storytimes and toddler Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as a host of special children’s activities and events at the Library, as well as in Bushkill Township and Lower Nazareth.

Try a new hobby. Make monthly crafts for adults or join the Rogue Crocheters, Bobbin Lacers, the Cookery and Conversation Club, Board Game Club...

Celebrate special events! It’s National Library Week, April 23-29. Learn how to properly care for and preserve books, photos, and documents during Preservation Week in May, and unleash your inner artist with Star Wars character impersonators at Free Comic Book Day on Saturday, May 6.

### LIBRARY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Facebook: @nazarethlibrary  
Instagram: @memorialnazarethlibrary  
Teen Instagram: @mlnvteens  
Twitter: @MemorialLibNaz  
Phone Number: 610.759.4932  
Website: [www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org)

### HOURS:

Sunday	closed
Mon, Fri	10am—5pm
Tues, Wed, Thurs	10am—8pm
Saturday	9am—4pm

### LIBRARY FUNDRAISER—PET PARADE

When: Saturday, May 20th @ 10am

Where: downtown Nazareth

Registration \$10—online at [www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org)

All participants will receive a t-shirt and swag bag!





# Memorial Library

OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

## Spring and Summer 2023



Thank you to all patrons and many community organizations who support the Library: the Library's four municipalities, readers, donors, volunteers, and event presenters and attendees. Together, we can achieve our mission.

Get ready for a jam-packed Summer Reading 2023 program which will focus on animals and financial literacy! Children can look forward to a piggy bank pageant, events with live animals, an author visit, kids' concert, and much, much more! Registration opens on Wednesday, May 31.



Mark your calendar NOW for the 2023 Touch-a-Truck Festival on Saturday, October 7!

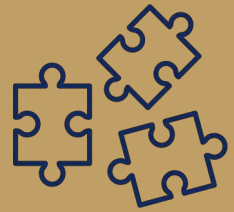


Children are invited to meetings of the Junior Friends of the Library on every third Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm and can contact Ms. Berry Stein@bsteiner@nazarethlibrary.org



Share your opinions with the Audio-book Lovers' Book Group, Daytime Book Group, Wednesday Night Book Group, and Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group. Call the Library for a current schedule and details about a new Historical Fiction Recommendations discussion group. All are welcome – especially first time attendees!

There is always something to do at the Library, besides browsing for books! Help assemble themed jigsaw puzzles, participate in our houseplant swap and magazine swap, play with the Lego wall, try your hand at our Children's Department scavenger hunts...



Teenagers are invited to contact Miss Anneliese Warnke at [awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org](mailto:awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org) for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board, and its regular meetings. Exciting spring events for teens include the IditaREAD challenge, a "Lost and Found Art Gallery," movie trivia night, "MLNV Makes" Teen Makerspace, and community yard sale.

These are just a few upcoming highlights. Call the Library at 610-759-4932 or see the Library's vestibule posters, website, and social media outlets for updates, additions, changes, and registration details. Pick up a new monthly calendar filled with programs and events for ALL ages.

Patrons are always welcome to stop in and check out items from our continually growing collection of books, graphic novels, educational resources, films, CDs, computer games, magazines, cake pans, museum passes, and Wonderbooks.

See you at the Library!



## Ready to Serve You

*by State Rep. Ann Flood  
138<sup>th</sup> Legislative District*

My new district office is now open and ready to serve you. This new office is located at 962 W. Pennsylvania Ave. in Pen Argyl. My staff and I will be happy to assist you with any state-related matters, such as vehicle registrations; driver's license renewals and special tags; Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications; birth certificate and death record applications; and much more.

In addition to countless state services, my district office also hosts veterans service hours in partnership with the American Legion. These appointments will be available on the second Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

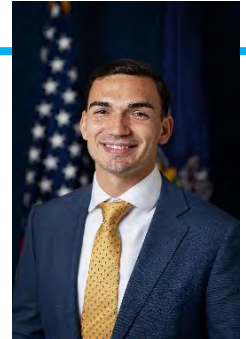
Veterans or their dependents can schedule a meeting with our service officer, Eric Medei, from the American Legion. These individuals can discuss issues and have questions answered about benefits and services for which they may be eligible.

Services available to veterans and their dependents include assistance with compensation, pension, death benefits, education and health care. Veterans do not need to be a member of the American Legion to receive these free services.

Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment with the service officer should call my district office at 610-746-2100.

Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our freedoms we all enjoy today. If you are a veteran or a dependent of a veteran, please do not hesitate to reach out and receive benefits that you are owed.

Space is limited and requesting an appointment is necessary to ensure each veteran and/or their dependent is taken care of in a timely and effective manner. My staff and I look forward to serving you and your family.



## Looking Forward to Serving You

*by Senator Nick Miller  
14<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District*

In February of 2022, the Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC) voted on and adopted the Final Reapportionment Plan for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Pennsylvania Senate, which placed parts of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, including Bushkill Township, in the 14<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District. On November 8, 2022 I was elected to represent the new 14<sup>th</sup> District and was officially sworn into office on January 3, 2023.

