

# Bushkill Township

## Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



I would like to take the opportunity in this article to recognize the outstanding and professional service provided by your local Bushkill Township Police Officers. You may have seen our officers during their normal policing duties, such as patrolling and conducting interviews and investigations, but our Police Department is also involved with and provides many other important services for residents. Through the Police Department, your Township is always available to render help and assistance.

The Bushkill Township Police Officers take an active role in Community Related Policing. They address "quality of life" conditions, handling a wide range of issues and services. They provide home checks for residents on vacation or away from their home for a specific length of time. Our officers participate in many community events, such as reading to the elementary students at Butz Elementary and providing vehicles and equipment at the ever-popular Nazareth Library's Touch-A-Truck event. Many officers have also been involved in presentations to girl scout and boy scout troops, as well as K-9 presentations. In addition, the Department hosts a Toys-for-Tots run around the Holidays and a stand at the annual Bushkill Township Fire Company Carnival, making their famous chicken wings.

The Police Department has many officers trained in specialties to help ensure the well-being and safety of our residents. We have an officer trained and certified in the inspection and weighing of commercial motor vehicles to enhance the safety of the motoring public. This allows the Township to ensure that the commercial trucks are using the correct roadways, keeping drivers safe and our roads from being damaged. There are two (2) officers certified as "motor officers." They use a motorcycle to patrol areas inaccessible by automobiles and inefficient by foot. The Police Department is also proud to have a K-9 officer, trained in handler protection, tracking, search-and-rescue, and drug detection. The Police Department also participates in the Northampton County Drug Task Force, supervising nine (9) municipalities in the Slate Belt area.

Our Police Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, to protect us and our property. Any time of the day or night, they respond to every call for help. When the ambulance or fire company is called, an on-duty Bushkill Township Police Officer is usually the first responder to arrive, lending help while the other responders are on their way. The job of being an officer goes beyond the arrests, reports, and appearing in court. Bushkill Township values our police officers and recognizes the contributions they make in our community. When you see an officer, please thank them for their service and commitment to our safety and well-being!

## Bushkill Township Info

### Phone Numbers:

Township Office	610.759.1250	Hours: Mon—Fri, 8:00am-4:00pm
Local Tax Collector	610.759.6784	Hours vary
Zoning Office	610.759.7197	Hours vary
Public Works	610.759.2758	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7:00am-3:00pm
Police—Office	610.759.9588	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7:00am-3:00pm
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 Department	<a href="http://www.bushkilltownship.com">www.bushkilltownship.com</a>
Bushkill Fire Department	<a href="http://www.bushkilltownshipfire.com">www.bushkilltownshipfire.com</a>
BTAA (Bushkill Township Athletic Association)	<a href="http://www.btaabaseball.com">www.btaabaseball.com</a>
Nazareth Soccer	<a href="http://www.nazarethsoccer.org">www.nazarethsoccer.org</a>

## Fall / Winter Municipal Office Closings

### Veterans' Day

Wed, Nov 11

### Thanksgiving Day / Black Friday

Thurs, Nov 26 / Fri, Nov 27

### Christmas Eve / Christmas Day

Thurs, Dec 24 / Fri, Dec 25

### New Year's Eve / New Year's Day

Thurs, Dec 31 / Fri, Jan 1

### Presidents' Day

Mon, Feb 15

### Good Friday

Fri, Apr 2



# Bushkill Township Police Department

## Avoiding Home Improvement Fraud

One of the most important financial investments you may make in your lifetime is the purchase of your home. Oftentimes, owning a home comes with repairs being needed, or a decision being made that it is time for an addition, renovation, or remodel. Whatever the need may be, you deserve to know that the people and businesses doing the work are trustworthy.

As with any industry, 99% of those employed in home improvement contracting are hardworking, honest craftspeople. It is the small 1% of dishonest contractors who create a bad image for the rest of those in the industry. The Bushkill Township Police Department wants to increase residents' awareness about proper practices when conducting business with home improvement repair companies.

In Pennsylvania, the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act (HICPA) was created to protect consumers from the dishonest 1%. This law creates safeguards for consumers who hire contractors for home improvement projects. The HICPA requires contractors to register with the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Pennsylvania Attorney General and mandates the form and content of home improvement contracts. The HICPA also provides consumer protection above and beyond those set forth in Pennsylvania's Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

### Who Must Register with the Bureau?

Contractors who perform home improvements for a consumer in their home or on the land surrounding their home, totaling \$5,000 or more per year, must register with the Office of Attorney General. The law also requires written contracts between contractors and consumers when the price of the work exceeds \$500.

While the law requires contractors to register with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, registration alone is **not** an endorsement of honesty or quality of work. For this reason, you should first check to see if a contractor is registered with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, which can be done by visiting, <https://hicsearch.attorneygeneral.gov/>. A link to the Better Business Bureau is also listed on the site so that you can further research the contractor or business you plan to use for your project.

