

Bushkill Township 200th Anniversary 1813-2013



COME AND CELEBRATE the 200th Anniversary of Bushkill Township with fellow residents and friends on **August 17, 2013**. A highlight of the day will be a free trolley ride tour to important and historic sites throughout the Township. For long-time residents, it will bring back old time memories. For those who are newcomers, or those who just haven't had the time, it will be the perfect opportunity to learn about our rich history, as well as present day projects occurring in our beautiful Township. An extensive photo display will further enhance the experience and the committee is currently looking for vintage photos of Bushkill Township. Please contact Charles Finady at 610-759-4630 or Doris Tamandl at 610-759-4918 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendar now for **August 17**...and watch for details...our plans include something for everyone and it promises to be a great day of celebration!

COMMEMORATIVE and COLLECTIBLE ITEMS are available at the township office, including: Westerwald Pottery stoneware crocks (\$20) and pitchers (\$22); "History of Bushkill Township, Pennsylvania 1813-2007" book written by the late James A. Wright (\$10), license plates featuring the anniversary logo (\$6), commemorative metal pins also featuring the logo (\$3, or 2 for \$5), and "2013 Past Memories Calendars" full of treasured vintage photos from the 1800s-1990s (\$10)



VETERANS REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, May 26, 2013 at 1pm

Veteran's Memorial Flagpole



Bushkill Township Recreation Fields, Bushkill Center Road

MAKE A DEDICATION to a special veteran (living or deceased) who has served in the United States military. Individual flags will be placed at the flagpole and the dedicated names will be read aloud during the program which will conclude with a Flag Retirement Ceremony, "Taps" and the laying of a wreath at the flagpole. Special guests and participants include Northampton County Veterans Affairs Director Freddie Ramirez, Jr. and Author and Morning Call Editor David Venditta, Nazareth Area Community Chorus, and Boy Scout Troops of Bushkill Township.

Dedication order deadline is May 10...please make checks payable to Bushkill Township and mail to or drop off at: Bushkill Township Municipal Building, 1114 Bushkill Center Road, Nazareth, PA 18064.

The event is part of Bushkill Township's Anniversary...participation is open to everyone.

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

Dedications \$5.00 - Check one: _____ in memory of **OR** _____ in honor of

Veteran's Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Number of Dedications: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

FRCA & Hurricane Sandy Clean-up

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. The FRCA is governed by five (5) local townships and was originally formed to recycle yard waste. www.frcaweb.org/.

2013 Bushkill Township Yard Waste Drop Off Dates—Saturdays 8am-12pm



March 9	May 18	August 3	October 12
March 23	June 1	August 17	October 19
April 13	June 15	August 24	November 2
April 20	June 29	September 7	November 16
April 27	July 6	September 21	
May 11	July 20	October 5	

If you have any questions regarding yard waste please contact the Public Works Director at 610.759.2758. Five hundred tons of brush were taken to the Bushkill Township Yard Waste Facility as a result of Hurricane Sandy Cleanup.



Members of the General Assembly are appointed to serve on various committees as part of the legislative process. It is at this level legislation gets voted for consideration by the full House. We submit our committee preferences, which are based on areas of expertise and interest or issues which pertain to our particular district. For the 2013-14 session, I have been appointed to serve on the following four committees: Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Game and Fisheries, Health, and Tourism and Recreational Development.

- The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee oversees the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. We have an active farming community in Northampton County, and I am pleased to be returning to this committee and being a voice in Harrisburg for agriculture in my district.
- The Game and Fisheries Committee serves as an intermediary between the General Assembly and both the Pennsylvania Game and Fish and Boat commissions. Last session's debate over the issue of Sunday hunting brought out a significant number of opinions on both sides of the fence in my district, which demonstrated the passion our neighbors have for their sport.
- The Health Committee deals with health and welfare issues. The committee's importance to me includes being a gate through which welfare fraud legislation passes. We need to ensure the money we allocate for welfare ends up in the hands of those who truly need it, which means looking to ensure the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars in this area.
- The Tourism and Recreational Development Committee regulates an industry that has a total economic impact of \$32.9 billion annually on the state's economy, provides more than 433,000 travel- and tourism-related jobs in Pennsylvania and generates more than \$3 billion in travel- and tourism-related state and local tax revenues that bolster our state and our communities. My close relationship with our local chambers of commerce will be an asset in serving on this committee.

The 2013-14 legislative session figures to include exciting and challenging opportunities. I look forward to serving on these committees and moving meaningful legislation through them and on to the floor of the state House.

