

Bushkill Township News

Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



As we move out of the summer and into the fall, the Board of Supervisors is beginning its important task of preparing the budget to guide the expenditures of the Township throughout 2024. The Township is funded primarily by means of a small portion of the Earned Income Tax paid by working Township residents and a Real Estate Property Tax paid by residents and property owners in the Township, as well as several miscellaneous fees and reimbursements provided for specific services. Your township real estate taxes are the lowest of all your real estate taxes. Bushkill Township operates with a General Fund budget of approximately six million dollars (\$6,000,000).

This funding amount is the smallest amount of any other Government Unit (e.g., Federal, State, County, or School District), yet the Township is responsible to provide some of the most essential safety and general services that our residents need and expect. The Board must allocate portions of this tax derived income to each of the areas of our responsibility, including Police Services, General Administration, Planning & Zoning, Open Space/Recreation, Fire/Emergency Services, Public Works, and the Library.

Police Services: The Township provides a full-time, 24-hour, 7 days per week Police Department to serve and protect its residents. The Police are responsible for keeping our residents, visitors, and highways safe at all times. They also provide a wide variety of services for businesses and residents. It is important for the Police to maintain a professional and well-equipped Department with a competent leadership structure to accomplish these tasks.

Administration: The daily non-uniformed operations of the Township are performed by the Township Manager and support staff. The Township Administration must ensure that the Township expenditures and policies set forth by the Board of Supervisors are carried out during all daily operations. They are responsible for responding to resident concerns and questions and must interface with other municipalities and government agencies.

Planning & Zoning: The Township Planning and Zoning Department is responsible for processing all zoning permit applications received to ensure compliance with our ordinances. They also respond to Township resident complaints, ensuring the quality of life outlined by our ordinances. They must also process all subdivision and land development plans received by the Township to ensure the highest standards for new development within our Township.

Open Space/Recreation: Our Open Space Department is responsible for maintaining and developing features in our beautiful open space preserve areas throughout the Township. This allows for high value public use of our open space areas and requires vigilant monitoring to prevent impacts and misuse of those areas. The Township also maintains a large recreation complex across from the municipal building, which allows for play areas, walking areas, and organized baseball and soccer. The fields are maintained by Township staff.

Fire/Emergency Services: Although the Bushkill Township Fire Company is its own organization, Bushkill Township provides important funding to assist with the operation of the Department. The Township covers fuel costs for the emergency service vehicles and provides insurance. The Township also provides a substantial donation to assist with the operation of the Department and purchase of vital equipment.

Public Works: For safe travel along our local roadways, it is critical that our Public Works Department is funded with personnel and equipment to maintain and reconstruct our local roadways. Winter maintenance of our Township roads is also a top Township priority to ensure safe travel. Our yard waste program is also operated by the Public Works Department and is a vital service to our residents.

Library: Bushkill Township is also one of the four (4) municipalities that funds the Nazareth Area Memorial Library. Bushkill Township residents represent the largest group of users of the library services amongst the four contributing municipalities in the school district. Funding of the Library allows our users to have a home library and receive all of the important services that they provide.

As you can imagine, funding all of these essential services with a limited budget is not an easy task! We wish we could better fund all of these components of township government to provide even better services, however, we are restricted to a relatively small amount of tax revenue. To further complicate matters, it is a priority for the Board of Supervisors that our residents pay the smallest amount of tax possible, while receiving the highest level of service.



Bushkill Township Police Department

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION



BTPD PROMOTIONS

On April 6, 2023, John Zwally and Jake Abel were ceremoniously sworn in as Patrol Corporals by Board of Supervisors Chairman, Brien Kocher.

John Zwally joined the Department as a part-time officer in 2008, was appointed full-time in 2010, and served as the Department's School Resource Officer before being promoted to Patrol Corporal.

Jake Abel joined the Bushkill Township Police Department as a part-time officer in 2011, was appointed to full-time in 2014, was one of the Department's firearms instructors, and had worked patrol before being promoted to Patrol Corporal.

Congratulations Corporals and thank for your exemplary service to the residents of Bushkill Township.

FALL AND WINTER DRIVING TIPS—BE PREPARED

This is the time of year for wet leaf-covered roadways. Snow and ice will soon follow. Roads become slippery when covered with wet leaves, snow, sleet, and freezing rain. Keep your vehicles in good condition. Check your tires and winterize your car, now.

When driving, leave plenty of space between your vehicle and the car ahead (at least six- to eight-second following distances).

Turn on your lights and windshield wipers during periods of inclement weather for greater visibility.

Did you know that the law requires you to have your headlights on any time you have your windshield wipers on?

During inclement weather, allow extra distance between your car and the car ahead.

