



Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher

Bushkill Township Recreation Complex

Although much deserved attention has been given to the four fantastic open space preserves spread throughout Bushkill Township, our centrally located, 70+ acres, main recreation complex is also full of wonderful recreation <u>and</u> open space opportunities for our residents. Located across from the Township Municipal Building on Bushkill Center Road and spanning south and east to Lucas Lane, this park has been in development for decades.

You may have visited this center while watching a sporting event for your children and neighbors in the form of a baseball, softball or soccer game. These fields were primarily used by the Bushkill Township Athletic Association (BTAA) and Nazareth Soccer Club over the years. The BTAA has recently joined with Lower Nazareth Township and Nazareth Borough to create a new organization called the Nazareth Area Baseball and Softball Association (NABSA). The fields are also available for use for various adult leagues and athletic tournaments throughout the year.

What you may not be aware of are the other opportunities for recreation, both active and passive, which exist at this facility. There are two tennis courts and one basketball court, which are available for use on a first come, first serve basis. There is also a modestly sized pavilion which may be rented throughout the year by calling the Township office. Children may also enjoy playing with their friends and family in two playground areas within the complex; the upper area is designed more for the older children with climbing equipment and larger swings, while the lower area near the tennis courts offers smaller equipment and swings which area more appropriate for younger children. We try to keep these play facilities current. We recently replaced the basketball backboards, hoops, and rims, and you will soon see a new swing set in the upper area to replace the old set that was removed for safety issues. The new swings will include toddler and older child swings, as well as an ADA accessible swing.

For residents who enjoy wooded areas, there is a nature trail spread throughout some of the woodland and there is also a fishing pond available for catch-and-release fishing. Spread throughout the recreation complex is a one-mile walking trail with groups of fitness stations which can be enjoyed while walking along the trail. The two parking lots located in the complex have been used for many other community events, such as Touch-a-Truck, carnival parking, fireworks, Cleanup Day, and the high school football bonfire. Centrally located in the complex are a snack stand and bathroom facilities which are open from dawn until dusk when the park is open. There are also port-a-potties available throughout the park for added convenience.

Come out and enjoy all the recreational activities that Bushkill Township has to offer!!









Bushkill Township Police Department

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



Bus Riders:

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the roadway edge.
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

Driving to School:

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.

- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure
- Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children

The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

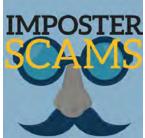


PROJECT LIFESAVER

The Bushkill Township Police Department and the Bethlehem Health Bureau have partnered together to bring "Project Lifesaver" to the Bushkill Township community. Project Lifesaver is a rapid response, public safety program designed to protect and locate missing persons who wander due to various cognitive impairments. Using state of the art technology, the Police Department has the capability to assist is locating individuals suffering from Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down Syndrome, Autism, Traumatic Brain Injuries, and other developmental/cognitive challenges.

Participants will be issued an individualized Project Lifesaver waterproof bracelet, about the size of a wristwatch, that can be worn on either the wrist or ankle. The bracelet is a transmitter that emits a tracking signal on an individually assigned FM radio frequency. Should a participant wander off, Project Lifesaver is set into motion by the parent or caretaker who contacts the police. Trained officers respond to the wanderer's area where a hand-held mobile locator tracking system is used to find the individual.

While national response times vary, the average time for locating a missing person with Project Lifesaver is less than 30 minutes. In over 2,568 searches, Project Lifesaver agencies have achieved a 100% success rate with no serious injuries or fatalities. Officers of the Department are trained in proper use of this cutting-edge technology. For more information please contact the Bethlehem Health Bureau at 610-865-7083.



DON'T FALL VICTIM TO IMPOSTER SCAMS

What is an Imposter? An imposter is a person who pretends to be someone else to deceive others. They may pretend to be a friend, family member, or someone you think you know but haven't met. Imposters may also pretend to work for a company you know and trust. Their goal is to steal your money and/or obtain your personal information.

SOME POPULAR TYPES OF IMPOSTER SCAMS

Imposters might call, send a text, or email. Often, these communications can be "spoofed" so they look like they are coming from a legitimate company.

Examples include:

- Communication from a tech support company about a problem with your computer.
- Communication from the IRS or other government agency claiming you owe money.
- Announcement that you just won a prize, but you must pay fees to get the prize.
- Message that a family member or friend is in trouble and needs help (w/bail money or court fees for example).
- Receiving a check for two much money and you need to send back the difference.

Imposters are Good at Fooling People:

- Never send money to people you don't know.
- Do not give your personal information to people you don't know.
- Verify the information, first! Call the company or family member/friend.
- Government agencies <u>will not</u> call you asking to send money.
- Most scammers will ask for gift cards or to wire money.
 Gift cards are for gifts, not payment!

For more information, or to stay up to date on the latest scams, visit http://www.consumer.gov.

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company

Weekly Bingo

Weekly Wednesday Night BINGO starts at 6:45pm at the Bushkill Firehall. Payouts: Regular games - \$50, Specials - \$65, and Jackpot - \$750!





OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!