A little about me: I am a fifth generation Allentown resident, raised by my mother, a public servant, who instilled upon me the importance of service from a young age. I graduated with a bachelor's degree from Penn State University and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. This spirit of service is what inspired me to successfully run for the Allentown School Board in 2019, serving as Vice President of the School Board in 2021. I am most proud of directing \$34 million of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to upgrade some of the district's oldest buildings, including installing air conditioning in 10 of the district's schools by 2025, and effectively navigating the school district through the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a small business owner, I understand the need for investment in our local economy. I look forward to supporting policies that attract new economic opportunities across the 14<sup>th</sup> District, making it easier for families to make ends meet and keeping more money in Pennsylvanian's wallets.

In the state Senate, I will continue as an unwavering advocate for students, educators, and economic success for families and small businesses in the Lehigh Valley.

Should you ever need to contact me, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [Miller@pasenate.com](mailto:Miller@pasenate.com) or by calling my District Office at (610) 821-8468. Our office is located at 740 West Hamilton Street, Suite 200, Allentown, PA 18101, and my staff is available to assist you with navigating issues involving PennDOT, Health and Human Services, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, Birth Certificate Requests, Unemployment Compensation Benefits, and many more issues. [I also encourage you to visit pasenatormiller.com](https://www.pasenate.com/legislators/nick-miller) to sign up for email updates, stay informed about my work in Harrisburg, and learn more about the services that my office can provide.

I look forward to serving the residents of Bushkill Township in this new capacity!

## Local Phone Numbers

### Electric:

PPL	800-342-5775
Met Ed	800-545-7741

### Phone/Cable/Internet:

Verizon	800-837-4933
Astound (RCN)	800-746-4726
Service Electric	610-865-9100
Direct TV	888-777-2454

### State Officials:

Senator, Nick Miller	
District 40	610-821-8468
Representative, Ann Flood	
District 138	610-746-2100
Governor, Josh Shapiro	717-787-2500

### Government Agencies:

IRS	800-829-1040
DEP	866-255-5158
Natl Poison Center	800-222-1222
Social Security	800-772-1213
Medicare	800-633-4227
PennDOT Motor Vehicle	800-932-4600

### Northampton County Services:

Animal Health & Welfare	610-252-7722
Memorial Library of Nazareth	610-759-4932
Nazareth Area School District	610-759-1170
Naz-Bath Chamber of Commerce	610-759-9188
Northampton County	610-829-6500

### Local Hospitals:

Lehigh Valley Hospital, Muhlenberg	610-402-8000
St Luke's Hospital, Anderson	484-503-3000
Lehigh Valley Hospital, Hecktown Oaks	610-333-8888

## Used Clothing Drop-off Shed



### Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed

Sponsored By:

**Bushkill Twp. Vol. Fire Company**

With the help of Turnkey Enterprises, LLC

### Location:

**155 Firehouse Dr.  
Nazareth, PA 18064  
(Parking Lot)**

### Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys.

(Your donation will not be cut up or shredded)

(Please... no rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods, please understand that the above mentioned items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.)

### Turnkey Enterprises, LLC:

Turnkey Enterprises, LLC is a for-profit company that partners with non-profit organizations in communities to help support their fundraising needs by recycling unwanted clothing. The clothing collected is used as clothing, not cut into rags. Turnkey services each location and pays the sponsoring organization by the pound for the unwanted items.

[www.turnkey-enterprises.com](http://www.turnkey-enterprises.com)

\*\*\* Help us keep your donation clean and dry \*\*\*

Please put your donation in plastic bags. Thank you

# Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School

**Butz**  
Elementary School



HOME OF THE  
BUDDING BLUE EAGLES

Spring is in the air today. Not only can our students begin to enjoy outdoor recess more often, but this is the time of year when we get to plan activities and events with our students utilizing our outdoor environmental center and beautiful Butz Elementary School grounds. Our Butz Elementary School Team – students, teachers, support staff, and parents is an amazing group of people. We are so fortunate to be a part of this wonderful Bushkill Township community.

This spring, as our students are continuing to work toward improving and excelling at their academics, our Butz Elementary 3rd and 4th grade students are preparing to take the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Both grade levels will be assessed in Mathematics and English Language Arts. Fourth graders will also be administered the Science Assessment. Our K-4 students will enjoy the many activities we have planned for them during the school day, as well as in the evening. They will partake in school assemblies, Book Buddies where older grade level students partner with a younger student and spend time reading together, Read Across America

Week, and Reading Night. Our Kindness Squad has planned many ways to spread kindness within our school community and beyond as we are in the process of collecting donations for a local animal shelter. Spring will also bring about celebrating Earth Day as we bring back our District-wide Kindergarten Earth Day celebration behind the school. Finally, our 3rd and 4th grade students will have the opportunity to start our school garden with the help of our partners from the Kellyn Foundation, a non-profit corporation that focuses on healthy lifestyles with positive outcomes that can be sustained and taught to our future generations.

