

Bushkill Township News



Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher

I have written in many previous newsletters about the personnel and services that are available to our Township Residents provided by Bushkill Township. Our professional Township Office Staff, Zoning Officer, Open Space Coordinator, Public Works Department and newly accredited Police Department, provide important services to Township Residents every day. There are however some services that the Township provides to its Residents that benefit by being provided in a regional and cooperative manner with our neighboring communities.

One of these shared resources is the Nazareth Memorial Library. The library provides many valuable services and programs to all Township Residents and is considered our library. The Funding of the operation of the library is shared with Upper and Lower Nazareth and Nazareth Borough so that each one of our four communities does not need to provide its own library, therefore providing for a more robust and comprehensive library service and programming. Many of their wonderful programs are talked about in this newsletter and more details can be found on the library website.

Another service Bushkill Township provides with a regional partner is the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA). This service allows our Residents to dispose of and recycle yard waste. Bushkill Township has a site available during set hours to drop off yard waste at our Public Works Department on Clearfield Road. The FRCA processes this waste and provides free mulch and compost available to Township Residents for pickup at our Public Work's facility.

Bushkill Township has also elected to be a member of the Nazareth Area Council of Governments and participated in two regional comprehensive plans with members of the COG. Our current Township comprehensive plan covering many local issues including land use planning was recently adopted and the Township is part of a ten-community regional comprehensive plan. Participating regionally allows for our ten communities to manage land uses in appropriate locations within the region.

In addition to being part of these regional entities, our own Township services participate in regional cooperation. Public Works for example can receive help and provide help to our neighbors for larger Public Works projects, such as road paving via intermunicipal agreements which the Township has entered into with many of our neighbors. Also, our Police and Fire Services can get assistance from and provide assistance to our neighboring communities via mutual aid arrangements.

These regional entities and cooperation with our neighbors allows Bushkill Township to provide the best quality of services to our Residents.



Bushkill Township Police Department

BTPD REMINDER TO MOTORISTS:

As the 2025–2026 school year begins, the BTPD is reminding motorists to be alert for school buses and children traveling to and from school. The safety of our community is a shared responsibility, and drivers play a vital role in protecting children traveling to and from school.



As we approach the fall season, it's important to be aware that "rut" activity among deer will soon be underway. The annual mating season causes deer to behave unpredictably, increasing the risk of vehicle collisions. During the rut, deer may run blindly into traffic, and we urge all drivers to stay alert—especially during dawn and dusk when deer are most active. Slow down in high-risk areas, use high beams when appropriate, and always keep an eye out for movement along the roadside.

BTPD CRIMEWATCH:

In May, the Bushkill Township Police Department partnered with CRIMEWATCH to launch an online platform aimed at enhancing community engagement and improving crime prevention. The CRIMEWATCH network enables residents to submit tips, access information about crime trends, and stay updated on public safety. The platform promotes transparency by providing real-time updates on incidents, arrests, crime mapping, road closures, community events, and alerts. It also allows residents to easily find information about recent incidents and participate more actively in keeping their community safe.

BTPD CRIMEWATCH QR CODE

Additional features available to residents include the ability to request extra patrols, register home security cameras, join the "Do Not Solicit" list, and register their pets in case they become lost. These tools empower the community to stay connected and support local law enforcement efforts more effectively.



Community members can join the CRIMEWATCH page by scanning the QR code or visiting www.bushkilltwppd.org

BTPD RETIREMENT:

Congratulations Sergeant Dale Steigerwalt on your retirement and thank you for your 27 years of service to our community.

WELCOME TO THE BTPD K-9 SNIPER:

Officer Casey Snyder is now partnered with K-9 Sniper, a Belgian Malinois imported from Holland. The pair graduated from Iron Rose K9 Training Center in June 2025 with dual certifications in drug detection and patrol. Sniper resides with Officer Snyder and is ready to respond to incidents at a moment's notice. Sniper's duties include daily patrols, drug detection, tracking missing persons, locating suspects, and recovering discarded evidence. In addition to these responsibilities, Sniper is trained to protect officers and apprehend dangerous individuals when necessary.

The department relies significantly on the support of community and businesses to keep the K-9 program operational. If you or your business would like to contribute to funding this important program, please send your tax-deductible donation to:

**Bushkill Township Police Department
1114 Bushkill Center Road
Nazareth, PA 18064
Attention: K-9**

No donation is too small or too large, and your support is greatly appreciated!



Recreational Park News...

Pickleball is coming!!

The Bushkill Township Municipal Recreation Complex will soon have new Pickleball courts available to township residents. We had received a grant last year that has allowed for the construction of 2 pickleball courts, on the lower part of our park, near our tennis courts. The courts should hopefully be finished around the time this newsletter reaches your mailboxes!



Like the tennis courts, the pickleball courts will be open from dawn to dusk, and closed for the winter season. Rules for the courts will be posted on the fence. This grant also allowed for one ADA parking spot to be added to the parking area near the tennis and pickleball courts.

In other park news, we have received a second grant this year. This grant included a poured-in-place surface to replace the mulch for the large playground area across from the Municipal building. We also will be resurfacing and updating the basketball court, and upgrading our security system/cameras throughout the park.

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Department



October is Fire Prevention Month! Plan and practice fire exit drills with your family in the home and don't forget to choose an outdoor meeting place! Always plan 2 ways out of each room.

Smoke alarms save lives! Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. Test your smoke alarms every month. Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years. Mount smoke alarms 4 to 12 inches below the ceiling or 4 to 12 inches from the walls on the ceiling.

Carbon Monoxide – The Silent Killer: Install carbon monoxide(C/O) alarms in your home today. C/O is a colorless, odorless gas that comes from burning fossil fuels such as wood, gas, propane, coal, gasoline, or oil. Home heating and cooking appliances can create this deadly gas. Install at least one alarm near sleeping areas. Test your C/O detector each month and replace every 2 years or as directed by the manufacturer.

Chimney/fireplace fire safety: Have your chimney cleaned & inspected by a qualified chimney sweep. Keep combustible materials (curtains, furniture, rugs) at least 3 feet away from fireplaces.

Space heater safety: Keep your space heater on a flat surface 3 feet away from curtains & furniture. Check the space heater for damaged cords & always plug directly into a wall outlet. Never use extension cords or power strips! Never sleep with a space heater on!

Christmas tree fire safety: Purchase a fresh tree where needles don't easily fall off or fire-resistant artificial trees. Place tree 3 feet away from heat sources and keep the tree watered. Use UL listed lights – LED lights do not create heat so they are safer. Dispose of worn, loose, or damaged light strings. Turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed and never overload circuits. Electrical malfunctions account for 1/3 of all Christmas tree fires. More than half of the Christmas tree fires occur between December 22nd and January 5th.

Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Prevention Tips

Lithium-ion batteries are powering more devices than ever. From our personal electronics, power tools, and mobility devices (e-bikes, scooters, wheelchairs) to energy storage systems, and electric vehicles. These lithium-ion batteries also pose a new fire risk. There are a few tips you can follow to ensure your home is safe with the use of these batteries around the home.



- Store spare lithium-ion batteries away from anything that can burn.
- Don't put lithium-ion batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot cars. This is a fire risk.
- Stop using lithium-ion batteries if you notice an odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking or odd noises.
- Only purchase batteries from name brands and from a qualified testing laboratory such as underwriters laboratory. FDNY just found fake UL labels on batteries in a fatal fire in NYC.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and only use the battery for the device.
- Do not charge any device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging a device that is already fully charged.
- Do not charge lithium-ion batteries overnight or while you leave your home or business.

Upcoming/Ongoing Fundraisers; help us help you!

Weekly Wednesday Night BINGO: Doors open at 4pm, Starts 6:30pm, Regular Games pay \$50, Special Games \$70, \$750 Jackpot – **Try our new game** – Spinning for Jackpots – Up to \$2,000 win!

Tattoo Bingo: October 4th 2025 - Doors open 4pm - Bingo starts 6pm - \$25 per person – (win vouchers for tattoos) Kitchen/Cash Bar – ATM - 50/50 **Tickets:** <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/JUBQET66YFKYG>

Fall Craft/Vendor Fair: October 11th 9am-3pm – Kitchen Open – ATM – Crafters & vendors interested in being a vendor contact Dennis at 908-400-5953

Ladies Auxiliary Trunk or Treat: October 24th 6-8pm – Rain Date: October 25th 6-8pm. This event will be held in the fire company parking lot open to the public for a safe trick or treating experience. Check our website to sign up as a decorated trunk today!

Upcoming/Ongoing Fundraisers; help us help you! (continued)

Annual Fund Drive: Our 2025 fundraiser fund drive will be mailed out in late September. Consider donating to your local **100% volunteer fire** company. Funds help us purchase equipment to better serve our community!

Santa Run: Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is excited to host our 8th annual Santa Run fundraiser on **Saturday, December 13, 2025**. Fire company personnel, accompanied by Santa Claus, will make their way around Bushkill Township delivering presents to each child signed up starting at 8:00am. In order to have presents delivered to their children and/or pets, residents should bring pre-wrapped gifts to the firehouse social hall entrance along with a donation. **Mon. Nights: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 6-830pm, Wed. Dec. 3, 4-730pm, and Sat. Dec. 6, 9am-12pm**. Details & application will be available on our website and Facebook page.

Annual Carnival: April 29th, 30th, May 1, 2, 3rd, 2026 – Special needs day – May 2nd, 2026

Ladies Auxiliary Circus Days – Featuring the Zerbini Family Circus: June 5th & 6th 2026

We want you! We need you! Volunteer today!

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is currently looking for individuals in our community who are interested in becoming a volunteer. Whether you want to join as a firefighter or a social member, there are many positions available. From fundraising assistance, clerical, administrative, building & grounds maintenance, & so much more. The service that you will provide to our community is incredibly rewarding & instrumental in making our community a safer place. There is absolutely no time commitment which allows you to help when your schedule permits. Training & equipment are provided to you at no cost. If you are interested in joining, please feel free to reach out to us on Facebook or stop by our firehouse Monday night at 7pm or Wednesday between 4-10pm for an application.

Volunteer Firefighters: 18 years old and older

Volunteer Junior Firefighters: 14-17 years old

Volunteer Social Members: 14 years old and older

Ladies Auxiliary Member: 18 years old and older



For fire company news & updates,
like us on Facebook:

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company
@Bushkilltwpfireco.

Bushkill Township Ladies Auxiliary @BTVFCLA
<https://bushkilltownshipfireco.com>

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

*** Help us keep your donation clean and dry ***
Please put your donation in plastic bags. Thank you

Nazareth Library

Facebook: @nazarethlibrary
Instagram: @memorialnazarethlibrary
Teen Instagram: @mlnvteens
Twitter: @MemorialLibNaz

News from the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity

Wishing you a fabulous autumn, now that the busyness of the 2025 summer reading program, "Color Our World," for all ages has concluded! Thank you especially to IronPigs Charities, C.F. Martin & Co., Kathy Dildine, Steve and Cindy Lou Franke, and the Nazareth Women's Club for their financial support of this year's SRP, as well as Naz-O-Nut and Angry Dumpling for their generosity in providing incentives to juvenile participants. Thank you as well to a host of program partners and prize donors.



SRP art and artists



"Eyes of the Wild" presentation during SRP



During the fall and winter months, the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff encourages area residents to stop by to design with the Everbright Wall, read the newspaper, pick up free magazines, swap puzzles, build in the Lego room, and check out items from our ever-expanding collection of books, museum passes, board and card games, educational resources, DVDs, CDs, handheld magnifiers, hotspots, periodicals, and ukuleles. Also, please plan to stop by for the fall, winter, and ongoing events and activities for all ages that are already on the calendar—and many more will be added:

- September is **National Library Card Sign-up Month**. If you don't have a library card, stop in today to get yours!
- The annual **Touch-a-Truck Festival** will take place rain-or-shine on Saturday, October 4th at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. Tickets are available now at the library and online.
- Thank you to all our generous sponsors.
- The children's department is excited to announce that the Zoellner Center for the Arts will present a special Mo Willems "The Pigeon" program on Thursday, October 23rd.
- November will include a pumpkin decorating contest, Halloween parade, and DINOvember!-themed crafts and activities.
- For **Veterans Day**, the library will honor all of our brave men and women who have served in branches of America's armed services. Plan to attend a special collaborative ceremony between Gracedale Nursing Home and the library, to be held at Gracedale on Thursday, November 6th at 7 pm.
- Test your luck at the second **Cash Bingo** event on Sunday, November 9th at Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company! This event will feature both regular and special games for fabulous prizes.
- Participate in our annual **Holiday Basket Raffle** from mid-November through Christmas in Nazareth on Saturday, December 13th.
- In the new year, our young patrons can celebrate at our Lunar New Year Celebration and Valentine's Day with the return of our "Magic Mailbox" and Valentine's Day Tea. Then in early spring, enjoy Dr. Seuss's Birthday Bash and an egg hunt on the library lawn.
- Join one of our many book and audiobook groups, Cookery and Conversation Club, Knitting Together, and Chronicles of Yarnia.
- Stop in for ongoing children's storytimes and Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as special children's activities and events and monthly passive programming.
- Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about the Teen Advisory Board.
- The Friends of the Library meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm. New members are welcome to participate.
- Thank you to all patrons & community organizations who support the library: the library's four municipalities, readers, donors, lottery calendar purchasers, volunteers, community partners, and program presenters and attendees!

