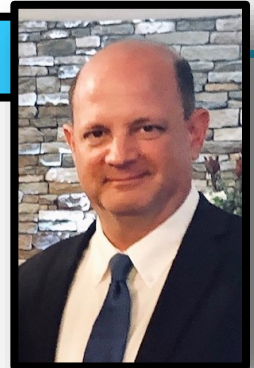


Bushkill Township

Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



While many of us are looking forward to the end of this year's dark and very snowy winter season, it is important for us to recognize the dedicated and talented Public Works Department employees of our Township. While we were safe at home, or possibly travelling on our roadways, our Public Works Department was spending many hours away from their own homes and families to keep our roadways open and passable. Snow and ice on our roadways require heavy equipment and roadway salt spreaders, operated by our staff, to keep our travelling public safe. Please join me in thanking them for keeping our roadways open and safe during a tough winter season.

When they are not out taking care of winter roadway clearing, our Public Works Department is very busy with construction and maintenance operations on our highways, parks, and Township facilities. Roadways require a great deal of maintenance to keep them functional and safe. Our crews work on maintaining the stormwater management systems along the roadways. They replace pipes and keep road shoulders and swales open to keep stormwater off our roads. They patch potholes, replace signs, and repave bad sections of roads. Our talented staff is also capable of completely rebuilding our roads, which you may have noticed over the last several years. This is all accomplished under the professional direction of our Foreman, Mr. Peter Yotter. Peter's staff can operate the trucks, excavators, rollers, and pavers that keep our highways functioning. They also operate the leaf collection equipment that helps many of our residents during the fall.

Our parks and recreation system throughout the Township is widely used by our residents. Public Works helps mow and maintain the active recreation fields to keep them playable and professional looking. They have built trails, parking lots, and children's' play equipment. They also assist with the upkeep and operations of our passive recreational areas which are heavily used by our residents and visitors to the Township. They have built parking facilities, trails, and stormwater improvements in our Heintzleman, Ballas, Albert Ponds, and the newly added Highlands Park. If you have enjoyed the Bushkill Trail from Jacobsburg State Park up to Route 512, did you know that our Public Works crew built the entire trail, including the bridge over Sobers Run?

Performing all of this construction and maintenance work requires a great deal of equipment. This equipment must be stored and maintained. Our talented crews keep regular maintenance on our equipment and also perform maintenance well beyond the capabilities of most, saving our residents from the costly repairs of dealers and professional shops. Our Public Works Department facility is kept up-to-date and allows residents to drop off yard waste, obtain free mulch and compost, and dispose of waste oil. Next time you see the members of our Public Works crew, please join me in a "Thank You" for everything they do for all of us!

Bushkill Township Contact Information

Phone Numbers:

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|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Township Office | 610.759.1250 | Hours: Mon—Fri 8-4 |
| Local Tax Collector | 610.759.6784 | Hours vary |
| Zoning Office | 610.759.7197 | Hours vary |
| Public Works | 610.759.2758 | Hours: Mon—Fri, 7-3 |
| Police—Office | 610.759.9588 | Hours: Mon—Fri, 7-3 |
| Police/Fire —Emergency | 911 | |
| Police—Non-emergency | 610.759.2200 | |
| Fire—Non emergency | 610.759.2200 | |

Websites:

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| Bushkill Township | www.Bushkilltownship.com |
| Bushkill Police Dept | www.Bushkilltownship.com |
| Bushkill Fire Dept | www.Bushkilltownshipfireco.com |
| BTAA (Bushkill Township Athletic Assoc) | www.btaabaseball.com |
| Nazareth Soccer | www.nazarethsoccer.org |



Bushkill Township Police Department

Planning a Vacation?

The Bushkill Township Police Department can perform a vacation check of your home while you are away. Vacation/House Check forms can be found on our website: <http://www.bushkilltownship.com/forms.html>



Safety Tips for Your Home

- ◆ Video cameras not only aid police investigations but are also a great deterrent to criminal activity. We encourage residents to install home surveillance systems, many of which allow residents to check-in and monitor activity through mobile phone apps.
- ◆ Install door or window sensors. Many times access to a home is gained through an unlocked window or door.
- ◆ Prominently display your home security sign. Home burglars have admitted that they would avoid a targeted home if they observed an alarm system is installed.
- ◆ Set the environment. Keep your landscaping neatly trimmed, especially shrubs and trees surrounding your home. Do not give burglars a place to hide.
- ◆ Incorporate motion-sensor, remote-controlled and/or timed lighting into your home and your landscaping. If you have automated lighting use settings to create a "lived-in" environment.
- ◆ Store valuables in a secure place, including prescription medication.
- ◆ Remember to set your alarm when leaving the residence.