Don't forget to test and change the batteries in your smoke alarms! Plan and practice exit drills with your family in the home and choose a safe outdoor meeting place.

Fire Fund Drive

The fire company annual fund drive will be mailed out in September, with a reminder sent out a few weeks later. As always, the fire company thanks everyone for their tremendous support over the years!

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends donation program

Donate \$5 to BTVFC to receive a 25% off discount to be used at Boscov's on October 19, 2022. Also sign up for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Ladies Auxiliary Online Flower Sales:

Fall Flower Sale - Has already begun and runs through October 15.

Holiday Flower Sale - October 19 though December 15. Order by December 1 to have in time for Christmas. Visit http://BTVFCLA.fpfundraising.com to order. Orders ship directly to your home/address of choice!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

The Bushkill Township Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Trunk-or-Treat for all Township children, on October 21, 2022, with a rain date of October 22, 2022. Food trucks and vendors will also be on site!



Christmas is Coming...and so is Santa!



The 5th Annual Santa Run for 2022 will be held December 17, starting at 8:00am. Drop off a prewrapped gift with child/pet name and address on the package, as well as a \$15 donation for up to three children, with a charge of \$5 per additional child (beyond three). There is an application available on our website to fill out and bring with you. Please see our website for additional information. Drop off dates/times: Mondays, November 21 and 28, and December 5 from 6:00PM to 8:30pm

Wednesday, November 30 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm Saturday, December 3 from 9:00am to 12:30pm

Fire Company New Year's Eve Party

Planning is in the works for a New Year's Eve Party this year! Please check the fire company website for more details to come!

Carnival

The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank all of the supporters and volunteers of our Carnival. With your help and support, the 2022 Carnival was a great success. Proceeds help the firehouse purchase and maintain life saving equipment. The 2023 Carnival is scheduled for May 3-6, 2023, with a rain date on Sunday, May 7 (should it rain any of the four previous days).







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

As a very successful and busy summer of "Journey[ing] around the World!" makes way for cooler fall temperatures and back-to-school, the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff encourages area residents to stop in and check out items from our ever-growing collection of books, educational resources, movies, games, and magazines – plus hotspots, cake pans, museum passes, and Wonderbooks. Also, mark your calendar for the fall and winter events and activities below:

- September is National Library Card Sign-up Month! If you don't have a library card, stop in today!
- The 12th Annual Touch-A-Truck Festival will take place on Saturday, October 1st, beginning at 10am and ending at 2pm at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. "This year the Touch-a-Truck festival is more exciting than ever. The library is excited to welcome new sponsors, vehicles, and activities for all ages. This is an event that is a day of fun and provides the opportunity to showcase first responders, businesses, and service organizations. Funds raised from this event will be used to assist the library in improving the building's sustainability," says Executive Director Holly Bennett. Numerous types of vehicles will be on display, including a helicopter, and children will be able to see the vehicles, trucks, and equipment up close; children are encouraged to climb up into vehicles and talk to their drivers. In addition, this year's Festival will offer some of the most sought-after food trucks in the Lehigh Valley for food and drink purchases, as well as a craft pavilion, braiding bar, and much more. Tickets are available for purchase now. Thank you to all sponsors for this great event.
- Get frightened at our "Haunted Library" Halloween event during the October 21 weekend! Details coming soon.
- Sit back and enjoy a musical performance by Craig Thatcher and friends while supporting the library. This benefit concert will be held at the Phoenix 515 West Mauch Chunk Street on Friday, November 4.
- For Veterans Day, the library will honor all who have served in America's military and share its history as a "living memorial" for the country's brave soldiers. Stay tuned for details about this mid-November celebration.
- As snow appears and temperatures drop, spread holiday cheer by participating in the winter basket raffle.
- Join the Audiobook Lovers' Book, Daytime Book Group, Wednesday Night Book Group, and Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group. Call the library for a current schedule and book selections.
- Stop in for ongoing children's storytimes and Shake-and-Boogie sessions, both at the library and throughout the community, as well as special children's activities and events.

Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board.

Thank you to all patrons and community organizations who support the library: the library's four municipalities, readers, donors, lottery calendar purchasers, volunteers, program presenters and attendees...the list could go on and on! A special thanks to the Rotary Club, whose funding made the library's summer reading program a huge success, with more than 400 children and 100 teens and adults participating.

These are just a few of the upcoming highlights of the fall and winter calendar. 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 *continually* updating our collection and planning more exciting opportunities for all ages.

See you at the library!



Providing Relief: Property Tax and Rent Rebate Sees a OneTime Boost

by State Rep. Ann Flood 138th Legislative District

Eligible senior citizens and people with disabilities will see enhanced rebates through this year's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program thanks to a one-time bonus of additional funds in the 2022-23 Pennsylvania state budget.

The program benefits Pennsylvanians 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 annually for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

With the one-time boost in funding, the maximum standard rebate is \$1,105 for both homeowners and renters, up from the usual \$650. People who already received their checks this year will not need to take any further action; the Department of Revenue will automatically send a check for the additional funds.

For those who have not yet applied, the deadline to do so for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2021 has been extended to December 31.