2013 Clean-up Day—May 3&4

The 2013 Clean-up Day will be held on Friday, May 3 from 8am to 3pm & Saturday, May 4 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 was 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, see note).

Items NOT Accepted :

Paint, Batteries, Chemicals (of any kind), Electronics of any kind, Appliances containing freon (e.g. Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, & Dehumidifiers).

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

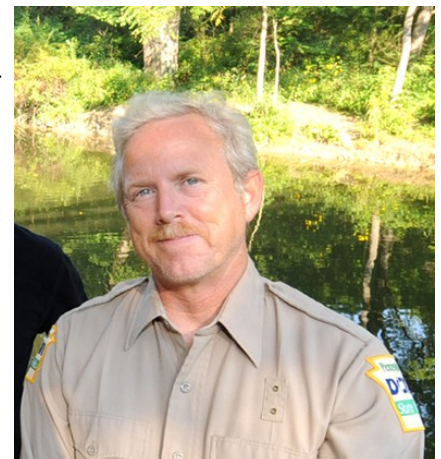


In conjunction with the Clean-Up Day, the Bushkill Environmental Advisory Council will once again be sponsoring a booth at the Clean-Up Day on May 4. From 7am –12pm, the EAC will offer Township residents well water testing and rain barrels. Rain barrels and associated hardware will be available for residents to purchase on-site, including optional installation of valves and other hardware. 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.

William Sweeney Retires

Long time Environmental Advisory Committee member and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) employee, William Sweeney, recently retired in 2013. Bill served as the Environmental Education Supervisor for Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center at Jacobsburg State Park and was employed by DCNR for nearly 20 years. In this capacity, Bill was responsible for facilitating training workshops and community outreach and education for local watersheds. In addition, Bill served on the Bushkill Township Environmental Advisory Council for 10 years and acted as the DCNR liaison to the Northampton County Conservation District, Bushkill Stream Conservancy, local universities, and various land trusts in our region. We cannot thank Bill enough for his many years of service and wish him well in his retirement.



Tire Fees:

Car Tire (NO Rim) ~ \$3 per tire

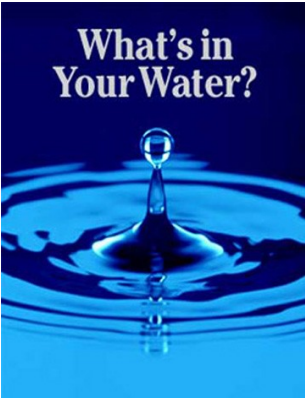
Car Tire (Rim) ~ \$5 per tire

Truck Tire (NO Rim) ~ \$11 per tire

Truck Tire (Rim) ~ \$15 per tire

Tires larger than a Pick-up Truck Tire ~ \$20 per tire





Safe Drinking Water

Nearly all residents in Bushkill Township depend on groundwater for their basic drinking water supply. Having a basic understanding about groundwater quality will help ensure that your well is supplying safe drinking water for your household. Along with human activities, water quality is affected by a combination of natural processes, mostly relating to chemical compositions underground. However, other factors such as biological, physical, and radiological conditions can affect water quality as well.

Public drinking water supplies are required, by law, to be free from microbial pathogens. However, private residential water well systems, while also vulnerable to contamination from bacteria, have no governmental oversight. If you rely on a private well, it is your responsibility to ensure the water is safe to drink. You should inspect the condition of your well, regularly, and test a water sample every one (1) to two (2) years. More frequent testing is recommended when: well condition is poor; the well has been inundated with floodwater; the septic system has malfunctioned; abandoned wells or feed yards are located nearby; or visitors have complained of stomach or intestinal distress. A common misconception is that water softeners, carbon/charcoal filters, and pH neutralizers make your water safe to drink. These types of systems do not treat bacteria or nitrates (health-related contaminants), however, and merely treat the aesthetics in the groundwater (bad taste, staining, scaling, and corrosivity).

For the convenience of our residents, the Bushkill Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is sponsoring a Community Well-Testing Day through our partnership with the ALS Environmental laboratory (ALS). Water sampling kits will be on sale at the Township Clean-up Day on **Saturday, May 4** from 7am to 12pm. The EAC will have a marked, designated area at the entranceway to the Lucas Lane recreation field parking lot. Directions for sample collection will be provided with each sampling kit. You **MUST** drop off the samples on **Monday, May 6** from 7am to 10am at the Bushkill Township Municipal Building for sample results to be legally viable. The kits are \$31 and include one (1) total coliform and one (1) nitrate test, each. Cash only. Please bring exact change.