We are so proud to be a part of the Bushkill Township Community. We appreciate the work that our students, parents and staff do to make Butz Elementary School a great place to learn and grow. I am also extremely proud of our Butz students who continue to display the three R's each day by being Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn.

## Beware of Heat Stress

### Heat Stroke

Your body attempts to adapt to the heat through heavy sweating. You may become dehydrated as you lose water and electrolytes.

**Symptoms**

- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Headache
- Excessive thirst
- Muscle aches/cramps
- Weakness
- Sweats, clammy skin
- Slowed/weakened heartbeat
- Dizziness

### Heat Exhaustion

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

Your body is no longer able to cool itself and your body temperature rises dangerously.

**Symptoms**

- Decreased sweating/urination
- Hot, flushed, or dry skin
- Rapid heart rate
- Shortness of breath
- Increased body temperature
- Confusion, agitation, seizure or loss of consciousness

**Find a cool place**

Air-cooling systems help reduce heat exposure.

**Know the Symptoms!**

**Stay Hydrated**

Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks

**Preventing Heat Stress**

**Take Frequent Breaks**

**Slow Down!**

Your body needs time to adjust to the heat. Don't overexert yourself performing physical tasks.

## AVOID MOWER MISHAPS

### Keep your yard SAFER with riding mower guidelines

- Use Only as Directed**  
Do not operate machine without the entire grass catcher, discharge guard and other safety devices in place and working.
- Adults Only**  
Only allow adults familiar with the instructions to operate the machine.
- No Passengers Allowed**  
Never carry passengers, especially children!
- No Spectators Allowed**  
Make sure the area is clear of objects and bystanders – especially young children. Turn the machine off if a child enters the area.
- Back Up Carefully**  
Do not back the mower unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Use Extra Caution on Slopes**  
Mow up and down slopes, not across. If you can't back up the slope or you feel uneasy on it, don't mow on it.



# Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School PTA

*Together we Grow!*

# KBES PTA

KBES PTA thrives through the volunteer work of Parents and Teachers, but also with support from Bushkill Township Businesses and Community Organizations. It takes a community to build a strong school and together we can give our students a solid start on their way to becoming the community leaders and business people who carry our township forward! **Is your business interested in a sponsorship opportunity with KBES PTA?** Join others in our community in sponsoring classroom materials, activities, and more! <https://www.kbespta.org/community>



**Friday, March 31, 5-8pm**

Make new friends and meet up with old pals at the KBES PTA Spring Fest!

Spring into spring with an egg hunt, crafts & games, train rides, face painting, a photo booth, and so much more!

Enjoy tasty snacks or dinner from one of the food trucks on site!



**Find out more about our activities and fundraisers at [www.kbespta.org](http://www.kbespta.org)!**

HELLO  
spring

# Calendar of Events

Mon March 20	First Day of Spring	
Fri, Mar 31	Opening Day for the Iron Pigs!!	@ Coca Cola Stadium
Sat April 1	2023 Annual Bushkill Township Egg Hunt	11:30 @ Firehouse, open to Bushkill children only
Fri April 7	Good Friday – Township Office is CLOSED	
Sun April 9	Happy Easter!!	
Fri Apr 21	Township Clean Up day	@Township park on Lucas Lane, 8am-3pm
Sat Apr 22	Township Clean Up day	@ Township park on Lucas Lane, 7am-12noon
Sat Apr 22	Earth Day	
Mon May 1	Last Day to Register to vote in Primary election	
May 3-6	Bushkill Township Carnival	Sunday, May 7th is rain date
Wed May 10	Bushkill Township Electronic Recycling	Bushkill Twps. park, Lucas Lane parking lot, 3-6pm
Sun May 14	Happy Mother's Day!!	
May 14	Bushkill Mother's Day Breakfast	@Bushkill Fire Hall, 7:30am—12 noon 
Sun May 14	Election Day	Don't forget to vote!
Tues May 16	Library Pet Parade	Downtown Nazareth at 10am
Sat May 20	Museum Opening Weekend	@ Jacobsburg Historical Society 10 am—4pm
May 20	Happy Memorial Day!! 	
20-21 Mon	Tentative Last day of school	for NASD subject to change with snow days/cancellations
May 29	Nazareth Carnival	6pm – 11pm @ Nazareth Borough Park
Thurs June 1	42nd Annual Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival	@Mountain View Park, E Mountain Rd, Wind Gap
June 7–10	Happy Father's Day!!	
June 8–11	JHS World War II Living History Weekend	10am-4pm @Jacobsburg Historical Society
Sun June 11	Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!!	BE SAFE!!
June 18	Steel Stacks TacoFest 	@Steelstacks in Bethlehem, 1 pm—7pm
June 24 – 25	Nazareth Day	@ Nazareth Borough Park, 9am—4pm
Tues July 4	Musikfest	@Founder's Way, Bethlehem
Sun July 9		
Sat July 15		
Aug 4–13		

**Please note :** As of the printing of this newsletter, all of the information above is correct. However, due to changing COVID restrictions/rules, plans may change. Please check with the Event organization or website to make sure the event is still being held.