WINTER Driving TIPS

- Drive Slowly**: Reduce your speed in snowy road conditions to avoid accidents and skidding. **SPEED LIMIT 35**
- Avoid Distractions**: When driving, give your full attention to the road. Avoid using your cell phone or eating.
- Avoid Cruise Control**: Always be in control when it comes to acceleration and deceleration in snowy conditions.
- Plan Your Route**: Bridges and creek areas can have more ice than others. Stay clear.
- Check Your Tires**: Make sure that your tires have good traction when driving in snowy conditions.
- Increase Distance**: Increasing the distance will give you enough time to slow down if you lose control of your vehicle. **2X**



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

In just seconds, a thief can enter your unlocked car and steal your belongings. Take one second to lock your car after exiting.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is always a special time of year. We can never be too careful. The BTPD would like to remind the community to be vigilant in their safety and security.

Shopping Safety Tips: • Always lock car doors • Secure items in trunk rather than leaving packages in plain view and keep receipts with you • If shopping at night, park where there is adequate lighting • Stay alert to your surroundings • Stay off your cell phone when walking to your car, as distraction is what makes you vulnerable • If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you become separated and choose a meeting spot ahead of time • Report any suspicious people or activity to Law Enforcement, immediately, by Dialing 911!

Home Safety Tips: • Keep windows and doors locked at all times • If you are having packages delivered when you will not be home, try and make arrangements with a neighbor to retrieve them • Have lights on timers (at least two) to give the appearance that someone is at home, even if you are not around • Keep large displays of gifts from open view of windows or doors of your home. If you will be away for extended period of time, don't forget to put a stop on your mail and newspaper deliveries, or have a neighbor take care of picking-up on your behalf • Don't forget, if you will be going away on vacation, to submit the "Vacation Check Form" to our Police Department.



Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Department



October is Fire Prevention Month! Plan and practice fire exit drills in the home with your family and don't forget to choose an outdoor meeting place in the event of an emergency!

Smoke alarms save lives! Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Test your smoke alarms every month. Replace all smoke alarms in your home at least every 10 years. Mount smoke alarms 4 to 12 inches below the ceiling or 4 to 12 inches from the walls on the ceiling.

Carbon Monoxide – The Silent Killer: Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home today. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that comes from burning fossil fuels such as wood, gas, propane, coal, gasoline, and oil. Home heating and cooking appliances can create this deadly gas. Install at least one alarm near sleeping areas. Test your CO detector each month and replace at least every 2 years or as directed by the manufacturer.

Chimney/fireplace fire safety: Have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a qualified chimney sweep. Keep combustible materials (curtains, furniture, rugs) at least 3 feet away from fireplaces.

Space heater safety: Keep your space heater on a flat surface 3 feet away from curtains and furniture. Check the space heater for damaged cords and always plug directly into a wall outlet. Never use extension cords or power strips! Never sleep with a space heater on!

Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Prevention Tips

Lithium-ion batteries are powering more devices than ever, from our personal electronics, power tools, and mobility devices (e-bikes, scooters, wheelchairs) to energy storage systems and electric vehicles. These lithium-ion batteries also pose a new fire risk. Here are a few tips you can follow to ensure your home is safe with the use of these batteries:

- Store spare lithium-ion batteries away from anything that can burn.
 - Don't put lithium-ion batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot cars. This is a fire risk.
 - Stop using lithium-ion batteries if you notice an odor, change in color, excessive heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises.
 - Only purchase batteries from name brands and from a qualified testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- CAUTION: FDNY recently found fake UL labels on batteries in a fatal fire in NYC.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and only use the compatible battery for the device.
 - Do not charge any device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
 - Do not keep charging a device that is already fully charged.
 - Do not charge lithium-ion batteries overnight or while you leave your home or business.



Upcoming/Ongoing Fundraisers; Please help us to help you!

Weekly Wednesday Night BINGO: Starts 6:30pm. Regular Games pay \$50. Special Games \$65, with \$750 Jackpot – New Bingo machine (July 2023) with TV monitors and verification!

Ladies Auxiliary Online 2023 Flower Sales: <http://BTVFCLA.fpfundraising.com>

Holiday orders are due during October 18 through December 15, with orders made by December 1 to arrive by Christmas.

Breakfast with Santa: December 10 from 7:30am to 12:00pm

Santa Run: Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is excited to host our 6th annual Santa Run fundraiser on Saturday, December 18, 2023. Fire company personnel, accompanied by Santa Claus, will make their way around Bushkill Township delivering presents to each child signed-up, starting at 8:00am. In order to have presents delivered to their children and/or pets, residents should bring pre-wrapped gifts to the firehouse social hall entrance along with a donation on [Monday Nights: November 20 and 27 and December 4 from 6:00 to 8:30pm; Wednesday, November 29 from 5:00 to 7:30pm; and Saturday, December 2 from 9:00am to 12:00pm](#). Details and application will be available on our website and Facebook page.