Lock it or Lose it

As the warm weather approaches, we would like to remind everyone to:

- ◆ Always secure your car doors when parking your vehicle, even for just a few minutes. It takes just a matter of seconds to enter an unsecured vehicle.
- ◆ Do not leave valuables such as purses, cell phones, laptops, packages, etc. in plain view inside your vehicle. Secure them in the glove box, center console, or trunk. Thieves will search other vehicles that are easier targets if they do not see anything of value in your car.
- ◆ Park in well-lighted areas at night. Light is an enemy of thieves.



Don't Be a Victim of Covid-19 Scams

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our State, we would like to warn residents about COVID-19 related scams. We have noticed an uptick of such scams in Bushkill Township. One we want to warn our residents about is unemployment compensation (UC) fraud. If you believe you are a victim of a scam, please contact our Department and the Office of Unemployment Compensation.

Scammers are utilizing personal information to apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits. After filing a claim in your name, scammers are then rerouting these payments to their personal bank accounts.

The Office of Unemployment Compensation offers these tips to help you protect yourself from fraud:

- ◆ Never give out your personal information over email or text message.
- ◆ Don't wire money, and always ignore the following requests:
Communications related to your UC benefits from someone asking for money; someone who says they can help you file for your benefits for a fee; and anyone claiming to work for Labor and Industry who says they need a fee to complete your application.
- ◆ Don't open or respond to unsolicited emails or text messages.
- ◆ Never give out your personal information on websites or social media channels, especially those that claim they can help you apply for UC benefits. Third parties can't apply for your benefits.
- ◆ Don't trust or rely on UC info from unofficial websites. Always visit www.uc.pa.gov for Pennsylvania unemployment program information.

What are the warning signs of a possible
COVID-19 UNEMPLOYMENT SCAM?

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|  WORKERS receiving any type of correspondence that you filed an unemployment claim when you did not file a claim for benefits. |  EMPLOYERS if you notice a claim has been filed for one or more of your employees who are still working. |
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Call our PA Fraud Hotline at 1-800-692-7469

UPDATE AND INFORMATION
www.uc.pa.gov

Bushkill Township Fire Department



About Us

The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is a 100% volunteer organization. This means that none of our firefighters or social members are paid. Our volunteers are called out at any time, both day and night, to respond to all types of emergencies. We respond to approximately 400 emergencies, annually. Some of these emergencies include house/business fires, brush fires, car accidents, search-and-rescues, and critical medical emergencies. In order to continue to respond to these and other types of emergencies, we host many fundraising events and activities to maintain our vehicles and equipment, outfit our firefighters, and purchase the newest and best technology.

Firefighters and Social Members Needed

Do you want to give back to your community while saving lives in the process? Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is currently looking for individuals in our area who are interested in becoming volunteers. Whether you want to join as a firefighter or a social member, the service that you will provide to our community is incredibly rewarding and instrumental in making our community a better and safer place. Training and equipment are provided to you at no cost. There is absolutely no time commitment, which allows you to help when your schedule permits. If you are interested in joining, please feel free to reach out to us on Facebook or stop by our firehouse for an application.

Firefighters: 18 years old and older

Junior Firefighters: 14-17 years old

Social Members: 14 years old and older

2021 Carnival

The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is bringing back our annual Carnival in 2021, which will take place during June 30 through July 3. The Carnival will feature rides, food, games, and live music. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, so please come out and support your local fire company and emergency responders! Also, please follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information.



2021 EMS Subscription

The 2021 EMS subscription will be sent out in March. The EMS Subscription not only helps the EMS Department with funding to maintain operations, but subscribers can take advantage of benefits should a medical emergency arise. Please review subscription packets for subscriber benefits that are available to you.





Memorial Library

OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

Facebook: @nazarethlibrary
Instagram: @memorialnazarethlibrary
Teen Instagram: @mlnvteens
Twitter: @MemorialLibNaz
Phone Number: 610.759.4932

Spring is finally here and the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity could not be more excited! The start of a new season always marks a time of change for the Library. Our programs and events transform to reflect the best parts of that specific time of year. Spring and Summer events usually have us moving outdoors and enjoying the warmer days.

So what do Spring and Summer have in store for us? Check it out below:

Our Doors Are Open! - The library doors are open to patrons! Browsing in-person is once again available! Although we're ecstatic to be open to the public once again, if the past few months have taught us anything, it's to be ready for last minute changes. To stay up to date on all procedures, make sure to call us at 610-759-4932 and check our website (www.nazarethlibrary.org) often!

