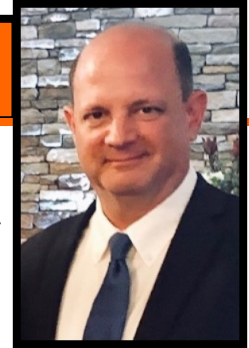


# Bushkill Township

## Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



In the last newsletter, I wrote about ways that residents are involved in our community by serving on Township Government Boards. There are many other ways for you to get involved in our community by volunteering with organizations that partner with our Township to protect our interests and enhance our lives.

Many new residents are surprised to find out that our Fire Company is its own organization and other than paid ambulance crews, it is run and staffed by volunteers! You can volunteer to get trained and serve your community as a fire fighter. You can also volunteer in a social capacity and help out with operational and fundraising activities. Events hosted by the Fire Company, like bingo and the annual carnival, serve as great community events and important fundraisers to help support the fire company. The Fire Company is in great need of volunteers and would appreciate any residents willing to get involved to make a difference in our community.

Bushkill Township also has a strong partnership with the Jacobsburg Historical Society. They are the caretakers for the historically important legacy of the Henry Longrifle manufacturing that took place in our Township and of the Henry family and its homestead. The Society cares for the homestead buildings at the Boulton Historic Site and the PA Longrifle Museum. They also host fun and educational classes throughout the year, as well as great community events such as the Fall Market Faire and Rendezvous and the Christmas at Boulton. The Society is always looking for volunteers to serve on their Board, assist with events, and to help care for these important treasures.

It is also important to recognize the group of residents who formed our Anniversary Committee to plan the events of our Township's historic 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2013. Many of these dedicated residents have stayed together and continue on as our Heritage Committee. They have been responsible for events like our Memorial Day Service and you may have seen them serving in booths at events like our Township's Carnival and Nazareth Day.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped and continues to help with these organizations. I also look forward to more residents getting involved to keep our community a truly special place to live, work, and play.

## 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

Mon, Nov 11

### Thanksgiving Day / Black Friday

Thurs, Nov 28 / Fri, Nov 29

### Christmas Eve / Christmas Day

Tues, Dec 24 / Wed, Dec 25

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

Tues, Dec 31 / Wed, Jan 1

### Presidents' Day

Mon, Feb 17

### Good Friday

Fri, Apr 10



# Bushkill Township Police Department

## Back to School Safety:

Stop for school buses. Pennsylvania law makes it illegal to pass a stopped school bus. Now that students have started back to school, please make their safety a priority by staying focused and being patient. Police encourage commuters to: avoid distractions such as cell phones, allow extra time for delays, and to consider routes that avoid school bus stops altogether. In any case, when you are mindful of students' safety, you won't mind a little longer commute. During the 2018-19 school year, local school bus drivers reported motorists driving through flashing red lights and the extended stop arm—even as students started crossing the street to board them. When drivers meet or pass stopped school buses, the penalties are severe: a \$250 fine and a 60-day suspension of the motorist's license. Our students' safety, health, and well-being should be everyone's priority.



## Fireworks in Bushkill Township:

On October 30, 2017, Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Wolf signed House Bill #542, Act 43 of 2017, repealing and replacing the former Fireworks Act of 1939 in its entirety.



Consumers may now purchase and use "Class C" or "consumer grade" fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman Candles, bottle rockets, and similar items that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. The expansion of the law permits the use of those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents. Display fireworks are regulated for use only by professional pyrotechnicians and are designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. The term includes, but it not limited to:

- Salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive material;
- Aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions; and
- Other display pieces that exceed the limits of explosive materials for classification as consumer fireworks.

## Rules for Use of Consumer-Grade Fireworks:

- A person must be at least 18 years old to purchase, possess, or use consumer-grade fireworks.
- They may not be ignited or discharged on public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They may not be discharged from, within, or toward a motor vehicle or building.
- They may not be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.
- They may not be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or any other drug.

Any violation of the above-listed restrictions is illegal under Title 72, Section 2414 (1) and is punishable by a fine of \$100, plus court costs.

## Did you Know?

The following is a breakdown of a typical Traffic Citation in Pennsylvania:

### TRAFFIC CITATION

**FINE:** \$25.00 Majority of traffic offenses although some fines are larger. The municipality receives half of the fine amount - usually \$12.50.