TIPS FOR SAFE **FALL** **DRIVING**

Every year thousands of people are injured and hundreds of people are killed due to daylight savings time changes and the change of seasons.

Autumn means we need to be more careful as drivers.



1 WEATHER

Sudden changes in temperature, rain, snow and fog all make for hazardous driving. Be aware of the weather - know before you go.



2 SUNRISE & SUNSET

Daylight Savings Time means the sun on the morning drive might be right in your eyes. The sun goes down early now, so it gets dark a lot sooner! **HEADLIGHTS!**

3 CHILDREN & ANIMALS



Children are back to school and animals are busy preparing for winter. Look out for them. Slow down, keep an eye out, and be nice.

4 LEAVES



Leaves on the ground can be slippery and dangerous. Careful when driving on leaf-covered roads, whether it's raining or not. Clear leaves off your car before driving, just like snow.

Stay safe
YOU ARE GOOD TO GO!



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Fall / Winter Municipal Office Closings

Veterans Day **Tues, Nov 11**

Thanksgiving Day / Black Friday
Thurs, Nov 27 / Fri, Nov 28

Christmas Eve / Christmas Day
Wed, Dec 24 / Thurs Dec 25

New Year's Eve / New Year's Day
Wed, Dec 31 / Thurs, Jan 1

Presidents' Day **Mon, Feb 16**

Good Friday **Fri, April 3**



Calendar of Events

Sun Sept 28	Jacobsburg Historical Society Black powder, Bourbon, and Brats!	Sun, 12-4pm, details on page 17
Sat, Oct 4	Touch-A-Truck Library Fundraiser	Bushkill Township Park, 2-5 pm
Sat, Oct 11	Bushkill VFD Fall Craft/Vendor Fair	BTVFD Firehall, 9am-3pm
Sat, Oct 11	Community Paper Shredding Event	Easton Area Middle School, 10am-12noon
Mon, Oct 13	Columbus Day	
Sat, Oct 18	Nazareth Halloween Parade	10am, Downtown Nazareth
Sat, Oct 18	Nazareth Fall Festival	after parade 2-5pm
Sat, Oct 18	Soundfest Band Festival	Andrew S. Leh Stadium, 5-9:30pm
Thurs, Oct 23	Small Business Seminar	BTVFD Social Hall, 6-8pm
Fri, Oct 24	Ladies Auxiliary Trunk or Treat	6-8pm, in Fire Company parking lot
Oct 25/26	Jacobsburg Historical Society Rendezvous Weekend	Sat/Sun, 10am to 4pm, details on page
Fri, Oct 31	Happy Halloween	Trick-or-Treat 6-8pm
Nov 1/2	PA Baconfest	Downtown Easton on the Circle, 10am-5pm
Sun, Nov 2	Daylight Savings Time ends	Fall back — turn clocks back and get an extra hour of sleep!
Tues, Nov 4	Election Day	Your vote counts!! Bushkill Polls open 7am-8pm
Tues, Nov 11	Veterans Day	Township offices closed on Tuesday
Thurs, Nov 13	Community PHEAA Financial Aid Seminar	Pen Argyl Area HS Auditorium, 6-8pm
Sat, Nov 15	Community Special Needs Expo	Forks Twp Community Center, 10am-1pm
Thurs, Nov 27	YMCA Pumpkin Pie 5K/1.5mile race walk	Nazareth Area
Thurs, Nov 27	Happy Thanksgiving	Township offices closed Thursday & Friday
Fri, Dec 12	Christmas Tree lighting in Nazareth	Nazareth Circle, 7-8:30pm
Sat, Dec 13	Christmas in Nazareth	Downtown Nazareth, 10am-3pm
Dec, 13/14	Jacobsburg Historical Society A Very Special Christmas at Boulton	Sat/Sun, 10am to 4pm, details on page 17
Sat, Dec 13	Bushkill Twp Vol. Fire Co. Santa Run	Details on Fire Company website
Dec 24-25	Merry Christmas!!	Township Offices closed Wed, Dec 24 & Thurs, Dec 25
Dec 31-Jan 1	Happy New Year!!	Township Offices closed Wed, Dec 31 & Thurs, Jan 1
Mon, Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day	
Mon, Feb 2	Groundhog Day	
Sat, Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day!!	
Mon, Feb 16	Presidents Day	Township offices closed
Sun, Mar 8	Daylight Savings time begins	Spring ahead, turn clocks ahead!
Tues, Mar 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day	
Sun, Apr 5	Happy Easter	Township offices closed Good Friday, Apr 3



Please note: As of the printing of this newsletter, all of the information above is correct. However, due to unforeseeable circumstances, plans may change. Please check with the Event organization or website to make sure the event is still going on as planned.

Farmers' Markets in our area

Nazareth Farmers' Market

Main & Center Streets, Nazareth, PA 18064
Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru October
Winter: 30 Belvidere Street, 10am-1pm,

Bath Farmers' Market

Keystone Park: Green St & Route 329 (Race Street)
Bath, PA 18014
Fridays 3 – 7pm, May 13—September 23

Northampton Farmers' Market

1401 Laubach Ave. Northampton, PA 18067
Tuesdays 3pm – 6:30pm. May 3 – September 27

Bethlehem Farmers' Market

Farrington Square at Lehigh University
Thursdays 10am – 2pm. May 5 – October 27

Easton Farmers' Market

Summer: Centre Square, Easton PA 18042
Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru December
Winter: Church Street parking lot behind Easton
Public Market. Saturdays, 10am-Noon
January thru April



Sunday,
November 2, 2025

Cetronia Ambulance Company

Cetronia Ambulance Corps is servicing Bushkill Township residents

Cetronia Ambulance Corps is pleased to offer a subscription program designed to benefit you by ensuring out-of-pocket expenses for ambulance services is kept to a minimum, or in some cases, eliminated. For **less than \$0.24 per day** you can have complete peace of mind that both you and your family are covered. You will find an outline of the subscription program below. Even if a subscription is not right for you, Cetronia Ambulance Corps welcomes your donation which may be tax-deductible. With your support, Cetronia Ambulance Corps can remain "Always Ready" to serve and care for life's most precious resource – the people of our community!

Frequently Asked Questions:

How much does it cost for a subscription?

For a single subscriber, the cost is \$60 per year; a family subscription is \$85 per year. Note: a family subscription is only applicable to those residing at your residence. Subscriptions are valid for one year from date of receipt.

Who is eligible to become a subscriber of the Cetronia Ambulance Corps' subscription program?

Cetronia Ambulance Corps' subscription program is designed to assist the citizens of Bushkill (Northampton County), Lynn, South Whitehall, Upper Macungie, Weisenberg, and Whitehall Townships; the Borough of Coplay, as well as portions of Albany, Greenwich, Lowhill and Salisbury Townships for emergency transportation needs. The entire Lehigh Valley region benefits from the subscription program for non-emergency ambulance transports.