Stay Connected with Fellow Readers - The MLNV welcomes you to join the Brainy Bibliophiles Book Club. This scholarly book club is led by Jill Silvius, Ph.D. and meets four times a year. The group reads a mix of fiction, nonfiction, and classics - usually books that are longer, more theoretical, or more complex than you might find in another book group. Participate in in-depth discussion with other MLNV patrons on the first Tuesday, every third month, at 6:30 PM. The group meets on BlueJeans for now. The next book discussion is on June 1 on *SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome* by Mary Beard.

Looking for other book clubs? Check out our website (<https://www.nazarethlibrary.org/recommendations/#tabs-6>) for information on other community-led book groups!

Teen Advisory Board is Back! - Are you a teen entering 7th to 12th grade? Are you looking for a fun way to get volunteer hours? Are you interested in having direct input on teen services and programs at the MLNV? Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB)!

The TAB is an open-forum where teens discuss the issues related specifically to teen use of the library. The Spring Session will be held end of March through beginning of May. The Summer Session will be held end of June through beginning of August. Those interested in joining can e-mail the TAB Coordinator, Shelby Rozell at srozell@nazarethlibrary.org for more information.

Summer Reading Program - The MLNV's Summer Reading Program (SRP) will return in June... Join us for a summer full of fun with SRP 2021's Tales and Tails theme! To stay up-to-date on all information regarding SRP 2021, make sure to check our website for updates.

All in all, the library along with our community continues to move forward in new and exciting ways. We are here to assist with technology needs, guidance with information pertaining to COVID vaccinations, and we have exciting partnerships emerging with local organizations such as Lehigh University, Jacobsburg Park, the Moravian Historical Society, and the Nazareth YMCA. We also are hard at work pursuing grants to help support purchasing items for our collection, children services, unique adult programs, and continued professional training for the staff.

The warmer months will be jam-packed with fun programs and events at the MLNV and we are looking forward to a great 2021!

Want to stay up-to-date on all things MLNV? Go to our website (www.nazarethlibrary.org), sign up for our monthly newsletter, and follow us on social media!



It's an Honor to Serve You

*by State Rep. Ann Flood
138th Legislative District*

I was honored to take the oath of office in early January in the state Capitol in Harrisburg and begin serving as the new state representative for the 138th District in Northampton County.

My district office staff and I are here to help residents access state programs and services. We can help residents who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Residents who lost their jobs can contact our office for information about and assistance applying for unemployment compensation benefits. We also have information about programs and services available to employers who are struggling due to the economic uncertainty surrounding the global pandemic.

We can help people with PennDOT paperwork, including driver's license applications and renewals, vehicle registration applications and renewals, and other services. We also provide information about and applications for state programs, including Property Tax/Rent Rebate, PACE/PACENET prescription drug assistance and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). My staff and I also can help residents navigate the state bureaucracy by connecting people with the agency or office that can help with their issue.

Residents can contact our Wind Gap office by dialing 610-746-2100 or visit us at 196 W. Moorestown Road. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Masks are required to enter the office. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing requirements, we encourage residents to call or contact our office through the website if possible.

I encourage residents to visit my website at www.RepAnnFlood.com, where they can contact our office by clicking the "contact" tab and filling out an online form. Constituents also can sign up for our email newsletters under the "resources" tab.

I also encourage people to follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RepAnnFlood. While this is a great way to receive updates about our state government, we discourage people from using Facebook to contact us for help with government services. We cannot guarantee the security or privacy of information people submit through Facebook. We therefore ask people to please contact our office directly for assistance.

Our district office currently is collecting non-perishable food items, which we will deliver to four different local communities in upcoming months. The food will be delivered to St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath, the Salvation Army in Pen Argyl, Nazareth Food Bank in Nazareth, and Benders Mennonite Church in Plainfield Township.

We also have scheduled a blood drive at our district office on Monday, May 10. We will be holding the blood drive in cooperation with the American Red Cross. Please make sure to sign up for our weekly email newsletter and follow me on Facebook for more details about this event as they become available.

My staff and I are excited about the opportunity to serve our community. If you need help with a state government-related issue, program or service, please feel free to contact us for assistance.



Highlights 2019-20 Senate Accomplishments

*by State Senator Mario Scavello
40th Senatorial District*

Like the lives of all Pennsylvanians, the work of the Senate was upended by the COVID-19 pandemic. In March, the Senate shifted our agenda to mobilize a response aimed at saving lives and maintaining essential government services.

The Senate approved legislation to provide immediate assistance to keep hospitals running and make more Personal Protective Equipment available to health care workers. We voted to provide more accessible unemployment compensation for workers who lost hours or jobs due to the statewide shutdown of employers, and enacted legislation allocating federal funding for county governments, community service providers, first responders and food banks that have been impacted by the virus.