*Have an enjoyable, fun & safe Spring and Summer!*

# Farmers' Markets in our area

## Nazareth Farmers' Market

Main & Center Streets, Nazareth, PA 18064  
 Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru October  
 Website: [nazarethfarmersmarket.com](http://nazarethfarmersmarket.com)

## Bath Farmers' Market

Keystone Park: Green St & Route 329, Bath, PA 18014  
 Fridays 3 – 7pm, May 14<sup>th</sup>-September 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Facebook site: Bath farmers' market

## Northampton Farmers' Market

1401 Laubach Ave. Northampton, PA 18067  
 Tuesdays 3pm – 6:30pm. May 7<sup>th</sup> – September 29<sup>th</sup>

## Bethlehem Farmers' Market

Farrington Square at Lehigh University  
 Thursdays 10am – 2pm. May 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 29<sup>th</sup>

## Easton Farmers' Market

Summer: Riverfront @ Scott Park, Easton PA 18042  
 Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru December  
 Winter: Church Street parking lot behind Easton  
 Public Market. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 10am-Noon

*Please check the corresponding websites to check if  
 schedules have changed due to COVID restrictions*



## Election Day Tuesday, May 16, 2023

For information on Pennsylvania  
 municipal elections, visit:

<http://www.northamptoncounty.org>



## Bushkill Township Contact Information

### Phone Numbers:

Township Office	610.759.1250	Hours: Mon—Fri 8-4
Local Tax Collector	610.759.6784	Hours vary
Zoning Office	610.759.7197	Hours: Mon—Fri 9-5
Public Works	610.759.2758	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7-3
Police—Office	610.759.9588	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7-3
Police/Fire —Emergency	911	
Police—Non-emergency	610.759.2200	
Fire—Non emergency	610.759.2200	

### Websites:

Bushkill Township	<a href="http://www.Bushkilltownship.com">www.Bushkilltownship.com</a>
Bushkill Police Dept	<a href="http://www.Bushkilltownship.com">www.Bushkilltownship.com</a>
Bushkill Fire Dept	<a href="http://www.Bushkilltownshipfireco.com">www.Bushkilltownshipfireco.com</a>
NABSA (Nazareth Area Baseball Softball Assoc)	<a href="http://www.nazarethbsa.org">www.nazarethbsa.org</a>
Nazareth Soccer Club	<a href="http://www.nazarethsoccer.org">www.nazarethsoccer.org</a>

## SUMMER SAFETY



**WEAR A HELMET!**  
 every bike ride, every time



**USE SUNSCREEN!**  
 at least SPF15, 30 min. before going out



**WEAR EYE PROTECTION!**  
 when helping with yardwork or mowing



**LIFE JACKETS ON BOATS\***  
 \*even for really strong swimmers!



**HIKE, BIKE, SWIM, EXPLORE**  
 ALWAYS with a friend, NEVER alone



**BEAT THE HEAT!**  
 bring and drink water, wear hats, seek shade, and check for ticks if in the woods

# Jacobsburg Historical Society—2023 Events



## MUSEUM SEASON OPENING WEEKEND

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

MAY 20 & 21, 2023 10AM-4PM

44th Georgia Civil War Reenactor Group presents

A Camp of Instruction. Marching Drills, Musket Demonstrations, Camp Cobbler, Camp Life. Food Truck. Plant Sale.

Historic Buildings and Museums open for tours Saturday 10am - 4pm and Sunday 12pm - 4pm



## WWII LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND &

### SALUTE TO ALL VETERANS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

JUNE 24 & 25, 2023, 10AM - 4PM

Tour Allied and German Camps, Period Military Displays and Vehicles, Weapons Demonstrations. WWII Vendors, Food Truck.

Historic Buildings and Museums open for tours Saturday 10am - 4pm and Sunday 12pm - 4pm



## REVOLUTIONARY WAR WEEKENDS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 & OCTOBER 1, 2023, 10AM - 4PM

Revolutionary War Encampment, Marching Drills, Camp Life, Makers/Merchants. British Encampment, Skirmishes. Food Truck.

Historic Buildings and Museums open for tours Saturday 10am - 4pm and Sunday 12pm - 4pm



## MARKET FAIRE & RENDEZVOUS

LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND SAT. & SUNDAY

OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2023 10AM - 4PM

Fur Trade Era Encampment and 18th c. Market Faire. Early American Arts & Crafts, exhibits and demonstrations.

Open Hearth Cooking. Food truck.