### What is Home Improvement Fraud?

Home improvement fraud occurs when:

- ◆ A contractor intentionally provides false or misleading information to convince a consumer to enter into an agreement for home improvements.
- ◆ A contractor receives payment and fails to provide the services or materials.
- ◆ A contractor damages a person's property to solicit an agreement for services or materials.
- ◆ A contractor alters a contract or other documents without consent of the consumer.
- ◆ A contractor publishes false or deceptive advertisements.
- ◆ A contractor misrepresents materials as special-order or misrepresents the cost of special-order material.
- ◆ A contractor represents themselves as an employ-

### What are my Rights?

- ◆ A home improvement contractor must provide you with a copy of the complete contract free of charge.
- ◆ You have the right to rescind your home improvement contract without penalty within three (3) business days of the signing date, except as provided under law for emergency situations.
- ◆ A home improvement contractor may not demand or receive payment for a home improvement before the home improvement contract is signed by the consumer.



### What Must be in a Home Improvement Contract?

Contracts should include the following information:

- ◆ The contract must be in writing and include the official contractor's registration number.
- ◆ A written agreement between the contractor and the consumer, including the date of the transaction. The agreement should also include a description of the work to be performed and an approximate start and completion dates of the project.
- ◆ The name, telephone number, and address of the contractor and any subcontractors.
- ◆ The total sales price due under contract.
- ◆ The amount of any down payment plus any amount paid in advance for special-order materials.
- ◆ The amount of liability insurance coverage maintained by the contractor.
- ◆ The toll-free number maintained by the Bureau of Consumer Protection.
- ◆ A notice of the consumer's right to rescind the contract.

# Stormwater Management

## 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. The Federal Clean Water Act of 1972 requires that stormwater runoff be controlled to protect streams and rivers from potential erosion and pollution issues. Stormwater is controlled through Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as dry wells, 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 within a specific drainage area. These basins are meant to collect stormwater runoff and release it at a controlled rate or allow the stored water to infiltrate or evaporate. This “treatment” of stormwater coming off impervious surfaces helps prevent erosion and flooding. For basins to operate effectively, their outlet control structures must not be blocked or clogged. The owner of a property on which a basin is located is responsible for the regular inspection, maintenance, cleaning, and proper functioning of that basin. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requires municipalities to ensure that stormwater facilities are properly inspected and maintained, annually. Low flow outlets and overflow structures must be cleaned and clear of debris to operate effectively. Other required maintenance includes repairing erosion, removing sediment/litter/debris, repairing animal burrows, and managing vegetation correctly (as designed). Berms on basins should always be mowed to prevent animal burrows and soil damage by roots of woody vegetation. Basins that are not properly maintained will eventually fail, causing serious hazards such as severe flooding and damage, not to mention costly repairs. Below are a few common stormwater BMPs and their uses.

### Detention Basins

- ◆ Often called “Dry” Basins
- ◆ Outlet structure is located at the bottom of the basin, so all the water eventually flows out
- ◆ Only controls flood flows by slowing the release of stormwater runoff from the basin
- ◆ Typically designed to drain within 24 hours after a storm

### Retention Basins

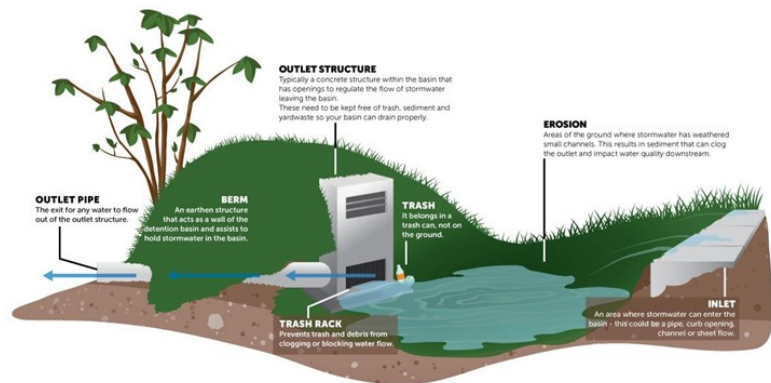
- ◆ Often called “Wet” Basins
- ◆ Outlet structure is on a riser so that the water remains in the basin until the water level reaches the orifice(s) that control water release from the basin
- ◆ Allows water from smaller storms to infiltrate or evaporate until the water level reaches the outlet orifice(s)
- ◆ Provides water quality benefits by allowing sediment to settle and reducing pollutants before “cleaner” water leaves through the outlet structure
- ◆ Plants within the “wet” area serve as a filter for stormwater being held in the basin

### Infiltration Basins

- ◆ Constructed of highly permeable soils to allow most or all stormwater to infiltrate into the ground
- ◆ Outflow is through surrounding soils and helps clean stormwater
- ◆ Includes an emergency spillway to pass stormwater from larger storms that cannot be infiltrated or held in the basin
- ◆ May be combined with a detention basin for stormwater quality and quantity management

### Vegetated Swales

- ◆ Shallow, linear, open channel, and vegetated with flood-tolerant and erosion-resistant plants
- ◆ May be 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 and preventing erosion
- ◆ Favored for use in treating road runoff because of their linear structure that may follow alongside roads
- ◆ Designed to handle a predetermined volume of stormwater to significantly slow and clean runoff 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 that might otherwise impact streams
- ◆ Relatively easy to maintain



# Open Space Parks in the Township

Most residents of the Township are aware of our Recreation Complex across from the Township Building, offering baseball and soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts, a pavilion, walking trail with fitness stations, and two (2) playground areas. However, many are not aware of the Township's walking trail and our three (3) passive recreation parks—parks using land preserved as open space by the Township.