Applicants who wish to file may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) by contacting my office in Wind Gap at 610-746-2100. You do not need to pay anyone to assist you with this process; my office will provide free assistance with filing the forms. More information is available at www.revenue.pa.gov/ptrr.



Local Phone Numbers

Electric:

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

Phone/Cable/Internet:

 Verizon
 800-837-4933

 Astound (RCN)
 800-746-4726

 Service Electric
 610-865-9100

 Direct TV
 888-777-2454

State Officials:

Senator, Mario Scavello

District 40 610-863-1200

Representative, Ann Flood

District 138 610-746-2100 Governor, Tom Wolfe 717-787-2500

Government Agencies:

IRS	800-829-1040
DEP	866-255-5158
Natl Poison Center	800-222-1222
Social Security	800-772-1213
Medicare	800-633-4227
PennDOT Motor Vehicle	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

Lehigh Valley Hospital, Hecktown Oaks

610-333-8888



Meet the New NASD Superintendent

Dear Bushkill Township Residents,

I hope that this message finds you and your family safe, happy, and healthy. I am excited and honored to introduce myself a the new Superintendent of the Nazareth Area School District. For the last three and a half years, I served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Susquehanna Township School District. I have been in public education since 1993, first serving as a social studies teacher in the Montoursville Area School District and then as a high school, middle school, and elementary school administrator



for the next nineteen and a half years. Additionally, I was an Athletic Director, High School Basketball Coach, and Student Government Advisor.

In terms of my educational background, I am a 1988 graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School in Plymouth, Pennsylvania. My undergraduate education was at Temple University where I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education Social Studies. My Masters' Degree in Educational Leadership comes from Lehigh University and my Doctor of Education is through Widener University.

In partnership with Bushkill Township, NASD has an important mission to provide a learning environment for each student to fulfill their highest academic potential and prepare each student to become an independent, responsible, and caring citizen. I am confident that through our partnership, our dedicated staff, and our exceptional students and families, we will continue to grow and provide the best opportunities for our children and their futures.

NASD attracted me for two primary reasons. The first was that I always wanted the challenge of leading a large school district, working alongside a strong administrative team for the betterment of staff and students. The second reason was the area's rich history, combined with its blue-collar roots, reminded me of where I grew up in Northeastern Pennsylvania. As a Social Studies teacher, I knew Nazareth and the surrounding municipalities were once part of a very prosperous industrial region, producing cement, steel, textiles, and of course, Martin Guitars. To describe where I am from, all you need to do is substitute Anthracite Coal for the four above-mentioned products.

My entry plan stresses a "Listen, Learn, and Lead" approach to meet my initial goals: (a) Lay the groundwork to build trusting, productive, and collaborative working relationships with internal and external stakeholders; (b) gain insight into the strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement by learning as much as I can about the district; and (c) utilize the information I gather to help create a transparent and reciprocal process of communication, based on trust, within the school community.

Since I was board approved on May 24, 2022, I have been participating, both live and virtually, in various meetings and discussions with School Board and Leadership Team members. One of the common themes that have emerged from our discussions is the enormous sense of pride everyone has for this school community. While serving as your Superintendent, I plan to be accessible to all stakeholders and maintain an open-door policy. I encourage and welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you may have about our schools and can be reached directly at 610-759-1170 ext. 1111.

With much appreciation,

Dr. Richard R. Kaskey, NASD Superintendent of Schools

Butz Elementary School

Elementary School



It was with much enthusiasm and excitement that we welcomed our Butz Elementary students back to school for the 2022-2023 school year. August has always been one of my favorite months of the year because of the excitement of starting a new school year. I am so proud to be the Principal of an exceptional elementary school in an exceptional school district. I look forward to leading Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. Elementary School as it continues its excellent reputation for academic achievement. This excellence is a result of the commitment and hard work of the students, parents, teachers, staff and all the other members of our Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. School community.

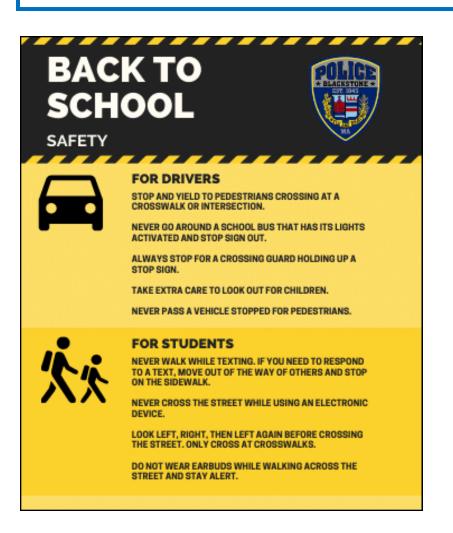
As always, our summer months were very busy at school. Our custodial staff has done an amazing job at getting our school ready for the return of our students and staff. Our teaching staff and sup-

port staff were preparing for a new classroom of students eager to learn and make new friends and our doors opened for the first student day on Monday, August 29th.