Annual Carnival: May 1 through 5, 2024

Ladies Auxiliary Circus Days – Featuring the Zerbini Family Circus: June 1 and 2, 2024

We want you! We need you! Volunteer today! As you may know, volunteerism in America has been on a steady decline for decades, and with this in mind, we need to have a steady influx of volunteers to provide adequate fire/rescue protection to our community. Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is currently looking for individuals in our community who are interested in becoming a volunteer to help others. We are parents, coaches, friends, and neighbors committed to protecting our community in times of need. We are like family, and whether you want to join as a firefighter or a social member, there are many positions available. From fundraising assistance, clerical, administrative, building & grounds maintenance, and so much more. The service that you will provide to your community is incredibly rewarding and instrumental in making your our community a safer place. There is absolutely no time commitment which allows you to help when your schedule permits. Training & equipment are provided to you at no cost. If you are interested in joining, please feel free to reach out to us on Facebook or stop by our firehouse Monday night at 7pm for an application.

For fire company news & updates, like us on Facebook:

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company

@Bushkilltwfireco.

Bushkill Township Ladies Auxiliary @BTVFCLA

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Co –

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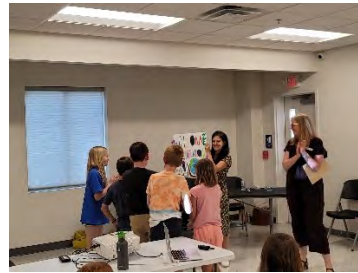
<https://bushkilltownshipfireco.com>



Nazareth Library

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

It was an amazing summer, as patrons of all ages learned about financial literacy and animals during the Summer Reading Program, thanks to the FINRA Investor Education Foundation! Over six hundred children, as well as many teens and adults, registered for the Library's Summer Reading Program.



(pictured above, from left: Read to the Ponies, Ukulele Orchestra Meeting, Junior Friends at Abby Hanlon Event, and Everbright Wall)

As "Animalia" has given way to back-to-school and chillier temperatures, the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff encourages area residents to stop in and check out items from our ever-expanding collection of bestsellers, educational resources, movies, board games, handheld magnifiers, hotspots, and magazines – plus ukuleles, made possible by a generous grant from the Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation. Stop in and try your hand at the Everbright Wall – a giant interactive, hands-on reimagining of the classic children's Lite-Brite toy, courtesy of the Trumbower Hospital Foundation. Also, mark your calendar for the fall and winter events and activities listed below:

- Attend a presentation on local history by Dr. Scott Paul Gordon on November 2.
- Stock up on books, DVDs, and puzzles at the fall book sale, scheduled for October 25-28. See the library's website for times and details.
- For Veterans Day, the Library will honor all who have served in America's armed services and share its history as a "living memorial" for the Country's brave soldiers. Stay tuned for details about this Wednesday, November 8th celebration. The Library will also honor veterans residing at Gracedale Nursing Home on November 9.
- As snow appears and the temperatures drop, spread holiday cheer by participating in the annual winter basket raffle. Stop by in mid-November to purchase your chances to win amazing baskets and gift certificates donated by local businesses and Library partners.
- Join the Library's festivities at Christmas in Nazareth on Saturday, December 9 from 10am-3pm.
- 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. Adults are also invited to join the Cookery and Conversation Club to share homemade treats and Library cookbook reviews and the Rogue Crocheters to chat while crocheting, knitting, and doing other fiber arts.
- Participate in Cube Club, the ukulele orchestra, scavenger hunts, and puzzle-making.
- Check out our free magazine swap, free seed exchange, and free houseplant swap.
- Stop in for ongoing children's story times and Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as special children's activities and events.
- In "DINOvember," we will be digging deep and focusing our November programming on prehistoric beasts. We will offer speakers, crafts, scavenger hunts, special story times, and more.
- Plans for a Halloween party and parade around the library, as well as a holiday singalong, are being made.
- Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board. The group is planning a cyberchase escape virtual escape room, wine cork pumpkin craft, "hack that painting" teen art competition, and medieval yuletide fete in the upcoming months.
- The Friends of the Library meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm. New members are welcome to participate.

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 always updating our collection and planning more opportunities for all ages.

Thank you to all patrons and community organizations who support the Library, especially the Library's four municipalities, readers, donors, lottery calendar purchasers, volunteers, and program presenters and attendees...the list could go on and on!

Thank you to Bushkill Township leaders and residents. See you at the Library!

Are you eligible to receive these benefits?

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



With the cost of living increasingly on the rise, the new and improved Pennsylvania Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program (PTRR) could not have arrived at a better time. This program will help to ease the burden on those who need it most, at a time when they need it most.

For Pennsylvanians, the financial obligation of property taxes, utility bills, rent and other expenses throughout the year can be stressful, but it can quickly become a towering concern for senior citizens and those living with disabilities. This financial stress most negatively impacts those who are on fixed incomes or are facing economic hardships. While property taxes, rent and inflation continue to rise, the incomes and financial holdings of many older or disabled citizens remain the same. This is why the PTRR expansion was so necessary and extremely beneficial to those in need.

