

## The Rohns and Smiths Retire

After decades of volunteer service to the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company, Warren and Eileen Rohn and Arthur (Al) and Karen Smith have retired. Both couples were presented with Certificates of Appreciation at the March 15th Board of Supervisors meeting recognizing their years of dedicated service to the Fire Company. The Rohns and Smiths were fixtures within the Ambulance Corp., Fire Department, and Ladies Auxiliary, and served in various capacities over the decades. Aside from the Emergency Services that they provided, the Rohns and Smiths were involved with Bingo, Sunday Breakfast, the Annual Carnival, and many other fundraising activities that are critical to the Fire Company.

The Board of Supervisors would like to take this opportunity to wish Al and Karen the best of luck with their new endeavors and to wish Warren and Eileen a very happy retirement! Thanks for all that you have done for the community!



## Ordinance 2010-01 House Numbering Signs

House Numbering Signs are a vital tool for our Fire, Ambulance, Police, and Department of Public Works Responders in times of emergency. While many emergency responders and employees know all of our roads, we do employ seasonal and part-time staff who are not as familiar with every house and road in the Township. The emergency responders, especially our many dedicated volunteers, do not travel all of the roads in their jurisdiction on a daily basis and rely heavily on the House Numbering Signs to find locations of emergencies. If you have an emergency, seconds count! If a street is not clearly posted with a Street Name Sign or House Numbering Sign, response could be delayed and at great consequences. Help us ensure that this does not happen to you or your family. If you know of a street name sign that is missing, please contact the Township Office at 610-759-2758 to report it. Home owners are reminded that per Ordinance 2010-01 all residences are required to have reflective emergency response signs identifying the address. For a complete copy of the ordinance please contact 610-759-1250. Signs should meet all specifications within the ordinance to best avoid delays during an emergency. You may still purchase signs from at the Township Office.

### Board of Supervisors

Brien Kocher, Chairman; Cliff Bonney, Vice Chairman; Julie Bender; Jason Smith; and Howard Kostenbader. Brian Harris, Township Manager; Gary Asteak, Solicitor; Robert Collura, Engineer.

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



# First Regional Compost Authority

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

## 2012 Bushkill Township Yard Waste Drop Off Dates—Saturdays 8:00am—12:00pm



March 10	July 21
March 24	August 4
April 14	August 18
April 21	August 25
April 28	September 8
May 12	September 22
May 19	October 6
June 2	October 13
June 16	October 20
June 23	November 3
July 7	November 17

*For additional information or pickup please contact the Director of Public Works at 610.759.2758.*

# Memorial Library of Nazareth



The Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity is under new leadership after Library Director Lynn Snodgrass-Pilla's retirement in early 2012. After more than a decade of service, Lynn handed over the reins to Josh Berk of Bethlehem. Josh is a Lehigh Valley native, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's Masters in Library and Information Science program, and a long-time librarian at the Allentown Public Library.



"I'm thrilled to be given the opportunity to lead such a beautiful library and work with such a marvelous staff," Josh said. His particular areas of interest are technology and services to youth. He is happy to report that the library has exciting news in both areas.

On the technology front, MLNV has recently partnered with other area libraries to offer an "OverDrive" service, which lets library card-holders download free e-books from the library homepage straight to their computer or other device. Current best-sellers as well as children's books and even audiobooks can be downloaded onto iPads, Kindles, Nooks, or other e-readers. Just like with a regular library book, these are free to use for two weeks. Then (unlike regular books) they automatically are returned to the library's collection for the next borrower to enjoy! Visit [www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org) to learn more or borrow an e-book today.

One of the most exciting parts of the library's year is always the annual Summer Reading Program. Each summer, kids have a chance to complete a "reading challenge" to earn prizes and have fun. The more books you read, the more prizes you receive! This year's program theme is "Dream Big, READ!" and runs from June 11 to August 4. In addition to the reading challenge, the library hosts weekly events and activities designed to entertain and educate.