Butz Elementary School has approximately 550 students in grades K-4. Throughout the fall semester, our students will be learning in the core subjects of math and reading, as well as experimenting in science and exploring in social studies. Our students are provided hands-on activities and learning opportunities to bring learning to life with real-world applications.

In addition to the academics our students will learn, we also offer them experiences that are sure to be one of their favorite memories from elementary school. Students will participate in our annual Fitness Walk, STEAM Night, and Book Character Parade in the Fall. Throughout the winter months, our students and their families can look forward to winter chorus concerts, a Yule Log celebration, along with winter train rides throughout the environmental center located behind our school and many other amazing activities that sets Butz Elementary apart from the others. We are grateful for the support of our Butz Elementary families, the very active members of our Parent Teacher Association, and our Bushkill Township community.

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 always do their best to display the three R's each day by being Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn.





Butz Elementary School PTA



There are so many new things going on at Kenneth Butz Elementary School! A new year of activities and learning! The KBES Parent Teacher Association was happy to welcome our new and returning students and families to school this fall. We are proud to play a part in the success of our community's elementary school by providing enrichment to the school year that is both educational and fun!

New to KBES? Connect with the PTA!

We invite you to get involved with volunteer opportunities, meet other KBES families, and help build our great learning community!

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

*Class codes for REMIND and Signup Genius can be found on the KBES PTA Facebook page or by sending an email request to kbespta@gmail.com.



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!

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

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

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



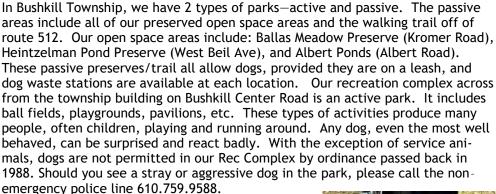
Election Day Tuesday, November 8th

For information on Pennsylvania municipal elections, visit the website: http://www.northamptoncounty.org



Dog Friendly Open Space







All rules and regulations for each park, both active and passive, are posted at each location. You are welcome to enjoy our open space preserves with your furry friends!





Fall / Winter Municipal Office Closings

Veterans' Day Fri, Nov 11

Thanksgiving Day / Black Friday Thurs, Nov 24 / Fri, Nov 25

Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Sat, Dec 24 / Sun, Dec 25 Office closed Fri Dec 23, Mon Dec 26

New Year's Eve / New Year's Day Sat Dec 31 / Sun, Jan 1 Office closed Fri Dec 30, Mon Jan 2

Presidents' Day Mon, Feb 20

Good Friday Fri, Apr 7



Calendar of Events

Sept 11-17	Nazareth Restaurant Week	Nazareth area restaurants
Sept 23-25	Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival	Downtown Bethlehem
Sat, Oct 1	Touch-A-Truck	Bushkill Township Rec Complex, 10am- Need tickets—see library page in t
Sat, Oct 1	Northampton County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event	At NACC, 8:30am-2pm, by appointmen
Sat, Oct 8	Northampton County Shredding Event	10am -12pm, see flyer in newsletter
Mon, Oct 10	Columbus Day	
Sat, Oct 15	Nazareth Halloween Parade & Fall Festival	l parade @ 1pm, festival 2-6pm
Fri, Oct 21	Ladies Auxiliary Trunk or Treat	BTVFC parking lot
Oct 29/30	Jacobsburg Hist Society Market Faire & Rendezvous	Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun, 10am-3pm see flyer in newsletter
Mon, Oct 31	Happy Halloween	Trick-or-Treat 6-8pm
Nov 5-6	PA Baconfest	Downtown Easton on the Circle
Sun, Nov 6	Daylight Savings Time ends	Fall back — turn clocks back and get an extra hour of sleep!
Tues, Nov 8	Election Day	Your vote counts!!
Fri, Nov 11	Veteran's Day	Township offices closed
Thurs, Nov 24	Happy Thanksgiving	Township offices closed Thurs and Fri
Sat, Dec 10	Christmas in Nazareth	Moravian Historical Society, 10am-3pm
Dec, 10/11	Jacobsburg Historical Society Christmas at Boulton House Tours	Sat, 11am-4pm, Sun, 12pm-4pm see flyer in newsletter
Sat, Dec 17	Bushkill Township Vol. Fire Co. Santa Run	details on Fire Company website
Sun, Dec 25	Merry Christmas!!	Township Offices closed Friday/Monda
Sun, Jan 1	Happy New Year!!	Township Offices closed Friday/Monda
Mon, Jan 17	Martin Luther King Day	
Tues, Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day!!	

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

Township offices closed



President's Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Mon, Feb 20

Fri, Mar 17







Used Clothing Drop-off Shed



Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed Sponsored By:

Bushkill Twp. Vol. Fire Company

With the help of Turnkey Enterprises, LLC

Location:

155 Firehouse Dr. Nazareth, PA 18064 (Parking Lot)

Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys.

(Your donation will not be cut up or shredded)

(Please... <u>no</u> rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods, **please** understand that the above mentioned items are a hardship and expense to dispose of.)

