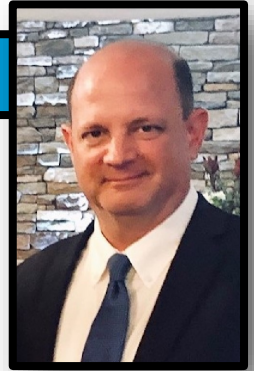


Bushkill Township

Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



Ways to Become Involved in your Township

Most of you know that Bushkill Township operates under the oversight of your five (5) member Board of Supervisors. You also see our township staff members working hard and patrolling in the township office, in the township parks, and on our roadways. What you may not realize is that our Township also depends on a variety of essentially volunteer boards and committees, with members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Serving on one of these can be a way that you can enhance and become involved in helping and directing your community.

Our Planning Commission consists of seven (7) members who spend countless hours reviewing subdivision and development plans to make sure that they comply with our local ordinances put in place to ensure orderly and rural development of our Township. They also review any development or changes to these ordinances. Commission review is required for all plans submitted to Bushkill Township.

Our Zoning Hearing Board consists of five (5) members who are charged with review of appeals and certain use issues of our Zoning Ordinance. Whether you are applying for a decision by this board or are a concerned neighbor, this process allows your issues to be heard by fellow community members, rather than proceeding directly to a judge. This board conducts its business in a professional hearing format.

The seven (7) member Recreation Board plans and reviews all activity taking place in our Township owned recreation complex. With funding primarily from fees from developers, this board plans new fields and amenities in the park. They also recently completed a comprehensive reservation system and a system of rules and regulations for our recreation complex.

Created in the 1970s, our Environmental Advisory Council consists of seven (7) members. This council reviews all subdivision and development plans to ensure that they comply with the Township's environmental regulations, Official Map, and our Open Space Preservation plan. The council is charged with finding a reasonable balance between wise development and preservation. This council also serves as the caretaker and primary advisor to the Board of Supervisors for our Township Open Space Plan, reviewing all requests for purchase and providing guidance in planning our open space areas.

Bushkill Township Info

Phone Numbers:

Township Office	610.759.1250	Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-4
Local Tax Collector	610.759.6784	Hours vary
Public Works	610.759.2758	Hours: 7-3, summer hrs may vary
Police – Office	610.759.9588	Hours: Mon-Fri, 7-3
Police – Emergency	911	
Police – Non emergency	610.759.2200	
Fire – Emergency	911	
Fire – Non emergency	610.759.2200	

Websites:

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

2019 Municipal Office Holiday closings

Labor Day

Monday, September 2

Veteran's Day

Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day / Friday

Thurs, Nov. 28 / Fri, Nov. 29

Christmas Eve / Day

Tues, Dec. 24 / Wed, Dec. 25

New Year's Eve / Day

Tues, Dec. 31 / Wed, Jan. 1



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENTS

Electronics Collection events are intended for Northampton County **RESIDENTS ONLY**.

Fees apply for recycling most electronics.



BATTERIES

- Lead Acid Batteries No Charge
- Household Batteries \$0.75/lb.



BULBS

- Fluorescent Bulbs \$0.25/each
- Specialty Bulbs \$2.00/each
(Metal Halide, High Intensity Discharge, High Pressure Sodium)



COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

- Computers/Laptops/Servers No Charge
- Media– Audio/Visual Tapes \$0.50/each
- Printers/ Scanners \$5/each



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Microwave \$5/each



TELEVISIONS & MONITORS –*Must be intact*

- LCD TVs & LCD/Plasma Monitors\$10/each
- CRT TVs & Monitors - 20" or smaller\$20/each
- CRT TVs & Monitors - 21" or larger\$40/each
- Projection Televisions\$50/each
- Console Televisions\$50/each



MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS: \$1/each

- 35 mm Slide Projectors
- Alarm Clock
- Answering Machine
- Calculator
- Camera
- CD Players/Recorder
- Dictation Equipment
- Electric Pencil Sharpeners
- Electric Razors
- Electronic Typewriter
- Fax Machine
- Joy Sticks
- Microphone
- Modem
- Movie Projector
- Pager
- Power Tool
- Radio
- Record Player
- Stereo/Walkman
- Stereo Speaker
- Tape Recorder/Deck
- VCR
- Video Game Consoles

MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS: No Charge

- Circuit Boards
- Keyboards & Mice
- Cables & Cords
- Toner & Ink Cartridges

April 13th
WM Grand Central Landfill
910 W Pennsylvania Ave.
Pen Argyl 18072

April 27th
Easton Recycling Center
500 Bushkill Dr.
Easton 18042

May 4th
Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink
345 Illicks Mill Rd.
Bethlehem 18017

September 14th
Easton Recycling Center
500 Bushkill Dr.
Easton 18042

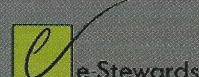
September 21st
Forks Twp. Public Works Facility
100 Newlins Rd. East
Easton 18040

October 5th
Northampton Community Center
1601 Laubach Ave.
Northampton 18067

Payment Accepted:



(Payable to: AERC)



Bushkill Township Recreation

Rec Complex (Main recreation area – on Bushkill Center Road, across from the Township building)

Our rec complex covers over 70 acres and provides a wide variety of facilities and activities for all ages. We have eleven (11) baseball/softball fields, two (2) soccer fields, two (2) tennis courts, and one (1) basketball court. Additionally, there is a one-mile walking trail along the perimeter of the park, with groups of fitness stations along the route and a playground area at each end of the park. There is also a pavilion available to residents for picnics and events (please contact the Township office to reserve) and a pond for fishing. During baseball season, when there are games going on, there is a snack stand in the center of the park, with restrooms available and port-o-lets found throughout the park.



Heintzelman Park (between Young Road and West Beil Avenue)

The Heintzelman property sits on 10 acres purchased in 2014 by the Township to preserve this beautiful open space. The parking lot is located off West Beil Avenue, and there is pedestrian access (no parking) off Young Road. There is a pond for fishing, although no swimming or boating is permitted. Fishing at the pond is “catch and release.” This property also has a walking path around the pond.



Ballas Park (on Kromer Road, about one (1) mile off Route 512)

The Ballas property covers 90 acres and contains a 2-acre pond for fishing (no boating or swimming allowed). All fishing is “catch and release” at this property. There is a one-mile-long ADA accessible multi-use trail, along with a pavilion and lookout area along the trail. Visitors here can enjoy the 30-acre wildflower restoration, views from the lookout area, and spectacular birdwatching. There is a designated parking area for visitors located off Kromer Road.



Albert Ponds (on Albert Road)

The Albert Ponds property sits on 60 acres and includes two large ponds for fishing. As with our other ponds, all fishing is “catch and release,” with no swimming permitted. Carry-in boating will be allowed. This is our newest property and the parking area has not yet been constructed. Once this is completed, the Albert Ponds property will be open to the public.



Other Recreational Activities in Bushkill Township

- Bushkill Township walking trail off route 512 with mile markers along the way
- Appalachian Trail
- State Gamelands
- Graver Arboretum
- Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center/Jacobsburg State Park
- Jacobsburg National Historic District and Boulton Historical Site



Bushkill Township Police Department



Soliciting Information

Township residents are reminded that individuals soliciting in Bushkill Township are required to obtain a permit from the Police Department. The permit shall contain the following: township license number, vehicle registration number, name of peddler, duration of permit, and signature of the Chief of Police or designee. It shall always be the responsibility of the person soliciting to possess a permit and display upon request. The following individuals or groups are exempt from obtaining a soliciting permit: Organizations associated with public school districts; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and their affiliated organizations; Church organizations. Residents are urged to contact the Bushkill Township Police by calling 9-1-1 to report any soliciting violations.





Prescription Drug Recycling Program

Most of us have them—old medications left over from a recent illness or that have expired—lurking in the back of a medicine cabinet in our home. We have all at one time or another needed a medication and it's tough to figure out what to do with the leftovers.