One exciting special event is already scheduled for June 27 at 6:30pm when the Philadelphia Zoo is coming to visit! The Philly Zoo will be visiting Nazareth to present their traveling zoo program "Up All Night." It'll be a really fun way to learn about nocturnal creatures and see some amazing animals up close. Be sure to register for the Summer Reading Program starting June 11 to be eligible to attend.

There are many, many more exciting things going on at the library every day. Call for more information at 610-759-4932 or visit [www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org) for details.

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# Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Polluted stormwater runoff is commonly transported through Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), from which it is often discharged untreated into local waterbodies (Sober's Run, Bushkill Creek and Monacacy Creek). In an effort to reduce harmful pollutants from being washed or dumped into our MS4 system, Bushkill Township offers the following recommendations for all residents and businesses:



## LAWN CARE

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves wash into storm sewers and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams. Remember not to overwater your lawn and consider using a soaker hose instead of sprinkler system. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and in the recommended amounts. Compost or mulch yard waste and cover excess topsoil piles to avoid erosion and sediment runoff. In most soils in our area, fertilizer is not necessary for a healthy lawn. Soil tests should be performed before adding fertilizers, which will save you

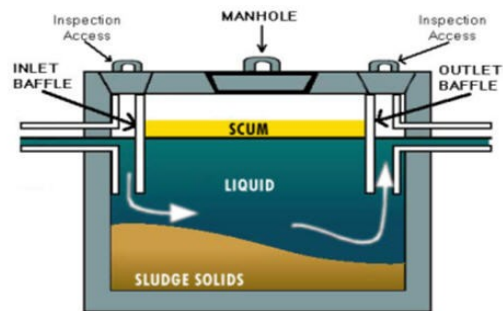
money and will save our local waterways from excessive algae growth and impacts to the sensitive, high quality aquatic environments they support.

## SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens that can be picked up by stormwater and discharged into nearby wells and waterbodies. Pathogens can cause serious health implications. It is important to remember to pump your tank sludge every three years or as recommended. Never dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets, as such wastes will likely get into your drinking water in your well.

## IMPROVEMENTS

- Permeable Pavement—Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground, and rely on storm sewer systems to transport and hold the excess runoff. Permeable pavement systems made of special concrete, asphalt, or pre-cast blocks allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground decreasing stormwater runoff and the need for additional controls that take up space. In many cases this infiltration decreases ice formation during the winter months. Many local suppliers and contractors now carry and install permeable pavement.
- Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales—Specific areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftops or paved areas can be diverted to these areas.
- Rain Barrels—Rain barrels are an excellent way to collect rainwater from rooftops for reuse later on lawns and garden areas. They may be purchased with hardware and instructions from the Township Office for \$15 each.



# FEMA Floodplain Mapping

Congress established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) due to escalating costs to taxpayers for flood disaster relief. The NFIP is based on agreement that if a community practices sound floodplain management, the Federal Government will make flood insurance available to residents in that community.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of revising the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Northampton County. The maps are being revised using the latest technologies and the most current data so residents, business owners, and community officials may understand the local flood risk. The revised flood maps will be adopted in 2013. **It is imperative that any residents currently in the floodplain, or in a flood prone area visit [www.rampp-team.com/pa.htm](http://www.rampp-team.com/pa.htm) to determine what impact the map revisions will have on your property. Flood insurance policies may be purchased from any licensed property insurance agent or broker who is in good standing with the State. Call 800-720-1093 or visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) for information on the National Flood Insurance Program.**

# 2012 Clean-Up Day—May 4 & 5

The 2012 Clean-up Day will be held on Friday, May 4 from 8am to 3pm & Saturday, May 5 from 7am to 12pm.

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

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

### Items NOT Accepted :

**Paint, Batteries, Chemicals (of any kind), TV's, Computers, Printers, Appliances containing Freon (Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, & Dehumidifiers).**

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

### Tire Fees:

- Car Tire (NO Rim) ~ \$3 per tire
- Car Tire (Rim) ~ \$5 per tire
- Truck Tire (NO Rim) ~ \$11 per tire
- Truck Tire (Rim) ~ \$15 per tire



In conjunction with the Clean-Up Day, the Bushkill Environmental Advisory Council will once again be sponsoring a booth at the Clean-Up Day on May 5. From 7am –12pm, the EAC will offer Township residents well water testing and rain barrel design and construction. Rain barrels and associated hardware are available for residents to purchase through the Township. Rain barrels are an excellent way to retain stormwater for future use and to minimize impacts on local waterways. If you are interested in purchasing a rain barrel or have any questions, please contact the Public Works at 610.759.2758.