Turnkey Enterprises, LLC:

Turnkey Enterprises, LLC is a for-profit company that partners with nonprofit organizations in communities to help support their fundraising needs by recycling unwanted clothing. The clothing collected is used as clothing, <u>not cut into rags</u>. Turnkey services each location and pays the sponsoring organization by the pound for the unwanted items.

www.turnkey-enterprises.com

*** Help us keep your donation clean and dry ***
Please put your donation in plastic bags. Thank you

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 13th-September 23rd

Northampton Farmers' Market

1401 Laubach Ave. Northampton, PA 18067 Tuesdays 3pm – 6:30pm. May 3rd – September 27th

Bethlehem Farmers' Market

Farrington Square at Lehigh University
Thursdays 10am – 2pm. May 5th – October 27th

Easton Farmers' Market

Summer: Centre Square, Easton PA 18042
Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru December
Winter: Church Street parking lot behind Easton
Public Market. Saturdays, 10am-Noon
January thru April



Nazareth Soccer Club

Thank you to Bushkill Township, our sponsors, and our volunteers for supporting Nazareth Soccer Club.

2023 Spring Registration

Will begin in January for Boys & Girls with birth years 2005 (U18) through 2019 (U4)

Visit www.nazarethsoccer.org for details

Nazareth Soccer Club promotes and develops an interest in soccer amongst young people in the Nazareth area by sponsoring, organizing and operating developmental and competitive soccer teams.

Our organization is run by volunteers. If you are looking to help in your community and would like to volunteer, please contact us at info@nazarethsoccer.org. We are actively looking for board members that have an interest in leading this great organization!!



We offer unique opportunities for local businesses to become club sponsors. Please contact us for more information.

Nazareth Area Baseball & Softball Association



NABSA would like to thank all the families, volunteers, and communities for a greatly successful first Spring season post merge of the Bushkill Township Athletic Association, Lower Nazareth Baseball & Softball, and Nazareth Area Youth Baseball Association.

At the end-of-season softball All Star Tournament, the NABSA Turquoise Tornadoes came through with a very strong showing and finished 2nd place in the Tournament. NABSA Messer

won the Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken 8U championship for the 2022 spring season. In baseball, NABSA Messer won the Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken 8U championship, edging NABSA Kitchen Magic by a single run. Congrats to all the players and coaches!

In continuance of our inaugural season, in Fall 2022, we will have over 315 players participating on 30 teams for both baseball and softball. Please come out to the fields to support our players, including the end-of-year tournament to be held at the Bushkill Township Recreation Complex during Columbus Day Weekend.

As a reminder, 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.

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, and Wolf Insurance.

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





FALL Home & Maintenance

Take time to prepare for fall with this helpful checklist:

- Inspect your furnace or heat pump to ensure that it can achieve maximum efficiency.
- Schedule to have the chimney serviced and cleaned.
- Clean your gutters and downspouts throughout the season.
- Repair any window cracks or holes in weather stripping or caulking. If the gap is bigger than the width of a nickel, reapply exterior caulk.
- Check to make sure your thermostat works properly
- Check crawlspace for flooding after the first long rainfall.
- Make sure you have new batteries in all flashlights place them where they can be easily found around the house.
- Have your lawn-irrigation system professionally drained/winterized.
- Turn your gas fireplace pilot light ON.
- Make sure your attic and crawlspaces have adequate insulation.
- Continually check your air vents to make sure they aren't blocked.
- Clean out the bathroom fan/filter.
- Test all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Make sure you have at least one fire extinguisher on each floor of the house and in the garage.
- Make a fire escape plan for your house and take time to review it with all family members.
- Disconnect garden hoses and drain water still in faucets. If you do not have frost-proof faucets, turn the shut-off valve to off inside your home.



Trick-or-Treat will be held Monday, October 31 from 6:00-8:00pm in Bushkill Township.

Residents are reminded to accompany their children and to have a safe Happy Halloween!

Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center

Fishing Rods and Tackle Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm Where: 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. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm Where: 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. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Weekly Weeders

When: Thursday, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning 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, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

DiscoverE: Tales for Tots Sessions 1-7

When: Tuesdays, September 6 thru October 18 at 10:00am to 11:00am & 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Our popular Tales for Tots program returns with all new explorations! Join us for story time followed by nature activities for preschoolers ages 3-5. Each week we will explore a different topic by reading a book followed by a craft and short scavenger hunt. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register all members of your party including adults and additional children for each session that you plan to attend as space for this program is limited to 20 attendees total. Children that attend six sessions will earn a DiscoverE Hide n' Seekers certificate. Please note that both sessions will be identical during a given week.

Monarch Madness

When: Sunday, September 11 at 9:00am to 11:00am, Thursday, September 15 at 5:00pm to 7:00pm,

Saturday, September 17 at 10:00am to 12:00pm, Saturday, September 17 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm

During this program you will have the opportunity to participate as a citizen scientist for Monarch Watch, a conservation and research program based at the University of Kansas. Participants will learn to catch, handle, and tag monarch butterflies. We will also discuss current conservation efforts and ways that you can help the species to thrive throughout its life cycle. These programs are very popular! Please pick only one! Registration is required.