Each kit will also contain literature to interpret the results of the testing and for treatment of well water impacted by either bacteria or nitrates. PLEASE NOTE: The laboratory does not provide any water treatment systems and is not associated with any water treatment companies. If you decide to have you well tested, your results will be kept private with the laboratory and will not be shared with anyone or any companies. The Bushkill Township water well sampling program is being provided to test your well for health concerns only (bacteria and nitrates) and not aesthetics (i.e., hardness, pH, total dissolved solids, etc.).

Open Space Acquisitions

The Bushkill Township Open Space Program continues to be highly successful. In addition to the Ballas acquisition, Bushkill Township acquired a 32 acre conservation easement on the Steiner parcel. The wooded parcel is divided by the West Branch of Sobers Run which is designated as a High Quality stream and is a priority for preservation. Located along Baron Road, the tract was originally part of the Frank and Marion Thompson Farm located off of Belfast Road. The farm served as a Summer home for Dr. Thompson who practiced family medicine in Nazareth. Thanks to Richard and Roberta Steiner, the valuable natural resources will remain protected in this area.

Bushkill Township is committed to open space preservation and we are actively pursuing properties for consideration. If you are interested in the preservation program, we encourage you to attend the Environmental Advisory Council meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month at 7pm.



Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

The construction of Jacobsburg's new education facility is well underway, and we look forward to hosting many programs once the building is complete. Until then, join our staff for many exciting and informative programs this spring. For those who wish to get their weekly dose of exercise, join Environmental Education Specialist, Lauren Forster, after work for "Tuesday Trails at Jacobsburg." These free weekly hikes are each Tuesday March 19 through May 28 from 5:30 to 7:30pm and are 2 to 2.5 miles over uneven terrain. Hikers should wear sturdy boots or shoes and bring water. Routes and meeting locations will vary each week. Keep your Thursdays in April open (April 4, 11, 18,



and 25) for our "Drinking Water Education Series" from 7-8pm. Could your drinking water be at risk? This four-part series will focus on where our water comes from, how it gets to us, what factors could compromise its quality, and how you can ensure that clean water is available for yourself and future generations. Celebrate "Earth Day Weekend at Jacobsburg" on Saturday, April 20. From 10-11am join us for "Bountiful Backyards!" Learn about harvesting rain water, composting yard waste and cultivating native plants that can help you turn your backyard into a healthy habitat to share with wildlife. Learn how to make your backyard more bountiful with real examples and instruction from the education staff at Jacobsburg. From 11am to 3pm join us for "Jacobsburg Stewardship Day." Help Jacobsburg

Environmental Education Center celebrate Earth Day by participating in one of the many stewardship projects in the park, including invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, native plant plantings, butterfly garden clean-up, litter pick-ups, and more. To register for these programs or for more information, contact Rick Wiltraut at rwiltraut@pa.gov, 610.746.2810 or Lauren Forster at jacobsburgeeprograms@pa.gov, 610.746.2809. For a list of additional programs, you can pick-up a brochure at our current office location: 835 Jacobsburg Road, Wind Gap, PA 18091 or visit our calendar online at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/> and click on "What to Do" and "Calendar of Events." If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

Bushkill Township Police Department

The Bushkill Township Police Department conducts systematic safety inspections of commercial vehicles traversing our local highway system. These safety details include weighing and inspecting trucks, and checking the operators for potential violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. The officers that conduct the safety inspections have all received training and certification in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Motor Carrier Safety Alliance Program (MCSAP). The two week training course is specific to the Federal requirements that regulate the trucking industry. Officers who have completed the program are able to inspect both the vehicle and driver for potential safety violations. Officers also receive training through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) during a four-day school for the measuring and weighing of commercial motor vehicles. Upon successfully completing the training courses, officers are permitted to stop commercial vehicles on a systematic basis, rather than on a violation or probable cause basis.



Chairman Brien Kocher swearing in new patrolman, Dan Marino, at the March Board of Supervisors meeting.

Fire Company News

The Bushkill Township Fire Company is settling in to their new addition, which consists of an apparatus room, social quarters, and second floor office space. The addition provided much needed space and is capable of holding six fire trucks and contains new headquarters for the Emergency Medical Services staff. Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company holds many fundraisers throughout the year, including: Breakfasts - 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!, 5 weeker - twice/year, in April and October and the Annual Carnival. Individuals interested in volunteering or obtaining additional information should contact the Fire Company at 610.759.2274 or visit www.btvfc.com. Please consider supporting your local fire company.

