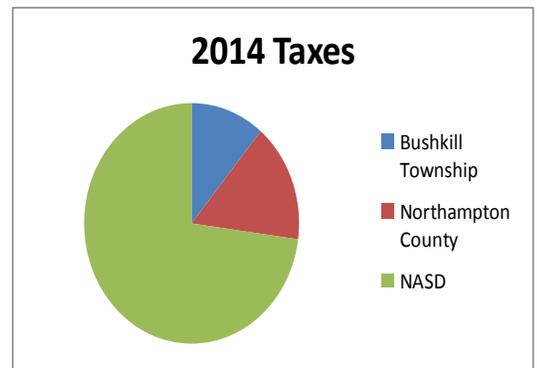


State of the Township, by Chairman Brien Kocher

With a tough Winter behind us, the Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors look forward to a productive 2014. The winter weather has taken a toll on the 58 miles of township owned roads and Bushkill Township will be utilizing liquid fuel monies (gas tax proceeds) to rehabilitate and improve various roads throughout the township. As a result of the 2013 transportation funding bill which was signed into law, municipalities will see a 40% increase in funding over the next 5 years. Capital improvements recently completed include the new Public Works Salt/Equipment Shed which will expand our emergency preparedness capabilities and allow the township expanded stockpiling capabilities. This Spring Bushkill Township also completed the Ballas Tract Master Site Development Plan. The 90 acre parcel located off of Kromer and Jacobsburg Roads was purchased in 2013 through funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Northampton County and Bushkill Township open space funds and will serve as a passive park for residents. Currently the township is seeking grant funding from DCNR and Northampton County to make improvements outlined in the master plan. The DCNR also awarded Bushkill Township funding to make improvements to the Bushkill Township Recreation Complex as identified in the Recreation Complex Master Site Plan which was adopted in 2012. Looking back, 2013 included the township celebrating it's 200th Anniversary, Keller Road Bridge reconstruction, opening of the Bushkill Township PPL Trail, full depth reclamation paving projects on various roads, Recreation Complex Master Site Development Plan adoption and improving the trail system and recreational opportunities in the township. Financially speaking, Bushkill Township continues to be fiscally responsible while also providing the highest quality services to township residents. Bushkill Township's 2014 tax rate is 7.5 mills, Northampton County is 10.8 and the Nazareth Area School District is 49.2. The Board of Supervisors wish all township residents a safe and productive 2014.



Bushkill Township's Chief of Police

Bushkill Township's new police chief is committed to the safety of the municipality's 8,200 residents. Chief Michael McLouth was promoted to Chief last fall when Chief Stanley Coopersmith retired from the post after 41 years of service. McLouth has been with the police department since 1997 and is the 5th Police Chief since the police department formed in the mid 1950's. Prior to being promoted to Chief McLouth was promoted to Corporal in 2003 and Captain in 2008. On succeeding Chief Coopersmith, McLouth said, "It has been truly an honor working for and alongside Chief Coopersmith. I gained much experience from him during our five years working together as a team on almost every detail. I look forward to my new role and building upon the established relationship between the police department and the community."

Chief McLouth is responsible for handling the day-to-day operations of the department, budget requests, equipment purchases, officer training, internal investigations, use of force investigations and updating the department's operations manual, as well as continuing to assist with patrol duties and criminal investigations, and to become a state accredited agency. In his spare time, the Chief enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.



First Regional Compost Authority

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

2014 Bushkill Township Yard Waste Drop Off Dates—Saturdays 8am-12pm

March 8	May 17	August 2	October 11
March 22	June 7	August 16	October 18
April 12	June 14	August 23	November 1
April 19	June 28	September 6	November 15
April 26	July 12	September 20	November 22
May 10	July 19	October 4	

Ballas Tract Master Site Development Plan

This Spring the Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors adopted the Ballas Tract Master Site Development Plan. In 2013, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Northampton County partially funded the purchase of the 90 acre site located along Kromer and Jacobsburg Roads. In addition, DCNR funded the Master Site Development Plan to guide development of the parcel. The passive park will have a crushed limestone perimeter trail with an overlook area, earthen trail system through the site, pavilion area, public fishing and other amenities while still preserving the existing wooded and environmentally sensitive areas on the site. The parcel will be available to residents and is in close proximity to the newly constructed Bushkill Township PPL Trail which will provide additional recreational opportunities. Bushkill Township is currently seeking grant funding from the Community Conservation Partnership Program through DCNR to make the improvements outlined in the plan.



2014 Clean-up Day—May 2&3

The 2014 Clean-up Day will be held on Friday, May 2 from 8am to 3pm & Saturday, May 3 from 7am to 12pm.