Signed into law in August, House Bill 1100 amended the Taxpayer Relief Act to expand the eligibility requirements and benefits for the PTRR program starting in the 2023 application year. Income thresholds for homeowners and renters increased to \$45,000, and the minimum standard rebate was raised to \$1,000. The income eligibility did not change for supplemental rebates under the new law. However, the amounts were increased based on the new standard rebate levels. You can apply online at my-PATH.pa.gov.

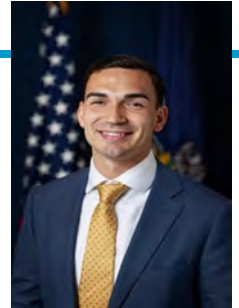
Another beneficial program that every local resident should be aware of is that the Pennsylvania Treasury Department is currently holding billions of dollars in unclaimed property, with nearly one in 10 residents eligible to recover those unclaimed items; you may be one of those people. You can find information regarding the Property Tax and Rent Rebate program on the department of revenue's website at www.revenue.pa.gov.

Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left inactive by the owner for a period of three years or more. The most common kinds of unclaimed property include savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, unclaimed insurance benefits and items abandoned in forgotten safe deposit boxes. The amounts can range from a few dollars to a few thousand dollars.

To search Pennsylvania's unclaimed property online database, go to the Treasury Department's website, www.patreasury.gov, and follow the simple instructions. There is no need to pay a private service to submit a claim when there is a free and more effective way to conveniently determine if the state is in possession of any of your unclaimed property.

My district office staff is happy to help answer any questions regarding the Property Tax and Rent Rebate program, or to help you determine if you have any unclaimed property. Reach us by calling 610-746-2100 if you would like more information or assistance.

State Senator Nick Miller 14th Legislative District



It's been a busy summer here in the district, as well as in Harrisburg.

I now have mobile office hours at Bath Borough Hall the third Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. we can help with a variety of state issues, like notary services, birth certificates and driver's licenses issues. If you can't make it to Bath or prefer to connect by phone, my office number is 610-821-8468. We're here to help you and I want to know what we can do for you.

I'm excited to announce that property tax and rent rebates have been expanded. Starting in January 2024, seniors across the commonwealth who make a maximum of \$45,000 can apply for a rebate. Previously, the limit was \$15,000 for senior renters and \$30,000 for senior homeowners. It's anticipated that nearly 175,000 more senior residents will be eligible to apply. This bill originally went through the Finance Committee, which I co-chair, and I was proud to speak up in support of it. I'm confident this expansion will help more seniors stay in their homes and allow them to keep more of their hard-earned money. For more information or to apply, visit [myPATH - Home](http://myPATH-Home) or call my office for assistance.






The 2023-2024 budget passed and includes substantial funding increases for education. As a former member of the local school board, I understand how essential proper funding is for schools; it will be increased 8%, or more than \$700 million, compared to last year. The budget includes a \$567 million increase in basic education funding and a \$50 million increase for special education funding. Additionally, \$23.5 million will be invested in workforce training and vo-tech programs, \$6 million in apprenticeship programs and \$3.5 million in the schools-to-work program. These important investments will ensure our students are prepared to succeed as our workforce of tomorrow.

Another priority for me as senator is economic development. I believe Northampton County has much to offer small businesses and the budget assigns \$2 million in the Municipal Assistance Program, which helps communities plan revitalization, improvement efforts and management. An additional \$1.25 million is earmarked as an increase for the Strategic Management Planning Program, which aids communities on long-term financial management strategies to avoid financial distress. To help grow our industries, \$3 million will be distributed to the Foundations in Industry Program for pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships.

Public safety will also see an increase in funding. The state police will see an 8% rise at \$1.6 million, enough to hire an additional 400 troopers. Our state police are active in our community, supporting our local police to keep our communities safe. Additionally, Gov. Josh Shapiro recently signed an executive removing college credit requirements for state police applicants, allowing more residents to take advantage of a career in the state police. Public safety is another important pillar to community success.

Last, but certainly not least, how about those cheese-steaks at the Bushkill Township Fire Company's Annual Carnival? I am looking forward to joining you again in May 2024.

Calendar of Events

F/S, Oct 28/29	Jacobsburg Historical Society Market Faire & Rendezvous	Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun, 10am-3pm	
Tues, Oct 31	Happy Halloween	Trick-or-Treat 6-8pm	
Nov 4-5	PA Baconfest	Downtown Easton on the Circle, 10am-5pm	
Sun, Nov 5	Daylight Savings Time ends	Fall back – turn clocks back and get an extra hour of sleep!	
Tues, Nov 7	Election Day	Your vote counts!!	
Sat, Nov 11	Veteran's Day	Township offices closed on Friday	
Thurs, Nov 23	Happy Thanksgiving	Township offices closed Thursday & Friday	
Fri, Dec 8	Christmas Tree lighting in Nazareth	Nazareth Circle	
Sat, Dec 9	Christmas in Nazareth	Moravian Historical Society, 10am-3pm	
Dec, 9/10	Jacobsburg Historical Society Christmas at Boulton House Tours	Sat, 11am-4pm, Sun, 12pm-4pm	
Sat, Dec 18	Bushkill Township Vol. Fire Co. Santa Run	Details on Fire Company website	
Mon, Dec 25	Merry Christmas!!	Township Offices closed Fri/Mon/Tues	
Mon, Jan 1	Happy New Year!!	Township Offices closed Fri/Mon/Tues	
Mon, Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day		
Wed, Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day!! 		
Mon, Feb 19	President's Day	Township offices closed	
Sun, Mar 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day 		
Sun, Mar 31	Happy Easter	Township offices closed Good Friday, Mar 29	