What types of services are included in the subscription program?

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Ambulance Transportation

Non-emergency Ambulance Transportation (subject to the availability of Cetronia Ambulance Corps

Are non-emergency ambulance transports covered by my subscription?

On transports not covered by most insurance (certain non-emergency transports) you will receive a 25% discount off the fees charged. Payment is collected at the time of the request.

How will Cetronia Ambulance Corps work with my insurance company for services rendered?

Cetronia Ambulance Corps will file a claim with the subscriber's insurance company for ambulance transports. If the service is covered by your insurance company, the amount paid by the insurance company will be accepted and the subscriber will only be responsible for 50% of their co-pay and if there is a deductible, the full amount of the deductible.

I have health insurance. Do I still need a subscription?

Yes. A subscription with Cetronia Ambulance Corps means that you will only be responsible for 50% of your co-pay and if there is a deductible, the full amount of the deductible. Co-insurances will be waived on emergency transportations. When medically necessary, ambulances are typically covered by insurance. Insurance companies review and consider the need for an ambulance the way they would for any other medical expense. As a subscriber, those transports not covered by insurance would receive a 25% discount on services rendered. Be sure to check your health insurance benefits to find out if and when such transportation would be covered.

I have Medicare or Medicare HMO. Will a subscription benefit me?

If Medicare or Medicare HMO determines ambulance transportation was not medically necessary, the subscriber will only be responsible to pay the "allowable" amount (this is the amount Medicare or Medicare HMO approved to be paid, not the full ambulance transportation charge.)

What if I am a Medicaid recipient?

By law, Medicaid (medical assistance) recipients are prohibited from participating in this subscription program as it would not provide you with any additional benefits.

I received a check from my insurance company for services rendered. What should I do with it?

You must forward reimbursement received from your insurance company to Cetronia Ambulance Corps.

Will I receive a subscription card in the mail?

No. Your information will be stored in our database and there is no need to provide a card to show proof of your subscription for services.

Is my subscription fee tax deductible?

Subscription fees are NOT tax deductible. Donations may be tax deductible.

Become a subscriber today! Complete the online form at www.cetronia.org/subscription, or call Cetronia Ambulance Corps at 610-398-0239, Option 4.



Stay Connected This Season

- by State Representative Ann Flood
138th Legislative District

As your state representative, I am committed to keeping our community informed, engaged and supported. I'm pleased to share several upcoming events planned for this fall and winter. These events are designed to connect residents with helpful resources, provide educational opportunities and bring people together.

We'll kick things off with a **Pet Resource Fair on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Pen Argyl Bark Park, 714 E. Main St., Pen Argyl. This event offers a variety of free services and resources for pet owners and their furry friends.

On **Thursday, Sept. 11, from 8-10 a.m.**, I will host a **Veteran Breakfast and Expo** at Scorecard Bar and Grill, 130 N. Broadway, Wind Gap. This is a chance to recognize our veterans and connect them with the benefits they have earned.

Later in the month, the **Senior Services Expo will be held Friday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall, 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap. Seniors and caregivers can learn more about services and support available in our area.

A **Paper Shredding Event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon** at Easton Area Middle School, 1010 Echo Drive, Easton. This is a secure way to dispose of unwanted documents and help prevent identity theft.

Small business owners and residents are invited to attend a **Small Business Seminar on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6-8 p.m.** at the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall, 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth. The seminar will cover resources and programs available to support business growth and development.

Families planning for college are encouraged to attend **the PHEAA Financial Aid Seminar on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 6-8 p.m.** at the Pen Argyl Area High School Auditorium, 501 W. Laurel Ave., Pen Argyl. Experts will provide information about applying for financial aid and planning for education costs.

To close out the year, a **Special Needs Expo will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Forks Township Community Center, 500 Zucksville Road, Easton. The event will include service providers and organizations offering support and information for individuals with special needs and their families.

Looking ahead to the colder months, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (**LIHEAP**) is **set to open Nov. 3**. This program helps eligible renters and homeowners pay their heating bills through cash and crisis grants.

You do not need to have unpaid bills or receive public assistance to apply. For more information or to apply online, visit compass.state.pa.us or call the LIHEAP hotline at 800-272-2714.

All events are free and open to the community. For more information, visit RepAnnFlood.com/Events or follow me at Facebook.com/RepAnnFlood.



Election Day ***Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025***

For information on Pennsylvania
municipal elections, visit:

<http://www.northamptoncounty.org>



POLLS OPEN
7 AM - 8 PM



Butz Elementary School

As we move into the fall season, our school is full of excitement, growth, and community spirit. The first weeks of school have been dedicated to building strong classroom routines, fostering friendships, and diving into learning.

This year, our focus is on three important schoolwide goals:

- **Strengthening Literacy Skills** – We are encouraging daily reading both in school and at home. Students are setting personal reading goals, exploring a variety of genres, and engaging in activities that build fluency, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books. Families can support this by setting aside time for reading together each evening.
- **Building Strong Math Skills** – Our teachers are working to deepen students' problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities. Students are learning to explain their mathematical thinking, apply strategies to real-world situations, and build confidence in tackling challenging problems.
- **Building Character and Community** – Through our “Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn” expectations, students are learning the value of kindness, responsibility, and perseverance. We celebrate those who demonstrate these qualities, and families can reinforce them at home by talking about positive choices and good citizenship.

Alongside these goals, fall brings special opportunities for families and community members to engage with our school. Our **Back to School Family Fun Night, Fitness Walk and Book Character Parade** are wonderful chances to celebrate learning and togetherness. Parent-teacher conferences in November will allow us to partner with families to support student growth and set meaningful goals for the months ahead.

We are also proud of our students' efforts to give back through community service projects such as food drives and collections to support local organizations. These activities help children recognize the power of compassion and service.

We are truly grateful for the ongoing support of our township community. Whether through attending events, volunteering, or simply encouraging our students, your partnership makes a tremendous impact.

As autumn unfolds, may we all continue to embrace the season of growth and new beginnings. Thank you for being part of our school community—we look forward to a wonderful fall together.

Warmly,
Kelly Apruzzi
Principal



KBESPTA

Become a PTA Member

Our Membership Drive is going on now! Membership is only \$10 and it is a great way to support the PTA! Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Neighbors, and Friends can join too!



COME SUPPORT OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR



February 22, 2026 @ 1PM
Plainfield Fire Hall

Tickets available at the door or using the QR below
Doors open at 10am---Games
Start at 1pm



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 strong start on their way to becoming the community leaders and business people who carry our township forward!

Find out more about our activities and fundraisers at
www.kbespta.org!

How to Sponsor the PTA

Did you know the PTA funds Field Trips, Field Day, Class Picnics, STREAM night, Art Show, fall, winter and spring celebrations and SO MUCH MORE!!