The Senate passed measures allowing counties to implement plans enabling citizens to return to work, requiring clear guidelines to be setup for employers to operate under.

As May ended, the Senate approved a five-month interim state budget to fund critical state services until the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 related shutdown of the economy was fully known and more accurate fiscal projections could be made. Full-year funding was provided for select line items, notably education and food security programs. In November, the Senate finalized the 2020-21 budget without increasing taxes, fees or debt.

The rest of the 2019-20 legislative session was equally productive. Efforts to improve public safety include new laws providing security grants to faith-based institutions and nonprofit organizations and setting significant penalties for the solicitation or advertisement of the sexual services of victims of human trafficking. To ensure that combatting crime and rehabilitating criminals are done properly, the Senate passed important policing reforms and criminal justice reforms.

Education changed when COVID-19 closed schools in 2020. The Senate responded by approving legislation setting standards ensuring students continue to learn during the emergency. Other new laws passed and provided \$60 million in school security grants, increased the amount of tax credits available for scholarship organizations under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program, and created the Public Higher Education Funding Commission to make college more accessible and affordable.

In addition to responding to COVID-19, the Senate enacted several health care initiatives, including better access to supplemental screenings for women at high risk for breast cancer, and expanding access to medications for Stage IV, metastatic cancers.

Work also continued to target Pennsylvania's opioid crisis, support our military veterans and give emergency responders the help they need to keep communities safe during the pandemic and beyond.

The past year illustrated how much state government can achieve when the branches work together. Serious challenges remain, as the commonwealth attempts to rebound from the health and fiscal crisis created by the pandemic. I stand ready to confront these challenges with a continuing commitment to protecting public health and preserving civil liberties.

Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School

Butz
Elementary School



HOME OF THE
BUDDING BLUE EAGLES

Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. Elementary is currently a K-3 building located in Bushkill Township. Presently 398 students are enrolled. School opened in August offering our families the opportunity to enroll their children into our Blue Eagle Cyber Academy or the hybrid program which is a blended program of in-person instruction, as well as, remote learning. We currently have 115 students enrolled in Blue Eagle Cyber Academy, 274 students enrolled in our hybrid program and 9 IU 20 students in support classrooms. Recently the NASD Board of Education approved a full 5-day per week return to school for our students. This transition is planned to occur on Monday, March 22nd. Our staff are diligently working to prepare for the return of our students to the classroom while also adhering to the NASD Health and Safety Plan which can be found on the NASD website. Although many of our events and activities have been postponed due to the challenges we are facing throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our

students are still enjoying their days in school, fostering friendships and working hard to gain new knowledge and skills at each grade level.

If you drive by Butz Elementary School, you will notice quite a bit of construction taking place. We are currently in the middle of a reconfiguration project that will welcome our 4th graders back into the elementary buildings starting in the fall of the 2021-22 school year. The district has also broadened the boundary lines for the elementary schools in order to provide the best educational opportunities in the most cost effective, least impactful manner for children keeping neighborhood integrity, building capacity, class size, and transportation considerations. In order to accommodate this transition, Butz Elementary is adding a new nurse's suite to the front of the building, along with additional classrooms and a new gymnasium being constructed at the back of the building. Behind the new addition sits an environmental center with a pavilion, outdoor classrooms and trails for our students to take their learning outdoors in the nicer weather. In addition, we have a riding railroad with approximately one mile of track for our students to enjoy for special occasions.

We eagerly await the time when we can welcome back all of our students under one roof and resume the activities and events that can be shared with our Bushkill families and community members. Until then, Butz Elementary students will continue to display the three R's we expect from them each day which are being Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn.

6 Tips for a Healthy Spring



EAT HEALTHY FOODS

Eat more fruits and veggies; reduce salt, saturated fat, and added sugar



RETHINK YOUR DRINK

Substituting water for sugary drinks is better for your teeth and reduces calories



QUIT SMOKING

You can quit today!
Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW
for free support



EXERCISE OFTEN

get at least 150 minutes
of weekly physical activity
(30 mins, 5 times a week)



PROTECT YOUR SKIN

Wear sunscreen
and insect repellent



GET MORE SLEEP

Sleep at least 7 hours
every night to stay healthy

Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School PTA



Connect with the PTA on

- ... KBES PTA's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KBESPTA
- ... Signupgenius
- ... Remind app
- ... Our website at www.kbespta.org

Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School has a great reputation for quality academics, caring and competent teachers and staff, and excellent student experience. The KBES Parent Teacher Association is proud to play a part in the success of our community's elementary school by providing enrichment to the school year that is both educational and fun!