Until recently, there has been no environmentally sound or legal solutions for proper disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medication. Now, leftover and expired prescription drugs can be dropped off for FREE at the Bushkill Township Police Department Lobby, Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM (other times available upon request).

It is important to know that the improper disposal of medication can pose a danger in homes. There is a possibility of getting medications mixed with other medications, are often easily accessible to children and can even create a danger to your pets. Traces of medications are now even being detected in our drinking water from being flushed down drains or disposed of in landfills. Pharmaceutical products should never be flushed down the toilet or drain, burned in the open or thrown in the trash because: these items can contaminate the environment and sicken people and animals if they get into our drinking and ground water; pharmaceuticals may kill bacteria or produce drug resistant bacteria in sewage treatment plants and septic systems if flushed down the drain; burning can release toxic pollutants into the air; if these items are scavenged from your medicine cabinet or trash, they can be illegally used or sold; and if mixed up with other medication and taken by mistake, they can cause serious health problems. If possible, keep any leftover or expired medications securely locked up until you can get rid of them, so they are not accessible to children, pets, or stolen by someone.

 <p>ACCEPTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescriptions • • Prescription Patches • • Prescription Ointments • • Over-the-Counter Medications • • Vitamins • • Pet Medications • 	 <p>NOT ACCEPTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needles • • Inhalers • • Aerosol Cans • • Thermometers • • Lotions or Liquids • • Hydrogen Peroxide •
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What Can We Do For You?

By State Rep. Marcia Hahn
138th Legislative District



My district office at 196 West Moorestown Road in Bushkill Township is a busy place. Even so, I still occasionally find someone during my travels who is surprised by the number of things my staff and I can do to help you.

The greatest service we provide is being an intermediary with state agencies and offices. An unfortunate but perfect example of this happened recently. I was contacted by a constituent who received an anonymous telephone call, informing them of their pending arrest for tax delinquency. The “arrest” could be avoided by purchasing a significant amount of gift cards and sending them to a certain address. Had my office been contacted, we could have checked the legitimacy of such a claim, connected this individual with the proper authorities and prevented them from being scammed.

Most people are aware that we can process driver’s license and vehicle registration renewals, as well other PennDOT paperwork such as replacing lost cards, ordering special registration plates and handicap placards. Property tax relief is probably the topic we deal with most frequently. To that end, the deadline to apply for Pennsylvania’s Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is being extended to Tuesday, December 31.

As of June 1, the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue had received more than 432,000 applications for the program. For the 2017 tax year, more than \$253 million was paid to income-eligible seniors and people with disabilities who applied for rebates on rent and property taxes.

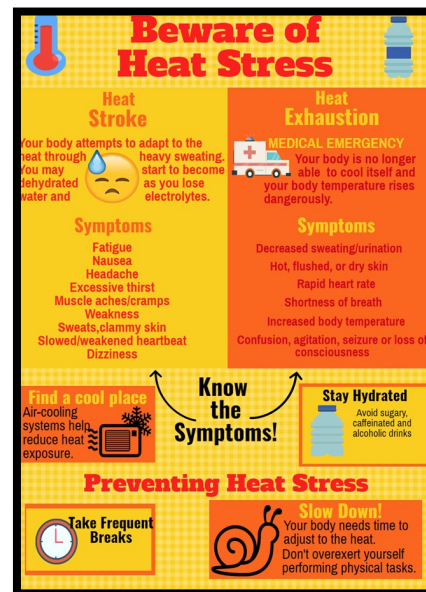
Eligibility information and forms are available at my district office, as is free assistance with determining your eligibility and filling out the applications. If you have already applied, rebates are now being distributed in the order claims have been received and processed. Applications typically take 6-8 weeks to process.

For a number of years, we’ve chosen to reach out to the more than 19,000 veterans who call Northampton County home, dating from the Second Gulf War back to World War Two. These men and women have earned and deserve our respect, which is why a representative from the Pennsylvania American Legion visits my district office the second Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for veterans to have their individual questions answered or check out programs that may be available to them. Any veteran who would like to schedule an appointment should call the office at 610-746-2100.

