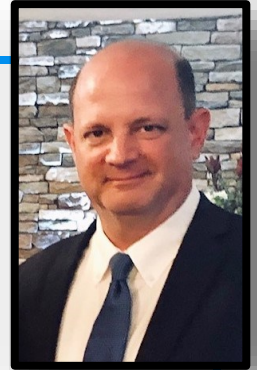


Bushkill Township News

Spring / Summer 2022 Newsletter

Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



Moving into warmer weather, the Township is continuing with our 2022 plans and goals. We are fortunate to have emerged from the state-mandated lockdowns and restrictions in fine financial shape, and I can report that we are operating at full staff. Throughout the pandemic, the Township continued to operate and provide the services that you depend on. Our administration has worked to bring back the Township Clean-up Day at the Lucas Lane parking lot this spring. Also, the Township will be hosting its first ever electronics recycling event. Your Board of Supervisors and administrative staff are planning for a successful and busy 2022.

Our Public Works Department will be continuing to operate the yard waste drop-off site at the Public Works Department facility on Clearfield Road so that you can bring yard waste generated during spring clean-up operations around your property. Public Works Department personnel will be out patching the roadways damaged by winter weather. In the summer, they will be continuing the roadway re-paving program we instituted to fix our roads using our own staff to save money, which allows us to re-pave more roads than we would if we had to contract-out the work. We will be entering into a Township-wide roadway evaluation program to inventory all Township roads and rank them in terms of need for rehabilitation and paving work.

Our Planning and Zoning Department will be working on the adoption of an updated multi-municipal comprehensive plan with 10 of our neighboring municipalities. Once accomplished, we will update our ordinances to be consistent with this new plan, all with the goal of keeping the Township rural and a great place to live, work, and play.

Our Police Department continues to patrol our roadways 24/7 to ensure that we are well-served and that help is just a phone call away. The Department continues to evaluate its equipment needs to provide top quality service that our residents expect. The Department has done a great job securing grants to keep our patrol fleet modern and reliable. Our officers continue training to better serve you and remain current on law enforcement procedures.

Our Recreation Board and staff will be preparing our Recreation Complex for all of the organized sports teams that will be playing and practicing in our spring and summer seasons. This is the first year of the combined baseball organization with players from most of the Nazareth School District municipalities; so all of our fields will be quite busy. We will continue to develop the rest of the areas in the Recreation Complex as well, so that the playground, tennis courts, basketball court, walking paths, and other amenities can be enjoyed by all users and visitors.

Our Open Space Department continues to maintain our four primary Preserves and to improve them for your enjoyment of their open space and environmental features. During 2022, we hope to complete the trail connection from our Ballas Preserve trail system to our main Township Trail! We are also beginning work on the trail that will extend from Henry Road to Filetown Road and connect into the Jacobsburg State Park trail system. Although the Board has no plans to acquire any additional public use preserve areas, we will continue to preserve land and protect our valuable open spaces in accordance with our Township Open Space Plan.

We also plan to continue working with all of our partners, like Jacobsburg Historic Society, Jacobsburg State Park, Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Co, and our state elected officials, to better serve our residents and taxpayers. We have a special "thank you" to Senator Mario Scavello who has announced his retirement this year. His many years of service to our Township are recognized, and he will be greatly missed. We wish him well in retirement.



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>

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 a glove box, center console, or in the 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.



Severe Weather Ready



Prepare in advance for severe weather and practice your emergency plan for severe weather scenarios. Make sure all family members are aware of where emergency supplies are located and how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity in your home. Weather is unpredictable and taking the proper precautions can assist with making sure you are prepared when severe weather hits. Planning for thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes, and flooding requires specific safety precautions. Build an emergency kit with some of the recommended items listed below to be prepared when severe weather hits:

- ◆ Battery-operated flashlight, battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio, and extra batteries; emergency evacuation or shelter plan; list of important personal information; First Aid Kit (Customize your first aid kit to meet your individual and family needs); supply of bottled water and nonperishable food for 3-5 days; personal hygiene items; and blankets, pillows, or sleeping bags.



**DRIVE LIKE
YOUR FAMILY
LIVES HERE**

Speeding on local roads is among the most common complaints received by Bushkill Township, annually. And it's not just a problem on our "major" roads like Route 512,

Cherryhill Road, Bushkill Center Road, and Jacobsburg Road. Speeders are also found on quiet streets and cul-de-sacs – roadways mostly traveled by folks who live in these neighborhoods. So, if drivers know the dangers of speeding, why do some drivers speed when they're so close to home, placing their neighbors in harm's way? Interestingly, psychology partly explains this behavior. By traveling the same roads, time and time again, drivers "master" roadway conditions, learning every twist, turn and dip along the route. And when drivers feel this comfortable with their surroundings, they are more likely to feel safe driving at higher speeds. This explains why most drivers travel at a slower speed when navigating through a city or town for the first time. So, when traveling local roads, please stay mindful of your speed...even if it feels safe to travel a bit faster. After all, local roads are where the people we care about most live!

IRS IMPOSTER SCAMS



The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the government agency that collects federal taxes.

Scammers pretend to be IRS officials to get you to send them money.

How the scam works

You get a call.