**EMS:** \$10.00 Designated for Emergency Services. This goes to the State.

**JCP:** \$22.00 Judicial Computer Program—This goes to State

**SURCHARGE:** \$45.00 This goes to the State.

**COURT COSTS:** \$40.50 This goes to the State.

So, from a typical traffic citation that amounts to \$142.50, the State receives \$130.00 and the municipality receives \$12.50.




Congratulations to Lois Iasiello for her  
 25 years of service as the  
 Bushkill Township Police Department  
 Executive Assistant!

## Open Space Coordinator—Meet our newest employee



Kerry Reider has recently been hired as Bushkill Township's Open Space Coordinator. His duties include overseeing the Township's Open Space Program and MS4 Program, assistance with the Environmental Advisory Council, and special projects at the direction of the Board of Supervisors. Kerry grew up in Lower Mount Bethel Township and attended Bangor High School. After high school graduation he attended Moravian College where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. Before working at Bushkill Township, Kerry worked at Wildlands Conservancy in Emmaus as the Aquatic Ecologist and at the City of Allentown as the Water Quality Manager. Kerry's hobbies include hiking, kayaking, fishing, hunting, basketball, and other outdoor activities. His love for the outdoors is what led him to pursue a degree in Environmental Science and attain the job as Open Space Coordinator. Kerry's first big project with Bushkill Township is the opening of the 60-acre Albert Ponds property as a passive recreation area.

The Albert Ponds property is located on 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 are three (3) ponds on the property. The largest of the



ponds is eleven (11) acres and will allow carry-in boating such as kayaking, canoeing, and stand-up paddleboarding. There is the possibility that the ponds will be also open for winter activities such as ice skating and ice fishing. However, this would not happen until the winter season of 2020-2021 at the earliest. Once open for these winter activities, the entrance kiosk, shorelines, and website will be posted for OPEN use when conditions are safe and CLOSED when conditions are unsafe. The ponds are easily accessible from the new parking lot off Albert Road. Construction of the parking lot was completed in early October and the property is now open for visitors to enjoy. Please remember that there is **NO PARKING** along Albert Road or in the Private Driveways along Albert Road. Rules and Regulations for the property are posted on Bushkill Township's website and at the entrance kiosk.



On our 70+ acres at our main recreation complex, we have a large number of facilities for residents of all ages! There are eleven (11) baseball/softball fields, two (2) soccer fields, two (2) tennis courts, and one (1) basketball court. We have two (2) separate playground areas: the first is located in the upper part of the park near the pavilion (which is available to rent for parties and picnics). The second playground is on the lower end of the park near the tennis courts and soccer fields. We also have a one-mile walking trail around the park, with groups of fitness stations along the trail. In the center of the park is our snack stand (open only during baseball games) and a bathroom facility which is open dusk until dawn when the park is open. There are also port-a-potties available throughout the park for convenience.



Bushkill Township also has other activities located on properties owned by the Township and preserved as open space. Along Route 512 near Wind Gap, we have a two-mile long walking trail, with picnic tables and mile markers along the trail (thanks to a past Eagle Scout project). At our three (3) open space parks, we have four (4) ponds available for fishing and two (2) walking trails. At our newest property located along Albert Road, which is known as Albert Ponds, walking, wildlife observation, fishing, carry-in boating, and other forms of passive recreation are allowed.



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

**RECREATION FOR ALL AGES!**



## *The Leaves: They Are A-Changin’*

A subtle change begins as summer wanes in Pennsylvania. Vibrant green leaves fade and a reddish tinge appears on sumacs, red maples, and black gums. Soon the brilliant red, purple, yellow, and orange hues of autumn foliage will fill the formerly green forests. These showy displays are limited to parts of the world where days become short and nights are cool, and the intensity of the change is quite dramatic here in the northeastern United States.

Several factors influence the changing forests. The diversity of trees present has much to do with the display but the rapid transition from warm temperatures to cool temperatures also plays a roll. Occasionally, some of a tree’s leaves are changing while the others remain green. That results from micro-environmental factors – such as part of the tree being exposed to sunlight or cold.



Trees lose their leaves each year to protect themselves against desiccation. A tremendous amount of water is lost through the leaves due to their broad, thin shape. The water can be replaced during the growing season, but the air is drier and the water is frozen during the winter months. The constant freezing and thawing of the leaves would also cause damage to the leaves’ cells. Dropping the leaves also removes a platform that snow and ice could adhere to which could potentially break trunks and branches. Shedding the leaves and replacing them each spring helps the tree avoid these issues.