We have **numerous sponsorships** that will help make this a successful, fun and educational 2025-2026 school year.

Whether you're a small business or large corporation YOU could make a difference in our school community.

Please reach out to us at kbesptafundraising@gmail.com

Sponsorship Levels

Diamond Sponsor levels- \$1500

Platinum Sponsor Levels- \$750

Gold Sponsor Levels- \$350

Silver Sponsor Levels- \$250

How to Connect with the PTA

We invite you to get involved with volunteer opportunities, meet other KBES families, and help build our great learning community!

- Check out our webpage at www.kbespta.org
- Join the Facebook or Instagram Page @ KBES PTA
- Join your child's KBES Class Volunteer Group on Signup Genius!
- To Receive reminders from the PTA about events and opportunities contact us at kbespta@gmail.com

The success of our PTA is a direct reflection of the support we receive from our school families, teachers, and neighbors. Thank you for your continued support in helping us!! make a difference in our students' lives.

Nazareth Area Baseball & Softball Association



The leaves will start to change soon, but it's business as usual at NABSA. The fall season has started, so you should see the fields busy with teams practicing and playing games. We had another successful spring season that again saw over 700 players taking the field between baseball, softball, T-ball Academy and RISE.

Here are some accomplishments from our spring teams:

- 8u Andes - End of Season Tournament Champions
- Minors Wheeler - Season Tournament Runner Up
- Majors DeBoer - Season Tournament Champions
- Majors Miller - Season Tournament Runner Up
- Reckerz 8u - Beat the Heat Tournament Champions
- Reckerz 10u - EPGSL Champions
- Reckerz 14u - Swing Into Summer Champions

As always, none of this would be possible without the support of our local sponsors and municipalities. Thank you for your continued support! We are always looking to partner with local businesses, so if anyone is looking to support our program please visit our website <http://www.nazarethbsa.org> or reach out to info@nazarethbsa.org.

NABSA would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Nazareth Varsity Softball Team on their amazing Spring season and 2nd place finish at states! Congratulations girls!

Nazareth Ice Hockey



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 25-26 SEASON

Nazareth Hockey Club is dedicated to providing a fun and educational hockey experience for boys and girls in grades K - 12 in the Nazareth School District and the surrounding area

- We strive to make hockey affordable including gear that can be borrowed
- Our teams compete in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey League with all practices and games held at Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink. No travel!
- Instructional Hockey Program for those in kindergarten and older with no experience
- Can't skate? No problem. We can teach you!

For more information or to register:

www.nazarethicehockey.com or nhchockey@nazarethicehockey.com



Pack 44

For Girls and Boys
Kindergarten - 5th Grade

#ADVENTUREON!



From taking your first hike to roasting your first marshmallow around the campfire, Cub Scouts is about fun, family and friends! It's about finding adventure in the world around you. Don't let adventure pass you by! Check out our Pack today!

Pack44Naz@gmail.com or visit <https://pack44Naz.wixsite.com/website>



DEVELOP SKILLS. MAKE FRIENDS. HAVE FUN!

**Spring 2026 soccer registration opens in
January!**

Nazareth Soccer Club provides a fun and competitive environment for players aged 3-18 of all skill levels. Join us and experience the excitement of the game!

Register at www.nazarethsoccer.org

**A special thank you to Bushkill Township, our
sponsors, and volunteers for your support!**

Bushkill Township Contact Information

Phone Numbers:

Websites:

Township Office	610.759.1250	Hours: Mon—Fri 8 to 4	Bushkill Township	www.Bushkilltownship.com
Local Tax Collector	610.759.6784	Hours vary	Bushkill Police Dept	www.Bushkilltownship.com
Zoning Office	610.759.7197	Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 to 4	Bushkill Fire Dept	www.Bushkilltownshipfireco.com
Public Works	610.759.2758	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7 to 3	NABSA(Nazareth Area Baseball and Softball Assoc)	
Police—Office	610.759.9588	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7 to 3		www.nazarethbsa.org
Police/Fire —Emergency	911		Nazareth Soccer Club	www.nazarethsoccer.org
Police—Non-emergency	610.759.2200			
Fire—Non emergency	610.759.2200			
Cetronia Ambulance (Subscriptions)	610-398-0239 ext. 525			

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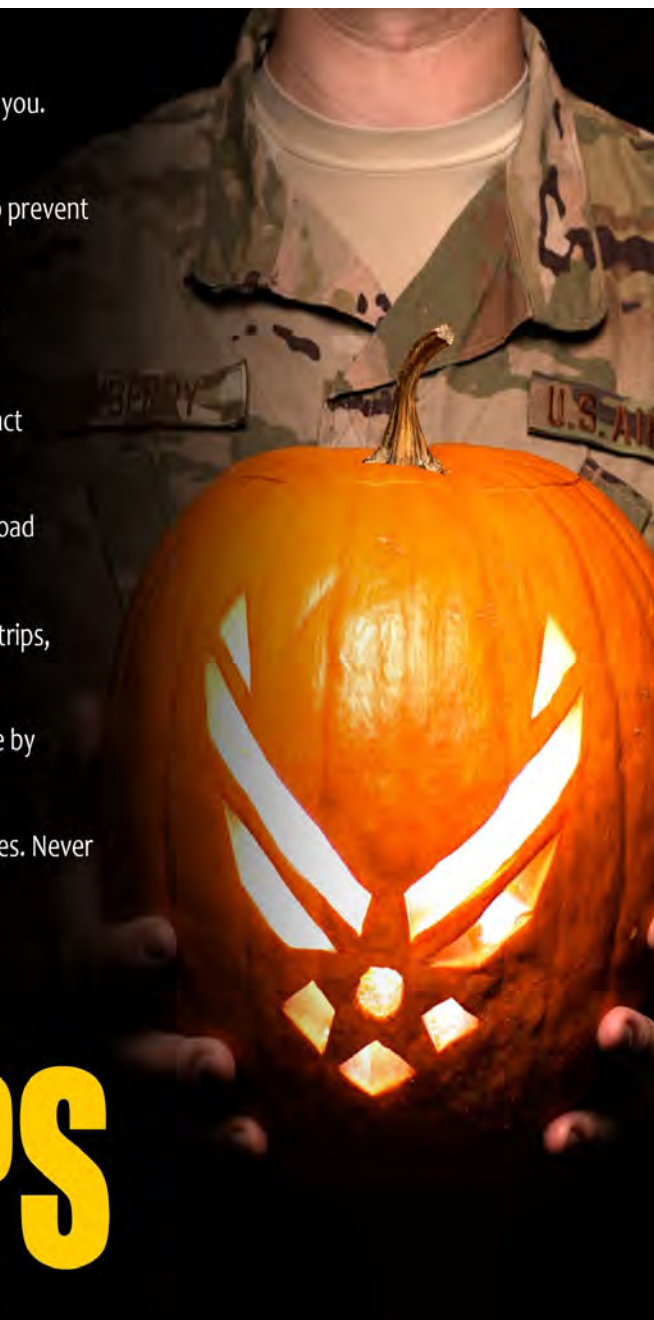
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nter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