**Bushkill Township Walking Trail:** The trailheads of the walking trail are along Belfast Road and off Route 512, near Wind Gap. There is a parking lot at the beginning of the trail, along with picnic tables and benches. There are mile markers along the trail and dog waste stations for pet parents. The trail is a 2-mile long, chipped stone trail ending at the intersection of Belfast & Keller Roads. The trail is a great location for walking and biking, but hunting, horseback riding, and using motorized vehicles are not permitted.

**Ballas Park:** The Ballas Park is located on Kromer Road, about 1 mile south of Route 512. This park features a 2-acre pond for fishing from the shore (no boating or swimming permitted). All fishing is catch-and-release. There is a 1-mile long, ADA accessible, chipped stone, multi-use trail surrounding a wildflower meadow. Visitors can walk their dogs, enjoy the scenic look out area, use the pavilion with picnic tables, and walk their dog(s). Pet waste stations area provided in this park. There is a designated parking area for visitors right off Kromer Road.



**Heintzelman Park:** The Heintzelman Park is located along West Beil Avenue, near the intersection with High Street.



The designated parking area is off West Beil Avenue, and if you happen to live nearby, there is a pedestrian access (no parking) off Young Road. This park is ADA accessible, and has a pond available for fishing (catch-and-release) from the shore or the fishing dock. There is no swimming or boating permitted in this park. There is a quarter mile long, chipped stone walking trail for residents to enjoy. Dogs are allowed in the park provided they are on a leash, and dog waste stations are available.

**Albert Ponds:** The Albert Ponds property is located along Albert Road at the eastern edge of Bushkill Township. This property provides a large area for visitors to hike, fish, and bird/wildlife watch. All fishing on the property is catch-and-release. There is a mowed trail around both ponds for residents to enjoy. There are two (2) large ponds on the property. The larger northern pond is 11 acres, and will allow carry-in, non-motorized boating such as kayaking and canoeing. Dogs on leash are permitted in the park, and dog waste stations are available. There is also a port-o-john at this location. The ponds are easily accessible from the new parking lot off Albert Road. Please remember that there is NO PARKING along Albert Road or in the private driveways along Albert Road. As this is our newest park, it is not yet ADA accessible, but will be in the future.



***Come out & enjoy all the recreational activities that Bushkill Township has to offer!!***

## Dog Friendly Parks

In Bushkill Township, we have two (2) types of parks—active and passive. The passive areas include all of our open space parks and the walking trail off of Route 512. These areas 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, and includes ball fields, courts, playgrounds, pavilions, etc. The types of activities bring many people, often children, 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 Recreation Complex by ordinance passed back in 1988. The rules and regulations for each park, both active and passive, are posted at each location. You are welcome to enjoy our passive parks with your furry friends!



## Bushkill Township Baseball

### RETURN TO PLAY!!

At long last, Bushkill Township Athletic Association Baseball has returned to play! On Saturday August 22, the Bushkill Baseball fields looked alive again as BTAA kicked off the much anticipated Fall Instructional Program. Over **90** kids between the ages of 5 thru 12, showed up for the chance to put on a glove, grab a bat, and work on baseball fundamentals in a safe and distanced manner. Given the required guidelines to ensure safety, it was certainly no easy feat pulling off the Fall Instructional season. However, the board, along with Bushkill Township and volunteer members of our community, rose to the occasion to ensure our area youth had the opportunity to get outside and **PLAY BALL!**

In addition, our 13/14-year-old Bushkill Valley Team of was able to play a consolidated summer season which culminated in the team making it all the way to the CHAMPIONSHIP game where they were narrowly defeated in extra innings! **CONGRATULATIONS to our BUSHKILL VALLEY TEAM!** We wish you the best of luck throughout the Fall Season!

The BTAA would like to extend a special thank you to Dave Jemiolo, Melissa Curtis & Ed Zachmeyer for their efforts to help organize the Fall Instructional Season.

Looking ahead, the Spring season will be here before we know it. Please keep an eye on the BTAA website ([www.btaabaseball.com](http://www.btaabaseball.com)) and Facebook page for registration details for the 2021 season.





## Thank You for the Privilege to Serve You

*By State Rep. Marcia Hahn (R-Northampton)*

Representing the 138<sup>th</sup> Legislative District has been the privilege of a lifetime. As my term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives draws to an end on Nov. 30, I reflect on a decade's worth of memories, achievements, and the people I have been able to help along the way.

As elected officials, we have a job to do like everyone else. Our job is to represent the communities that we serve, to be a voice for our neighbors and to sometimes make hard choices on behalf of those we represent. I know that because of the nature of this job, it is impossible to please everyone all of the time. At the end of the day, however, I am proud to say that I did my best to serve our district for the last 10 years.

I led the charge on legislation to protect our state's young people, ensuring their continued access to programs that treat drug and alcohol problems as well as mental health issues. I believe firmly that parents and guardians should have the final say in treatment decisions that involve minor children in their care. I have fought for this belief in the Legislature and helped codify it into law.