Though this year is quite different than most, KBES PTA continues to support our school through the volunteer work of Parents and Teachers, but also with support from Bushkill Township Businesses and Community Organizations. It takes a community to build a strong school and together we can give our students a strong start on their way to becoming the community leaders and business people who carry our township forward! Find out more about our activities and fundraisers at www.kbespta.org!

Is your child entering Kindergarten in the 2021-22 year? Are you new to the Nazareth district?

*Connect with the PTA to get involved with volunteer opportunities,
meet other KBES parents, and help build our great learning community!*

- Join the KBES PTA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KBESPTA
- Get acquainted with the KBES PTA webpage at www.kbespta.org
- Join your child's KBES Class Volunteer Group on Signup Genius!*
- Receive texts from the PTA about events and opportunities for you and your student on the REMIND app!

Class codes for REMIND and Signup Genius can be found on the KBES PTA Facebook page or by sending an email request to kbespta@gmail.com. Volunteer opportunities are subject to 2021-22 District Covid-19 guidelines

Is your business interested in a sponsorship opportunity with KBES PTA?

Join others in our community in sponsoring classroom materials, activities, and more!
Check out our Community Partner's page at <https://www.kbespta.org/community>

Spring/Summer Municipal Office Closings

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| Good Friday Friday, April 2 | 4th of July Monday, July 5 (observed) |
| Memorial Day Monday, May 31 | Labor Day Monday, September 6 |



Calendar of Events

** see additional information in this newsletter



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| Wed March 17 | Happy St Patrick's Day!! | | |
| Sat March 20 | First Day of Spring | | |
| Sat March 27 | 2021 Annual Bushkill Township Egg Hunt | | 1pm @ Firehouse, open to Bushkill children only |
| Sun March 28 | 2021 Annual Nazareth Easter Egg Hunt | | 2pm @ Nazareth Borough Park |
| Fri April 2 | Good Friday – Township Office is CLOSED | | |
| Sun April 4 | Happy Easter!! | | |
| Tues April 6 | Opening Day for the Iron Pigs!! | | @ Coca Cola Stadium, vs Syracuse |
| Mon May 3 | Last Day to Register to vote in Primary election | | |
| Sun May 9 | Happy Mother's Day!! | | |
| Sun May 9 | Bushkill Mother's Day Breakfast | | Currently in planning, check Facebook for updates |
| May 12-16 | Lehigh Valley Auto Show | | Stabler Arena @ Lehigh University |
| Tues May 18 | Election Day | | Don't forget to vote! |
| Sat May 22 | Dorney Park Opening Day | | |
| May 22—23 | Revolutionary War Weekend ** | | 10am – 4pm @ Jacobsburg Historical Society |
| Mon May 31 | Happy Memorial Day!! | | |
| Thurs June 10 | Tentative Last day of school for NASD | | subject to change with snow days/cancellations |
| June 9 – 12 | Nazareth Carnival | | 6pm – 11pm @ Nazareth Borough Park |
| June 11 – 13 | 40 th Annual Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival | | @Mountain View Park, E Mountain Rd, Wind Gap |
| Sun June 20 | Happy Father's Day!! | | |
| June 26 – 27 | World War II Living History Weekend ** | | 9am-4pm @Jacobsburg Historical Society |
| June 30 – July 3 | Bushkill Carnival | | Fireworks Friday night, rain date Saturday |
| Sun July 4 | Happy 4th of July!! | | BE SAFE!! |
| Aug 6—15 | Musikfest | | @Founder's Way, Bethlehem |
| Mon August 30 | First Day of School for NASD | | per online school calendar |

Please note : As of the printing of this newsletter, all of the information above is correct. However, due to changing COVID restrictions/rules, plans may change. Please check with the Event organization or website to make sure the event is still being held.

Have an enjoyable, fun & safe Spring and Summer!



Election Day
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

For information on Pennsylvania
municipal elections, visit:

<http://www.northamptoncounty.org>



Farmers' Markets in our area

Nazareth Farmers' Market

Main & Center Streets, Nazareth, PA 18064
Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru October
Website: nazarethfarmersmarket.com

Bath Farmers' Market

Keystone Park: Green St & Route 329, Bath, PA 18014
Fridays 3 – 7pm, May 14th-September 24th
Facebook site: Bath farmers' market

Northampton Farmers' Market

1401 Laubach Ave. Northampton, PA 18067
Tuesdays 3pm – 6:30pm. May 7th – September 29th

Bethlehem Farmers' Market

Farrington Square at Lehigh University
Thursdays 10am – 2pm. May 2nd – October 29th

Easton Farmers' Market

Summer: Riverfront @ Scott Park, Easton PA 18042
Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru December
Winter: Church Street parking lot behind Easton
Public Market. 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10am-Noon

Please check the corresponding websites to check if schedules have changed due to COVID restrictions

Bushkill Township Athletic Association (BTAA)

PLAYBALL!