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



Election Day Tuesday, November 7

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



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 13—September 23

Northampton Farmers' Market

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

Bethlehem Farmers' Market

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

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



**Sunday,
November 5, 2023**

Fall / Winter Municipal Office Closings

Veterans' Day Fri, Nov 10

Thanksgiving Day / Black Friday
Thurs, Nov 23/ Fri, Nov 24

Christmas Eve / Christmas Day
Sun, Dec 24 / Mon, Dec 25

Office closed Fri Dec 22, Mon Dec 25/Tues Dec 26

New Year's Eve / New Year's Day
Sun, Dec 31 / Mon, Jan 1

Office closed Fri Dec 29, Mon Jan 1, Tues Jan 2

Presidents' Day Mon, Feb 19

Good Friday Fri, Mar 29





Nazareth Soccer Club

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

Interested in a Board Position?
If you are looking to be a part of a great organization that serves the community, please consider coming to our next board meeting to see how you can help! We currently have several open board positions up for re-election in Fall 2023.

Nazareth Soccer Club promotes and develops an interest in soccer amongst young players in the Nazareth area by sponsoring, organizing, and operating developmental and competitive soccer teams for children. Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

Our organization is run by volunteers. If you are looking to help in your community and would like to volunteer or attend a board meeting, please contact us at info@nazarethsoccer.org.

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

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL

SAFETY

FOR DRIVERS

STOP AND YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS CROSSING AT A CROSSWALK OR INTERSECTION.

NEVER GO AROUND A SCHOOL BUS THAT HAS ITS LIGHTS ACTIVATED AND STOP SIGN OUT.

ALWAYS STOP FOR A CROSSING GUARD HOLDING UP A STOP SIGN.

TAKE EXTRA CARE TO LOOK OUT FOR CHILDREN.

NEVER PASS A VEHICLE STOPPED FOR PEDESTRIANS.

FOR STUDENTS

NEVER WALK WHILE TEXTING. IF YOU NEED TO RESPOND TO A TEXT, MOVE OUT OF THE WAY OF OTHERS AND STOP ON THE SIDEWALK.

NEVER CROSS THE STREET WHILE USING AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE.

LOOK LEFT, RIGHT, THEN LEFT AGAIN BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET. ONLY CROSS AT CROSSWALKS.

DO NOT WEAR EARBUDS WHILE WALKING ACROSS THE STREET AND STAY ALERT.

Nazareth Area Baseball & Softball Association



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

Congratulations to all our softball players who were chosen to represent NABSA and compete in the Metzger All Star Tournament for their level! Our Minors team finished 2nd and the Majors team finished their tournament as undefeated champions! Congratulations to two NABSA baseball teams that won the spring championship at their respective levels. NABSA The Spot won the end of year 8U tournament that was hosted at Freemansburg while NABSA Fast Lane Towing edged out NABSA The Spot to win the Minors championship. A great season for all the players and coaches!

NABSA would also like to congratulate Avery Bartha and Maxwell Kochenash, who were chosen as our 2023 Scholarship recipients. Avery will be attending the University of Alabama, while Maxwell will be attending Kutztown University. They will each receive \$1,000 towards their college education from the NABSA Community Improvement Fund.

In continuance of our spring season, in fall we will have over **380** players participating on **34** teams for both baseball and softball. Please come out to the fields to support our players, including the end of year tournament.

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, physical fitness along with baseball and softball skills are the organization's priorities.

We would also like to thank our 2023 sponsors:

Orwig Property Rentals, BEI Electric, Country Meadows, Dugan's Heating and AC, Fast Lane Towing, Mountain Valley Ortho, Nazareth Mutual Insurance, Planet Fitness, Tri-Boro Fencing, Coordinated Compliance, JRN Logistics, Crafted, Uline, The Brick, Bryton Financial, Shear Ambitions Hair Salon,

A Rise Above OT, 3rd & Ferry Fish Market, Connell Funeral Home, Rita's of Nazareth, ESSA Bank & Trust, Skeggy's Axe House, Trach Plumbing & Heating, Vigilance Hose, Messer, Hoch Accounting, Nazareth Army & Navy, Dragonfly Montessori School, Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute LVHN, Wolf Insurance, Balas Distributing, Bangor Podiatry, Valley Tire of Nazareth, Main Street Men's Cuts, The GIANT Company, Western Pest Services, Burzynski Music Studio, Burns Service Group, Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute LVHN, Kaboly Photography, The Spot Drive In, Holy Family Club, Customized Distribution Services, Brown-Daub Chevy, Kalglo Electronics, Dick's Sporting Goods, Lehigh Valley Martial Arts, Evolution Training, Vitale Chiropractic, Sara Taff Counseling, LLC, Whitetail Disposal Inc, Rieger Family Farms, Prolific Landscaping

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



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

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



KBES 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 www.kbespta.org
- Join your child's KBES Class Volunteer Group on Signup Genius!*
- Receive texts from the PTA about events and opportunities for you and your student on the REMIND* app!