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ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

SAFETY TIPS



Dog Friendly Open Space



In Bushkill Township, we have two types of parks—active and passive. The passive areas include all of our preserved open space areas and the walking trail off of route 512. Our open space areas include: Ballas Meadow Preserve (Kromer Road), Heintzelman Pond Preserve (West Beil Ave), and Albert Ponds (Albert Road). These passive preserves/trail all allow dogs, provided they are on a leash, and dog waste stations are available at each location. Our recreation complex across from the Township building on Bushkill Center Road is an active park. It includes ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, etc. These types of activities produce many people, often children who are playing and running around. Any dog, even the most well behaved, can be surprised and react badly. With the exception of service animals, dogs are not permitted in our Rec Complex by ordinance passed back in 1988. Should you see a stray or aggressive dog in the Rec Complex area or any of our Preserves, please call the non-emergency Police Department line at 610.759.9588.

All rules and regulations are posted at each location. You are welcome to enjoy our open space preserves with your furry friends!



Why it's important to Clean Up Dog Waste?

Dog Waste is not only unpleasant to step in when walking on a trail, but also an environmental hazard. It can contain bacteria, pathogens, and parasites that 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 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.

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 pet's waste and disposing of it properly.



Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center

Archery 101 for Adults: Saturday, September 27, 2025 9am to 10:30am

Join us as we celebrate National Hunting and Fishing day with an exploratory archery session! This program is for adults only. Please dress appropriately. Avoid loose clothing and necklaces. Registration is required.

Explore Archery with Scouts: Saturday, September 27, 2025 1pm to 2:30pm

Scout members and non-members alike are welcome to join the team at Jacobsburg as we celebrate National Hunting and Fishing day with an exploratory archery session! This program is intended for teens aged 12 and older. Adults may be passively present. Please dress appropriately and avoid loose clothing and jewelry. Registration is required.

Hike for Health: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 5:30pm to 7pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. 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.

Family Science Night: Owl Prowl: Friday, October 3, 2025 7pm to 8pm

Screeches, hoots, barks, and toots; owls make a variety of fascinating sounds! Join us as we listen for local species of owls such as the Eastern-Screech Owl and the Great Horned Owl. Participants should dress for the weather, be prepared for a short, easy walk, and bring a flashlight. Registration is required.

All About Autumn Hike: Saturday, October 18, 2025 2:30pm to 4:30pm

The tell-tale signs of autumn are all around! Join us as we learn about wildflowers, colorful leaves, migrating birds and other signs of the advancing season. 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.

Celestial Wildlife: Saturday, October 18, 2025 7pm to 8:30pm

Did you know that the night sky is filled with all sorts of wildlife? Join us for this nighttime adventure as we use our imagination and search the sky for bears, swans, eagles, dolphins and even dragons! Please dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes. Bring a blanket to sit on, a flashlight, water, a snack, and binoculars if you have them. Please note that the park will not provide telescopes at this program. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Project WET Educator Workshop: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 9am to 2pm

Project WET is a national curriculum that strives to educate, empower, & activate students in grades K-12. This professional development workshop, designed for classroom teachers & non-formal educators alike, will help you teach about water resources through hands-on, investigative, & easy-to-use activities. All participants will receive the Foundations of Water Education Educator's Guide & access to Project WET's online resources. This workshop is open to all formal and non-formal K-12 educators and four and a half (4.5) Act 48 hours will be available. Please bring a packed lunch and snack, wear comfortable walking shoes, and be prepared for the weather. Registration for this workshop is required by Wednesday, October 1, and is limited to 25 participants. A \$25 registration fee is required and is due the day of the workshop. Please make checks payable to "Commonwealth of PA".

Fishing Equipment Available : Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm, at Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and 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 and 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.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm, at Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 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.

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available: Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM, at Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our [website](https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx) for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

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. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.



Jacobsburg Historical Society



Jacobsburg Historical Society, 402 Henry Road, Nazareth PA, 18064
Official Historical Society of Bushkill Township

Notes from Boulton

William Henry II:

William Henry II of Nazareth was an entrepreneur, as was his father William of Lancaster. (*that is a story for another time*) He was a gun-maker, joiner (woodworker), judge, merchant, surveyor, and a true American patriot. His full story would fill volumes but we are focusing on a small segment.

William was also a land speculator as evidenced by the many early deeds that bear his signature. One of the most notable was a substantial parcel of 480 acres, along the Bushkill creek, west of Rt. 33 and south of Filetown Road. William purchased the land for 3,005 pounds equating to about \$3,000, a considerable sum, in 1803. This was known locally as the Friedenstal Tract. A Land Transfer Deed, hand scribed on velum and well preserved with conservator framing was donated by Richard Dotta. This is prominently displayed in the JHS Visitor Center.

This purchase is especially notable this time of the year because of the buildings he acquired there – a grist mill for grinding grain, a cider press for apples and other fruits, and a distillery for alcoholic beverages, which was legal at that time. The mills would have been very busy during the fall harvest and winter. William later sold the properties. The cider press building was later moved a short distance east to Sullivan Trail and was known locally as Clewell's mill. It was resold in the 1970's and moved elsewhere. The Society has an antique copper still from the Henry family.

Christmas at Boulton:

Another Henry history note is about their Christmas holiday traditions. The families lived close together in the Boulton community. They loved picnics and parties. Christmas was a very special time, and the families always celebrated together. On Christmas Eve day a great feast was prepared for the workers. The dishes, silver and food were transported from the 1832 home to what is now the PA Longrifle Museum across Henry Road. After the feast, everything was returned to the 1832 J. Joseph Home. The employees and family all had Christmas day off to attend their Churches and spend the day with their families.

The dishes were washed and put away until the day after Christmas, when they were used for the family's feast. There was ample food prepared for the Henry families for that day of religious celebration. Included in this feast were 100 oysters, per guest from Philadelphia Harbor.

*Visit the Historical Society at 402 Henry Road for the **Fall Market Faire & Rendezvous**, Oct 25 and 26.*

*Also don't miss **A Very Special White Victorian Christmas** Dec 13 and 14.*

More information: jacobsburghistory.com.

You are invited. On Sunday November 16, 2025 the Society will host the 53rd Annual Meeting in The Phoenix room, of the Holy Family Club, 515 W Mauch Chunk St, in Nazareth.

Our theme this year is: "A Remembrance of Attorney Walter Peters and his wife Margaret."

Attorney Peters was the Henry Family legal counsel and was instrumental in assisting Mary Henry Stites with the foundation of our Society. He was also an avid supporter of American history. Attorney Gary Asteak will preside over this special program with some unexpected surprises.