Finally, the most frequent visitors to the district office are our senior citizens neighbors and friends. In the fall of each year, my staff and I host a Senior Expo. This year’s event will take place on Friday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m. at the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company, 155 Firehouse Drive. It’s a great opportunity for seniors, their families and caregivers to check out the many services that are available to them.

As your state representative, I am charged with serving as your voice in the General Assembly. Part of that charge also involves making you aware of state services and programs that are available for you, the taxpayer. I hope you’ll take the time to stop by the office to say hello and get answers to any state government question you have. We’re here to help.





Memorial Library

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ESTABLISHED 1951

There is ALWAYS something going on at the library – FREE programs and classes for ALL ages! You can find EVERYTHING on our new, easy-to-navigate website (www.nazarethlibrary.org) – check out our Events calendar, sign up for a newsletter, and so much more!

Some upcoming highlights...

SUMMER... Summer Reading Program: A Universe of Stories • Franklin Institute • Brunch Bunch • AWE Training • Children’s Cooking Class taught by chef/owner of The Stone Soup • Coding Clubs • Makerspaces • Teen Advisory Board • Fly Me to the Moon (program on Apollo missions) • Didgeridoo Down Under • Read to the Pups • Teen Board Games • Llama Story Times (with the library’s REAL Llama!) • Make Your Own Terrarium • Craft Nights • Stuffed Animal Sleepover • Nazareth Day activities (including visits from princesses, inflatable obstacle course, face painting, escape room, food/drink, and more!) • Valiant Veterans • Parents’ Night Out • Art Programs • Living History with John Adams (Bachmann Players)

FALL...The library is very excited to announce that Bushkill Township will host our 10th Annual Touch a Truck event! This community day will be held on October 5th from 10am-2pm with more vehicles than ever before! In addition to trucks, bulldozers, rescue vehicles (and more!), we will have a Princess Pavilion with beloved princesses to meet and greet children of all ages • Friends of the Library Book Sale • Cooking Class: Cooking on a Budget • Craft Nights • Cooking Class: Holiday Appetizers • Annual Holiday Raffle • Christmas in Nazareth • Programs are constantly being added, please check our website events calendar!

Join us for regularly scheduled Toddler Shake & Boogie (in Bushkill Township!), Tech Thursdays, monthly tours of the library, adult book clubs, story times (including bilingual and some with accompanying craft), and wee build.

To stay up to date on all of our events, visit our website (www.nazarethlibrary.org) where you can browse our events calendar, sign up for our monthly online newsletter, and link to follow the library on Facebook and Instagram!

Local Phone Numbers

Electric:

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

Phone/Cable/Internet:

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

State Officials:

Senator, Mario Scavello 610-863-1200
District 40 – Rep.
Representative, Marsha Hahn 610-146-2100
District 138 – Rep.
Governor, Tom Wolfe 717-787-2500

Government Agencies:

IRS 800-829-1040
DEP (environmental protection) 866-255-5158
National Capitol Poison Center 800-222-1222
Social Security 800-772-1213
Medicare 800-633-4227
PennDOT Motor Vehicle Svc. 800-932-4600

Northampton County Services:

Animal Health & Welfare 610-858-7722
Memorial Library of Nazareth 610-759-4932
Nazareth Area School District 610-759-1170
Nazareth-Bath Chamber of Commerce 610-759-9188

Local Hospitals:

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

Kentucky Derby Event at Equi-librium Facility in Bushkill Township

“The best place to view the race north of Churchill Downs”

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, Equi-librium hosted a spectacular Kentucky Derby Party right here in Bushkill Township at their indoor arena facility off Fehr Road. The event is held annually as a major fundraiser and is open to the public with advanced purchase of tickets. Those attending can expect to enjoy an afternoon of great food, good cheer, wild hats/outfits, fun contests, and live broadcasting of the day’s races on the big screen! As an alternative to betting on favorite horses in the big race, a professionally run auction allows attendees to “purchase” horses, with prizes given



to those who win bids on the first, second, and third place winning equines. The event also includes a live Parade of Breeds, with an up-close-and-personal look within the arena at Equi-librium’s ‘horses that heal.’ The event is an excellent way to see this wonderful facility in Bushkill Township, meet some of those who benefit, spend time with friends, and truly enjoy all that is the Kentucky Derby!