I secured special tax exemption status for some of our area's farmers with respect to the assessment of certain agricultural structures as real estate.

Language I originally sponsored in a House bill eventually became law in the form of Senate legislation that established the Spinal Cord Injury Research Program, redirecting a portion of the Tobacco Settlement Fund to create research grants for new treatments and rehabilitation efforts for individuals with spinal cord injuries.

Additionally, I have fought tirelessly to push back against our state's burdensome property tax regulations. To that end, I introduced a bill in 2018 to eliminate school property taxes for primary homeowners. Although this legislation ultimately did not reach the finish line, I have advocated staunchly for this much-needed tax relief ever since, introducing similar legislation in subsequent sessions.

When I announced that I would not seek re-election back in December of last year, I could not have imagined what 2020 had in store for Pennsylvania. The unprecedented public health crisis caused by COVID-19 has put immense pressure on our community, and we have responded as best we can.

In the Legislature, we passed a partial budget to stabilize our state's finances, as well as provided immediate assistance for hospitals, ensured our schools are still teaching, accelerated property tax and rent rebates, and voted to allow businesses to safely reopen.

Here at home, my staff and I have been working around-the-clock to assist residents as we navigate through a disaster the likes of which we have never seen before. Although we are in a better place than we were at the beginning of this pandemic, I know we are not out of the woods yet.

As a community, we will do what Pennsylvanians have always done in the face of a crisis – we will rebuild, we will adapt, and we will overcome together. Though the future remains uncertain, I have confidence that our community will emerge from this crisis strong and unified, prepared to face the challenges that await us with an unshaken resolve.

Please know that my office remains available as a resource to you during these difficult times, and we stand ready to offer assistance with any state-related issue you may have. I encourage you to reach out to my office; we will be happy to help you in any way we can. Our phone number is 610-746-2100.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve in the state Legislature. Although the desk in Harrisburg bears my name, it is your voice that carries through the House chamber.



## Introducing School Property Tax Relief Legislation for Seniors

*By State Senator Mario Scavello  
40th Senatorial District*



In August, I introduced legislation that would provide much needed school property tax relief for senior citizens across the Commonwealth.

School property taxes continue to rise at an alarming rate and senior citizens are among our most vulnerable populations, given that they are on fixed incomes. As has been said before, no tax should have the power to leave you homeless and no citizen should be forced to choose between paying for food, medicine or their school property tax bill.

Senate Bill 1262 and Senate Bill 1263 would provide for a school property tax rebate of up to \$5,000 for all seniors age 65 and older who have an annual household income of less than \$60,000. (Fifty percent of your Social Security benefits are excluded when determining the annual household income.) With a rebate of up to \$5,000, the legislation would eliminate school property taxes for the majority of senior across the commonwealth.

It is important to remember that if a senior loses their home, you often see a family with children move into that house. On average in Pennsylvania, each additional child in the school system costs about \$20,000 a year to educate. By keeping seniors in their homes, we help alleviate additional financial costs to the local school district.

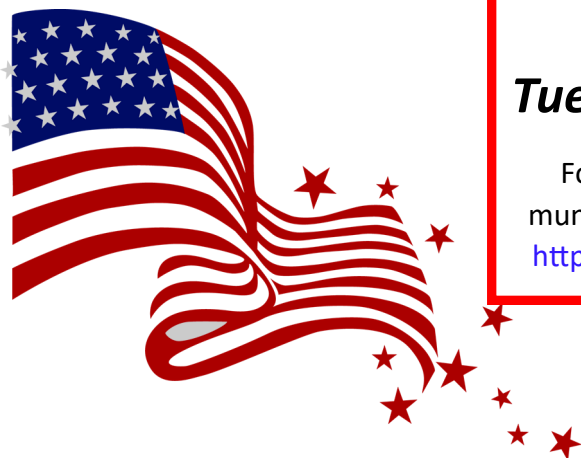
I have introduced many legislative measures over my career in both the House of Representatives and Senate to deal with the issue of high school property taxes. Most recently, I introduced Senate Bill 805 to provide the revenue necessary to eliminate school property taxes on owner-occupied homes via the homestead exclusion. This legislation followed the Constitutional Amendment question passed by voters in 2017 expanding the homestead exclusion to 100 percent of a home's assessed value. I have also co-sponsored, and voted for, legislation that would eliminate school property taxes entirely such as Senate Bill 76.

This is not the final solution to the property tax problem that has inflicted years of escalating home foreclosures and rising tax bills on Pennsylvania citizens, but it is progress that is within reach to help the most vulnerable.

If you have questions about this or any other state issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-863-1200 or [mscavello@pasen.gov](mailto:mscavello@pasen.gov).

***Election Day  
Tuesday, November 3rd***

For information on Pennsylvania  
municipal elections, visit the website:  
<http://www.northamptoncounty.org>



# Nazareth Memorial Library



Memorial Library  
OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

ESTABLISHED 1951

Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity  
295 East Center Street, Nazareth  
610-759-4932  
[www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org)

The Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity welcomes everyone back to the library! These are certainly unprecedented times as we closed our doors for a couple of months this Spring, but as most of you know, our services and resources remained open through it all. From trivia nights and author events to curbside pick-ups and our annual Summer Reading Program...we have provided services and virtual programs non-stop!