Our program is: "Early Northampton One-Room Schoolhouses" presented by Joel Hoffner. Mr. Hoffner is a Lehigh Valley native who has cataloged collections at the Moravian Historical Society, Moravian Archives, Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society and National Museum of Industrial History. He has a passion for local maps that began when he worked for the Lehigh Valley Joint Planning Commission while a student at Lehigh University. In 2023 he initiated a project to identify, map and document 413 early schoolhouses in Northampton County. He will share pictures, locations & stories that became the basis for a book about his discoveries.

About the meal: We have heard you and are responding. Since many of us are getting older and due to changing dietary needs and schedules, we are offering the following revised menu and a vegan option if requested. Hot Buffet, server assisted. Featuring Turkey Breast with Herbal Onion Gravy, Mashed potatoes with bacon, Corn bread, Cranberry sauce, Honey Glazed carrots, green beans with crispy onions and almonds, Pecan Pie and Ice cream, Hot and Cold beverages.

We have also adjusted the time to better meet your scheduling. Sunday November 16 - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, 1:00 pm - Cocktail hour, and Cash Bar. Meal service will begin at 1:30 pm, Bar will be open during the meal.

The Phoenix has convenient parking and easy access. We chose an early Sunday afternoon so our guests do not need to drive home late.

Cost per person - \$45 RESERVE NOW online at jacobsburghistory.com

OR mail Checks to: Jacobsburg Historical Society P.O. Box 345 Nazareth, PA 18064

Name: _____ (Circle if: VEGAN or Gluten FREE)

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TOTALS: # _____ Members and guests @ \$45.00 ea. = \$ _____

Any questions or concerns please call or text Joe DiGerlando at 484-542-0157 OR email: joe@digerland.com

WANTED: Teachers past and present

The Jacobsburg Historical Society is working to provide learning opportunities for the growing Home School Community. Volunteer your skills and talent to develop top quality programs, projects, and materials for primary, middle, and high school students. Visit

jacobsburghistory.com and contact the Society for more information.

Stormwater Basins and Swales in Bushkill Township

With an increase in large storms over the past few years, stormwater management is more important than ever before. The Federal Clean Water Act of 1972 requires that stormwater runoff be controlled to protect the streams and rivers from potential erosion and pollution issues. Stormwater is controlled through Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as swales and basins.

There are several types of stormwater basins to control runoff from impervious surfaces. These basins are designed to capture a certain volume of stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces in a specific drainage area. The basins are meant to collect stormwater runoff and release it at a controlled rate or allow the stored water to infiltrate or evaporate. The slowing and containment of stormwater coming off impervious surfaces helps prevent erosion and flooding. For basins to operate effectively, low flow outlets must not be blocked or clogged. The landowner of the property in which the basin is located is responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the basin. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requires that municipalities ensure stormwater facilities are properly inspected and maintained annually. Stormwater basins and swales must be cleaned/maintained regularly and inspected annually by the landowner. Low flow outlets and overflow structures must be cleaned and clear of debris to operate effectively. Other maintenance that must be done is repairing erosion, sediment/litter/debris removal, inspection for animal burrows, mowing, and vegetation removal. Vegetation must be kept at a height that allows for inspection of the basin. Basins that are not properly maintained will eventually fail, causing serious hazards such as severe flooding and damage. Below are a few common Stormwater BMPs & their uses.

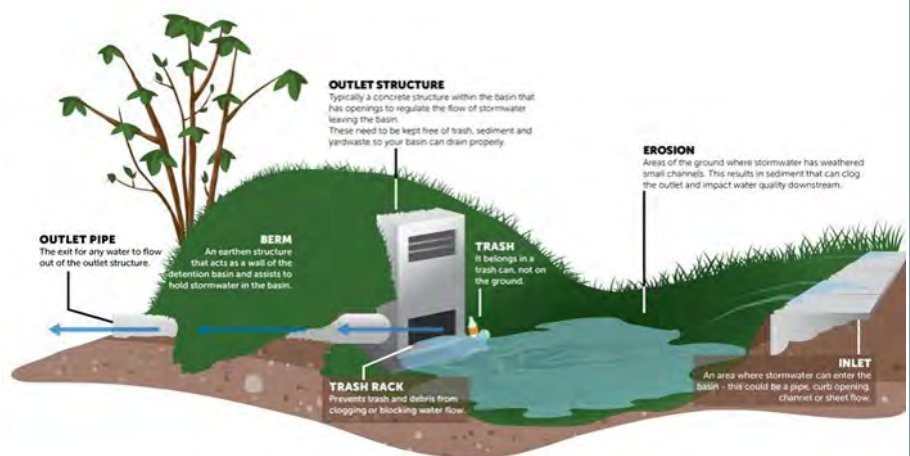
Detention Basins

"Dry" Basins

Outlet structure located at the bottom of the basin, so all the water eventually flows out

Only control flood flows by slowing the release of stormwater runoff

Typically designed to drain within 24 hours after a storm



Retention Basins

"Wet" Basin

Outlet Structure is on a riser so that the water remains in the basin until the water level reaches the outlet structure

Allows water to infiltrate or evaporate until the water level reaches the outlet structure

Provide water quality benefits by allowing sediment to settle and reducing pollutants

Wetland plantings within the "wet" area serves as a filter for stormwater being held in the basin

Infiltration Basins

Constructed of highly permeable soils to allow stormwater to infiltrate

Outflow is through surrounding soils

Emergency spillway for large storms

May be paired with a detention basin for stormwater quality and quantity management

Vegetated Swales

Shallow, linear, open channel, vegetated with flood tolerant, erosion resistant plants

Planted with a variety of trees, shrubs, and/or grasses

Vegetation acts as a filter removing pollutants and allowing stormwater infiltration

Convey stormwater at a controlled rate, slowing water to prevent erosion

Favored for use in treating road runoff because of their linear structure

Designed to handle a predetermined volume of stormwater and significantly slow and clean stormwater before entering a waterway

Soil is permeable to allow stormwater to infiltrate

Typically used to treat relatively small drainage areas

Only hold water for a short time, allowing minimal increase in water temperature

Easy to maintain

Provide less infiltration and pollutant removal than a heavily vegetated swale

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

WINTER

PET CARE TIPS



If You're Cold. So is Your Pet!

Pets can get frostbite on their ear tips, noses, tails and paws. Don't leave your dog outdoors for too long and make sure your pets have a warm place to sleep.





Honk your horn before driving off. Cats like to curl up on engine for warmth.

Keep Your Cat Inside!

When outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost, be stolen, injured or killed. Cats allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies from other cats, dogs and wildlife. Outdoor cats live about 3 years. Indoor cats live 15-20 years.



Winter Pet Poisons!

Anti-freeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle and consider using products that contain propylene glycol not ethylene glycol.

Clean Paws!