- IRS Your caller ID might show it's the IRS calling.
- The caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

You are told:

- "You owe money."
- "You better pay now or you'll be arrested."
- "Put money on a prepaid debit card or wire it to us."



If you pay...

- You find out it wasn't the IRS. It was a scam. → The money is gone.

Warning signs

How will the IRS first contact you?	How will the IRS ask you to pay?
Phone call NO	With a prepaid debit card NO
Email NO	With a money transfer NO
Mail YES	Won't require a specific type of payment YES

Got a call?

- Don't give the caller information such as your financial or other personal information.
- Write down details such as the number and name of the caller.
- Hang up
- Contact the IRS directly If you think you may owe back taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040 or visit irs.gov/balancedue.
- Report the call File a complaint with:
 - the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at tigta.gov or 800-366-4484.
 - the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint or 877-FTC-HELP.
- Warn friends and family Tell people you know that these calls are scams.

Bushkill Township Fire Department



Outdoor burning in Bushkill Township

As springtime approaches, many residents will find themselves clearing brush and branches. Residents are encouraged to bring brush and branches up to 6 inches thick to the Bushkill Township Public Works Department (897 Clearfield Road)

Residents are allowed to have/use:

- small outdoor fire pits
- outdoor fireplaces
- charcoal grills

Although permitted, you should be mindful of burning bans and weather that can blow fire and embers outside of your burning area. You should contact the Fire Chief for permission for bonfires or open burns. A failure to get permission or a fire complaint may result in a fine.

While we want you to enjoy your campfire, here are some additional rules to be sure to follow:

- * **NO** burning during a Township or County-wide burn ban
- * **NO** burning on days where winds are over 10 miles per hour
- * **NO** burning during Fire Weather Watch days
- * **NO** burning during **RED FLAG WARNING** days
- * **NO** burning within 50 feet of any building/property line unless permitted by the Fire Chief
- * **NO** burning in streets, sidewalks, alleys, or public grounds of the Township
- * **NO** burning of plastics, tires, or synthetic fabrics (natural materials only, such as wood)
- * **NO** industrial or commercial burning at **ANY** time
- * **NO** burning within 50 feet of Jacobsburg State Park or State Game Lands.
- * **NO** burning North of Mountain Road or Old Allentown Road unless permitted by the Fire Chief
- * **ALWAYS** have a garden hose, shovel, or heavy equipment nearby to extinguish any spot fires or quickly contain a fire out of control. **NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED!**

For more information see the firehouse website, facebook and the burn ordinance on the township webpage.

BINGO: We are proud to announce that a new digital BINGO system has been installed. The firehouse is continuing the beautification of the hall with new chairs and fresh paint in the coming months.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: Sunday, May 8, 2022. At the firehouse from 7:30am—12:00pm.

CARNIVAL: TBD Our current ride company is no longer able to provide ride services. We are working with other vendors to see what can be coordinated. Stay tuned to our Facebook for updated information.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company EMS has sent out the annual subscription. This not only helps to cover our operation costs but also allows forgiveness on some billing when your insurance does not cover an entire bill. This and other information are included in the subscription kit. Please contact us with any questions at 610.759.2274.

***Volunteers always welcome!!
See our website to download
an application***





Memorial Library

OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

Website: www.nazarethlibrary.org

Facebook: @nazarethlibrary

Instagram: @memorialnazarethlibrary

Teen Instagram: @mlnvteens

Twitter: @MemorialLibNaz

Phone Number: 610.759.4932

Spring and summer are wonderful seasons to get involved at the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity! Especially because the days are longer (more time to read!) Please stop in and check out a few books – plus hotspots, cake pans, museum passes, Wonderbooks, board games, DVDs, magazines, and Xbox games – to enjoy as you relax on these warmer days. Also, mark your calendar for the events and activities below.