Chlorophyll (the green pigment that is heavily involved in photosynthesis) production slows as the amount of sunlight decreases with the approach of autumn. Worn-out chlorophyll pigments are constantly replaced throughout the growing season, but now the remaining pigment breaks down. Xanthophyll (pale yellow and tan) and carotene (yellow and orange) pigments that were always present, but masked by the more abundant chlorophyll, begin to show through and give the leaves their brilliant fall colors.

During this time, carbohydrates are changed into sugars and transported from the leaves to the roots where they will be stored until spring. When the temperature drops to 45°F, or below, it interferes with the removal of sugars from the leaves. Some species produce anthocyanin (red, crimson, and purple) pigments that begin to form in the leaves’ sap in response to the accumulating sugars to help recover nutrients in the leaves before they fall off. Anthocyanins are very sensitive to pH changes in the leaf, and neutral or alkaline sap results in purple colors while acidic sap results in shades of red.

Perhaps the largest influence on the display is the weather. Warm sunny days and cool, but not freezing, nights provide the best colors. These conditions cause a more rapid and complete breakdown of chlorophyll. Low temperatures above freezing will also favor anthocyanin formation. However, early frost will weaken the brilliant red color and hasten the destruction of the yellow pigments. Strong winds and rain can also knock the leaves down before they have a chance to reach their peak colors. Clear, dry, and cool (but not freezing) days provide the best viewing opportunities.

The timing and duration of leaf-drop, as well as the color of the leaves, varies depending on the combination of sap pH, micro-environmental factors, elevation, latitude, pigment type, weather, sugar content, and species. It’s not surprising that the autumn landscape is never the same from year to year with all these variables!

By Andy Fedor  
Jacobsburg EE Center



## What My Office Can Do For You?

*By State Rep. Marcia Hahn  
138<sup>th</sup> Legislative District*



You might be surprised by the number of questions that can be answered simply by saying, "Call your state representative!" For instance, my district office staff is able to help you apply to and determine your eligibility for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. They can also help senior citizens complete applications for the PACE and PACENET programs.

They spend a great deal of time assisting constituents with PennDOT-related work, such as replacing lost cards, making changes and corrections to paperwork and obtaining special registration plates or temporary placards for persons with disabilities. They can also help you acquire original birth and death certificates.

While most state representatives' offices also do this work, there are two other services we have chosen and are proud to provide. On the second Wednesday of every month, Pennsylvania American Legion Specialist Christopher Crouse visits my district office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He is there to meet individually with veterans and discuss problems they may have or let them know of programs for which they may be eligible.

Subjects that can be discussed include service-connected disability compensation, surviving spouse pension, DD214s and VA healthcare. If you'd like to make an appointment to meet with Christopher in the future, please call the office at 610.746.2100.

Also, if you are enrolled in Medicare, you know the open enrollment period runs from Tuesday, Oct. 15, to Saturday, Dec. 7. This is a window of opportunity for participants to make changes to their supplemental plans and drug coverage.

During open enrollment, representatives from the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging will meet individually with enrollees every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at my district office to discuss their options, beginning Oct. 15. Please call 610.746.2100 to make an appointment. While Medicare is a federal program, I'm happy to make my state government office available to local officials.

A lot is happening at 196 W. Moorestown Road, the location of my district office. Please feel free to stop by, say hello to the members of my staff and check out the services that are available to you.

## School Property Tax Reform: Continuing the Fight

*By State Senator Mario Scavello  
40th Senatorial District*



I am writing to provide area residents with a straightforward assessment of where we have been and where we are headed with continued efforts to reform the outdated and burdensome school property tax.

I have introduced or co-sponsored school property tax elimination and reduction proposals going back 15 years, from plans that would have reduced school property taxes by 50% to current proposals like Senate Bill 76 that propose full elimination on all properties.

Following the overwhelming 2017 public vote in favor of expanding the Commonwealth's Homestead Exclusion Program, I introduced a bill that would eliminate school property taxes on all owner-occupied homes. As school property tax relief measures have faced resistance, I have also begun work on a proposal to provide relief specifically to seniors.

My pro-reform colleagues and I have all said until we are blue in the face – our seniors have not had children in school for decades and they are being forced to make critical decisions between such expenses as food and medication versus paying their property taxes. Despite years of paying their taxes faithfully, they never truly own their home. We need to diversify the ways we fund our schools.

No matter what approach we take, one fact remains to pass any proposal: you need the support of 26 Senators, 102 Representatives and a Governor willing to sign a bill.

Conversations have been held between Senate and House leadership over recent months to develop consensus on a reform proposal that could pass both chambers with the Governor's support. I also took part in a Senate policy hearing in August to help move these school property tax proposals forward.