Historic Buildings and Museums open for tours. Saturday 10am - 4 pm and Sunday 12pm - 4pm



## A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS AT BOULTON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 11AM - 4PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 12PM - 4PM

Visit the J. Joseph Henry House and the PA Longrifle Museum Decorated in Holiday Splendor.

Stop by Museum Gift Shop for Holiday Shopping. Live Greens sale, Refreshments and Jacobsburg Brew will be available in the Craft Center.

## CHRISTMAS ENCORE Open house

DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 10AM - 4PM

Located at 402 Henry Rd., Nazareth, PA 18064

[www.JacobsburgHistory.com](http://www.JacobsburgHistory.com)

# Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center

**Fishing Equipment Available** When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm. Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth  
Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, & tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 & older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

**DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available.** When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm. Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Ctr, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth  
Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

## **Weekly Weeders**

Thursday, April 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 8:30am to 10:30am. Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

## **Hike for Health**

Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 2.5 miles over uneven terrain. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov). Registration is not required.

## **Geocaching for Scouts**

Saturday, April 15 at 10:00am to 11:30am. Learn how to use a hand-held Geographical Positioning System Unit (GPS) to find hidden caches at Jacobsburg! This program is best for scouts ages 10 & up and will teach them the basic skills & ethics of geocaching. Registration required for anyone planning to participate in the program.

## **Signs of Spring Hike**

Saturday, April 15 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Looking for a way to beat the winter doldrums? Join us as we search for wildflowers, new plant growth, migrating birds and other signs of spring. Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring binoculars, a camera, water and a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required.

## **Woodland Wildflower Walk**

Wednesday, April 19 at 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Join conservation volunteer Doug Burton for a one-mile hike in Sobers Run to learn about the early spring blooms scattered throughout the forest. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Registration is required.

## **Earth Day Tree Planting**

Saturday, April 22 at 10:00am to 11:00am, 11:00am to 12:00pm, 12:00pm to 1:00pm, 1:00pm to 2:00pm, or 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
Sign up to celebrate Earth Day with us! Choose an hour-long time slot and meet us in front of the visitor center at the hour you have chosen. You will have an opportunity to learn about invasive species and their ecological impacts, and then replace one with a native sapling. This conservation project aims to strengthen the riparian buffer along the Bushkill Creek and provide habitat for wildlife. Tools and instruction will be provided. In the event we run out of saplings to plant, there are always invasive plants to remove. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Registration is required.

## **Summer Day Camps for Young People: Online Registration only for summer camps will open at 9am on 4/3/23.**

**DiscoverE Hide 'n Seekers (Age 5 only): Nature Detectives.** Tuesday, June 13, 20, & 27 at 9:30am to 11:30am

The world is full of all sorts of exciting things to explore! Come see how much fun learning about nature can be. Campers will learn about things that fly, water dwellers, and life in the undergrowth. This program will prepare campers that have aged out of Tales for Tots for Outdoor Explorers. Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. This camp is on three Tuesdays: June 13th, June 20th, and June 27th from 9:30am - 11:30am each day. Your child will be enrolled for all three Tuesdays. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp.

**Environmental Stewardship for Youth Leaders Day Camp (Ages 13-18).** Tuesday, June 13 to Friday, June 16 at 9:00am to 3:00pm

Get your feet wet in the field of waterways conservation and learn to lead projects that make a difference in our world! Teens ages 13-18 will participate in science-based activities that focus on local watersheds and waterways with plenty of opportunities to learn leadership skills, get hands-on with field investigations and a stream-side service project along the Bushkill Creek. Upon completion of this free program, participants will receive a certificate and are eligible for 4 community service hours. There is no fee to attend this camp. This camp begins on Tues, June 13th & ends on Fri, June 16th & will be from 9am-3pm.

**DiscoverE Outdoor Explorers (Ages 6-8): From the Ground Up!** Tuesday, July 11 to Friday, July 14 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

From the critters beneath our feet to the ones high in the sky, we will try to discover them all!

This camp begins on Tues, July 11 & ends on Fri, July 14 and will be from 9am - 12pm each day. There is a non-refundable \$25 registration fee for this camp.

**DiscoverE Penn's Adventurers (Ages 9-12): Jacobsburg Past & Present.** Tuesday, July 11 to Friday, July 14 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

Have you ever wondered what the early settlers of the Lehigh Valley did for fun? Join us for a week filled with all sorts of recreational activities from the past and present. There will be lots of fun things to do including archery, geocaching and much more! This camp begins on Tuesday, July 11th and ends on Friday, July 14th and will be from 9:00am - 12:00pm each day. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

**DiscoverE Outdoor Explorers (Ages 6-8): From the Ground Up!.** Tuesday, August 1 to Friday, August 4 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

From the critters beneath our feet to the ones high in the sky, we will try to discover them all! This camp begins on Tuesday, August 1st and ends on Friday, August 4th and will be from 9:00am - 12:00pm each day. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

**DiscoverE Penn's Adventurers (Ages 9-12): Jacobsburg Past & Present.** Tuesday, August 1 to Friday, August 4 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

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You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

**Opening Day**  
**Wed. 03/29/23**

## Public Works/Yard Waste

**ROAD WORK** — Please keep a lookout for our Public Works Department working on roads this spring and summer. For safety reasons, please respect all signs directing traffic and closing roads. Please do not attempt to drive around work areas if the road is closed.