- Time for more books!! The Almost Spring Book Sale is March 23-28.
- “Connect with Your Library” from April 3-9 for National Library Week, with special events and activities all week long. On Monday, April 3, we will host a “thank you” event honoring our wonderful patrons! Watch for news about a Harry Potter Fandom event, led by the Teen Advisory Board, and a book giveaway, as well as other fun activities and surprises.
- Remember the *Titanic* from April 11-15 with special crafts and STEM activities for kids of all ages. Learn about why boats float, even when they’re made of heavy wood and iron. Test out different materials to figure out how to build the best boat this side of the Atlantic! Make a fun boat craft and learn about the ocean. Make your very own kaleidoscope, one of the most popular toys during the Edwardian era. You can learn all about what life was like aboard the *Titanic* with a special exhibit featuring replica posters and memorabilia from this historic vessel. The exhibit will run from April 11-15, so stop by before it sinks!
- As the temperature heats up, so does excitement about Summer Reading 2022: Journey into Reading! Children ages birth to 12 years are invited to set sail on an international reading adventure. All summer long the library will host engaging and dynamic programs that will teach young people about culture, history, and life around the world. Starting Tuesday, June 21st and wrapping up on August 6th, participants will be able to earn fun prizes for reading and exploring as they journey around the world. Through free art programs, special speakers, international outdoor games, music programs, and more, we will explore the wide world around us. So pack your bags for adventure and plan to travel to the library this summer!
- Join a book group! The new Audiobook Lovers’ Book Group will meet on Thursday, March 10 at 1:00pm to discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett and plans to meet on subsequent second Thursday afternoons of each month. The Wednesday Night Book Club, a community group, meets monthly at 6:30pm. The Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group plans to meet in-person on Tuesday, June 7 to discuss *Why Time Flies* by Alan Burdick.
- Authors will share their work with patrons! On Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00pm, Wanda Morris will join us virtually, and on Saturday, April 30 at 11:00am, Sara Shepard will join us in-person! Morris’ debut *All Her Little Secrets* is a fascinating tale of workplace suspense, and Shepard is the well-known writer of the “Pretty Little Liars” YA series and a number of fiction bestsellers for adults.
- Children’s regular weekly events continue through the end of May and then begin again on June 20. They are on Tuesdays at 10:30am - Shake and Boogie at the MLNV; Wednesdays at 1pm - Storytime at the MLNV; Thursdays at 10:30am - Storytime at the old municipal building adjacent to the baseball fields on Hecktown Road; and Fridays at 10:30am - Shake and Boogie in the Bushkill Township Municipal Building on Bushkill Center Road.
- Free comic book day is May 7!
- Stay tuned for details about a “Sharing Stories, Stopping Silence” summer series of events funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, via the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries, and announced by the American Library Association.
- Have some fun at the library with monthly craft opportunities for children and adults– and fun at home by following along with exciting STEM activities on the library's Facebook and YouTube channels! Check the MLNV’s social media for details.
- If you are homebound, consider using our new Items-by-Mail service, generously funded by the Dermody Foundation. Call the library or email jsilvius@nazarethlibrary.org for more information.
Save the date for our 2022 Touch-a-Truck: October 1!

Call the library at 610.759.4932 or see the Library's vestibule posters, website, and social media outlets for updates, additions, changes, and registration details. We are *always* updating our collection and planning more exciting opportunities for all ages. See you at the Library!



Apply Now for 2021 Property Tax & Rent Rebate

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

Eligible Pennsylvania residents are reminded to apply to the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program to claim rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2021. Remember – you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. Help is available from my district office at no charge. For more information, please call 610.746.2100. The office is located at 196 West Moorestown Road in Wind Gap.

The rebate program benefits eligible residents age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000/year for homeowners and \$15,000/annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Revenue Department automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners.

The deadline to apply for a rebate is June 30. Rebates will be distributed beginning July 1, as required by law. Additional information, as well as claim forms, can be found on the Department of Revenue website, www.revenue.pa.gov.

Since the Program's inception in 1971, older adults and those with disabilities have received more than \$7.1 billion in property tax and rent relief. The Program is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming.



Highlights 2019-20 Senate Accomplishments

*by State Senator Mario Scavello
40th Senatorial District*



In February, the Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC) voted on and adopted the Final Reapportionment Plan for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Pennsylvania Senate.

The Constitution of Pennsylvania requires that the legislative districts for the House of Representatives and the State Senate be redrawn each decade following the federal census. This process is mandated by the Pennsylvania Constitution so that each citizen's vote ultimately carries the same weight in the ballot box.

Article 2, Section 17 of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides for the LRC to redistrict both chambers (the state Senate and the state House) in the year following the Federal decennial census. The Commission consists of five members: the four caucus floor leaders, or deputies appointed by each of them, and a chairman to be selected by those members or, if they cannot reach agreement, by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

As approved, the new map for the 40th Senate District will no longer include Bushkill Township. This decision was not mine as the new district maps are voted on solely by the five member LRC. Under the approved plan Bushkill Township will fall in the 18th Senate District and the 138th House District. The 18th Senate District is currently represented by Senator Lisa Boscola. The 138th House District is currently represented by State Representative Ann Flood (who currently represents you in the House). Both seats will be on the ballot this year.

So, what does this all mean in the end?

Regrettably, it means that after the November election, I will no longer be your State Senator. It has been my absolute pleasure and honor to represent the residents of Bushkill Township in the Senate for these past two terms. I have enjoyed getting to know the people, Township Supervisors, and the beautiful area.

However, rest assured that until the end of November, I and my staff will remain here to serve you in any way we can. My Pen Argyl District Office will remain open, and we will continue to offer the same high quality legislative service that we always have. If you have an issue, would like to give me feedback, or offer an opinion, please do not hesitate to reach out.

If you have questions legislation or any other state related issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610.863.1200 or mscavello@pasen.gov. My office remains in Pen Argyl Borough at 2 North Robinson Avenue, Pen Argyl, PA 18072, right on the corner of North Robinson Avenue and State Route 512. We remain here to fight for and to serve the good people of Bushkill Township. Please let me know if we can assist you in any way!

Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School

Butz

Elementary School



**HOME OF THE
BUDDING BLUE EAGLES**

Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. Elementary was recently a part of a district reconfiguration project this past year. Butz Elementary was previously a K-3 building located in Bushkill Township with 398 students. Today we welcome 580 students in grades K-4 to school each day. Additionally, our school underwent new construction and remodeling of several pre-existing areas within the school. The new addition consists of a nurse's suite, gymnasium and 6 additional classrooms. School opened in August offering our families the opportunity to enroll their children into our Nazareth Area School District Cyber Program or return to in person learning full-time. Our 2021-22 school year has been one of transition as we continue to follow the NASD Health and Safety Plan while still planning activities and events for our students to enjoy their days in school, foster new friendships and work hard to gain new knowledge and skills at each grade level.