In addition, the Fire Company would like to remind residents about the **House Numbering Ordinance**. 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 Public Works Department 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 the Township Office.



2013 Fall Season Registration
will begin in May for Boys and Girls ages 4-18
Check us out at www.nazarethsoccer.org



CONGRATULATIONS...

To our U16 Boys for being the Winners of the Blue Mountain Garcia Cup!

After coaching many of his players for over eight years, Coach Gerry Petrozelli's Nazareth U16 Boys Team celebrated an undefeated season by winning the Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League Garcia Cup Tournament on November 3, 2012. They defeated every opponent they faced on their way to being awarded the trophy. Congratulations for Coach Petrozelli and his

players: Sahil Arora, Issac Bachert, Braden Hubler, Michael Carhart, Adam Cobrinik, Christopher De Mena, Amirbehnam Farbod, Omeed Farbod, Patrick Frazier, Jonathan Freed, Nicholas Korner, Blake Kreider, William Livermore, Conner McCrone, Cameron Ohrwashel, Zachary Pascaros, Pierce Petrozelli, Michael Salmento, Kyle Strawn, Victor Tavares, Anthony Termini, Joel Todero, and James Whitmire.



Corporate Sponsorships are currently available. If you are interested, please contact us at info@nazarethsoccer.org. Thank you to all of our current sponsors and volunteers!

Bushkill Township Receives \$975,000 in Open Space Funding from DCNR and Northampton County



Thanks to a \$656,000 grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and a \$300,000 grant from Northampton County, Bushkill Township acquired the 91-acre Ballas tract located along Kromer and Jacobsburg Road. The property will eventually become a passive park area for local residents to enjoy walking, hiking, fishing, bird watching, and other passive use outdoor activities. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources also awarded the Township a grant in the amount of \$19,200 to prepare a Master Site Plan with public input and involvement to determine park layout, uses, and supporting facilities.

The Bushkill Township Supervisors and Environmental Advisory Council had worked diligently for several years to make this park a reality for our residents. Special thanks is also extended to the Heritage Conservancy and to Dr. Christopher Ballas, who wanted the land preserved for public use and in memory of his late father.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

The Northampton County Department of Community & Economic Development Office will be hosting two Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off events in 2013 at no charge to residents of Northampton County. The events will be held at the Northampton Community College Main Campus in Bethlehem Township, located at the entrance on Green Pond Road.

Saturday, June 1 - 8:30am-2:00pm and Saturday, October 12 - 8:30am-2:00pm

Household hazardous wastes accepted include adhesives, aerosol cans, antifreeze, automotive fluids/cleaners, batteries, compressed gas, fluorescent lights, flammable/combustible fluids, fire extinguishers, herbicides/pesticides, household cleaners, mercury containing products, motor oil/filters, oil-based paints (No Latex Paint), pool chemicals, and thermostats. For more information please contact Tom Dittmar at 610.559.3200 (Ext. 4) or via e-mail at:

tdittmar@northamptoncounty.org

Bushkill Township Trail Now Open

The Bushkill Township Trail officially opened this Spring! Thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the nearly three-mile long trail spans from Jacobsburg State Park north to a trail-head located along State Route 512. The PPL Corporation sold the land for this trail to Bushkill Township for \$1.00, and the Township in turn granted an access easement to PPL to maintain the electrical lines, as needed. The trail-head, which Bushkill Township acquired from Harry Erhardt, was constructed in 2012 and has ample parking and an area to picnic.

Bushkill Township converted the former railroad right-of-way within the PPL Transmission Line Corridor to a non-motorized recreational trail. The rail-trail is 10-12' in width and is finished with a crushed limestone surface to allow for hikers, bikers, joggers, mountain bikers, walkers, and others for passive recreational uses. Thanks to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the PPL Corporation and Mr. Harry Erhardt, this Township sponsored trail project became a reality.



BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors

Townships are among the oldest political subdivisions in Pennsylvania and are the most common form of municipal government. The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors are elected to six-year terms of office. Supervisors play the central role in local government and are responsible for providing emergency services, recreational opportunities, enacting ordinances, formulating and adopting budgets, approving expenditures, hiring employees and guiding the future of the Township. The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors are committed to making Bushkill Township a great place to reside and raise a family.

Photo (left to right): Rear—Howard Kostenbader and Jason Smith; Front—Julie Bender, Brien Kocher, and Carolyn Hill



Board of Supervisors

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

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