

Fall / Winter 2026-2027

Bushkill Township News

Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



As we move from the waning summer months into the fall and winter season, now is a wonderful opportunity to think about ways you can get involved in your Township Community. Bushkill Township has four community-oriented boards where you can get involved and have direct impact on the quality of life and direction of your Township. Your Board of Supervisors appoints members to these boards to help serve our community and I strongly encourage you to submit letters of interest that we will keep on file as openings on these boards arise.

The Planning Commission participates in reviews of all subdivision and land development plans which are submitted to the Township for approval. Planning Commission members get to interact with Developers and our Township Engineer to review these plans to ensure that they comply with all our development regulations, including zoning and our subdivision regulations. This gives you an opportunity to have a direct impact on the growth of our community. Planning Commission is also involved in review and development of any changes to the regulations related to the Townships growth and development.

The Environmental Advisory Committee participates in reviewing all aspects of environmental concerns and regulations which affect the environment in which we live. This includes reviews of subdivision and land development plans submitted for approval to the Township. It also includes review of properties wishing to join our highly successful open space program. The EAC membership evaluates the properties submitted for inclusion into our open space program and is directly involved in monitoring maintenance of these properties. The EAC membership also reviews any proposed regulations concerning our open space program.

Joining our Recreation Board means you would be directly involved in overseeing the development and planning of our Recreation Complex and programs. Recreation Board members engage in planning for the development and redevelopment of our Recreation Complex and facilities. The Recreation Board also assists with planning and scheduling for the various recreation organizations that utilize our recreation fields. There is currently an open position on the Recreation Board, and we encourage anyone interested in helping shape the future of our community's recreation opportunities to consider joining the Bushkill Township Recreation Board.

The Board of Supervisors also appoints members to our Zoning Hearing Board. Our Zoning Hearing Board operates as an independent judicial board which conducts hearings for our residents and developers in the interpretation of our zoning ordinance. This Board is involved in considering granting relief to residents and developers who wish to modify the requirements of our ordinance where unique and special conditions may apply to their properties. There is currently an open position on the Bushkill Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Members to our Library Board are also appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Service on the Library Board means that you help guide our library in its operation and budgeting. Bushkill Township, along with Nazareth Borough, Upper Nazareth Township, and Lower Nazareth Township operate the Nazareth Memorial Library. Serving on the Library Board is important to ensure that library fulfills its important community role for all Township residents. The library also has several boards which interested residents can serve to help with varying aspects of assisting the library.

The Township is also partnered with several community organizations. The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company is one of those critically important organizations. The Township Fire Company is a separate organization and is comprised entirely of volunteers. These volunteers are essential to provide the important emergency and fire services required for our Township residents. The Fire Company is always looking for volunteers to help with the operation of the Fire Company and provide an important emergency service. The Fire Company will train any resident who is interested in helping in this role serving our community.

You should also be aware that the Jacobsburg Historical Society serves in the role as our official Township Historic Society. The Jacobsburg Historical Society (JHS) is responsible for the upkeep of the Boulton Historic Site where the family of the owners of the Henry Gun factory lived. This site is located entirely in Bushkill Township and is an important historic resource within Bushkill Township. The Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum is also part of this historic treasure. The JHS is responsible for the preservation of the historic heritage of our township. They are always looking for volunteers to help in this important community endeavor.



Bushkill Township Police Department



Keeping Bushkill Township Safe This Fall & Winter

School Is Back in Session:

As the 2026–2027 school year begins, the Bushkill Township Police Department reminds all motorists to be alert for school buses, pedestrians, and children traveling to and from school. The safety of our students is a shared responsibility, and every driver plays a role in keeping children safe. Please slow down in school zones, watch for pedestrians, obey school bus stop arms, and eliminate distractions while driving. A few extra moments of caution can help ensure every student arrives safely.