The Fall Instructional Program showed how the BTAA and Bushkill community continued to work closely together to provide our kids the opportunity for both physical and team skill development in a safe manner. Building upon that success, we're excited to start our 36th year of administering baseball and softball programs for the residents of Bushkill township this spring!

Games will begin for most of our teams the week of April 19th. Through a winning grant application with the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Charities, we have been able to make field improvements throughout the park. Please come to check out the upgrades and cheer on the kids!

All our programs are made possible through the support of the Township and the local community. We would especially like to thank...

Dale & Tommy - for the great job you do maintaining the fields

Our sponsors – for your continued support and generosity -- which helps us upgrade equipment, make necessary repairs, and keep our fees reasonable

Our Coaches & Volunteers – for the countless hours you spend helping the kids and supporting the much-needed Spring and Fall clean-ups



If you have any questions about our programs or are interested in volunteering, please visit our website (www.btaabaseball.com) and Facebook page.

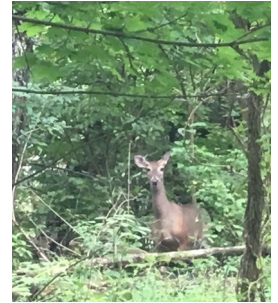
Jacobsburg Park Environmental Educational Center

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, Spring 2021

Intensive Art Workshop for Teens

Mondays & Wednesdays, April 12 through May 24 at 5:30-7:30pm excluding April 28

Learn different forms of fiber art from artist in residency Mallory Zondag, www.mallorymakes.com. The processes will focus on wool felting and natural dying. Participants will take part in environmental lessons, led by center educators, designed to inform and inspire their art. The resulting artwork will be a unique cavity nest for wild birds to be displayed outdoors at a public reception. This workshop is free for teens ages 13-18 and attendance is required at all 12 sessions. Sessions will be held outdoors and may be rescheduled in response to weather and changing COVID-19 guidelines. Updates regarding COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email. Registration required.



Basic Boating Course

Saturday, April 17 at 9:00am to 5:00pm

The PA Fish & Boat Commission's PA Basic Boating Course was developed to supply boaters with practical information, so they can make better informed decisions on the water. Instructors provide students with information to help them reduce the risk of injury and conflict on the water. Students who successfully complete this course may apply for a Boating Safety Education Certificate issued by the Commission. This course will be held indoors and will only take place if there is a change in the current COVID-19 guidelines. Registration required. Updates regarding COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email. For questions call Andy Desko at 215-968-3631.

Future Master Watershed Steward Camp

Tuesday-Friday, June 15-18 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

Youth ages 13-18 are invited to join DCNR at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Volunteers for the Future Master Watershed Steward Day Camp



program! Youth will learn about the environment, water resources management, and complete a stream-side service project along the Bushkill Creek. Youth will participate in science based activities that focus on local watersheds and waterways with plenty of opportunities to get hands-on and participate in field investigations. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate and are eligible for 2 hours of service toward High School community service requirements. This free program will be held outdoors and will only take place if there is a change in the current COVID-19 guidelines. Updates regarding COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email. This camp is Tuesday, June 15th, Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th from 9:00am - 12:00pm each day. Registration required.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least five days notice.

Local Phone Numbers

Electric:

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

Phone/Cable/Internet:

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

State Officials:

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

Government Agencies:

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| 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:

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| Animal Health & Welfare | 610-858-7722 |
| Memorial Library of Nazareth | 610-759-4932 |
| Nazareth Area School District | 610-759-1170 |
| Naz-Bath Chamber of Commerce | 610-759-9188 |
| Northampton County | 610-829-6500 |

Local Hospitals:

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



Preserving Bushkill Township's Waterways

At the base of the Appalachian Mountains in Bushkill Township are the beginnings of two pristine Lehigh Valley streams. Beginning in the northeastern portion of the Township is Sobers Run, which is designated as an Exceptional Value (EV) stream by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). In this stream, because of the excep-



tional water quality, there are naturally reproducing populations of Brook Trout (Pennsylvania state fish) and Brown Trout. These fish, along with the macroinvertebrates that they eat, are great indicators of water quality. The headwaters of Bushkill Creek also begin at the base of the mountain in north-central Bushkill Township. Bushkill Creek is classified as High Quality-Cold Water Fishes (HQ-CWF), which is a slightly lower classification than EV, but the creek still has very good water quality. Throughout the Bushkill Creek, there are naturally reproducing populations of Brown Trout and the possibility of a small population of naturally reproducing Brook Trout in the headwaters.