Family Science Night: Monarch Madness

When: Friday, September 16 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm

During this program you will have the opportunity to participate as a citizen scientist for Monarch Watch, a conservation and research program based at the University of Kansas. Participants will learn to catch, handle, and tag monarch butterflies. We will also discuss current conservation efforts and ways that you can help the species to thrive throughout its life cycle. This program is specifically for families with young children. Registration is required.

Project Learning Tree Educator Workshop

When: Thursday, October 27 at 9:00am to 2:00pm

Are you a college student, pre-service teacher, classroom teacher, environmental educator, or homeschool provider seeking lessons and skill-building to engage students (pre-k through 8th grade) in nature? Dive into environmental education activities, receive a Project Learning Tree activity guide with 96 field-tested lessons, experience a sampling of activities from the guide, and learn tips and tricks for working with students outdoors. This workshop will be co-led by professional educators. Bring a lunch and dress for outdoor fun! Attendees will be eligible to receive four and a half (4.5) act 48 hours. There is a \$25 registration fee to attend this workshop.

You can view and register for community programs online at https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?

order=date&search=jacobsburg. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least five days notice.



Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center (continued)

Intro to Mountain Biking- Bring your Own Bike

When: Saturday, September 24 at 9:00am to 11:00am

This two-hour program is designed to make a first-time mountain biker feel comfortable exploring Jacobsburg's multi-use trails. During the first portion of the program, we will discuss essential information such as bike parts, preparedness and safety, Jacobsburg's trails, and proper trail etiquette. The second portion of the program will be used to inspect your bike for fit and function followed by a ride on a beginner trail led by a professional. Helmets must be worn while biking. To register you MUST meet the following criteria: You are able to ride a bike. You own a bike in proper working condition that fits your body. Your tires fully inflate with proper tread. You can safely transport your bike to the meeting location. You own a helmet that fits properly. You feel comfortable riding on uneven terrain while performing physical activity. You are 15 or older.

Mentored Youth in Conservation - The White-tailed Deer

When: Saturday, September 24 at 9:00am to 1:00pm

Examining landscapes and drawing conclusions about how wildlife use their habitat is a fun and important part of spending time outdoors. To celebrate National hunting and Fishing Day, youth ages 12-16 are invited to increase their knowledge about how ecosystems are influenced by white-tailed deer populations and experience target archery with a certified archery instructor. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Bring plenty of water and a packed lunch. Registration is required.

Dutch Oven Campfire Cooking

When: Saturday, September 24 at 10:00am to 1:00pm

Have you been looking for delicious campfire recipes? Join us to learn the basics of campfire cooking with a Dutch Oven! Volunteers Brian and Jean Krenicky will cover general instruction on getting the most from a cast iron Dutch Oven and then participants will have the opportunity to prepare lunch. We'll provide ingredients for soup, a main dish, a side, and dessert. Dishes will include: Soup - Vegetarian Chili, Main dishes - Meatloaf; Turkey, Side - Yams, Apples, and Potatoes, Desserts - Chocolate Cherry Cake; Blueberry Cheese Dump Cake. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions and we will do our best to accommodate them. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water and your appetite. This program is only open to ages 12 and up. There is a \$12.00 registration fee for this program. Registration closes on September 21st.

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order=date&search=jacobsburg. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least five days notice.

Bushkill Township Contact Information

Phone Numbers:

Township Office	610.759.1250	Hours: Mon—Fri 8am-4pm
Local Tax Collector	610.759.6784	Hours: Vary
Zoning Office	610.759.7197	Hours: Mon—Fri 9am-5pm
Public Works	610.759.2758	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7am-3pm
Police—Office	610.759.9588	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7am-3pm
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 Volunteer Fire Company	www.bushkilltownshipfireco.com
Nazareth Soccer Club	www.nazarethsoccer.org
NABSA (Nazareth Area Baseball and Softball Assoc)	www.nazarethbsa.org

Leaf Collection—MS4 Program for Urbanized Areas

As part of the federally <u>mandated</u> MS4 Program, which focuses on management of stormwater from municipal-owned properties and rights-of-way, Bushkill Township is required to provide leaf collection from "<u>Urbanized Areas</u>" within the Township. MS4 stands for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems," and the Urbanized Areas are designated by the federal government based on higher population densities (based on the 2010 Census, see Area information below). Bushkill Township has been and will continue to be a relatively rural township based on our adopted Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, and there will not be leaf collection in rural areas. To help control costs of this program, all residents in all areas are encouraged to compost leaves on their properties.

If you live in an Urbanized Area within the Township, leaf collection will occur based on the schedule listed below. Residents of the Township are required to abide by the following regulations governing leaf collection: 1) Residents must place their leaves in piles or rows along the edge of the street. It is the responsibility of the resident to protect their leaves so they do not blow throughout the neighborhood. It is not the responsibility of the Township collection crew to empty plastic bags or containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, grass clippings, shrubbery, garbage, and building materials will not be collected and will be left behind. 2) Please do not use bricks, rocks, etc. to hold tarps on top of your leaf piles. They can get mixed into the pile and vacuumed-up by the equipment, resulting in costly damages and delays. With the increasing number of maturing trees each year and variable weather conditions, it is impossible to guarantee a specific pick-up day for any one location. If the leaves are not in place when the crew goes by, they will be picked-up on the next rotation, or residents can take their leaves to the Public Works Department yard waste facility at 897 Clearfield Road. The schedule is subject to inclement weather, mechanical breakdown, and other factors, and your area could be skipped at any time should these situations occur.