Although the library is at a limited occupancy within the building, the staff is there to assist you with the services on which you depend. From checking out materials to computer and printer accessibility to faxing and copying, the staff looks forward to serving you! In addition, our book drop is open 24/7; so all of those books you uncovered during the quarantine cleaning frenzy, simply put them in a plastic bag and drop them off in the book drop (yes, even that "lost" book from 4 years ago). Don't worry, fines are temporarily being waived so now is the time to return those books!

RESERVE AHEAD.  
PICK UP CURBSIDE.

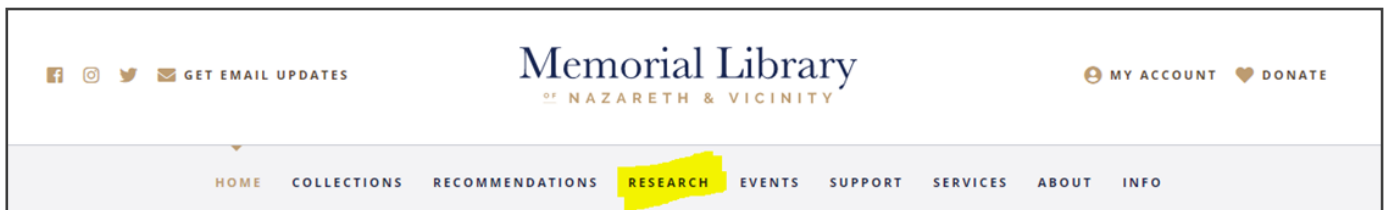


For our senior friends and those with compromised health conditions, we invite you in for Early Bird Hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am-10am.

If you aren't comfortable coming into the building, but are missing our books, DVDs, and magazines, then Curbside Pick-Up is a service you'll love. You can tell us what you'd like by calling us (610-759-4932) or downloading the app, **MyLibro**. When your item is available, simply schedule a time to pick it up – we will gladly bring it to your car, or you can come into the library where it will be bagged and already checked out for you! Simply pick it up, no library card or waiting needed!



As our country slowed down, technology kept moving forward as virtual conferencing became as commonplace as email, and we understand some of our patrons need help navigating these waters – simply call us to schedule a technology appointment. We can either work with you at the library, or schedule a virtual appointment.



Many of our families within the community are choosing cyber or homeschooling as an alternative for the upcoming school year. Please know we have multiple resources on our website for specific grade levels ([www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org) > Research). Additionally, our WiFi is available during our regular operating hours, and for limited time after hours. If you are having internet issues, please feel free to visit us, if we are at capacity or closed, you are welcome to sit in one of our chairs outside the library to take advantage of this free service.

We'd love to share with you our upcoming programs and events, however, at the time of this writing we are unsure what the future holds for gatherings within our community. We ask that you stay informed and up to date by visiting our website ([www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org)) and following us on social media (Facebook @nazarethlibrary and Instagram @memorialnazarethlibrary). Any events, programs, changes to services, and hours of operation will be posted online.

**Please take care of each other and stay safe, and thank you for your continued support.**



# Local Phone Numbers

## Electric:

PP&L 800-342-5775  
Met Ed 800-545-7741

## Phone/Cable/Internet:

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

## State Officials:

Senator, Mario Scavello 610-863-1200  
District 40 – Rep.  
Representative, Marsha Hahn 610-746-2100  
District 138 – Rep.  
Governor, Tom Wolfe 717-787-2500

## Government Agencies:

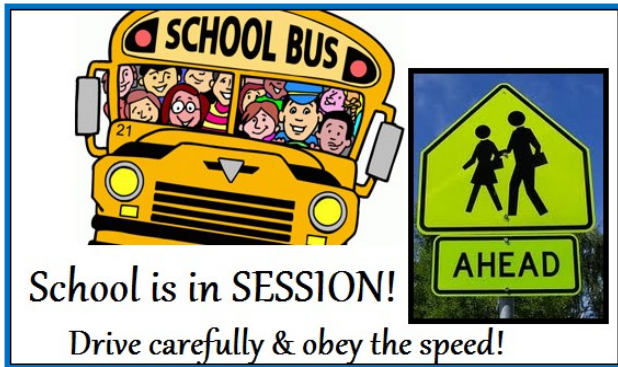
IRS 800-829-1040  
DEP (environmental protection) 866-255-5158  
National Capitol Poison Center 800-222-1222  
Social Security 800-772-1213  
Medicare 800-633-4227  
PennDOT Motor Vehicle Svc. 800-932-4600

## Northampton County Services:

Animal Health & Welfare 610-858-7722  
Memorial Library of Nazareth 610-759-4932  
Nazareth Area School District 610-759-1170  
Nazareth-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



**FALL Home Maintenance**

Take time to prepare for fall with this helpful checklist:

- Inspect your furnace or heat pump to ensure that it can achieve maximum efficiency.
- Schedule to have the chimney serviced and cleaned.
- Clean your gutters and downspouts throughout the season.
- Repair any window cracks or holes in weather stripping or caulking. If the gap is bigger than the width of a nickel, reapply exterior caulk.
- Check to make sure your thermostat works properly.
- Check crawlspace for flooding after the first long rainfall.
- Make sure you have new batteries in all flashlights place them where they can be easily found around the house.
- Have your lawn-irrigation system professionally drained/winterized.
- Turn your gas fireplace pilot light ON.
- Make sure your attic and crawlspaces have adequate insulation.
- Continually check your air vents to make sure they aren't blocked.
- Clean out the bathroom fan/filter.
- Test all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Make sure you have at least one fire extinguisher on each floor of the house and in the garage.
- Make a fire escape plan for your house and take time to review it with all family members.
- Disconnect garden hoses and drain water still in faucets. If you do not have frost-proof faucets, turn the shut-off valve to off inside your home.



# 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:

- Branches (no more than 4 inches in diameter/5 feet long)
- Leaves (loose or in brown bags designed for leaves)
- Christmas trees (free of tinsel, lights, and ornaments)
- Small brush, hedge trimmings, garden plant residue

The local facility **cannot** accept:

- Grass clippings
- Sod
- Lumber
- Tree stumps
- Large woody debris
- Plastic/other synthetic materials

Current Hours for local drop off are Wednesday & Friday, 7:00am to 3:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am to 12:00pm. 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. For additional information, visit the Bushkill Township website or contact FRCA at 610.262.1000.

For residents who want to compost:

GREENS	BROWNS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fruit and vegetable scraps</li><li>• Grass clippings</li><li>• Bread and grains</li><li>• Coffee grounds</li><li>• Hair and fur</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leaves</li><li>• Twigs</li><li>• Shredded newspaper</li><li>• Cardboard rolls</li><li>• Clean paper</li><li>• Fireplace ashes</li></ul>
<p><b>DO NOT ADD:</b> dairy, meat, fats, bones, oils, pet waste, seafood scraps, plastic, stickers from fruits and vegetables, metals, glass, treated or painted wood</p>	



## 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 relatively 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 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 resident to protect their leaves so they do not blow throughout the neighborhood. It is not the responsibility of the Township collection crew to empty plastic bags or containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, grass clippings, shrubbery, garbage, and building 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. If the leaves are not in place when the crew goes by, they will be picked-up on the next scheduled rotation, or residents can take their leaves to the Public Works Department yard waste facility at 897 Clearfield Road. The schedule is subject to inclement weather, mechanical breakdown, and other factors, and your area could be skipped at any time should these situations occur.

### Leaf collection will tentatively occur in accordance with the following schedule:

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

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

**Area 3 Boundary** – Beginning at Williams, Hahn, West Douglasville, Bushkill Center, Beil, High, Gower, and Knauss Roads and ending with Bok Road. If you live within these boundaries, leaf picked-up will occur during the second week of November and the second week of December.

Visit [www.bushkilltownship.com](http://www.bushkilltownship.com) for a map of the leaf collection zones.

Questions regarding leaf collection can be referred to the Bushkill Township Public Works Department at 610.759.2758, between the hours of 7:00am to 3:00pm.

# Public Works — Fall & Winter tips

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

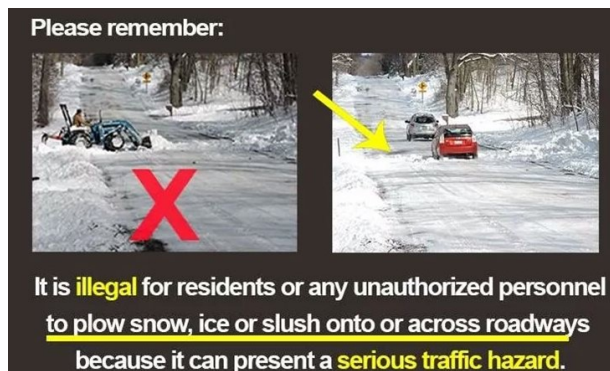
1. **Mailboxes:** Please check the position of your mailbox to ensure that it doesn't extend over the edge of the street making it susceptible to plow damage. The Road Crew makes every effort to avoid causing damage to mailboxes; however, plowed snow may be pushed against mailbox posts, especially during large storms.
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.**

## Mailbox Policy During Snowplowing Events

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

## 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 owners' 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.



# Hunter Access Program in Bushkill Township

New for the 2020-21 hunting season, Bushkill Township is entering into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Game Commission to enroll several Township-owned properties into the Commission's Hunter Access Program. This will be a pilot program for the Township, meaning that changes may be made as necessary from season to season. The Hunter Access Program creates a partnership between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the enrolled landowner to provide safe and responsible public hunting opportunities. This Program benefits both hunters and landowners by increasing the amount of lands available for hunting, while managing the property's game population through hunting, sponsored habitat enhancements, and proper law enforcement by the Commission.