The excellent water quality of these streams shows that Bushkill Township has clean groundwater and clean surface water runoff during rainstorms and snow melts. Stormwater runoff often carries a lot of pollutants into streams that will negatively affect water quality. Throughout the winter, road salts are one of the main pollutants that wash into the streams during rain events and snow melts. Road salts (sodium chloride) in the waterways can inhibit aquatic organisms' growth and reproduction, as well as raise the freezing temperature of the water. When using road salts, please ensure that salting equipment is calibrated correctly as to not add an unnecessary amount of salt on driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, roadways, etc. Two other pollutants that frequently enter our waterways and have a negative effect on water quality are sediments and fertilizers. These pollutants typically come from agricultural fields and lawns. Fertilizers cause an abundance of nitrogen and phosphorus in the water, which causes algal blooms degrades aquatic habitats. Algal blooms deplete the level of oxygen in the water necessary for other organisms to survive. Many homeowners use fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides on their lawns and around their homes to remove unwanted pests and to fertilize their lawn. These chemicals will eventually be carried into streams and other waterways during storm events. Stormwater runoff also causes erosion when there is nothing stabilizing the ground. Runoff then carries the eroded sediment, which is considered a pollutant, into waterways where it eventually settles to the bottom and covers the streams natural substrate in which aquatic organisms live. The covering of this substrate eliminates habitat necessary for macroinvertebrates to live. Without the macroinvertebrates, the fish in the streams do not have any food and the streams become lifeless. Homeowners can minimize these effects by installing plants and stormwater facilities to help filter out these harmful pollutants and protect our waterways. Properly placed native grasses and plants, rather than having all manicured lawn, will allow stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, and sidewalks, to infiltrate into the ground and filter out pollutants. These plantings can be strategically placed to complement the areas of lawn. Raingardens and bioretention swales can also be installed to effectively manage and filter stormwater. These stormwater structures are typically planted with native vegetation and flowering plants that will allow the infiltration and filtering of stormwater. Another way to keep our waterways healthy is by limiting the use of chemicals such as herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers as much as possible and only use them when absolutely necessary.

Natural buffers are one of the best solutions to stream pollution. Buffers filter the surface water runoff and groundwater before it enters the waterways. These natural buffers contain native grasses, shrubs, and trees that stabilize the streambanks to prevent erosion and allow pollutants to be filtered out. The wider the buffer, the better its filtering capacity. Bushkill Township has established a natural buffer around the Township-owned ponds to prevent shoreline erosion and to filter out pollutants.

Open Space Program Update

Bushkill Township's Open Space program has been a model to other municipalities in the area for years. In 2020 Bushkill Township received the "Government Leadership Award" from WeConservePA. This award recognizes counties and municipalities for their commitment to conservation. The vision of Bushkill Township's Open Space program is to preserve the critical natural resources within the Township. The program aims to preserve areas such as woodlands, farmland, riparian (streamside) buffers, streams, wetlands, and scenic vistas. Since the Program's inception in 2007, Bushkill Township has preserved approximately 1,500 acres through conservation easements and fee simple purchases. Recently, several properties were purchased through the Open Space Program to keep them as open space. In December of 2019, Highlands Park (70 acres) on Broad Road was purchased. In 2020, three more properties were purchased, including 73 acres along Knauss Road and the and two properties adjacent to each other off of Old Allentown Road (8 acres total). Several of the properties purchased through the Open Space Program have a plan to hold them long-term and public use as passive recreation parks with trails and other low-impact outdoor activities. The other properties purchased have a short-term plan, which means that the Township purchases the land to place a Conservation Easement on the property and preserve it in perpetuity. The goal is then to sell this land, potentially allowing one home to promote ongoing agricultural use. If you are interested in preserving your property through the Bushkill Township Open Space Program, please contact Bushkill Township's Open Space Coordinator, Kerry Reider.

Bushkill Township currently owns three passive recreation parks and there is a fourth park in the planning stage. The three current parks are Albert Ponds, Ballas Park, and Heintzelman Park. All three of these parks have ponds with trails around them and beautiful vistas. Catch-and-release fishing is allowed at all of our ponds, and unpowered boats, such as canoes, kayaks, and rowboats are allowed on



the largest pond at Albert Ponds. The pond at Heintzelman is 1.9 acres and contains largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, perch, and grass carp. Ballas Park's pond is 1.5 acres and contains largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, perch, channel catfish, common carp, and stocked trout. The two ponds at Albert Ponds are 11.5 acres and 5.5 acres and contain largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, perch, pickerel, and channel catfish.