Unlike previous years, Bushkill Township will not be scheduling leaf collection for certain weeks in certain areas. If you live in one of the leaf collection areas below, the township will begin leaf collection on Tuesday, November 1st, continuing through Friday, December 16th, weather permitting.

- Area 1 Boundary Beginning at the Moore Township/Bushkill Township border, State Route 512, Miller, Bushkill Center, West Douglasville, Clearfield, Hahn, and Williams Roads.
- Area 2 Boundary Beginning on Miller, Baron, Keller, Gold Mill, Parkland, Renaldi, State Park, Jacobsburg, Henry, and Schoeneck Roads and ending at Bushkill Center Road.
- Area 3 Boundary Beginning at Williams, Hahn, West Douglasville, Bushkill Center, Beil, High, Gower, and Knauss Roads and ending with Bok Road.

If you live in one of these areas and would like to schedule a specific date for pick up or have your leaves ready for pick up, please contact the Public Works Department and leave a message with your address. Questions regarding leaf collection can be referred to the Bushkill Township Public Works Department at 610.759.2758, between the hours of 8:00am to 2:00pm.





Public Works — Fall & Winter Tips

Fall is here & winter is rapidly approaching. Here are some tips to keep you & your neighbors safe:

- 1. **Mailboxes:** Please check the position of your mailbox to ensure that it doesn't extend over the edge of the street making it susceptible to plow damage. The Road Crew makes every effort to avoid causing damage to mailboxes; however, plowed snow may be pushed against mailbox posts, especially during large storms.
- Remove all items from the Township's right-of-way before winter arrives. Items like decorations, garbage/recycling cans, basketball hoops, and other portable objects are not permitted in the right-of-way at any time. A good rule-of-thumb is to keep such items at least ten (10) feet back from the roadway to reduce the chance of plow damage.
- 3. Trim trees and shrubs so that branches do not extend within three (3) feet of the roadway edge.
- 4. Grass clippings and leaves must never be blown into the street or storm drains.

Winter weather responsibilities:

- 1. **Vehicle parking:** Whenever there is a winter weather event, all vehicles must be removed from Township streets, including cul-de-sacs, until the storm has ended and the Public Works Department has completed the final storm clean-up. If vehicles are parked on the streets during a winter weather event, they are subject to towing at the owner's expense.
- 2. **Do not throw or blow snow into the streets:** Pile the snow behind the street edge where it won't obstruct traffic movement or the Township's plowing operations.
- 3. **Fire hydrants and storm drains:** You are required to clear snow around fire hydrants. Clearing snow from storm sewer catch basins located along your property can help minimize flooding.
- 4. **Tips about clearing your driveway:** The Township receives complaints about the staff plowing driveways closed after a resident has spent hours shoveling them open. Unfortunately, during plowing operations, snow is pushed to the right side of the road, regularly blocking driveways. The best way to avoid having to clear snow from your driveway multiple times is to wait until plowing operations are completed before you clean-up. If you'd like to get a head start but don't need to get out of your driveway; consider not shoveling the last six feet toward the street until the plowing operation is complete. If you need to clear your driveway before plowing is complete, you can minimize the amount of snow plowed into the driveway in the following manner: clear not only your driveway out into the street, but also all of the snow at least ten (10) feet along the street to the left of your driveway (facing street). This will allow plow trucks to unload most of the snow in the plow before crossing in front of your driveway. During heavier snowstorms, snow emergency roads will be completely cleared prior to equipment starting to plow secondary roads. Should you have a non-medical emergency during a snowstorm, please contact the Bushkill Township Police Department at 610.759.2200. For medical emergencies, please dial 911.

YARD WASTEjust a reminder

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. 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 <u>can</u> 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 <u>cannot</u> accept:

Grass clippings Tree stumps

Sod Large woody debris

Lumber, Bamboo Plastic/other synthetic materials

For residents who want to compost:



Current Hours for local drop off are Wednesday and Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm, and Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Township drop off will close for the season on Wednesday, November 30. Reopening date in the spring is dependent on the weather. Please call the Township or check the website for seasonal, updated hours. For hours for the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA), please contact their office at 610.262.1000. For additional info, visit the Bushkill Township website or contact FRCA.

During a rain event there is a lot of rainwater that flows off of roofs and eventually ends up on drive-

Rain Barrels for Sale

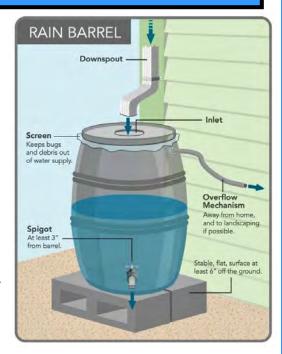
ways or other impervious surfaces. When flowing over these impervious surfaces, the water can pick up a lot of debris and unwanted chemicals that will eventually end up in our waterways. It can also cause erosion in areas when large amounts of runoff exit an impervious surface at a high velocity. This contributes sediment into our waterways, which is harmful for aquatic life and water quality. Rain Barrels are a great way to capture and store this rainwater for later use and help reduce the amount of runoff from impervious surfaces.