Equi-librium is a local non-profit that provides very important equine-assisted activities and therapy to those in need. Though Equi-librium’s programs accomplish many goals for their participants, most insurers do not cover costs for this relatively new discipline. To make the therapy more affordable, Equi-librium subsidizes fees and offers assistance by connecting families to available funding from many different sources. Twenty-five percent of the monies raised come from special events, such as their Kentucky Derby Party. This year’s event was chaired by Ashley Russo of ASR Media Productions and was hosted by Joy Howe of WFMZ-TV, and was a great success.

Bushkill Township residents are encouraged to attend the annual Kentucky Derby Party and other Equi-librium events held annually. Next up is their 5th Annual Exhibition Polo Match which will be held on Sunday, September 15 at Braden Airpark, 380 Sullivan Trail, Easton. For more information and tickets for the polo event, visit LehighValleyPolo.org. For information about Equi-librium, their events, enrolling as a member, or becoming a volunteer, please visit their website: www.equi-librium.org, or call their office at 610.365.2266.



PIBBLES PAWS SAFE HAVEN MICROCHIP & SHOT CLINIC

Where: Bath
Municipal Building
121 S. Walnut St.
Bath, PA. 18014

VALID FOR RESIDENTS IN BATH,
LOWER & UPPER NAZARETH,
STOCKERTOWN, BUSHKILL & TATAMY
VALID ID FOR PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
CASH ONLY

When: Saturday
August 17
2-4 PM
100 Dog
Maximum

PRE-REGISTRATION IS APPRECIATED.
PLEASE CALL 484-735-1431
OR E-MAIL AT
PIBBLESPAWS@AOL.COM

RABIES: \$15.00
DISTEMPER: \$14.00
MICROCHIP: \$25.00

ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED



PIBBLES PAWS SAFE HAVEN

Saving one dog at a time!
484-735-1431



Farmers' Markets in our area

- Nazareth Farmers' Market**
Main & Center Streets, Nazareth, PA 18064
Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru October
- Bath Farmers' Market**
Keystone Park: Green St & Route 329 (Race Street)
Bath, PA 18014
Fridays 3 – 7pm, May 17th-September 27th
- Northampton Farmers' Market**
1401 Laubach Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067
Tuesdays 3pm – 6:30pm. March 14th – October 1st
- Bethlehem Farmers' Market**
Farrington Square at Lehigh University
Thursdays 10am – 2pm. May 2nd – October 31st
- Easton Farmers' Market**
Summer: Centre Square, Easton PA 18042
Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru December
Winter: Church Street parking lot behind Easton
Public Market. 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10am – Noon
January thru April

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT—Alex Werner

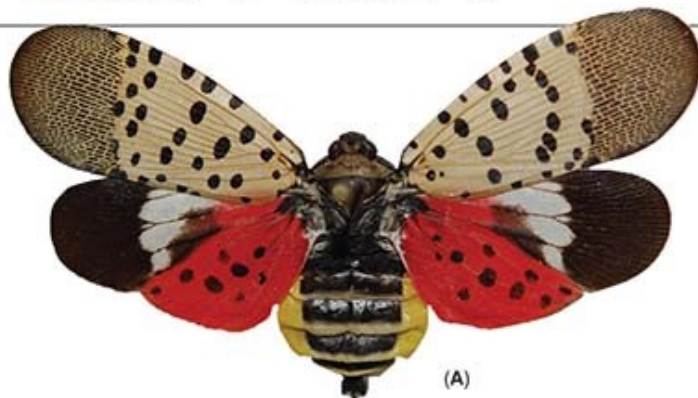
This month's Eagle Scout project spotlight is a project completed this summer on our Ballas Park property on Kromer Road by Alex Werner. Alex will be a junior at Nazareth Area High School in the fall. Alex is a member of Troop #44, based in the Township and has been involved in scouts since 2008 when he started as a Tiger Scout. He has earned every rank and his Arrow of Light. After graduation, Alex is planning to pursue a degree in computer-aided design. Bushkill Township was happy to be a part of this dedicated scout's Eagle Scout project.