**YARD WASTE** — All Bushkill Township residents can drop off yard waste at our local collection facility at 897 Clearfield Road. A free permit is required and can be obtained at the Township Office during regular business hours. For safety and security, the Township buildings and collection facility are under surveillance 24/7. All commercial businesses and contractors must drop off at the Central Processing Center at 6701, Weaversville Road, Northampton, PA 18067 (in East Allen Township). All grass clippings must be taken to the Central Processing Center, as they cannot be accepted at our local facility.

The local facility can accept:

*Branches, leaves and yard waste must remain separated*

- Branches (no more than 4 inches in diameter/5 feet long)
- Leaves, Pinecones, Pine needles
- Christmas trees (free of tinsel, lights, and ornaments)

The local facility cannot accept:

- Grass clippings, Sod, Bamboo, Lumber, Tree Stumps, Large woody debris,
- Plastic/other synthetic materials, Fruit, Vegetables, Ornamental grasses ,
- stones/rocks, or household waste of any kind.

Hours for local drop off are Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:00am to 3:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm, March 29 through November 29. Days and hours are subject to change. Please call the Township or check the website for seasonal, updated hours. For more information on the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA), please contact their office at the number below. For additional info, please visit the Bushkill Township website or contact FRCA at 610.262.1000. For a list of what is accepted/not accepted at the FRCA facility, please go to their website at :

[http://www.frcaweb.org/acceptable\\_unacceptable\\_items.pdf](http://www.frcaweb.org/acceptable_unacceptable_items.pdf) .

**FRCA — First Regional Compost Authority:** Although Bushkill Township cannot accept grass clippings at our local facility, the FRCA will accept them from April 15 through October 1, 2023, at the FRCA site, 6701 Weaversville Road, Northampton, PA 18067. Grass clippings must be bagged, and there is a fee of \$1.00 per bag.

FRCA Hours ( subject to change due to Staffing Adjustment and Inclement Weather—see website for changes):

Wednesdays and Fridays: 8:00AM – 4:00PM

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month: 8:00AM to 1:00PM

2023 Holiday Schedule: The FRCA will be closed on the following holidays:

- |                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Martin Luther King Day           | Presidents Day              |
| Good Friday                      | Memorial Day                |
| Independence Day                 | Labor Day                   |
| Veterans Day                     | Thanksgiving Day            |
| Day after Thanksgiving           | Christmas (12/23 and 12/25) |
| New Year's Eve (12/30 and 12/31) |                             |



# Clean Up Day

**Where:** Bushkill Township Park, Lucas Lane Parking Lot

**When:** *Friday, April 21st from 8am to 3pm*

*Saturday, April 22nd from 7am to 12pm*

- ◆ Bushkill Township residents, only
- ◆ Drop off is NO contact. Residents are required to unload their own vehicles.
- ◆ Limited to 2 loads per household per day



## Electronics recycling



Responsible Recycling Services

### Recycling Event Fees

#### Weekday Events

Tuesday-Thursday  
2 Hour Event

\$695.00\* (some items have additional  
recycle fee)

\$100.00 Per Additional Hour

#### Weekend Events

Friday-Saturday  
2 Hour Event

\$795.00\* (some items have additional  
recycle fee)

\$135.00 Per Additional Hour

#### E-Waste Event Pick Up Only

RRS will deliver pallets and boxes for collection, pick up  
the e-waste on a scheduled date after the event, recycle items, &  
issue certification.

\$375.00 plus per lb fee of .55/lb

(This must include ALL E-Waste from Event, NOT Just CRTS/TVs)

Electronics must be loaded by forklift or pallet jack (w/dock)

\$100/per hour for loose loading (no fork lift or dock available)