If even one senior or family loses their home to school taxes, that's one too many. I am hopeful the Governor works with the Legislature to pass a proposal that provides real reform and actual relief, not just more dollars to the areas that already have them.

Politics is rarely an all-or-nothing game and, when it comes to school property taxes, I would rather a bite at the apple than no apple at all. Otherwise, we may find ourselves no closer to reform and having this same conversation in another 15 years.

My promise to you is that I will continue the fight. I hope others do the same.

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



# Memorial Library

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Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity  
295 East Center Street, Nazareth  
610-759-4932  
www.nazarethlibrary.org

There is ALWAYS something going on at the library – FREE programs and classes for ALL ages! You can find EVERYTHING on our new, easy-to-navigate website ([www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org)) –and stay up to date on all of our events by signing up for our online newsletter (click the Services menu and select Newsletter Subscription), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (these icons are in the upper left corner of every page!).

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS...The library is very excited to announce that Bushkill Township will host our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Touch a Truck event! On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding this annual event at the Bushkill Township Recreation Fields from 10am-2pm with more vehicles than ever before, PLUS we will have a Princess Pavilion, complete with two favorites: Merida & Anna, AND our favorite llama, Gabe!



- Other upcoming events include: Friends of the Library Book Sale • Cooking Class: Cooking on a Budget
- Family Craft Night • Monthly Building Tours • Cooking Class: Holiday Appetizers • Local Author, Christian Bensing Book Talk & Signing • Painting Classes (for both children and adults!) • Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild will present Haunted Story Telling for Adults • Renowned musicians Craig Thatcher & Nyk Van Wyk will perform • Card Making Class for Adults • Annual Holiday Raffle • Christmas in Nazareth • Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers (NASME) train display • In addition to these special events, don't miss our weekly drop-in programs for children (including Toddler Shake & Boogie which takes place at the Bushkill Township firehouse every Friday at 10:30am!), Tech Thursdays for adults, Teen Advisory Board meetings, and monthly book discussion groups.

Programs are constantly being added, please check our website events calendar!

## 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	610-146-2100
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:

Easton Hospital	610-250-4000
Lehigh Valley Hospital, Muhlenberg	610-402-8000
St Luke's Hospital, Anderson	484-503-3000



# Lost Dogs in Bushkill Township



Ever wonder what happens when a dog is lost in Bushkill Township? For over twenty-five years, resident **Doris Tamandl** has shared her love of dogs, volunteering with Bushkill Township and Northampton County organizations. Doris makes sure the Township kennels are always ready to accept lost pets. She has shoveled snow out, cleaned coops, hosed pens, provided bedding, provided food/water, and has even fostered a few pets not reunited with owners. After Police notified her, she visited the kennel many times a day, in all kinds of weather, making sure the animals were taken care of. From home she would call-in the "found dog" reports to the ASPCA, County Control, neighboring municipalities, and Vets, and would even place found ads in the local newspapers.

In the past, dogs not reunited with owners were taken to the ASPCA. As the shelter became no-kill, it became more difficult for them to house dogs, and our contracts with ASPCA ended. Many animal lovers have been involved helping with unclaimed pets. Kathy Andrews, Sue Henn, Homestead Kennels, Pets in Need, several breed-specific rescues, and those who foster dogs have worked together within their vast network of animal lovers. While Doris continues to work with the nationwide Low Cost Spay and Neuter Program and still checks and sweeps the Bushkill Township pens, **Stacy Kellner of Pibbles Paws ACO Stray Intake and non-profit Pibbles Paws Safe Haven Rescue** has been contracted to pick-up and care for our dogs. She is the Animal Control Officer for the Townships of Bushkill, Lower Nazareth, Plainfield, and Upper Nazareth and the Boroughs of Bath, Stockertown, Tamy, and Wind Gap. The facility is located at 545 Creek Road in Bath.

**PLEASE** make sure your pets are licensed and that the licenses and rabies tags are displayed on their collars. Consider micro-chipping your pets (your veterinarian can explain this inexpensive process). **If your pet goes missing**, immediately call Bushkill Township Police non-emergency number (610 759-9588), Northampton County Control (610 330-2200), and area shelters and veterinarians to report the loss and give a thorough description.



Oh yes, and if you see Doris Tamandl in your travels, give her a great big four paws up!

Mission: To provide high quality, low cost sterilization services for cats and dogs as a humane solution for pet overpopulation.  
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Includes shots, pain meds & e collar  
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Call for more information.