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



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>

State Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program



PTRR: Application Year 2023 Expansion

WHAT'S NEW

House Bill 1100, signed into law in August of 2023, amended the Taxpayer Relief Act to expand the eligibility requirements and benefits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program starting in the 2023 application year (rebates filed in calendar year 2024).

- Income thresholds for homeowners and renters increased to \$45,000. (This means that all applicants now use the same income eligibility table.)
- Maximum standard rebate was raised to \$1,000

ELIGIBILITY TABLE	
INCOME	MAX REBATE
\$0 - \$8000	\$ 1,000
\$8,001 - \$15,000	\$ 770
\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$ 460
\$18,001 - \$45,000	\$ 380

- In future years, income thresholds for standard rebates will grow with inflation annually.

SUPPLEMENTAL REBATES (KICKERS)

The income eligibility did not change for supplemental rebates under the new law. However, the amounts were increased based on the new standard rebate levels. Supplemental rebates are still automatically calculated for property owners with \$30,000 or less in income that live in:

- Philadelphia, Scranton, or Pittsburgh.
- Taxes are 15% or more of total income.

Income	Standard Rebate	Supplement (Kicker)	Total Max Rebate
\$0-\$8,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
\$8,001-\$15,000	\$770	\$385	\$1,155
\$15,001-\$18,000	\$460	\$230	\$690
\$18,001-\$30,000	\$380	\$190	\$570

WHAT HAS STAYED THE SAME

FORMS & SCHEDULES: There are no changes to the forms or schedules used for filing an application other than the income eligibility level and standard rebate amount changes.

TYPE OF FILER: Applicants of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program must still fall under one of the previous four categories to qualify. *These requirements have not changed with the new legislation.*

PTRR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The dates for filing an application were not changed under the new law.

- January:** 2023 PA-1000 booklet will be mailed out to applicants and myPATH will be available to start filing an application.
- April:** Posting/Processing begins. Automated calls to notify applicants that applications were received.
- June:** Automated calls to notify applicants that applications were approved. 6/30 is deadline (beginning of June the Governor decides whether to extend until 12/31).
- July 1st:** First day PA Treasury will make rebates available via direct deposits or checks.
- December 31st** - Extension filing due date.
(If miss deadline, may not file)

HELPING NEW APPLICANTS

Customers can find information regarding the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program on the department's website at revenue.pa.gov.

HOW TO FILE

Encourage all customers to file via myPATH by visiting myPATH.pa.gov and clicking on the *Apply for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate* hyperlink from the Rebates panel on the homepage. myPATH is the fastest, easiest, and most secure way for customers to submit their application to the department.

PREVIOUS FILERS:

- Any person who filed a Property Tax/Rent Rebate application **by paper** will automatically receive a PTRR Booklet in the mail from Department of Revenue.
- Any person who filed **via myPATH or went to a tax preparer** will automatically receive a reminder letter and rent certificate in the mail from Department of Revenue.

OBTAINING A 2023 PA-1000 BOOKLET

Again, please encourage all new applicants to file via myPATH. If customers did not file last year and want to obtain a paper booklet for the 2023 application year, they must visit our website at www.revenue.pa.gov/prrr in February 2024. There will be a blue block on the right-hand side of the page that says "Request a Paper Application" which will allow them to download a PDF version or have an application mailed to them.

Information provided by State Representative Ann Flood and NASD

Leaf Collection—MS4 Program for Urbanized Areas

As part of the federally mandated 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 “Urbanized Areas” 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 Wednesday, November 1, continuing through Friday, December 15, 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 and 2:00pm.

Please remember:



It is **illegal** for residents or any unauthorized personnel to plow snow, ice or slush onto or across roadways because it can present a **serious traffic hazard**.



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.
2. **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 WASTE....just 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 can accept (NOTE: No comingling of listed items):

- Branches** (no more than 4 inches in diameter/5 feet long)
- Leaves** (loose **ONLY**- we can no longer accept leaves in brown bags)
- Christmas Trees** (free of tinsel, lights, and ornaments)
- Small brush, hedge trimmings, garden plant residue, Pine cones, Pine needles**

The local facility cannot accept:

- Grass clippings, sod, bamboo, lumber, tree stumps, large woody debris, plastic/other synthetic materials, fruit, vegetables, ornamental grasses, nuts, stones/rocks, or household waste of any kind.**

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 29, 2023. Opening 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 FRCA at <https://www.frcauthority.org/>

In the Still (or Not so Still) of the Night

Gazing up at the stars on a breezy summer evening, identifying constellations and planets, is one of the most awe-inspiring experiences on the Kittatinny Ridge. Those same night skies are critical to fireflies, migrating birds, and other nocturnals. The night skies and stars are also important to military helicopter pilots. They all depend on the cover of night. Until recent history, dark skies were unquestionable. But with increasing urban development and suburban sprawl, dark skies are in jeopardy, and the resulting impacts have a marked effect on all who rely on them.