**\*\*Transportation charges will apply, please call for quote for your location\*\***

#### Requirements:

Provide location to hold event

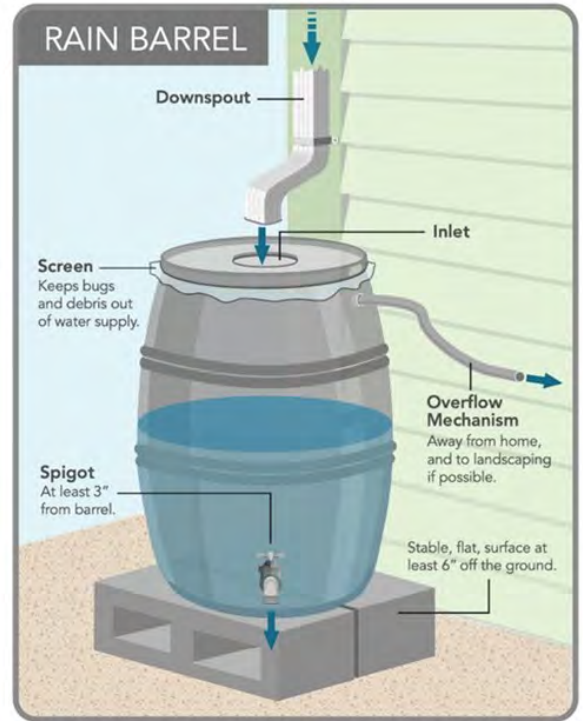
Advertise your event

2 employees or volunteers at your event to direct traffic or unload cars

**Charge of \$125.00 – RRS to provide Traffic Control**

# Rain Barrels for Sale

Bushkill Township will have **10** rain barrels for sale at the Township Municipal Building for \$30 each. They can be purchased assembled or they can be assembled at home. The kit comes with a barrel, outflow valve, inlet with screen for the top of the barrel, and the overflow. Please contact the Bushkill Township Open Space Coordinator, Kerry Reider, at 610-759-1250, if you would like to purchase one.



# Why is it important to pick up dog waste?

Dog waste is not only unpleasant to step in when walking on a trail or in a park, but it is also an environmental hazard. It contains bacteria and often pathogens and parasites, all of which can cause humans and other animals to get sick. Rainwater can wash dog waste into waterways, which causes these harmful excrements to travel even farther. Once the waste enters a waterway it contributes unwanted nutrients to the water that can eventually cause harmful algal blooms, which degrades water quality and can cause fish kills. Even after the waste has been washed away, microorganisms such as roundworms and E.coli can remain in the soil in that area.



Bushkill Township provides dog waste bags and garbage cans at all of the passive recreation preserves and walking trails. Please take a bag if taking your dog out for a walk and use the garbage can to dispose of used bags. We can't make it any easier.

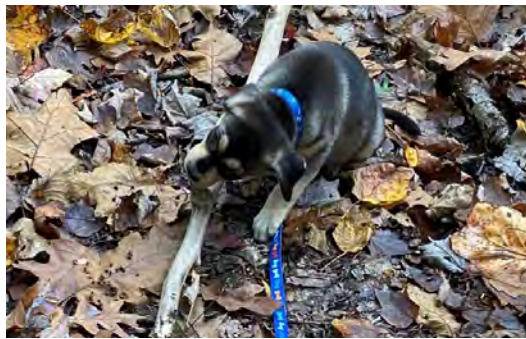
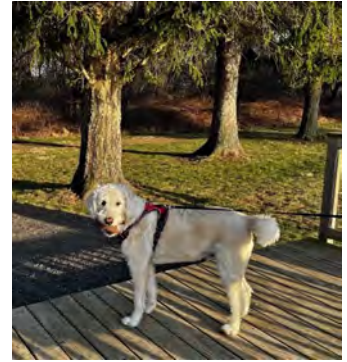
There have been reports of a lot of other wildlife waste on our trails, as well. Please be aware that foxes, coyotes, raccoons, rabbits, deer, and other wildlife may like the open areas of the trail to excrete their waste. Trail users can help to limit the waste on the trails by picking up their pets' waste and disposing it properly.





## ***Dog Friendly Open Space***

In Bushkill Township, we have two basic types of recreation areas—active parks and passive preserves. The passive use areas include all of our open space preserves and our walking trail off of Route 512. These areas all allow dogs, provided they are leashed. Dog waste stations are available at each location. Our Recreation Complex across from the Township Building on Bushkill Center Road is an active park which includes ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, etc. These types of activities produce many people in tight quarters, often with children playing and running around. Any dog, even the most well-behaved, can be surprised and react badly. With exception of service animals, dogs are not permitted in our Recreation Complex, per ordinance which was passed in 1988. All rules and regulations for our active and passive recreation areas are posted at each location. You are welcome to enjoy our passive preserves with your furry friends!



## ***New Trail Section Opened!***



In October of 2022, a new section of trail was completed between the Bushkill Township Trail and Bushkill Township's Ballas Meadow Preserve. The trail also extends north from the Bushkill Township Trail to Rt. 512 near Bushkill Plaza. The added distance of trail is 0.9 miles, and the trail surface is chipped stone. This is a pedestrian and bike trail that has three pedestrian bridges crossing the East Branch of Sobers Run and two tributaries of Sobers Run. Sobers Run is designated as an Exceptional Value stream by the PA DEP because of its exceptional water quality and biodiversity. The new trail is almost completely wooded, and there is an opportunity to see a wide variety of wildlife on every visit.