There are currently 3.17 miles of Township-owned trails open for hiking, biking, running, and wildlife viewing. Jacobsburg State Park and the Appalachian Trail also run through the Township and add several more miles of open trail for public use. Bushkill Township plans to add several more miles of trails in the near future. Please visit our Parks and Recreation webpage at http://www.bushkilltownship.com/rec_parks.html to see maps of all of our parks and trails.

A few Township owned properties have been enrolled in the Hunter Access Program in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. For the 2021-2022 hunting season, only 100 permits will be given out on a "first come, first served" basis. Applications will be available at the Bushkill Township Municipal Building on August 2, 2021 for the 2021-2022 Season.

Jacobsburg Historical Society PRESENTS

Revolutionary War Weekend

SEE HISTORY COME ALIVE! ★



Rev War Encampment
Marching & Drills
British Encampment
Living History, Skirmish
Open Hearth Cooking
Food • Makers/Merchants

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

★ May 22 & 23, 2021 ★

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM

Admission: \$7.00

CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE
JHS MEMBERS, SCOUTS & ACTIVE
DUTY MILITARY FREE



The Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum will be open Sat. & Sun. 10am - 4pm!
The 1832 J. Joseph Henry House Museum will be open Sat. 10am - 4pm & Sun. 12 - 4pm!



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Located just off the Belfast exit Route 33 at 402-403 Henry Road, Nazareth PA
Email: jacobsburg@rcn.com • WWW.JACOBSBURGHISTORY.COM • 610-759-9029

For both events, Jacobsburg Historical Society will be following all State and CDC Covid-19 Guidelines to keep our guests and volunteer staff safe!

Social Distancing: We ask guests to maintain 6-feet of social distancing while visiting our site. Signs will assist with this effort.

Face Coverings: Guests and volunteer staff will be required to wear face coverings when indoors as well as outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained. Signs will assist with this effort.

Hand Sanitizer: We will have hand sanitizer available before entering our museums and gift shop as well as signage promoting proper hygiene.

Enhanced Cleaning: Our museum volunteers will frequently wipe commonly touched surfaces throughout the day with disinfecting wipes.

Portable Toilets: Handicap accessible portable toilets will be available for public use at the main parking gate and near the Pennsylvania Long rifle Museum during our open weekends.

Museum Group Tours: Guests will be permitted to enter in small groups at approximate 15- minute intervals. This will enable groups to be spaced out throughout the museums and the gift shop to reduce capacity. Groups of more than 5 will be divided (except where there are small children).

Jacobsburg Historical Society Presents

WORLD WAR II LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

Saturday, June 26, 2021

10:00am - 4:00pm

Rain or Shine

Sunday, June 27, 2021

10:00am - 4:00pm

Music WWII Food
Vendors

Tour Allied & German Camps

Weapons Honor All
Demonstrations Veterans

Period Military & Non-Military
Vehicles & Displays

ADULTS \$7.00 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE
JHS MEMBERS, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY,
AND SCOUTS IN UNIFORM FREE

PA LONGRIFLE MUSEUM & J. JOSEPH HENRY HOUSE
OPEN SAT 10AM-4PM & SUN 12-4PM

Boulton Historic Site & Jacobsburg Historical Society
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For more information, please visit our website

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Public Works/Yard Waste

ROAD WORK — Please keep a lookout for our Public Works Department working on roads this spring and summer. For safety reasons, please respect all signs directing traffic and closing roads. Please do not attempt to drive around work areas if the road is closed.

YARD WASTE — 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. For safety and security, the Township buildings and collection facility are under surveillance 24/7. 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:

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| Grass clippings | Lumber | Sod |
| Large woody debris | Plastic/other synthetic materials | |

Current Hours for local drop off are Wednesdays and Fridays 7:00am to 3:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am to 12:00pm. *Days and hours are subject to change.* 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.



Dog Friendly Parks

In Bushkill Township, we have two types of parks—active and passive. The passive areas include all of our open space parks and the walking trail off of Route 512. These passive parks and trails all allow dogs, provided they are on a leash, and dog waste stations are available at each location. Our recreation complex across from the Township Building on Bushkill Center Road is an active park. It includes ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, etc. These types of activities produce many people, often children, playing and running around. Any dog, even the most well-behaved, can be surprised and react badly. With the exception of service animals, dogs are not permitted in our Rec Complex by ordinance passed back in 1988. All rules and regulations for each park are posted at each location. You are welcome to enjoy our passive parks with your furry friends!



Bushkill Township

1114 Bushkill Center Road
Nazareth, PA 18064



Welcome 
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Board of Supervisors



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

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