The entire northern edge of Bushkill Township contains the Kittatinny Ridge (also known as Blue Mountain) and the base of this Ridge is extremely important, ecologically. This area contains the headwaters to our Exceptional Value and High-Quality streams, Sobers Run and Bushkill Creek. The Ridge is also a major migration corridor for birds and other animals as they make their annual migration journeys north and south. The majority of the Kittatinny Ridge in Bushkill Township is permanently protected by being under the ownership of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. The Commission owns over 1,200 acres of land on and along the Kittatinny Ridge in Bushkill Township. There are several more acres within this area that are protected by Bushkill Township through Conservation Easements and Fee Simple Acquisitions through our Open Space Program.

This month, we focus on the importance of keeping Kittatinny Ridge skies dark for humans and wildlife. Read on for actions you can take at your own home and in your community to help keep the light pollution down along the Ridge and beyond.



...Birds

Millions of birds are preparing to make their journey south along the Kittatinny Ridge – and right over our backyards. Reducing light pollution is one of the most important - and simplest - ways to help birds and other wildlife migrate safely. Birds can become disoriented by bright artificial lights and sky-glow, often causing them to collide with buildings or windows. Further, when lights and light pollution throw birds off their normal migration paths, National Audubon Society (NAS) notes that bird fatalities are increased by the amount

of energy the birds waste flying around and calling out in confusion. Eliminating unnecessary lighting and light pollution will not only help wildlife but will also save you money!

Bushkill Township Contact Information

Phone Numbers:

Township Office	610.759.1250	Hours: Mon—Fri 8-4
Local Tax Collector	610.759.6784	Hours vary
Zoning Office	610.759.7197	Hours: Mon—Fri 8-5
Public Works	610.759.2758	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7-3
Police—Office	610.759.9588	Hours: Mon—Fri, 7-3
Police/Fire —Emergency	911	
Police—Non-emergency	610.759.2200	
Fire—Non emergency	610.759.2200	

Websites:

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

Dog Friendly Open Space



In Bushkill Township, we have two types of parks—active and passive. The passive areas include all of our preserved open space areas and the walking trail off of route 512. Our open space areas include: Ballas Meadow Preserve (Kromer Road), Heintzelman Pond Preserve (West Beil Ave), and Albert Ponds (Albert Road). These passive preserves/trail all allow dogs, provided they are on a leash, and dog waste stations are available at each location. Our recreation complex across from the Township building on Bushkill Center Road is an active park. It includes ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, etc. These types of activities produce many people, often children who are playing and running around. Any dog, even the most well behaved, can be surprised and react badly. With the exception of service animals, dogs are not permitted in our Rec Complex by ordinance passed back in 1988. Should you see a stray or aggressive dog in the Rec Complex area or any of our Preserves, please call the non-emergency Police Department line at 610.759.9588.



All rules and regulations are posted at each location. You are welcome to enjoy our open space preserves with your furry friends!



2013 Bicentennial Tree Update

BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP'S BICENTENNIAL TREE IS DOING WELL.....



THEN (2013)



NOW (2023)

Bushkill Township celebrated its 200th Anniversary in 2013! In honor of that milestone, a dawn redwood tree was planted and declared as our Bicentennial Tree at the Opening Ceremony. It was a mere 6 ft. tall when planted and is now about 30 ft. tall. Dawn redwoods typically grow about 2 to 3 feet per year and can grow to heights of 70 feet or more. The tree is located on the Township's Rec Complex near the picnic pavilion and foot bridge from the parking lot.

Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center

Fishing Equipment Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, 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 2:30pm

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

Thursday, October 5, 12, 19, and 26 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.

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our [web-site](https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx) for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

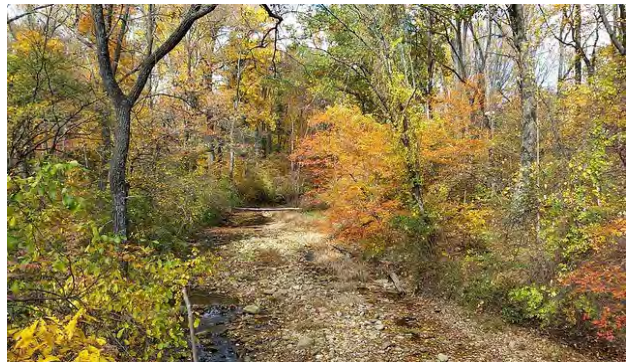
Addressing the ELS in STEELS Standards Educator Workshop