Rock salt used to melt ice on sidewalks may irritate footpads. It can cause burns and cracks. Be sure to rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk. Use a warm wet towel. Don't miss between the toes.





Never Off Leash!

Never let your dog off the leash during a snowstorm. Dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure your dog always wears a collar with ID tags. Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, creeks or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in.

Cold Weather and Arthritis!

For pets with arthritis, cold weather can be extra painful. Limit outdoor time and outfit your pet in a coat. Ask your vet for medication to help ease your pet's pain. Know the areas of your pet's body where pain can be felt.




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Leaf Collection—MS4 Program 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 (based on the 2010 Census, see Area information below). Bushkill Township has been and will continue to be a rural township based on our adopted Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, and there will not be leaf collection in rural areas. To help control the costs of this program, all residents in all areas are encouraged to compost leaves on their properties.

If you live in an Urbanized Area within the Township, leaf collection will occur based on the schedule listed below. Residents of the Township are required to abide by the following regulations governing leaf collection: 1) Residents must place their leaves in piles or rows along the edge of the street. It is the responsibility of the residents 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 materials will not be collected and will be left behind. 2) Please do not use bricks, rocks, etc. to hold tarps on top of your leaf piles. They can get mixed into the pile and vacuumed-up by the equipment, resulting in costly damages and delays. With the increasing number of maturing trees each year and variable weather conditions, it is impossible to guarantee a specific pick-up day for any one location.

The Public Works Department will begin its annual leaf pickup service on Friday, October 17, 2025. This service will continue daily through Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Please note that the department will be driving around the township daily to collect leaves. It typically takes about one week to cover all the roads in the township. If your leaves are not picked up on the first pass, please be patient—our team will return to your area

Leaf Pickup Roads Include:

State Route 512, Miller Road, Bushkill Center Road, West Douglasville Road, Clearfield Road, Hahn Road, Williams Road, Baron Road, Keller Road, Gold Mill Road, Parkland Drive, Renaldi Road, State Park Road, Jacobsburg Road, Henry Road, Schoeneck Avenue, Beil Avenue, High Street, Gower Road, Knauss Road, Bok Road

If you would like to schedule a specific date for pick up or have your leaves ready for pick up, please contact the Public Works Department, and leave a message with your address. Questions regarding leaf collection can be referred to the Bushkill Township Public Works Department at 610.759.2758, between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm.

Please remember:



It is **illegal** for residents or any unauthorized personnel to plow snow, ice or slush onto or across roadways because it can present a **serious traffic hazard**.



Public Works—Fall & Winter Tips

Fall is here & winter is rapidly approaching. Here are some tips to keep you & your neighbors safe:

1. **Mailboxes:** Please check the stability and position of your mailbox to ensure that it is sturdy and doesn't extend over the edge of the street, making it susceptible to plow damage. The Public Works Department makes every effort to avoid causing damage to mailboxes; however, plowed snow may be pushed against mailbox posts, especially during large storms. The Township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes caused by snowplowing.
2. **Remove all items from the Township's right-of-way before winter arrives.** Items like decorations, garbage/recycling cans, basketball hoops, and other portable objects are not permitted in the right-of-way at any time. A good rule-of-thumb is to keep such items at least ten (10) feet back from the roadway to reduce the chance of plow damage.
3. **Trim trees and shrubs** so that branches do not extend within three (3) feet of the roadway edge.
4. **Grass clippings and leaves must never be blown into the street or storm drains.**

Winter weather responsibilities:

1. **Vehicle parking:** Whenever there is a winter weather event, all vehicles must be removed from Township streets, including cul-de-sacs, until the storm has ended and the Public Works Department has completed the final storm clean-up. If vehicles are parked on the streets during a winter weather event, they are subject to towing at the owner's expense.
2. **Do not throw or blow snow into the streets:** Pile the snow behind the street edge where it won't obstruct traffic movement or the Township's plowing operations.
3. **Fire hydrants and storm drains:** You are required to clear snow around fire hydrants. Clearing snow from storm sewer catch basins located along your property can help minimize flooding.
4. **Tips about clearing your driveway:** The Township receives complaints about the staff plowing driveways closed after a resident has spent hours shoveling them open. Unfortunately, during plowing operations, snow is pushed to the right side of the road, regularly blocking driveways. The best way to avoid having to clear snow from your driveway multiple times is to wait until plowing operations are completed before you clean-up. If you'd like to get a head start but don't need to get out of your driveway; consider not shoveling the last six feet toward the street until the plowing operation is complete. If you need to clear your driveway before plowing is complete, you can minimize the amount of snow plowed into the driveway in the following manner: clear not only your driveway out into the street, but also all of the snow at least ten (10) feet along the street to the left of your driveway (facing street). This will allow plow trucks to unload most of the snow in the plow before crossing in front of your driveway. During heavier snowstorms, snow emergency roads will be completely cleared prior to equipment starting to plow secondary roads. Should you have a non-medical emergency during a snowstorm, please contact the Bushkill Township Police Department at 610.759.2200. For medical emergencies, please dial 911.

YARD WASTE....just a reminder

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. 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 (NOTE: No comingling of listed items):

Branches (no more than 4 inches in diameter/5 feet long)

Leaves (loose **ONLY**- we can no longer accept leaves in brown bags)

Christmas Trees (free of tinsel, lights, and ornaments)

Small brush, hedge trimmings, garden plant residue, Pine cones, Pine needles

The local facility cannot accept:

Grass clippings, sod, bamboo, lumber, tree stumps,

large woody debris, plastic/other synthetic materials, fruit, vegetables,

ornamental grasses, nuts, stones/rocks, or

household waste of any kind.

For residents who want to compost:

GREENS	BROWNS
• Fruit and vegetable scraps • Grass clippings • Bread and grains • Coffee grounds • Hair and fur	• Leaves • Twigs • Shredded newspaper • Cardboard rolls • Clean paper • Fireplace ashes
DO NOT ADD: dairy, meat, fats, bones, oils, pet waste, seafood scraps, plastic, stickers from fruits and vegetables, metals, glass, treated or painted wood	

Current Hours for local drop off are Wednesday and Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Township drop off will close for the season on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. Tentative opening date in the spring is Wednesday, April 8th, dependent on the weather. Please call the Township or check the website for seasonal, updated hours. For hours for the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA), please contact their office at 610.262.1000. For additional info, visit the FRCA at <https://www.frcauthority.org/>

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Trick-or-Treat will be held Friday,
October 31 from 6:00-8:00pm
in Bushkill Township.

Residents are reminded to
accompany their children and to
have a safe and
Happy Halloween!

Board of Supervisors



Front row:, L-R: Julie Bender, Brien Kocher (Chairman), Carolyn Hill

Back Row, L-R: Jason Smith (Vice-Chairman), Randy Knauss

Have a happy and safe Fall/Winter season!!