This spring, Butz Elementary 3rd and 4th grade students will prepare to take the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Both grade levels will be assessed in Mathematics and English Language Arts. Fourth graders will also be administered the Science Assessment. Our K-4 students enjoy the many activities we have planned for them during the school day, as well as in the evening. They partake in school assemblies, Book Buddies where older grade level students partner with a younger student and spend time reading together, Read Across America Week, Reading Night, a night at the Iron Pigs Baseball game where our chorus students will sing the National Anthem, and so much more!

We are so proud to be a part of the Bushkill Township Community. We appreciate the work that our students, parents, and staff do to make Butz Elementary School a great place to learn and grow. I am also extremely proud of our Butz students who continue to display the Three R's each day by 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

KBES PTA

Together we Grow!

KBES PTA thrives 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! **Is your business interested in a sponsorship opportunity with KBES PTA?** Join others in our community in sponsoring classroom materials, activities, and more! <https://www.kbespta.org/community>

Don't forget to
Visit the PTA
@ Kindergarten
Orientation on
April 5



Friday April 8 from 4-8pm

Make new friends and meet up with old pals at the KBES PTA Spring Fest!

Spring into spring with an egg hunt, crafts & games, train rides, face painting, a photo booth and so much more!

Enjoy tasty snacks or dinner from one of the food trucks on site!

\$7 per child

includes a train ride & the egg hunt

Find out more about our activities and fundraisers at www.kbespta.org!

Spring/Summer Municipal Office Closings

Good Friday
Friday, April 15

4th of July
Monday, July 4

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

Labor Day
Monday, September 5



Calendar of Events

Sun, March 20	First Day of Spring	
Sat, April 2	2022 Annual Bushkill Township Egg Hunt	12pm @ Firehouse, open to Bushkill children only
Tues, April 5	Opening Day for the Iron Pigs!!	@ Coca Cola Stadium
Fri, April 15	Good Friday – Township Office is CLOSED	
Sun, April 17	Happy Easter!!	
Fri, April 22	Earth Day	
Mon, May 2	Last Day to Register to vote in Primary election	
Sun, May 8	Happy Mother's Day!!	
Sun, May 8	Bushkill Mother's Day Breakfast	@Bushkill Fire Hall, 7:30am—12noon
Sat, May 13	Dorney Park Opening Day	
Tues, May 17	Election Day	Don't forget to vote! 
Fri, May 20	Township Clean Up day	@ Township Park on Lucas Lane, 8am-3pm
Sat, May 21	Township Clean Up day	@ Township park on Lucas Lane, 7am-12noon
Sat, May 21	LHS Gardner Expo	@ Jacobsburg Historical Society, 9am-3:30pm
Mon, May 30	Happy Memorial Day!!	
Date TBA	Bushkill Township Carnival	see Bushkill Fire Co Facebook for updates
Thurs, June 7	Tentative Last day of school for NASD	subject to change with snow days/cancellations
Wed, June 8	Bushkill Township Electronic Recycling	Bushkill Twsp park, Lucas Lane parking lot, 3-6pm
June 8-11	Nazareth Carnival	@ Nazareth Borough Park, 6pm-11pm
June 9-12	41st Annual Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival	@Mountain View Park, E Mountain Rd, Wind Gap
Sun, June 19	Happy Father's Day!!	
June 25-26	JHS World War II Living History Weekend	@Jacobsburg Historical Society, 10am-4pm
Mon, July 4	Happy 4 th of July!! 	BE SAFE!!
Sun, July 10	Steel Stacks TacoFest	@Steelstacks in Bethlehem, 1pm-7pm
Sat, July 16	Nazareth Day	@ Nazareth Borough Park, 9am-4pm
July 16-17	JHS Passport to History Weekend	@Jacobsburg Historical Society, 12pm-7pm
Aug 5-14	Musikfest	@Founder's Way, Bethlehem



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 as noted.

Have an enjoyable, fun & safe Spring and Summer!



Election Day

Tuesday, May 17, 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



Beware of Heat Stress



Heat Stroke

Your body attempts to adapt to the heat through heavy sweating. You may become dehydrated as you lose water and electrolytes.



Symptoms

- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Headache
- Excessive thirst
- Muscle aches/cramps
- Weakness
- Sweats, clammy skin
- Slowed/weakened heartbeat
- Dizziness

Heat Exhaustion

MEDICAL EMERGENCY
Your body is no longer able to cool itself and your body temperature rises dangerously.



Symptoms

- Decreased sweating/urination
- Hot, flushed, or dry skin
- Rapid heart rate
- Shortness of breath
- Increased body temperature
- Confusion, agitation, seizure or loss of consciousness

Know the Symptoms!

Find a cool place

Air-cooling systems help reduce heat exposure.



Stay Hydrated

Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks



Preventing Heat Stress



Take Frequent Breaks



Slow Down!

Your body needs time to adjust to the heat. Don't overexert yourself performing physical tasks.

AVOID MOWER MISHAPS

Keep your yard SAFER with riding mower guidelines

Use Only as Directed

Do not operate machine without the entire grass catcher, discharge guard and other safety devices in place and working.

Adults Only

Only allow adults familiar with the instructions to operate the machine.