Enrollment in the Hunter Access Program means that the landowner is willing to provide reasonable access to their property for hunting, but the landowner retains their rights and ultimately governs actual use by hunters. This means that hunters must obtain landowner permission for access to hunt and that the type of hunting, game species, and other considerations are determined by the landowner. Hunters wishing to use properties owned by the Township must visit the Bushkill Township Municipal Building at 1114 Bushkill Center Road, Nazareth, PA 18064 to obtain permission and a permit to hunt on specific enrolled properties. To obtain a permit, the hunter must complete a brief application form and provide their valid hunting license, so the Township has a copy of their Customer Identification (CID) number. A permit will then be given to the hunter, along with maps and a rules and regulations document for the Township-owned properties that are enrolled in the Hunter Access Program. Please note that hunters may be denied a permit with legitimate reason. Hunting on a Township-owned property without a permit will be considered a trespass violation, enforceable by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and will be subject to a fine. Hunting will only be allowed on Township-owned properties that are indicated on the maps provided at the Township Building. Bushkill Township will limit park properties to Archery only. Other Township owned properties will be Firearm/Archery. All restrictions on game species and Firearm/Archery restrictions will be outlined in the rules and regulations document given to each hunter. No tree stands, trail cameras, or other hunting equipment may be left over night or unattended for any reason. All tree stands must be of non-damaging design (to trees) and must be clearly marked with the hunter's CID number.

Currently, there are many tree stands on Township properties. If you know anyone who has a tree stand on Township property, please alert them to this new policy. **All tree stands located on Bushkill Township owned property must be removed by September 06, 2020. Most of the tree stands have been posted for removal. If you or someone you know has a tree stand or tree stands**

**on Township owned property, please remove as soon as possible. The Township will begin removing remaining tree stands after September 06, 2020. Bushkill Township will hold removed tree stands for 60 days.**



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

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



**Household**



# Electronics Recycling Events

**CANCELLED**

Drop-Off events are intended for Northampton County residents

Fees apply for recycling most electronics



(Clean Earth) No credit cards.

Payment

**9AM-12PM** rain or shine

**REVISED:  
AUGUST 2020**

**Please Note:**  
County-wide collection events are State permitted and subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

~~September 19th  
Bethlehem  
Municipal Rink  
345 N. 1st St. Rd.~~

~~September 26th  
Forks Public  
Work Facility  
100 N. 1st St. East  
Easton, PA 18040~~

~~October 7th  
City of Easton  
Recycling Center  
500 N. 1st St. Dr.  
Easton, PA 18042~~

**2020 EVENT DATES & LOCATIONS**

**Residential & Business  
Drop-Off Locations:**

**DRC Technologies**

2005 Main St., Northampton 18067  
610-502-0854

**Clean Earth**

2330 SW 26th St., Allentown 18103  
866-447-5177

**GER Solutions**

795 Roble Rd., Allentown 18109  
610-443-1776

•• Fees may apply ••

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Cables & Coax
- Cell Phones
- Server/Toys
- 35 mm Slides
- Alarm Clocks
- Answering Machines
- Calculators
- Cameras
- CD Players
- Coffee Makers
- Dictation Machines
- Electric Power Tools

**BATTERIES:**

**BULBS:**

**COMPUTER EQUIPMENT:**

- Audio/Visual Tape ..... \$0.50
- Desktop Printer ..... \$5.00
- Desktop Scanner ..... \$5.00
- Multifunctional/ All-in-1 ..... \$20.00

**TELEVISIONS & MONITORS - MUST BE INTACT**

- LCD TVs & Plasma Monitor ..... \$10.00
- CRT TVs & Monitor - 20" & smaller.... \$20.00
- CRT TVs & Monitor - 21" & larger..... \$40.00

**ADDITIONAL CHARGE**

- Toner & Ink Cartridge
- Desktop Computer
- Lead Acid Battery
- \$1/each**
- Radio
- Record Player
- Stereo/Walkman
- Stereo Speaker
- String lights
- Tape Recorder/Deck
- Toaster
- VCR
- Video Game Console

..... \$0.75/lb.

Bulb ..... \$2.00

(Metal Halide, HID, High Pressure)

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS\*:**

- Humidifier ..... \$5.00
- Microwave ..... \$5.00
- Vacuum Cleaner ..... \$3.00

**\*NO FREON APPLIANCES\***

- Projection TV ..... \$50.00
- Console TV ..... \$50.00



# Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company

The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is proud to serve the residents of Bushkill Township. We are there when you need us, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our members are trained and certified to provide a wide array of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services, allowing us to be there for you at your time of need. Our Fire donation (September 2020) and EMS subscription (March 2021) mailers help support the fire company, but also allow residents to take advantage of being a subscribed member to save costs should an emergency occur.



## SANTA RUN

The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is so excited to host our 3rd Annual Santa Run fundraiser on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Fire company personnel, accompanied by Santa Claus on a firetruck, will make their way around Bushkill Township delivering presents to each child. In order to have presents delivered to their child, residents should bring pre-wrapped gifts to the Bushkill Township Firehouse on November 16, 23, and 30 from 6-9pm or November 28 and December 5 from 9am-12pm, along with a donation. Details will be available on our website and Facebook Page.

## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company will be selling Christmas ornaments once again this year. The ornament is a custom-shaped cutout of one of our fire apparatus with the year printed on the ornament. Each ornament is \$3.00 and will be available for pickup during our Santa Run drop-off dates. There will only be 300 ornaments made.