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

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

Items NOT Accepted :

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

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

Tire Fees:

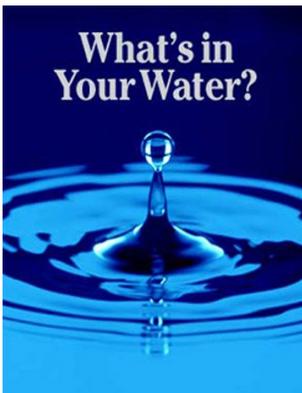
Car Tire (NO Rim) ~ \$3 per tire

Car Tire (Rim) ~ \$5 per tire

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

Truck Tire (Rim) ~ \$15 per tire

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



In conjunction with the Clean-Up Day, the Bushkill Environmental Advisory Council will once again be sponsoring a booth at the Clean-Up Day on May 3. From 7am –12pm, the EAC will offer Township residents well water testing and rain barrels. Rain barrels and associated hardware will be available for residents to purchase on-site, including optional installation of valves and other hardware. Rain barrels are an excellent way to retain stormwater for future use and to minimize impacts on local waterways. If you are interested in purchasing a rain barrel or have any questions, please contact the Public Works at 610.759.2758.

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

For the convenience of our residents, the Bushkill Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is sponsoring a Community Well-Testing Day through our partnership with the ALS Environmental laboratory (ALS). Water sampling kits will be on sale at the Township Clean-up Day from 7am to 12pm. The EAC will have a marked, designated area at the entranceway to the Lucas Lane recreation field parking lot. Directions for sample collection will be provided with each sampling kit. You **MUST** drop off the samples on **Monday, May 5** from 7am to 10am at the Bushkill Township Municipal Building for sample results to be legally viable. The kits are \$35 and include one (1) total coliform and one (1) nitrate test, each. Cash only. Please bring exact change.

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

Stormwater Management

Reducing Runoff: Clean water is every residents responsibility.

The next time it rains take a look outside, water trickling across your lawn, down your driveway eventually into the street. As water flows over land it picks up dirt and debris, chemicals and other pollutants and eventually carries them to nearby streams, lakes, and wetlands. As a result, stormwater runoff is one of the greatest threats to local water supplies which residents use for drinking, fishing, and swimming. Township residents can be part of the solution by practicing healthy household habits that can keep common pollutants, including pesticides, pet waste, automotive fluids, and other harmful pollutants off the ground and out of stormwater.

WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

Stormwater runoff is precipitation (rain or melting snow) that flows across the land and discharges directly into waterways or storm inlets. In the natural environment most precipitation is absorbed by trees and plants or permeated into the ground. In developed areas where rain falls on roofs, patios, driveways and other impervious surfaces, water quickly accumulates and eventually flows to adjacent waterways.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and follow the manufacturers guidelines for recommended applications. Avoid applications when the forecast is calling for precipitation as pesticides and fertilizers are a significant contributor to stormwater pollution. Never apply fertilizer to a dormant lawn.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought-pest resistant as native plants require less water, fertilizer and pesticides as compared to non-native species. Maintain a buffer strip of unmowed natural vegetation bordering waterways and ponds to trap pollutants and sediments from entering waterways.
- Don't overwater your lawn and only water during the cooler times of the day. In addition, water your lawn at a slow rate to ensure absorption and reduce the chance for runoff.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch that are not being used for landscaping projects to prevent sediments from being washed away during rainfall events.

Vehicle and Garage

- It is estimated that over 180 million gallons of oil is disposed of improperly each year and one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water. By maintaining your car properly you can prevent oil leaks, heavy metals and toxic materials from making it to local waterways. Collect used oil in containers with tight fitting lids. Used motor oil can be taken to the Bushkill Township Public Works garage located at 897 Clearfield Road.
- Ideally it is best to take your vehicle to a commercial car wash since the wash water is reused and ultimately treated by a sewage treatment plant. Cars washed in driveways and parking lots allow the wash water to find its way to local waterways contributing oils, grease, phosphates (from the soap), and heavy metals all of which are unhealthy for people and fish.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

The Northampton County Department of Community & Economic Development Office will be hosting two Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off events in 2014 at no charge to residents of Northampton County. The events will be held at the Northampton Community College Main Campus in Bethlehem Township, located at the entrance on Green Pond Road.

Saturday, May 31 - 8:30am-2:00pm and Saturday, October 11 - 8:30am-2:00pm

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

Jacobsburg Historical Society



Jacobsburg Historical Society's annual Market Faire & Rendezvous is traditionally held during the last full weekend of October on the grounds of the Boulton Historic Site, just outside of Nazareth, Pennsylvania. This year's event will be open to the public on **Saturday, October 25th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** and **Sunday, October 26th from 10:00AM to 3:00PM**. Parking is available in the pasture behind the John Joseph Henry House at 402 Henry Road, just off the Belfast Exit on Route 33.