No Passengers Allowed

Never carry passengers, especially children!

No Spectators Allowed

Make sure the area is clear of objects and bystanders — especially young children. Turn the machine off if a child enters the area.

Back Up Carefully

Do not back the mower unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.

Use Extra Caution on Slopes

Mow up and down slopes, not across. If you can't back up the slope or you feel uneasy on it, don't mow on it.



Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center

Fishing Rods and Tackle Available

Mon thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm at Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fishing poles and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available

Mon thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm at Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths.

Amphibious Critter Crawl

Sat, April 2, 8:00pm to 9:00pm. As the spring sun sets, amphibians make their way to vernal pools to spawn. We will attempt to observe them while hiking to pools in Henry's Woods, listening to the pleasant sounds of spring along the way. This program will take place after sunset, so you will need to bring a headlamp or flashlight and wear shoes you don't mind getting muddy. Registration is required.

Hike for Health

Wed, April 6, 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 2.5 miles over uneven terrain. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can find the full list of dates for each month March thru October here: https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/event/hike_for_health_181#.YgwTYOrMKUK

Weekly Weeders

Thurs, April 7, 8:30am to 10:30am & Thursday, April 14 at 8:30am to 10:30am.

Want to learn more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools & weeding mats. Registration required.

Primitive Shelter Building for Scouts

Sat, April 16, 9:30am to 11:30am. If you were lost in the wilderness and needed to construct a shelter, would you know how? Join us to learn about and practice building primitive shelters using natural materials. Be prepared for a short hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water and a snack. This program is specifically for scouts. Each scout must register individually and include the name of an adult that will accompany them. Troop registrations not accepted.

Welcome Spring! Hike

Sat, April 16, 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Looking for a way to beat the winter doldrums? Join us as we search for wildflowers, new plant growth, migrating birds and other signs of spring. Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring binoculars, a camera, water and a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required. Registrants will be contacted with the meeting location prior to the event. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 20 attendees total.

DiscoverE Hide 'n Seekers (Age 5 only): Nature Detectives

Tues June 21st, June 28th, and July 5th from 9:30am - 11:30am, each day. The world is full of all sorts of exciting things to explore! Come see how much fun learning about nature can be. Campers will learn about things that fly, water dwellers, and life in the undergrowth. This program will prepare campers that have aged out of Tales for Tots for Outdoor Explorers. Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. Registration for this program will open on April 4th at 9:00am. Registration will be online only. Your child will be enrolled for all three Tuesdays. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations at this time.

DiscoverE Outdoor Explorers (Ages 6-8): The Transformers

Tues, July 19th thru Fri, July 22nd & Tues, August 9th thru Fri, August 12th, from 9:00am - 12:00pm, each day

Join us for a fun filled camp exploring the secret lives of insects! Learn about the flying and crawling friends that call Jacobsburg their home. Go on an adventure through our fields, creeks, and forests with nets and bug boxes to see what kinds of creatures you can discover! Registration for this program will open on April 4th at 9:00am. Registration will be online only. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations at this time.

DiscoverE Penn's Adventurers (Ages 9-12)

Tues, July 19th thru Fri, July 22nd & Tues, August 9th thru Fri, August 12th, from 9:00am - 12:00pm, each day

Join us for a camp full of adventure and creativity. The theme of this camp is sustainability. Participants will work with a local artist and use recycled materials to create their own works of art. Registration for this program will open on April 4th at 9:00am. Registration will be online only. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations at this time.

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.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least five days notice.

Jacobsburg Historical Society

- Apr 30 **Speaker Program: Adam Stephan** at Jacobsburg Environment Educational Center at 10:30am.
The Henry Family and the Revolutionary War. Vice president of the Jacobsburg Historical Society, Adam Stephan, will present about the Henry Family involvement with the American War of Independence. The story is not often told even among local historians. Journey with Adam as he shares the Henry Family history in the American Revolution. We will see their very important role in Pennsylvania's history and the beginning of our new nation! Registration is required.
- May 4 **Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce – Celebrating JHS 50th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting**
- May 14/15 **Civil War Camp of Instruction, 44th Georgie Company “C,”** 10am – 4pm, both Saturday and Sunday
See history come alive with marching, drills, musket demos, firing techniques, camp cobbler, and cooking.
- May 14/15 **Museum Opening Weekend** – Saturday 10am – 4pm and Sunday 12pm – 4pm
New George Dech Exhibit, PLRM Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, at 1832 J. Joseph Henry House.
- May 21 **Gardener Expo** – at JHS Craft Center Grounds, 9am – 3pm
Various local garden clubs will be selling plants and other items.
- May 28 **Speaker Program: Dave Ehrig** at Jacobsburg Environment Educational Center at 10:30 am
The Pennsylvania Longrifle . . . and You! In this seminar, we will explore the roots of our state's iconic new symbol. From humble frontier roots, an evolution of gunmaking technology took place . . . the rifled barrel. While Henry of Lancaster, along with other Lancaster gunsmiths like Matthias Roesser, George Fainot, Jacob Dickert, and others were among the first to exploit the legendary accuracy of long rifled barrels, the Henry Family's fame would increase as the technology was brought to the Moravian Societies in Christian's Spring, Nazareth, and Boulton. To hold an early Andreas Albrecht, Christian Oerter, or Wm. Henry Jr. longrifle in one's hands is to create such an indelible memory of Pennsylvania history that it causes many skilled modern longrifle builders to attempt to recreate them. This program will raise your spirits and enlighten your pride in the Keystone State and its iconic gun.
- Jun 25/26 **World War II Living History Weekend** - 10am – 4pm, both Saturday and Sunday
Special WWII reenactment weekend designed to educate about the war, honor our veterans, and provide information for various non-profit organizations and the services they offer.
- Jul 16/17 **Passport to History Weekend** – 12pm – 4pm, both Saturday and Sunday
- Sep 10/11 **Revolutionary War Weekend Encampment** – 10am – 4pm, both Saturday and Sunday
See history come alive with marching drills, camp life, open hearth cooking, British encampment with skirmishes, makers/merchandise, food, and music
- Oct 29/30 **Market Faire & Rendezvous, 18th Century Living History Weekend** – Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-3pm
18th & 19th Century encampment covering the Colonial thru Fur Trade Eras, a Market Faire (vendors) selling period wares, and Early American craft exhibits & demonstrations.
- Dec 10/11 **A Very Special Christmas at Boulton** – Saturday 11am – 4pm and Sunday 12pm – 4pm
Visit the 1832 J. Joseph Henry House and the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum decorated in holiday splendor. Stop by our Gift Shop for holiday shopping.