Tuesday, October 24 at 9:00am to 3:30pm

Are you an educator passionate about bringing relevant and real environmental literacy experiences to your K-12 students? Join us for a FREE day of on-site, hands-on learning about the new Science, Technology, Engineering, Environmental Literacy, and Sustainability (STEELS) Standards. We will engage in the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) curricular framework that connects directly to the environmental literacy and sustainability components of the STEELS Standards! MWEEs are learner-centered experiences that focus on investigations into local environmental issues that lead to informed action and civic engagement. Participants from Intermediate Units 20 and 21 will also learn how to borrow MWEE environmental kits to be utilized in the classroom. This professional development workshop is presented in partnership with Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 and Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21. Registration is required

Project WILD Teacher Workshop

Learn how to teach science, math, language arts, music and more with an environmental focus using Project WILD lesson plans! Project ThursWILD provides wildlife-based conservation and environmental education activities that are hands-on, easy to use, and fun. We will introduce activities that focus on Pennsylvania-specific wildlife and habitat and each participant will receive a book and activity guide filled with many innovative and interdisciplinary ready-to-use classroom and outdoor activities. This workshop is open to all K-12 educators and four and a half (4.5) Act 48 hours will be available. Please bring a packed lunch and snack, wear comfortable walking shoes, and be prepared for the weather. Registration for this workshop is required by Friday, October 27, 2023 and is limited to 25 participants. A \$25 registration fee is required and is due the day of the workshop.



Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center (con't)

Speaker Series: Turkey Talk

Friday, November 17 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm

You may have noticed the Pennsylvania Game Commission asking the public to share sightings of Eastern Wild Turkey flocks to help in conservation efforts. As Thanksgiving approaches and turkey talk is on the rise, we've invited Rachel Bealer, one of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Eastern Wild Turkey Technicians to share some of the new and ongoing projects for the species. She will discuss the local population, challenges faced by turkeys, and the adventurous ways she collects and records data.

day, November 9 at 9:00am to 2:00pm

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 Historical Society



MARKET FAIRE & RENDEZVOUS LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND SATURDAY & SUNDAY OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2023 10AM - 4PM

Fur Trade Era Encampment and 18th c. Market Faire. Early American Arts & Crafts, exhibits and demonstrations. Open Hearth Cooking. Food truck. Historic Buildings and Museums open for tours. Saturday 10am - 4 pm and Sunday 12pm - 4pm

General admission \$10.00.

Members, with membership card,

Current Military, Scouts in uniform, children under 12 are free.

Website: www.JacobsburgHistory.com



VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS AT BOULTON SAT, DEC. 9TH 11AM - 4PM SUN, DEC. 10TH 12PM - 4PM

Visit the J. Joseph Henry House Decorated in Holiday Splendor. Stop by Museum Gift Shop for Holiday Shopping. Annual Live Greens sale, Refreshments and Jacobsburg Brew will be available in the Visitor Center.

CHRISTMAS ENCORE - tour the J. Joseph Henry House DECEMBER 30th 11AM - 4PM 402 Henry Rd., Nazareth, PA 18064

General admission \$10.00.

Members, with membership card,

Current Military, Scouts in uniform, children under 12 are free.

WINTER PET CARE TIPS



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.



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Honk your horn before driving off. Cats like to curl up on engine for warmth.

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 15-20 years.



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!

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.

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.



Local Phone Numbers

Electric:

PPL 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, Nick Miller
District 14 610-821-8468
Representative, Ann Flood
District 138 610-746-2100
Governor, Josh Shapiro 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 610-252-7722
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



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... **no** 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 non-profit organizations in communities to help support their fundraising needs by recycling unwanted clothing. The clothing collected is used as clothing, **not cut into rags**. 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

TIPS FOR SAFE FALL DRIVING

Every year thousands of people are injured and hundreds of people are killed due to daylight savings time changes and the change of seasons.

Autumn means we need to be more careful as drivers.

1 WEATHER



Sudden changes in temperature, rain, snow and fog all make for hazardous driving. Be aware of the weather - know before you go.

2 SUNRISE & SUNSET



Daylight Savings Time means the sun on the morning drive might be right in your eyes. The sun goes down early now, so it gets dark a lot sooner! **HEADLIGHTS!**

3 CHILDREN & ANIMALS



Children are back to school and animals are busy preparing for winter. Look out for them. Slow down, keep an eye out, and be nice.

4 LEAVES



Leaves on the ground can be slippery and dangerous. Careful when driving on leaf-covered roads, whether it's raining or not. Clear leaves off your car before driving, just like snow.

**Stay safe
YOU ARE GOOD TO GO!**



www.AAMCOColorado.com

Bushkill Township

1114 Bushkill Center Road
Nazareth, PA 18064

Board of Supervisors



Left to right: Carolyn Hill, Jason Smith (Vice-Chairman),
Brien Kocher (Chairman), Harrison Kline, Julie Bender

Have a happy and safe Fall/Winter season!!