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## MARKET FAIRE & RENDEZVOUS

FAMILY FRIENDLY!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019: 10AM - 4PM**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019: 10AM - 3PM**  
**ADULTS \$7.00 - Free on-site parking**  
MEMBERS/ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY/SCOUTS/CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER: FREE

Market Faire Vendors of 18th & 19th Century Wares  
Fur Trade Era Living History Encampment  
Early American Arts & Crafts Exhibits with Demonstrations  
*LEATHERWORK, HORNWORK, GUNSMITHING,  
BLACKSMITHS, OUTDOOR COOKING, SHOEMAKER*

The Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, the 1832 J. Joseph Henry House,  
Summer Kitchen, Carriage Barn Exhibit, Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop, Blacksmith  
Shop Exhibit, and Henry Boat House Exhibit will be open during this event!

Located at 402-403 Henry Road, Nazareth PA - Just west off the Belfast exit of Route 33  
610-759-9029      WWW.JACOBSBURGHISTORY.COM      JACOBSBURG@RCN.COM

# 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.

## 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 pick-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 pick-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 pick-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.

## 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:

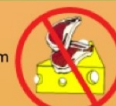
- Grass clippings
- Tree stumps
- Sod
- Large woody debris
- Lumber
- Plastic/other synthetic materials

Current Hours for local drop off are Monday thru 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 at the number below.

For additional info, 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>	





## 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 within the Township road rights-of-way, including mailboxes and parked cars, 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 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.



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**.



# Spotted Lanternfly

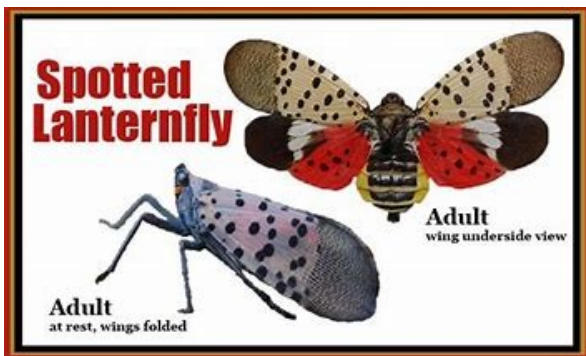


The Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*, has been reported by many residents in Bushkill Township and has been seen at most of the Township parks. This invasive planthopper is native to China, India, and Vietnam, and has been introduced to Korea.

The Lanternfly's preferred host is the Tree of Heaven, *Ailanthus altissima*, which is native to China and Taiwan. Tree of Heaven is another invasive species to this area and looks very similar to native species such as staghorn sumac and black walnut, butternut, and ash trees. A good way to tell Tree of Heaven from these other, native species is that its leaf margins are smooth and not serrated. Additionally, Tree of Heaven leaves have one distinctive notch at the base of the leaf margin just above the stem. Currently, Lanternflies seem to be concentrating their feeding on the Tree of Heaven, but the fear is that they will expand to crops, fruit bearing plants and trees, and other native plants. This could cause these plants to die due to the nature of how Lanternflies feed. When feeding, they suck the sap from the tree by puncturing the trunk with their proboscis (piercing mouthpart). They then excrete the sap as a liquid called "honeydew," which coats the side of the tree and anything underneath the tree. This "honeydew" begins as a clear liquid, but then grows a black sooty mold. If this black sooty mold covers plants or grass it will eventually cause the plant to die because it will no longer be able to photosynthesize.

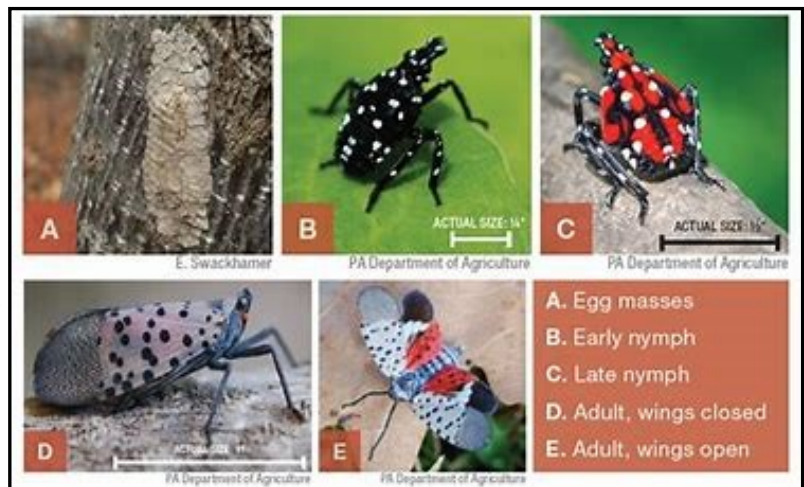
Currently, there are a few physical methods to control the Spotted Lanternfly. One way is to simply squash them. Lanternflies are not good fliers and they typically run out of energy after their third jump. Once out of energy, they are much easier to squash. Another way to control them is by using sticky tree bands on trees that the Lanternflies frequent. The tree bands are most useful