***For more information on our programs, see our website at
www.jacobsburghistory.com.***

** Speaker series is a joint venture between the Jacobsburg Historical Society and the Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center



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:

- Grass clippings
- Lumber
- Sod
- Large woody debris
- Plastic/other synthetic materials
- Ornamental grasses

Hours for local drop off are Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:00am to 3:00pm, and Saturdays, 8:00am to 12:00pm, from March 23, 2022 through December 1, 2022. Days and hours are subject to change. Please call the Township or check the website for seasonal, updated hours. For more information on the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA), please contact their office at the number below. For additional information, please visit the Bushkill Township website or contact FRCA at 610.262.1000.

FRCA—First Regional Compost Authority: Although Bushkill Township cannot accept grass clippings at our local facility, the FRCA will accept Grass Clippings from April 15, 2022 through October 1, 2022. Grass clippings must be bagged, and there is a \$1.00 per bag fee for grass clippings to be dropped off at the FRCA site at 6701 Weaversville Rd, Northampton, PA 18067

FRCA Hours: Hours are subject to change due to staffing adjustment and inclement weather

Wednesday and Friday: 8:00AM to 4:00PM
 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month: 8:00AM to 1:00PM,

2022 Holiday Schedule: The FRCA will be closed on the following holidays:

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| Martin Luther King Day | Presidents Day |
| Good Friday | Memorial Day |
| Independence Day | Labor Day |
| Veterans Day | Thanksgiving Day |
| Day after Thanksgiving | Christmas (Dec 23 & 26) |
| New Year's Eve (Dec 30, 2022) | |



Clean Up DAY

Where: Bushkill Township Park, Lucas Lane parking lot

When: Friday, May 20 from 8am to 3pm
Saturday, May 21 from 7am to 12pm (noon)

- ◆ Bushkill Township residents only
- ◆ Due to COVID, drop off is NO contact. Residents are required to unload their own vehicles.
- ◆ Limited to 2 loads per household per day



Jacobsburg Historical Society Presents

WORLD WAR II LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

Saturday, June 25, 2022

10:00am - 4:00pm

Rain or Shine

Sunday, June 26, 2022

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

Located at 402 Henry Road, Nazareth PA

Just off the Belfast Exit of Route 33

For more information, please visit our website

WWW.JACOBSBURGHISTORY.COM



Jacobsburg annual history events are funded in part through the County of Northampton's Hotel Tax Program.

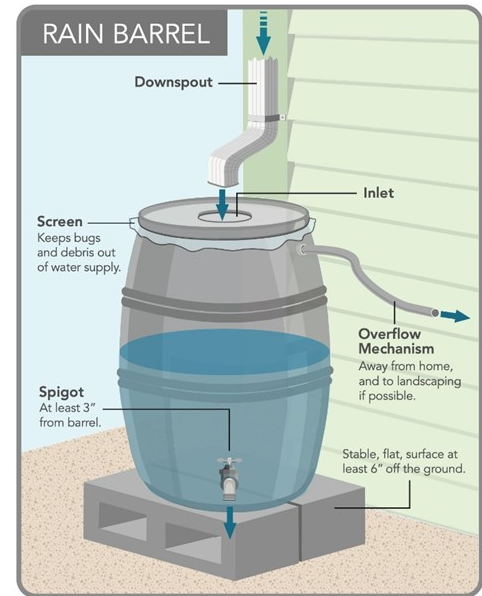
Rain Barrels for Sale

During a rain event, there is a lot of rainwater that flows off roofs, driveways, and other impervious surfaces. When flowing over these impervious surfaces, the water can pick up a lot of debris and unwanted chemicals that will eventually end up in our waterways. Runoff can also cause erosion in areas when large amounts leave impervious surfaces at high velocities. This contributes sediments, organics, and other pollutants into our waterways, which may be harmful for aquatic life and water quality. Rain Barrels are a great way to capture and store some of this rainwater for later use, helping to reduce the amount of runoff from impervious surfaces.