The Market Faire & Rendezvous is family-friendly with a living history encampment representing many periods of American history, including the Pre-Colonial, Colonial,

and Fur Trade Eras. Demonstrations and events include primitive archery, blacksmithing, black powder demos, children's games, a scavenger hunt, a Market Faire of 18th & 19th century traders, and individual blanket traders.

Demonstrators of Early American Arts & Crafts will present their skills in leatherwork, hornwork, ropemaking, quillwork, shoemaking, and gunmaking near the Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop. Open hearth cooking demonstrations will also be provided in the Summer Kitchen.

The Early American Craft Education Center, the John Joseph Henry House Museum, the Nicholas Hawk Log Cabin Workshop, and the Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum and gift shop will all be open to the public during this event.

Please contact the Jacobsburg Historical Society office with any questions or for further information at 610-759-9029, or by email at Jacobsburg@rcn.com. You can follow the event planning on our website www.jacobsburghistory.com or find us on Facebook @ Boulton Historic Site and Jacobsburg Historical Society.

Meet the New Supervisor—Harrison Kline

Harrison R. Kline, Jr., known to most people affectionately as "Jr", was appointed to the Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy created by the untimely passing of Howard Kostenbader. Jr. has lived in Bushkill Township for 40 years and began his career with the Bushkill Township Public Works Department in 1989 as a laborer. With his strong work ethic Jr. was promoted to Road Foreman in 2003, and ultimately to the Director of Public Works in 2013. Harrison graduated from Easton High School in 1972. He and his wife Marjorie (Smith) will celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary on June 2nd and have 2 children Brandon and Sarah. Harrison has been involved in many volunteer organizations. He spent 10 years as a volunteer firefighter with Forks Community Fire Company and 25 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Bushkill Township Fire Company. Jr was a Boy Scout leader for 15 years and also a past Charter Representative. In his time as a leader, he helped many of the scouts reach their highest achievement of Eagle Scout. Jr also spent time volunteering with the local State Representative Craig Dally and currently works with State Representative Marcia Hahn. In his spare time Jr is an avid motorcyclist; you'll often see him tooling around on his motorcycle even on those cold days. He is always quick to lend a hand and crack a joke.



Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center 2014

Residents are reminded to visit the new Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center located on Belfast Road. The new 9,300 square foot environmentally friendly building was constructed in 2013 and offers the following educational programs in 2014. Call 610-746-2801 or visit www.DCNR.state.pa.us for the most up-to-date information or to register for programs. Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.



- Tuesday Trails: May 6, 20, June 3, Sept. 9, 23, Oct. 7, 21, 5:30 – 7pm
- Wednesday Morning Bird Walk: May 14, 28, June 11
- Family Night: Second Friday of every month, 7 – 8:30pm
- Wildflower Walk: May 17, June 14, 10 – 11am
- Speaker Series: Fourth Friday of every month, 7pm
- Family Fishing: May 26, July 4, Sept. 27, 9am– 12pm
- Promised Land Birding Weekend: May 30 - June 1
- National Trails Day: June 7
- Kayak Long Pond: June 14
- Family Camping: June 28
- Moth Magic: July 26
- Native Gardens Tour: August 2
- Family Camping & Astronomy: August 9
- Volunteer Picnic: August 23
- Kayak the Lehigh River: August 30
- Scout Day: September 13
- Monarch Tagging: September 21, 28
- Astronomy Program: September 24
- Landscaping with Natives: Oct. 4
- Night Hike: October 17
- Bat Chat: October 25
- Owl Prowl: November 7

Corporate Sponsorships Welcome

Visit us at www.nazarethsoccer.org



Nazareth Soccer Club is a non-profit organization that promotes and develops an interest in soccer among boys and girls, ages 3-18 in the Nazareth and surrounding areas by supporting, organizing and operating competitive and developmental soccer teams for children. The team atmosphere fosters life skills and socialization at a crucial developmental age and soccer sessions are healthy, informative and FUN!

NSC manages one of the largest 'Micro' Soccer Programs in the Northeastern PA region, and provides instruction to nearly 600+ players in both the Fall and Spring seasons. The club offers exposure to a broad competitive spectrum, ranging from our Micro Program for the younger age groups (U4-U9) to our Classic Program, (U10 and above), which offers recreational to highly competitive area league play.

Nazareth Soccer Club is always looking for an outdoor level area that can be used as a location for one of our many field locations. With volunteers that coach our players and help our organization run, **the more space we have the better!**



Interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor?