Bushkill Stream Conservancy will be hosting a Walk and Talk led by Bushkill Township's Open Space Coordinator, Kerry Reider, on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 1pm. The walk will begin at the Ballas Meadow Preserve on Kromer Road and will continue onto the new section of trail between Ballas Meadow Preserve and the Bushkill Township Trail. If time allows, the walk will continue down the Bushkill Township Trail.





## Nazareth Area Baseball & Softball Association

NABSA's mission is to promote the growth of recreational youth baseball and softball at all levels of play for the Nazareth community. The development of sportsmanship, honesty, respect, teamwork, and physical fitness, along with baseball and softball skills are the organization's priorities. To accomplish this mission, our objectives include:

- To govern the Association in a manner that puts the development of our players, as both athletes and persons, above all other considerations.
- To develop character and to improve the sportsmanship and physical condition of the youth of our community, endeavoring to teach team play and team spirit, comradery, and association, through competitive sports.
- To teach skills and the rules of the game to the youth of our community.
- To ensure a competitive environment by balancing age and ability in the player placement process.
- To reward positive attitude, hustle, and improvement over natural ability.
- To support the local community where we live and play the game.
- To accomplish all the above in a safe, fun, and positive environment for the youth of the organization.

For the upcoming Spring 2023 season, we will have over **670** players participating on over **60** teams across our levels of play. This includes our wildly successful "T-Ball Academy" (introducing the game to youths turning 4 years old in 2023) and support of the RISE program ("*Realizing Inclusive Sports for Everyone*," serving youths with disabilities). Please come out to the fields to support all our players:

- **Baseball** games begin **April 17, 2023**
- **Softball** games begin **April 24, 2023**
- **NABSA Day** will be held on **May 20, 2023, at Lower Nazareth Township Park**



We would also like to thank our 2023 sponsors (list as of February 2023), including:

3rd and Ferry Fish Market, A Rise Above OT, All Kids Play Grant, Balas Distributing, Bangor Podiatry, BEI Electric, The Brick, Bryton Financial, Burns Service Group, Burzynski Music Studio, Connell Funeral Home, Coordinated Compliance, Country Meadows, Crafted, Dragonfly Montessori School, Dugan's Heating and AC, ESSA Bank, Evolution Training, Fast Lane Towing, Giant, Hoch Accounting, Holy Family Club, JRN Logistics, Kaboly Sports Photography, Lehigh Hanson, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute, Main Street Men's Cuts, Messer, Mountain Valley Ortho, Nazareth Army & Navy, Nazareth Mutual Insurance, Orwig Property Rentals, Planet Fitness, Rita's of Nazareth, Shear Ambitions, Skeggy's Axe House, Trach Plumbing and Heating, Tri-Boro Fencing, Uline, Valley Tire of Nazareth, Vigilance Hose, Western Pest Services, Wolf Insurance

For more information about our program, please visit our website at [nazarethbsa.org](http://nazarethbsa.org) or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NazarethBSA>.

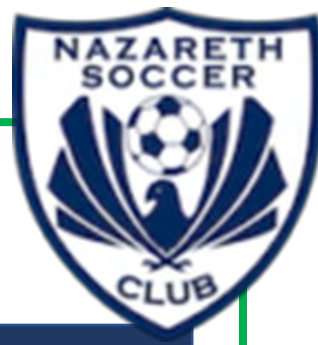
## Earth Day Clean Up

Bushkill Township's EAC is planning an Earth Day clean up at Highland Meadows Preserve located on Broad Road. The clean up will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10am to 1pm. This 71-acre property was purchased by Bushkill Township in 2019 with the intent to convert the fields to native warm season grasses and wildflowers, creating a natural walking trail, parking area, and a small picnic area. The cleanup will involve removing trash and debris from tree rows and wooded areas.

To register, please contact Bushkill Township's Open Space Coordinator, Kerry Reider, at 610-759-1250 or [kreider@bushkilltownship.com](mailto:kreider@bushkilltownship.com).



# Nazareth Soccer Club



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

## Interested in a Board Position?

If you are looking to be part of a great organization who serves the community, please consider coming to our next board meeting to see how you can help! We currently have several open board positions and several positions up for re-election in Fall 2023!

*Nazareth Soccer Club promotes and develops an interest in soccer amongst young players in the Nazareth area by sponsoring, organizing and operating developmental and competitive soccer teams for children. Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm.*

Our organization is run by volunteers. If you are looking to help in your community and would like to volunteer or attend a board meeting, please contact us at [info@nazarethsoccer.org](mailto:info@nazarethsoccer.org).

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



### Spring/Summer 2023

#### Municipal Office Closings

**Good Friday**

Friday, April 7

**4th of July**

Tuesday, July 4

**Memorial Day**

Monday, May 29

**Labor Day**

Monday, September 4

# **Bushkill Township**

1114 Bushkill Center Road  
Nazareth, PA 18064



## **Board of Supervisors**



Left to right: Carolyn Hill, Jason Smith (Vice-Chairman),  
Brien Kocher (Chairman), Harrison Kline, Julie Bender