A rain barrel has a small opening in the top that allows rainwater from a downspout to flow into it. There is a screen in this opening to prevent debris and insects from entering the barrel. Without this screen debris can clog the outflow and cause harmful bacteria to grow. Mosquitoes could also enter the barrel and breed if there is not a screen over the opening. An outflow valve at the bottom of the barrel allows for use of captured rainwater. An overflow is installed near the top of the barrel so that it does not fill completely. A hose can be attached to this overflow to allow the water to be discharged away from the barrel and act as a normal downspout would. This overflow can be installed on the right or left side of the barrel to direct water away from the home or building.

The water that has been captured can be used to water house plants, the garden, or other areas. This is a great alternative to using the garden hose and potable water from the home, helping to save money and conserve drinking water.

Bushkill Township has rain barrels for sale at our annual Clean-up Day and at the Township Municipal Building for \$15. They can be purchased assembled or they can be assembled at home. The kit comes with a barrel, outflow valve, inlet with screen for the top of the barrel, and the overflow. Please contact the Bushkill Township Open Space Coordinator, Kerry Reider, at 610.759.1250, if you would like to purchase a rain barrel.



Why is it Important to pick up dog waste?

Dog Waste is not only unpleasant to step in when walking on a trail, but is also an environmental hazard. It can contain bacteria, pathogens, and parasites that can cause humans and other animals to get sick. Rainwater can wash dog waste into waterways, which causes these harmful excrements to travel even farther. Once the waste enters a waterway, it contributes unwanted nutrients that can eventually cause harmful algal blooms which can kill fish and other aquatic organisms. Even after the waste has been washed away, microorganisms such as roundworms and E.Coli can remain in the soil in that area.



Bushkill Township provides dog waste bags and garbage cans at all of our passive recreation preserves and walking trails. Please take a bag if taking your dog out for a walk and use the garbage cans to dispose of used bags.

There have been reports of a lot of other wildlife waste on our trails as well. Please be aware that foxes, coyotes, raccoons, rabbits, deer, and other wildlife may like the open areas of the trail to excrete their waste. Trail users can help to limit the waste on the trails by picking up their pet's waste and disposing it properly.



Dog Friendly Recreation Areas

In Bushkill Township, we have two basic types of recreation areas—active parks and passive preserves. The passive use areas include all of our open space preserves and our walking trail off of Route 512. These areas all allow dogs, provided they are leashed. 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 in tight quarters, often children that are playing and running around. Any dog, even the most well-behaved, can be surprised and react badly. With the exception of service animals, dogs are not permitted in our Recreation Complex, per ordinance which was passed in 1988. All rules and regulations for our active and passive recreation areas are posted at each location. You are welcome to enjoy our passive preserves with your furry friends!



Local Phone Numbers

Electric:

PP&L	800.342.5775
Met Ed	800.545.7741

Phone/Cable/Internet:

Verizon	800.837.4933
Astound (formerly RCN)	800.746.4726
Service Electric	610.865.9100
Direct TV	888.777.2454

State Officials:

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:

IRS	800.829.1040
DEP (environmental protection)	866.255.5158
National Capitol Poison Center	800.222.1222
Social Security	800.772.1213
Medicare	800.633.4227
PennDOT Motor Vehicle Svc.	800.932.4600

Northampton County Services:

Animal Health & Welfare	610.858.7722
Memorial Library of Nazareth	610.759.4932
Nazareth Area School District	610.759.1170
Naz-Bath Chamber of Commerce	610.759.9188
Northampton County	610.829.6500

Local Hospitals:

Lehigh Valley Hospital, Muhlenberg	610.402.8000
St Luke's Hospital, Anderson	484.503.3000



Nazareth Area Baseball & Softball Association (NABSA)

Bushkill Township Athletic Association recently merged with Lower Nazareth Baseball & Softball, and Nazareth Area Youth Baseball Association, to form Nazareth Area Baseball & Softball Association (NABSA).



NABSA's mission is to promote the growth of recreational youth baseball and softball at all levels of play for the Nazareth community. The development of sportsmanship, honesty, respect, teamwork, and physical fitness, along with baseball and softball skills, are the organization's priorities. To accomplish this mission, our objectives include:

- ◆ Governing the Association in a manner that puts the development of our players, as both athletes and persons, above all other considerations
- ◆ Developing character and to improve the sportsmanship and physical condition of the youth of our community, endeavoring to teach team play and team spirit, comradery, and association, through competitive sports
- ◆ Teaching skills and the rules of the game to the youth of our community
- ◆ Ensuring a competitive environment, balance age and ability in the player placement process
- ◆ Rewarding positive attitude, hustle, and improvement over natural ability
- ◆ Supporting the local community where we live and play the game
- ◆ Accomplishing all the above in a safe, fun, and positive environment for the youth of the organization

As a combined organization, we are excited for what the future holds and are confident we can build an even stronger program and create an even greater experience for our athletes. For our inaugural season in spring 2022, we will have over 620 players participating on over 50 teams. Please come out to the fields to support our players:

- ◆ Baseball games begin 4/18/22
- ◆ Softball games begin 5/15/22
- ◆ NABSA day will be held on 5/21/22

We would also like to thank our 2022 sponsors:

3rd and Ferry Fish Market, A Rise Above OT, All Kids Play Grant, Balas Distributing, BEI Electric, Buzzi Unicem, Coordinated Compliance, Country Meadows, Deerfoot Auto Parts, Dugan's Heating and AC, ESSA Bank, Evolution Training, Fast Lane Towing, Heart's Journey, Holy Family Club, JRN Logistics, Kaboly Sports Photography, Kalglo Electronics, Kellerway, Kitchen Magic, Lehigh Hanson, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Little Buddies Childcare, Messer, Mountain Valley Ortho, Mountain View Drive-in, Nazareth Mutual Insurance, Orwig Property Rentals, Planet Fitness, Rita's of Nazareth, Skeggy's Axe House, St. Luke's Orthopedic Care, St. Luke's Sports Medicine, Trach Plumbing and Heating, Tri-Boro Fencing, Uline, Vigilance Hose, Western Pest Services, Wolf Insurance

For more information about our program, please visit our website at nazarethbsa.org or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NazarethBSA>.



Bushkill Township Contact Information

Phone Numbers:

Township Office	610.759.1250	Hours: Mon—Fri 8-4
Local Tax Collector	610.759.6784	Hours vary
Zoning Office	610.759.7197	Hours: Mon—Fri, 9-5
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:

Bushkill Township	www.Bushkilltownship.com
Bushkill Township Police Department	www.Bushkilltownship.com
Bushkill Township Fire Department	www.Bushkilltownshipfireco.com
NABSA (Nazareth Area Baseball Softball Assoc)	www.nazarethbsa.org
Nazareth Soccer Club	www.nazarethsoccer.org



SUMMER SAFETY

WEAR A HELMET!
every bike ride, every time

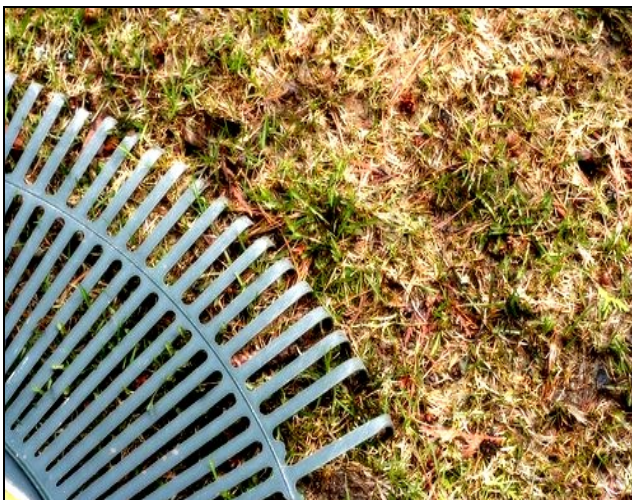
USE SUNSCREEN!
at least SPF15, 30 min. before going out

WEAR EYE PROTECTION!
when helping with yardwork or mowing

LIFE JACKETS ON BOATS*
*even for really strong swimmers!

HIKE, BIKE, SWIM, EXPLORE
ALWAYS with a friend, NEVER alone

BEAT THE HEAT!
bring and drink water, wear hats, seek shade, and check for ticks if in the woods



spring yard

CLEAN UP CHECKLIST

- Clean Up Leaves and Trash in Grass
- Pressure Wash Driveway, Porches, Sidewalks
- Pull Weeds in Garden Beds
- Add/Replace Soil/Mulch
Re-Seed Grass
- Fertilize Grass
- Prune Dead Branches from Trees and Bushes
- Clean Garden Tools and Tune Up as Needed
- Wash Off Outdoor Furniture





www.responsiblerecyclingservices.com

Be Environmentally Friendly!

Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated electronics and appliances.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!!!

Bushkill Township

Rec Park Center – Lucas Lane Parking Lot

Nazareth, PA 18064

Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 – 3pm-6pm (or trucks are full)

*****Bushkill Township Residents Only with ID****

NON CONTACT!! YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR!

Please have exact change or check prepared. Envelope preferred.

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

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| Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors) | DVD Players & VCR's |
| Keyboards & Mice | Gaming Systems |
| Printers/Fax Machines | String Christmas Lights |
| Cables & Cords | Microwaves & Small Appliances |
| Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries | Metal Items & Water Heaters |
| Laptops | Exercise Equipment |
| UPS Battery Backups | Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) |
| Toner & Ink Cartridges | Bed Frames & Rain spouting |
| Audio Visual Equipment | Filing Cabinets |
| Telephones & Cell Phones* | |

*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

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| Washers & Dryers-\$20.00 | Air Conditioners - \$25.00 |
| Stoves \$20.00 | Dehumidifiers - \$25.00 |
| Dishwashers-\$20.00 | Refrigerators - \$35.00 |
| Computer Monitors \$18 | Floor Freezers - \$35.00 |
| Televisions under 42" - \$38.00 ALL Types | Floor Copiers-\$20.00 |
| TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs") \$55.00 | Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00 |
| | Paint Cans \$5 (1 gallon cans) |

Destruction Services for a Fee:

- Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - **\$10** per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- Document Destruction (offsite) - **\$10** per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

****Cash or Checks ONLY****

****Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS****

Bushkill Township

1114 Bushkill Center Road
Nazareth, PA 18064



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Board of Supervisors



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

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