when the Lanternflies are in their nymph stage during late Spring and Summer because the nymphs cannot fly and are prevented from climbing up trees past the sticky bands. The bands are to be located at breast height and wrapped around the tree. The Lanternflies will stick to the bands as they attempt to climb the trees. Bands work best if they are located on trees that the Lanternflies will frequent, such as Tree of Heaven and Maples. At the end of the season, in the Winter and Spring, be sure to scrape off Lanternfly eggs from trees and other structures. This will reduce the number of Lanternflies that will hatch and damage plants the following season.



There are also a few insecticides that have been found to work well to control the Lanternflies. Sevin is an effective insecticide that is safe for fruit trees. This is a spray insecticide that will cover the tree and kill pests such as Spotted Lanternflies. Please read all directions before using this spray and carefully follow the label for application instructions, rates, and safety information. There are also a few systemic insecticides that will kill the Lanternfly. These systemic insecticides are injected into the tree. When the Lanternflies feed on the tree, they consume the insecticide, which causes them to die. The insecticide does not negatively affect the tree. One systemic insecticide ingredient that is commonly used is Imidacloprid. This ingredient mimics nicotine, which is a naturally occurring substance in many plants to repel and kill pests. Insecticides with a high rate of imidacloprid as an active ingredient should not be used on plants with edible parts or fruit. Imidacloprid should not be applied to shrubs or trees used by honeybees, as it will also kill them.

Research is currently being done to develop a more effective insecticide to kill the Spotted Lanternflies. Once developed, this should control the population of Lanternflies. These pests are not a danger to humans and cannot bite or pinch, but they are a possible threat to crops and produce in the area.



## Election Day: Tuesday, November 5

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



## Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center

### Community Programs

For more information on the programs below, call 610.746.2801 or email [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

#### Introduction to Fly Fishing

Saturday, October 12 at 10:00am to 4:00pm

Fly fishing can be a fun way to fish for the first time or it can present a new experience for seasoned anglers. Anyone ages 12 years and older with an interest in learning the basics of fly fishing is welcome. It is the perfect opportunity to learn fly fishing basics and meet other fly anglers. All equipment is provided. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Forks of the Delaware Chapter of Trout Unlimited & Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center are providing this FREE introduction to fly fishing program in partnership with the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Classroom instruction will start at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth, PA 18064. On water skills and fishing will be provided at a nearby pond on Bushkill Township "Preserved Open Space" located on Kromer Rd. approximately 3 miles from the center. Participants must provide their own transportation to the fishing site. NOTE: The fishing license requirement is waived during the program for participants age 16 and older. Participants should dress for outdoor weather. Bring your own lunch and snacks. The program will be held rain or shine. Registration required.

#### Family Night: Nighttime Creatures

Friday, October 25 at 6:30pm to 8:00pm

As the sun sets and we prepare for bed many animals are just waking up! Find out how these animals use senses other than sight to make their way through the nocturnal world. Most of the program will take place in darkness and will include a short hike. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight, red light filters will be provided. This program is best for ages 10 and up. Registration is required.

#### Five Week Intensive Art Workshop for Teens

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm to 8:30pm, November 5 to December 12

Learn from a professional artist who will teach unique painting and drawing processes! The students in the workshop will create a group installation piece inspired by nature and ecological issues for display at Jacobsburg's visitor center. Participants will also take part in environmental science lessons designed to inform and inspire the artwork. Artist in residence Melissa Perhamus will be leading the workshop along with center educators. Examples of her work can be viewed at her website listed below. This workshop is for teens ages 13-18 and attendance is required at all 10 sessions. The workshop is free. Registration is required.

The workshop will start November 5 and continue each Tuesday and Thursday evening until December 12, excluding the week of Thanksgiving.

#### Fishing Rods and Tackle Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fishing poles 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.

#### DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: 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.

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 three (3) days notice. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.



# Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company



## Breakfast with Santa

Dec 8th 7:30- 12:00  
See Facebook for  
More Info.

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 on your time of need.