## KNOX BOX PROGRAM

The Fire Company is proud to introduce a KnoxBox program to the community. This program securely keeps keys for your residence or business on your building. When rapid access is needed, a code is entered into a secure box in our fire apparatus to release a key for the box on your building. We then access the key to unlock your door to gain access for medical or fire emergencies. The Home Boxes are perfect for those that may have trouble getting to a door in an emergency. For those with gates, there are also gate and key switches, as well as padlock options. There are commercial boxes, elevator boxes, and document boxes to keep important information safe and secure should we need it during an emergency. If you are a homeowner or business and would like to secure your property or learn more, follow the steps below.

1. Go to KnoxBox.com and create a free account to make a purchase.
2. In the "You're Shopping" section, select Pennsylvania and type in "Bushkill Twp Vol Fire Co."
3. Click "Search" and Select "Residential Use Only" Home Boxes (**For single key boxes**)
4. Click "Select" – then "Products"
5. Click on "view" to view the options
6. Choose your options and add to cart

**\*For multi-key boxes only\*** Follow steps 1 and 2

Click "Bushkill Twp Vol Fire Co" – "Select" – "Products" – "Residential Knox Boxes"

Choose your options and add to cart

**\*For commercial properties\*** Follow steps 1 and 2

Click "Bushkill Twp Vol Fire Co" – "Select" – "Products" – select your products

Choose your options and add to cart



## Rent Our Hall

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

For More info call Patty  
484-239-4016

\*Round tables for weddings and banquets available

# Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

**FOR ALL PROGRAMS:** Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance. All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request.

**Outdoor School with Jacobsburg** - Thursdays, 8:30am-3:30pm September through November

You may know Jacobsburg as a place to enjoy public environmental programs for individuals, families, and scouts, but we also serve over 35 different public and private K-12 schools for free throughout the academic year. This year is going to look very different for our schools and their students. Many are not allowing field trips, many are using virtual instruction, and some families are choosing to homeschool for the first time. Whichever way your students are learning this year, Jacobsburg is here to help with standards-based outdoor education in biology, environmental science, earth science, history, and language arts. If your student needs to get outside for an in-person educational experience, give us a call. We are prepared to offer in-person and virtual programs by request to groups of families, as well as schools. We require at least 5 students for a free hour-long lesson and group sizes are limited to no more than 20 people total. Please call to find out more, 610-746-2801.

**DiscoverE: Tales for Tots** - Tuesdays, 10:00-10:45am or 1:00-1:45pm, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13 or  
Fridays 10:00-10:45am, September 4, 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16

Our popular Tales for Tots program returns with all new explorations! Join us for story time followed by nature activities for preschoolers ages 3-5. Each week we will explore a different topic by reading a book followed by a short scavenger hunt. Children that attend six sessions will earn a DiscoverE Hide n' Seekers certificate. Please note that all sessions will be identical during a given week. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note that we will be meeting at the pavilion across the street from the Visitor's Center each week. Please register for each session that you plan to attend and register all members of your party including adults and additional children as space for this program is limited to 20 attendees total.

**Teaching Area Restoration** - Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30am, September 2, 16, 30, October 14 & 28

We are looking for help with refurbishing our outdoor classrooms in the Henrys Forge Area. Flooding from August's tropical storm washed away the classroom seen in the photo and mildly damaged another. We have additional improvements on our wish list as well. The projects will involve spreading sand, gravel, and mulch, clearing brush, moving cobble size rock and logs, tree planting, and graffiti removal. We provide tools, gloves, and instruction. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing

**Weekly Weeders** - Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30am, September 9, 23, October 7 & 21

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. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing.

**Hike for Health** - Wednesday, September 16, and October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Join us after work for a hike at Jacobsburg! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA.

**Family Night - Magnificent Monarchs!** - Friday, September 18 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Monarch Butterflies are beautiful creatures that make an amazing migration each year. Learn about their life cycle and what you can do to help Monarchs along their journey. We will take a close look at some young Monarchs and explore the wildflower fields of Jacobsburg in search of adult butterflies. This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up.

**Monarch Tagging** - Saturday, September 19 at 10:00am to 11:30am

Join local butterfly enthusiast Doug Burton as he captures and tags Monarch butterflies heading to Mexico for the winter. Butterfly nets will be on hand for those who wish to assist Doug in capturing these beautiful insects. Participants should dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

**Monday Morning Birds & Beans** - Mondays, 8:00-9:30am, September 21, 28, & October 19

Rise and shine! Join us for a bird walk through Jacobsburg in search of fall warblers and other Neotropical migrants. This is a great opportunity to learn tricky fall warbler identification. Please dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes, and bring binoculars and your favorite field guide!

You can also view and register for community programs online at <http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/>. 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). With at least 3 days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

**Bushkill Township**

1114 Bushkill Center Road  
Nazareth, PA 18064



***Chairman's Corner***

*by Brien Kocher*



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

Back Row (L-R): Jason Smith (Vice-Chairman), Harrison Kline

***Board of Supervisors***



**Have a happy and safe Fall/Winter Season!**