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

## 2012 E-Cycling Events

The Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development conducts annual electronic recycling (E-Cycling) events throughout the year. Electronic wastes include computers, monitors, printers, copiers, keyboards, mice, scanners, televisions, cell phones, laptops, telephones, household batteries, answering machines, stereos and consumer electronics. Electronic waste accounts for 70% of all toxic waste in landfills due to the lead, mercury, cadmium, zinc and brominated flame retardants used in the manufacturing process.

We encourage all residents to dispose of electronic waste at the following events:

- May 19, 2012 from 9am—2pm at the Easton High School Parking Lot
- June 9, 2012 from 9am—12pm at the Moore Township Municipal Building
- June 23, 2012 from 9am—12pm at the First Regional Compost Authority—6701 Weaversville Road
- September 22, 2012 from 9am—2pm at the Nazareth Intermediate School

Any questions regarding the E-Cycling events can be directed to Tom Dittmar, Environmental Conservation Coordinator for Northampton County at 610-559-3200.



## Keepsake Farm & Dairy Relocates to Bushkill

Bushkill Township welcomes Keepsake Farm to the area! The farm is owned and operated by John and Amanda Place, and is located at 703 West High Street. Hours of operation are Thursday and Friday 12pm-6pm and Saturday 9am-4pm. Products include raw milk, artisan cheeses, poultry products, eggs and rose veal (visit [www.keepsakefarms.com](http://www.keepsakefarms.com)). Keepsake Farm operates as a farmstead on a 13 acre parcel in the Medium Density Residential District in Bushkill Township. Small, specialized agricultural operations have proven to be a viable alternative for preservation of open space in the face of more common residential and commercial development. In addition to farmsteads, other permitted agricultural uses by right in the MDR District include crop farming, animal husbandry, plant nursery and greenhouses. Many farms and farmsteads in our region offer high quality produce and goods, including many organic products. Buying local has proven to be very effective for preserving farmland and open space, as well as reducing travel time, expenses, and related environmental impacts. Nazareth Borough and the City of Easton both offer farm markets during spring, summer, and fall weekends. Visit <http://www.buylocalpa.org/lehighvalley> for details. For more information about Keepsake Farm, visit [www.keepsakefarms.com](http://www.keepsakefarms.com).

## TreeVitalize Grant Award

Bushkill Township worked hard to get grant funding in 2012 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to “Treevitalize” areas surrounding the Municipal Building and the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company. Bushkill Township Public Works Employees, Environmental Advisory Council members and members of Boy Scout Troop 44 planted the twenty trees on Saturday, April 21st for Earth Day Weekend. The plantings were a mix of oak species and linden. Thanks to the all the volunteers who showed support and helped Treevitalize!



With winter’s hardest weather no doubt behind us, more and more Pennsylvanians will take to the roadways with the coming of spring. This time of increased traffic is a good time to remind ourselves of some rules of the road that we often forget. The new texting bill took effect in early March. Act 98 prohibits sending, reading or writing text messages on interactive wireless communication devices for all drivers while operating a vehicle. I voted with many of my House colleagues to amend the original legislation on the House floor and strike out the secondary enforcement language, thus making enforcement of text messaging a primary offense with penalty of a \$50 fine. This means that an officer can make a traffic stop of any person suspected of texting while driving.

Pennsylvania’s requirement that motorists turn on their headlights anytime their vehicle’s wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to weather or other atmospheric conditions such as fog or mist is nearly five and a half years old. Motorists who do not comply with the law could face a fine of \$25, but with fees and other associated costs, the penalty would approach \$100. Act 113 of 2006 mandates that motorists move into the far lane on the highway if possible when approaching an emergency response situation being dealt with on the berm of the highway. If you can’t move into that lane, you need to slow to a safe speed, in order to protect the lives of the people who are doing their job on the highway. Anyone convicted of jeopardizing the safety of these individuals faces fines of up to \$250.