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company needs you just as much.

Recently, the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives have released the SR6 report. The Pennsylvania Fire and Energy Services Institute has found that Volunteer EMS and Fire services are in crisis. The report cites that Pennsylvania has 2462 Fire Companies, with more than 90% being volunteer organizations. The report also cites the decline in volunteers:

1970s	300,000 volunteers
Early 2000's	60,000 volunteers
2018	38,000 volunteers

In addition, it was found that many towns have increasing residents and falling volunteers; further stressing the volunteers.

Volunteer EMS and fire companies save Pennsylvania residents about \$10 billion a year (Based on 2001 figure of \$6 Billion).

The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is still strong, thanks to our active volunteers, fundraisers, Township support, donations, and sponsorships. But we still need your continued support, going forward.

### How can you help?

You don't need to be a firefighter to join our family. We also have social and administrative positions available. Some of the social members handle kitchen and social hall assistance, auxiliary support for the firefighters at extended and adverse weather calls, website and fund raising to help purchase new trucks and equipment, just to mention a few support opportunities.

If you want to learn how to be a firefighter or work with EMS, we can help you with that, as well. Not only as a volunteer are you helping your community, but it appears First Responders will be eligible for tax breaks and school loan assistance in the near future.

Our Fire donation and EMS subscription mailers help the fire company, but also allow residents to take advantage of being a subscribed member should an emergency occur.

Please see our website for more information or come up to the Station for a visit on Monday or Wednesday nights. One of our members will show you around and be available to answer questions about community support, fire prevention, CPR training available to the public, interest in bringing fire trucks to birthday parties, our support for local cub scouts and boy scouts, the annual Carnival, the annual Santa Run, Fire Department breakfasts, and weekly bingo.



## Wednesday Night Bingo

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

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

\*Attendance may affect  
jackpot



## 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

# Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER 2019

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| Oct 11-13  | <b>Octoberfest</b><br>Steel Stacks, Bethlehem                        | October 22 | <b>Bath Halloween Parade</b> , 7:00—9:00pm   |
| October 12 | <b>Klecknersville Rangers' Craft Fair</b>                            | October 26 | <b>Nazareth Farmers' Market</b> , 9:00am—1:00pm                                    |
| October 19 | <b>Nazareth Halloween Parade</b> , 1:00pm                            | October 26 | <b>Jacobsburg Historical Society</b><br>Market Faire and Rendezvous                |
| October 19 | <b>Nazareth Farmer's Market</b><br>9:00am—1:00pm                     | October 26 | <b>Nazareth "Truck or Treat" Festival</b><br>Nazareth Borough Park, 12:00pm—4:00pm |
| October 19 | <b>Bushkill Ladies Auxiliary</b><br>Craft/Vendor show, 9:00am—2:00pm | October 31 | <b>Happy Halloween!</b><br>Bushkill Township Trick or<br>Treat 6:00—8:00pm         |
| October 19 | <b>Nazareth Fall Fest</b><br>Food trucks/crafts/music                |            |  |



## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2019

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| November 2-3  | <b>PA Bacon Fest</b> , 10:00am—6:00pm<br>Easton Downtown                    | December 8  | <b>Breakfast with Santa</b> , 7:30am—12:00pm<br>Bushkill Township Fire Hall                |
| November 3    | <b>Daylight Savings Time ends</b><br>Turn clocks back at 2:00am             | December 14 | <b>Christmas in Nazareth</b><br>Whitefield House, 11:00am-4:00pm                           |
| November 5    | <b>Election Day</b> —get out and vote!                                      | Dec 14-15   | <b>Jacobsburg Historical Society – A Very<br/>Special Christmas House Tours at Boulton</b> |
| November 11   | <b>Veterans Day</b><br>Municipal office closed                              | December 23 | <b>Happy Hanukkah!</b>   |
| Nov 22-Dec 22 | <b>Christkindlmarkt</b><br>At Steel Stacks in Bethlehem                     | December 24 | <b>Christmas Eve</b><br>Municipal office closed  |
| November 28   | <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b><br>Municipal office closed                       | December 25 | <b>Merry Christmas!</b><br>Municipal office closed   |
| November 29   | <b>Black Friday</b><br>Municipal office closed                              | December 31 | <b>New Year's Eve</b><br>Municipal office closed   |
| November 30   | <b>NACC Fall Craft Show</b><br>Northampton Community College Spartan Center |             |  |
| December 5    | <b>Nazareth Christmas Tree Lighting</b><br>Center Square, 7:00pm            |             |  |