When it came time for Alex to decide what to do for his Eagle Scout project, he wanted to build something that was going to be there for years to come. He also wanted to do something that would be useful to his troop's community. After looking at some ideas, he chose the Ballas Park site and decided to expand on the current visitor kiosk. There are a few other Eagle Scout projects within that area that were done by his and other local troops. He created plans for a three-section kiosk that would include the park rules and mapping. With the help of his troop members, family, and friends, construction began in the spring and was completed on June 22, 2019.



Pest Alert



Spotted Lanternfly

Lycorma delicatula (WHITE)
(Hemiptera: Fulgoridae)

The Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (White), an invasive planthopper, has been discovered in Berks County, Pennsylvania. It is native to China, India, Vietnam, and introduced to Korea where it has become a major pest. This insect attacks many hosts including grapes, apples, stone fruits, and tree of heaven and has the potential to greatly impact the grape, fruit tree, and logging industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.



*Photos courtesy of Park et al. 2009, Biological Characteristics of *Lycorma delicatula* and the Control Effects of Some Insecticides.

(A) Spotted Lanternfly showing the fore and hind wings (B) Resting against bark (C) Lateral view (D) Early nymphs (E) Late nymphs (F) Feeding on wild *Vitis* sp. (G) Weeping sap trail on tree (H) Egg mass covered in waxy coating (I) Old hatched egg mass on a trunk.

Identification:

The Spotted Lanternfly adult is approximately 1" long and 1/2" wide at rest. The forewing is grey with black spots and the wings tips are reticulated black blocks outlined in grey (A, B, C). The hind wings have contrasting patches of red and black with a white band (A). The legs and head are black; the abdomen is yellow with broad black bands. Immature stages are black with white spots, and develop red patches as they grow (D,E).

Hosts:

In the fall, adults congregate on tree of heaven (*Allanthus altissima*) (F), willows (*Salix* sp.), and other trees, in groups of up to 20. Egg masses will be laid on medium to large trees, on trunk, branches, and limb bases. After hatching in the spring, nymphs will move off the tree and search out new hosts, including several kinds of agricultural crops. In Korea, it has been reported to attack 65 different species, 25+ of which are known to grow in Pennsylvania.

Signs and Symptoms:

Trees, such as tree of heaven and willow, will develop weeping wounds. These wounds will leave a greyish or black trail along the trunk (G). This sap will attract other insects to feed, notably wasps and ants. In late fall, adults will lay egg masses on host trees and nearby smooth surfaces like stone, outdoor furniture, vehicles, and structures. Newly laid egg masses have a grey mud-like covering which can take on a dry cracked appearance over time (H). Old egg masses appear as rows of 30-50 brownish seed-like deposits in 4-7 columns on the trunk, roughly an inch long (I).

What to do:

If you see egg masses, scrape them off, double bag them and throw them away. You can also place the eggs into alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them. Please report all destroyed egg masses on our website listed below.

Collect a specimen: Specimens of any life stage can be turned in to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Entomology lab for verification. Directions for submission are on the reverse side of this alert.

Take a picture: A photograph of any life stage (including egg masses) can be submitted to Badbug@pa.gov.

Report a site: If you can't take a specimen or photograph, call the Automated Invasive Species Report Line at 1-866-253-7189 and leave a message detailing your sighting and contact information.

For up to date information, visit:
www.pda.state.pa.us/spottedlanternfly

By: Lawrence Barringer, Entomologist
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture



Bushkill Township

1114 Bushkill Center Road
Nazareth, PA 18064



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

Board of Supervisors



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

Have an enjoyable, fun, and safe summer!!