Rain Barrels have a small opening in the top that allows rainwater from a down-spout 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 the barrel to be emptied as it fills up. An overflow is installed at 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.

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

Bushkill Township has rain barrels for sale at the Township Municipal Building for \$30. 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 one.



Nazareth Area Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan

Recently the Nazareth Area Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan was adopted by Bushkill Township. This plan was drafted by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission for the Nazareth Council of Governments. The Nazareth Area Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan was written to develop the vision of the boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Nazareth, Stockertown and Tatamy, and the townships of Bushkill, Hanover, Lower Nazareth, Moore and Upper Nazareth for their futures. Bushkill Township's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and Open Space department are using this plan to help reduce the impacts of development, implement green infrastructure where new development occurs, preserve Open Space, and install public use trails where possible on the sites of new development.

In Bushkill Township, if a development plan is submitted, the EAC reviews it to determine if it is in the Greenway shown on Bushkill Township's Official Map. If the property is within the Greenway, and it is a reasonable area to preserve, the EAC will recommend a Conservation Easement on a portion of the property outside of the "building area" to preserve it forever. Bushkill Township's EAC does this to keep natural areas for plants and wildlife and provide other environmental benefits.

During the planning phases for the warehouses that have recently been installed in Bushkill Township, the EAC recommended various stormwater management best management practices, green infrastructure, areas for Conservation Easement, and provisions for trails on the properties. The areas of Conservation Easement protect



Exceptional Value wetlands that are located on the outer edges of the properties. These wetlands eventually drain to Sobers Run, which is an Exceptional Value stream. Stormwater best management practices and the Conservation Easement are essential on these properties to ensure that Sobers Run and the wetlands in the area will remain Exceptional Value. The warehouses are also installing trails on their properties and neighboring properties that give permission, to advance the trail system north from Route 512 to the Appalachian Trail. This is all part of "The Link" trail network initiative in the Lehigh Valley.

Bushkill Township's EAC, Board of Supervisors, and staff use the Nazareth Area Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan to ensure that development, warehouses and Open Space are advancing and being planned according to the Comprehensive Plan.

JACOBSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY presents

MARKET FAIRE & RENDEZVOUS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022: 10AM - 4PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022: 10AM - 3PM

Adults \$7.00 - Free on-site parking MEMBERS/ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY/SCOUTS/CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER: FREE



Market Faire Vendors of 18th & 19th Century Wares **Fur Trade Era Living History Encampment** Early American Arts & Crafts Exhibits with Demonstrations LEATHERWORK, HORNWORK, GUNSMITHING, BLACKSMITHS, OUTDOOR COOKING, SHOEMAKER

The Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, the 1832 J. Joseph Henry House, Summer Kitchen, Carriage Barn Exhibit, Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop, Blacksmith Shop Exhibit, and Henry Boat House Exhibit will be open during this event!



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Located at 402-403 Henry Road, Nazareth PA - Just west off the Belfast exit of Route 33 610-759-9029 WWW.JACOBSBURGHISTORY.COM JACOBSBURG@RCN.COM





A Very Special Christmas at Boulton

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022 11 AM - 4 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 12 PM - 4 PM

Visit our beautifully decorated 1832 J. Joseph Henry House!

1832 J. Joseph Henry House Summer Kitchen, Smokehouse, Cold Cellar Nicholas Hawk Gunshop Early American Craft Center Pa. Longrifle Museum Carriage Shed Display Henry Boat House Display Blacksmith Demonstrations



Adults \$10

Children 12 & under are Free JHS Members, Active Duty Military & Scouts in Uniform are Free



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If You're Cold. So is Your Pet!

Pets can get frostbite on their ear tips, noses, tails and paws. Don't leave your dog outdoors for too long and make sure your pets have a warm place to sleep.



Keep Your Cat Inside!

When outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost, be stolen, injured or killed. Cats allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies from other cats, dogs and wildlife. Outdoor cats live about 3 years. Indoor cats live



Winter Pet Poisons!

Anti-freeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle and consider using products that contain propylene glycol not ethylene glycol.

Clean Paws!

Rock salt used to melt ice on sidewalks may irritate footpads. It can cause burns and cracks. Be sure to rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk. Use a warm wet towel. Don't miss between the toes.





Never Off Leash!

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Never let your dog off the leash during a snowstorm. Dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure your dog always wears a collar with ID tags. Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, creeks or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in could slip or jump in.

Cold Weather and Arthritis!

For pets with arthritis, cold weather can be extra painful. Limit outdoor time and outfit your pet in a coat. Ask your vet for medication to help ease your pet's pain. Know the areas of your pet's body where pain can be felt.





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