## JANUARY—MARCH 2020

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| January 1   | <b>Happy New Year!!</b><br>Municipal office closed | February 17 | <b>Presidents' Day</b><br>Municipal office closed                  |
| January 20  | <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>                      | March 8     | <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b><br>Turn clocks ahead at 2:00am |
| February 14 | <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b>                      |             |  |

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

# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!  
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

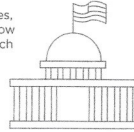
## Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



## It's about fair representation.

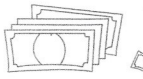
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



## It's in the constitution.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

## It's about \$675 billion.



The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

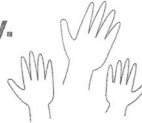


## It's about redistricting.

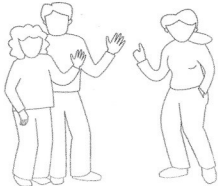
After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

## Taking part is your civic duty.

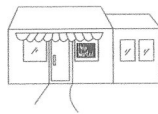
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



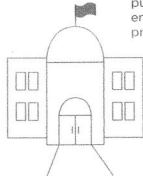
## Census data are being used all around you.



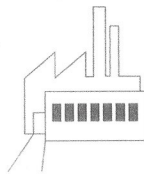
Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.



Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.



Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.



## Your privacy is protected.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other government agency.



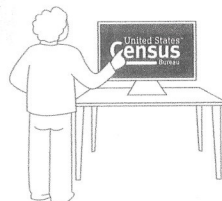
## 2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



## You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.



United States  
**Census**  
Bureau

FIND OUT HOW TO HELP  
AT [CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS](http://CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS)

United States  
**Census**  
2020

# The 2020 Census

## The 2020 Census is coming soon!

Every ten (10) years, the federal government conducts a population count, or census, of everyone in the United States. Data from this census provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds, annually, to communities across the country to support vital programs — including housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. In addition, it can also effect the number of representatives in our state and federal governments.

The information gathered through the questions asked in the census gives our local school districts, local governments, businesses, and policymakers in state and federal governments the information they need to make important decisions. These decisions may include: where to build schools, roads, and hospitals; where to build new stores and businesses; what products and services are needed in our area; and even what new policies or public programs would be helpful to our community.

You should receive your first mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau in late-March 2020. We ask that all of our residents reply to the census questionnaire, either in writing or online, for the good of our community!



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

## 2019 Winter Season Registration

will begin in November for Boys and Girls in various groups

## 2020 Spring Season Registration

will begin in January for Boys and Girls ages 4-18

Visit [www.nazrethsoccer.org](http://www.nazrethsoccer.org) for details

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

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







# *A Very Special Christmas at Boulton House Tours*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019**

**11 AM - 4 PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019**

**12 PM - 4 PM**

*Visit our beautifully decorated  
1832 J. Joseph Henry House!*

*1832 J. Joseph Henry House  
Summer Kitchen  
Nicholas Hawk Gunshop  
Early American Craft Center  
Pa. Longrifle Museum  
Carriage Shed Display  
Henry Boat House Display  
Blacksmith Shop Display*

*Cottage Style Doll House Raffle!*

*Enjoy refreshments  
including our  
famous Jacobsburg  
Brew!*

***Fun for the whole family!***

**Adults \$10**

**Children 12 & under are Free  
JHS Members, Active Duty Military  
& Scouts in Uniform are Free**

*Shop for unique  
items in our  
Museum Gift Shop.*

*Fresh greens  
available for sale in  
the barn*

Special Holiday J. Joseph Henry House Only Tour  
on Saturday, December 28, 2019, 11am-3pm  
Adult Admission \$5  
Snow Date Sunday, December 29 11am-3pm

**JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY & BOULTON HISTORIC SITE**

LOCATED AT 402-403 HENRY ROAD, NAZARETH PA JUST OFF THE BELFAST EXIT OF ROUTE 33

PHONE 610-759-9029 [WWW.JACOBSBURGHISTORY.COM](http://WWW.JACOBSBURGHISTORY.COM) EMAIL: [JACOBSBURG@RCN.COM](mailto:JACOBSBURG@RCN.COM)



## **Bushkill Township**

1114 Bushkill Center Road  
Nazareth, PA 18064



### ***Chairman's Corner***

*by Brien Kocher*



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

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



### ***Board of Supervisors***



Front Row (L-R): Julie Bender, Brien Kocher (Chairman), Carolyn Hill  
Back Row (L-R): Jason Smith (Vice-Chairman), Harrison Kline