While the school year is coming to a close, keep in mind that motorists need to stop at least 10 feet away when you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and its stop arm extended. You must also stop when you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended. You may not move your vehicle until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm has been withdrawn and all the children have reached a place of safety. Spring is a beautiful time of year in the Lehigh Valley. Let’s all adhere to these common sense rules and make it a happy and safe time of year.

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## Bushkill Township Police—S.M.A.R.T. about Speeding

The Bushkill Township Police Department owns and operates a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer, (S.M.A.R.T.). With warm weather around the corner, people will be delving to the outdoors to rid those winter blues. The Bushkill Township Police Department will be out to remind drivers to obey posted speed limits in an attempt to keep pedestrians and motorists of Bushkill Township safe. Assisting in this effort will be the use of the Department's Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer. Drivers approaching a speed radar trailer will see the posted speed limit displayed, as well as their speed as detected by the radar gun within the trailer. The trailer also has the capability of recording the total number of vehicles and their average speeds during the times it is monitoring traffic. The Bushkill Township Police Department will be placing the speed radar trailer in various locations throughout the Township, depending on such variables as previous history of motor vehicle accidents, requests from the public and frequent speeding citations. The use of a speed radar trailer aids in educating the public, especially the driver who may be unaware exactly how fast they are going. While traffic enforcement through visible patrols and traffic citations remains an important component of our overall traffic safety strategy, the use of our speed radar trailer bolsters our efforts to reduce speeding through education. **Residents who would like the speed radar trailer placed in their neighborhoods are invited to make a request by calling the department and filing a formal request at 610.759.9588.**



The Bushkill Township Police Department has again secured funding to assist in the purchasing of four ballistic vests for its police officers through the Bureau of Justice Assistance Program. Corporal Scott Dempsey manages the application and fundamentals of the grant and has secured \$17,618 in funding since December of 1999. The life cycle of a ballistic vest is five years. The federal funds used in the Bureau of Justice Assistance Program covers half of the cost for a new vest. The Bushkill Township Police Department mandates that all officers wear their ballistic vests while on duty to ensure each officer's safety.

## Open Space Acquisitions and Northampton County Farmland Preservation



The Bushkill Township Open Space Program continues to be successful, with several conservation easements and acquisitions secured, recently. Thanks to David and Linda Brewer, a conservation easement was placed on the majority of their farm which is located along Knauss Road and Route 946. With the a tributary to the East Branch Monacacy Creek paralleling Knauss Road, preservation of the Brewer Farm was a priority. Bushkill Township also purchased the Lynn Farm which is located off of Keller Road and is adjacent to Jacobsburg State Park and other easements. The Lynn Farm was a priority, as it will serve as a nice buffer to Sobers Run and the adjacent Bushkill Township Trail which is currently under construction. The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the Brewers and Lynns for their interest in preserving the natural resources that Bushkill Township has to offer.

Northampton County Farmland Preservation is currently partnering with municipalities that have a dedicated Earned Income Tax for funding farmland preservation within those same municipalities. By partnering with local municipalities, Northampton County is able to preserve farms that have historically not received funding due to lower quality soils and other less desirable attributes.

Bushkill Township is committed to partnering with Northampton County Farmland Preservation and we are actively pursuing farms for consideration. By partnering with Northampton County Farmland Preservation, Bushkill Township may share the costs associated with farmland preservation and maximize the use of the tax dollars generated at the local level. To take advantage of this new opportunity, farms in Bushkill Township must be enrolled to indicate interest and for the Township to dedicate the required matching funds. If you are interested in the farmland preservation program, we encourage you to attend the Environmental Advisory Council meetings which are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Based on our experiences to date with enrolled landowners, we trust that you will find the program worthwhile.