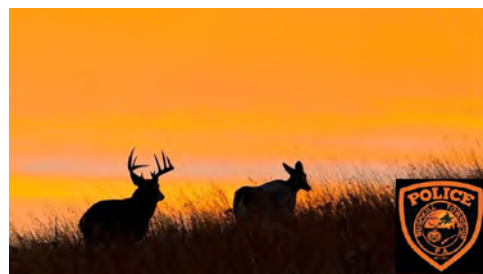


Deer Are on the Move This Fall:

As we approach the fall season, deer become much more active as the annual rut (mating season) begins. During this time, deer often behave unpredictably and may suddenly dart into roadways, significantly increasing the risk of vehicle collisions. The Bushkill Township Police Department encourages motorists to use extra caution. Most deer-related crashes occur between October and December, particularly at dawn and dusk when visibility is reduced.

To reduce your risk of a collision:

- Slow down in wooded areas and locations marked with deer crossing signs.
- Stay alert and continuously scan both sides of the roadway for movement.
- Use high beams when appropriate to improve visibility.
- If you see one deer, others are likely nearby.
- If a collision is unavoidable, brake firmly and remain in your lane. Swerving to avoid a deer can result in a more serious crash.
- A little extra caution this fall can help protect you, your passengers, and others on the road. Stay alert and arrive safely.



Clear the Snow Before You Go:



Before you head out this winter, take a few extra minutes to completely clear snow and ice from your vehicle, including the roof, hood, trunk, headlights, taillights, mirrors, and all windows.

Flying snow and ice can cause serious crashes and injuries.

Did You Know?

- * **Windshield Obstructions and Wipers Title 75 PA C.S. § 4524.** Drivers may be cited if snow or ice obstructs the windshield, side windows, or rear window, limiting visibility.
- * **Snow and Ice Title 75 PA C.S. § 3721.** Drivers are required to make a reasonable effort to remove accumulated snow and ice from the hood, roof, and trunk of their vehicle within 24 hours after the cessation of snowfall or ice before operating the

vehicle. Failure to do so may result in a citation.

Move Over:

Pennsylvania law requires drivers approaching an emergency scene with flashing lights to move over into a non-adjacent lane whenever it is safe to do so. If changing lanes is not possible, drivers must significantly reduce their speed and proceed with caution. The Move Over Law applies to police, fire, EMS, tow trucks, PennDOT vehicles, and disabled vehicles displaying flashing hazard lights.



Every traffic stop, crash investigation, and disabled vehicle creates a hazardous work environment. Your attention and courtesy help protect police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, tow truck operators,

Crimewatch:

Stay Connected with the BTPD.

Sign up for CRIMEWATCH to receive crime alerts, department news, community event information, and emergency notifications directly from the Bushkill Township Police Department. Residents can also submit anonymous tips, register security cameras, request vacation home checks, and enroll in the Do Not Solicit Program.