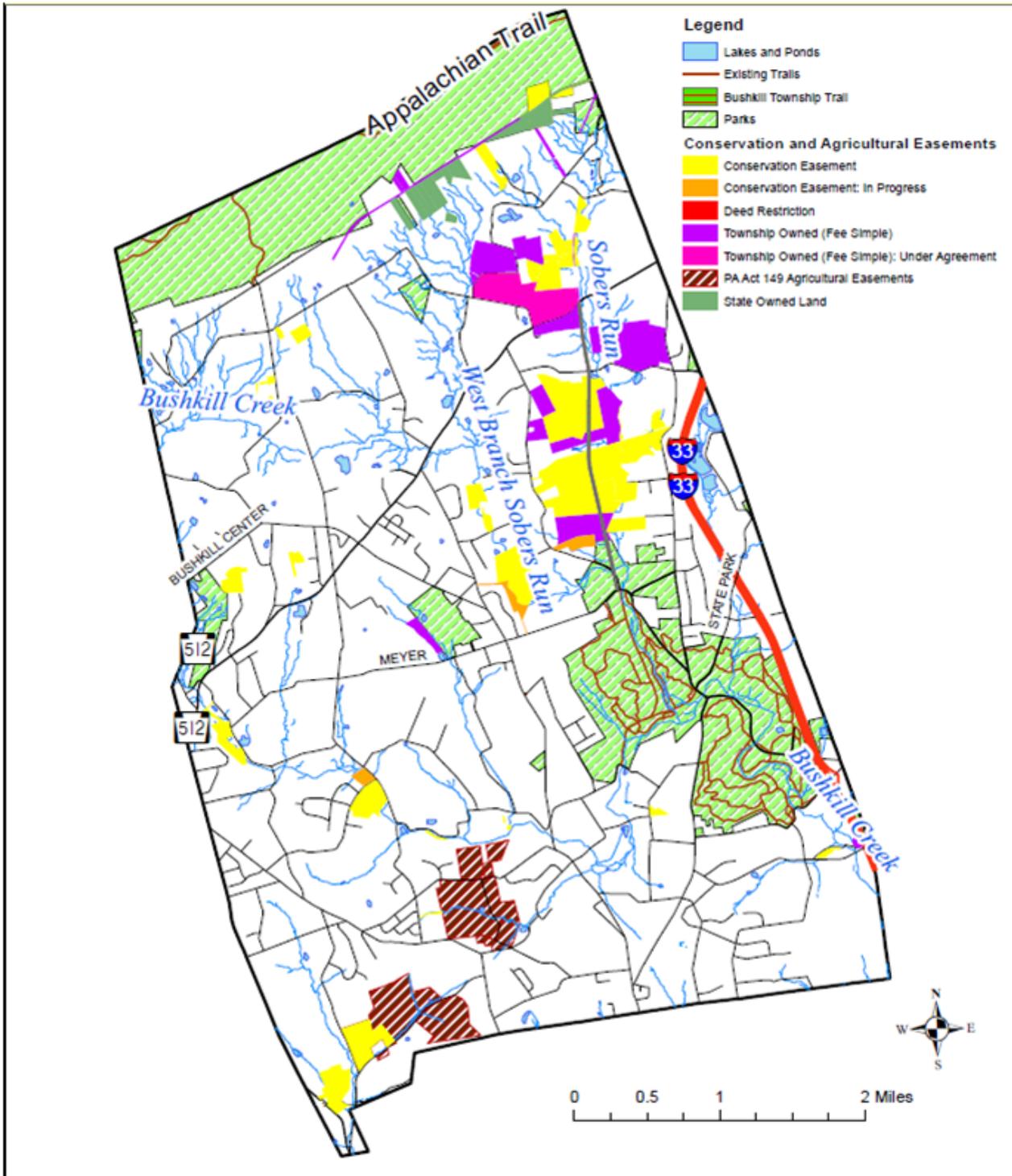
Contact Jennifer Masel, NSC Fundraising and Event Director at jennifer.masel@gmail.com

Do know of an area that can be used for Field Space?

Contact Melissa Labar, NSC Field Director at info@nazarethsoccer.org

Open Space Happenings

The Bushkill Township Open Space Program continues to be highly successful in preserving properties throughout the township. Last Fall Bushkill Township preserved an additional 90 acres, most of which was the Erhardt Farm located adjacent to State Route 512 near the Bushkill Township PPL Trail. Additional parcels acquired in 2013 include the Ackerman parcels located off Old Allentown Road and the Cole parcels. Bushkill Township is committed to open space preservation and we are actively pursuing properties for consideration. If you are interested in the preservation program, we encourage you to attend the Environmental Advisory Council meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month at 7pm.



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Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors

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

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



Board of Supervisors

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

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