## Jacobsburg Historical Society

The Jacobsburg Historical Society is a member supported nonprofit dedicated to preserving and presenting the art and industry of early American firearms and the individuals and community that created and sustained that enterprise. The JHS makes its home at the Boulton Historic Site which is adjacent to Jacobsburg State Park

The Boulton Historic Site will open for the 2012 Season on Saturday, May 5 from 9am to 5pm. Events include early American craft education demonstrations, hands-on arts and crafts for kids of all ages, self-guided and docent-led tours, annual plant sale and garden fundraiser and many more exciting events.

### SAVE THE DATE

- JHS Camp Outs-Saturday overnights May 12, June 9, September 8, October 13
- Rifle Frolic and Market Day (Saturday and Sunday, June 16 & 17)
- Picnic at Boulton (Saturday, August 25)
- Blackpowder Golf Tournament (Monday, October 15)
- JHS Annual Meeting (Thursday, November 8)
- Wreath Making Fundraiser (TBD - November)
- Christmas at Boulton (Saturday, December 8)

### Winemaking in Early America

Join us at 5:30pm Opening Day for a special presentation on Wine-making in Early America based on the recent book by Don Becker and Damian Siekonic. Books will be available and the seating is limited to 40 people.

### Visit the Museums

PA Longrifle Museum, John Joseph Henry House & Summer Kitchen and the Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop.

## Fire Company News

The Fire Company welcomed new officers in 2012. Ronald Manning was elected as President, along with James Sandt as Vice President, Jules Horton as Secretary, Brian Stahl as Fire Chief, and Kevin Reph as Assistant Chief. On the Emergency Medical Services side, Casey Zelena was elected as Captain, Brian Cole as First Lieutenant, Connie Manning as Second Lieutenant, Melanie Deemer as Safety Officer, and Peggy Rybasack as Secretary. The building expansion is almost complete and will be ready for use in the near future. Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company holds many fundraisers throughout the year, including:

- Breakfast - the second Sunday of every month from September through May, with Santa in December and the Easter Bunny in the spring.
- Bingo - every Wednesday, with the doors opening at 5pm and bingo starting at 7pm with a weekly jackpot of \$1,000!!
- Car Show - May 5, 2012, with a rain date of May 12, 2012
- 5 weeker - twice a year, in April and October
- Annual Carnival - August 1-4, 2012

Individuals interested in volunteering or obtaining additional information should contact the Fire Company at 610.759.2274 or visit [www.btvfc.com](http://www.btvfc.com).



## BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Nazareth Area Soccer Club

Nazareth Soccer Club (NSC) is a non-profit group that promotes and develops an interest in soccer among the young people in the Nazareth area by supporting, organizing and operating competitive and developmental soccer teams for children. The team atmosphere fosters life skills and socialization at crucial developmental ages. The soccer sessions are healthy, informative and FUN! The many positive aspects of the sport diversify and enhance the children's learning experience.

NSC was formed in 1994 and provides soccer instruction for boys and girls, ages 3-18. The club offers exposure to a broad competitive spectrum, ranging from our Micro Program with player development led by Andy Hilarczyk for the younger age groups (U4-U9) to our Classic Program led by Rob Berkowitz (U10 and above), which offers recreational to highly competitive area league play. NSC manages one of the largest 'Micro' Soccer Programs in the area, and provides instruction to nearly 400 young players in both the Fall and Spring seasons. Our Micro Program applies popular age-appropriate soccer games, drills and exercises from around the globe. It is an individual skill based program with small-sided play being the focal point and is designed to ensure players are in a fun and stimulating environment to promote growth through autonomy. The program is a small-sided format and games are played in-house to ensure maximum contact with the ball and comfort with the field environment. These are the recommendations of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the nation's governing soccer body, and the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the governing body for US Youth Soccer, and our state organization, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA). These organizations and Nazareth Soccer Club do not support travel soccer at the younger ages. We are proud to be a club that conforms to the guidelines prescribed by our country's top soccer minds.

We have recently launched a new website, [www.nazarethsoccer.org](http://www.nazarethsoccer.org), and continue to reach out to the area community to find Open Space for our youngest players in our growing Micro Program. We would like to thank area businesses for their contributions as sponsors and our dedicated families that help our program be such a success. We are looking forward to a successful 2012 Spring Season!