Calendar of Events

Sat, Oct 3	Touch-A-Truck Library Fundraiser	Bushkill Township Park, 10am - 2pm
Oct 3/4	Easton GarlicFest	Downtown Easton, Center Square
Sat, Oct 10	Jacobsburg Historical Society	Sat, programs at 10am & 3pm, details on newsletter page 20
	The United States at 250 with the Centennial President	
Sat, Oct 17	Bushkill VFC Fall Craft/Vendor Fair	BTVFC Firehall, 9am - 3pm
Mon, Oct 12	Columbus Day	
Sat, Oct 17	Nazareth Halloween Parade	10am, Downtown Nazareth
Sat, Oct 17	Nazareth Fall Festival	after parade 2pm - 5pm
Sat, Oct 24	Soundfest Band Festival	Andrew S. Leh Stadium, 4pm -10pm
Sat, Oct 24	Ladies Auxiliary Trunk or Treat	6-8pm, in Fire Company parking lot, Rain date Sunday 10/25
Oct 24/25	Jacobsburg Historical Society	Sat/Sun, 10am to 4pm, details on newsletter page 20
	Market Faire & Rendezvous Weekend	
Sat, Oct 31	Happy Halloween	Trick-or-Treat 6pm - 8pm
Nov 7/8	PA Baconfest	Downtown Easton on the Circle
Sun, Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time ends	Fall back — turn clocks back and get an extra hour of sleep!
Tues, Nov 3	Election Day	Your vote counts!! Bushkill Polls open 7am-8pm
Wed, Nov 11	Veterans Day	Township offices closed
Thurs, Nov 26	YMCA Pumpkin Pie 5K/1.5mile race walk	Nazareth Area YMCA @9am. Can register online
Thurs, Nov 26	Happy Thanksgiving	Township offices closed Thursday & Friday
Fri, Dec 11	Christmas Tree lighting in Nazareth	Nazareth Circle @ 7pm
Sat, Dec 12	Christmas in Nazareth	Downtown Nazareth, 10am - 3pm
Dec 5/6	Jacobsburg Historical Society	Sat/Sun, details on newsletter page 20
	A Very Special Christmas at Boulton	
Sat, Dec 12	Bushkill Twp Vol. Fire Co. Santa Run	Details on Fire Company website
Dec 24-25	Merry Christmas!!	Township Offices closed Thurs, Dec 24 & Fri, Dec 25
Dec 31-Jan 1	Happy New Year!!	Township Offices closed Thurs, Dec 31 & Fri, Jan 1
Mon, Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day	
Tues, Feb 2	Groundhog Day	
Sun, Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day!!	
Mon, Feb 15	Presidents Day	Township offices closed
Sun, Mar 14	Daylight Savings time begins	Spring ahead, turn clocks ahead!
Wed, Mar 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day	
Sun, Mar 28	Happy Easter	Township offices closed Good Friday, Mar. 26



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.

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company

October is Fire Prevention Month! Plan and practice fire exit drills with your family in the home and don't forget to choose an outdoor meeting place! Always plan 2 ways out of each room.

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 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, or 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 every 2 years or as directed by the manufacturer.

Chimney/fireplace fire safety: Have your chimney cleaned & 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 & 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!

Christmas tree fire safety: Purchase a fresh tree where needles don't easily fall off or fire-resistant artificial trees. Place tree 3 feet away from heat sources and keep the tree watered. Use UL listed lights – LED lights do not create heat so they are safer. Dispose of worn, loose, or damaged light strings. Turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed and never overload circuits. Electrical malfunctions account for 1/3 of all Christmas tree fires. More than half of the Christmas tree fires occur between December 22nd and January 5th.

Lithium-ion Battery Fire Safety Tips

Lithium-ion batteries power more devices than ever; from electronics and mobility devices to power tools and electric vehicles. They also pose new fire risks. Please follow these safety tips:

- Store spare batteries away from anything that can burn.
- Do not leave batteries in direct sunlight or hot vehicles.
- Stop using batteries that show odor, discoloration, excessive heat, swelling, leaking, or unusual noises.
- Purchase batteries only from reputable brands and certified testing laboratories (e.g., UL).
- Follow manufacturer instructions and use batteries only for their intended devices.
- Do not charge devices under pillows, on beds, or on couches.
- Do not continue charging a device once it is fully charged.
- Avoid charging lithium-ion batteries overnight or while unattended.



Upcoming/Ongoing Fundraisers: help us help you!

Weekly Wednesday Night BINGO: Doors open at 4pm, Starts 6:30pm, Regular Games pay \$50, Special Games \$70, \$750 Jackpot • **Try our new game** • Spinning for Jackpots – Win up to \$1,000!

Fall Craft Fair: October 17th 2026 9am – 2pm • Free Parking & Admission • Kitchen Open • Vendors Contact Dennis 908-400-5953

Ladies Auxiliary Trunk or Treat: October 24th, 2026 • 6–8 PM • Rain Date: October 25th • 6–8 PM • Held in the fire company parking lot. Open to the public. Applications for decorated trunks available on our website today!

Annual Fund Drive: Our 2026 fundraiser fund drive will be mailed out in September 2026. Consider donating to your local **100% volunteer fire** company. Funds help us purchase equipment to better serve our community.

Santa Run – December 12th 2026: We are excited to host our **9th annual Santa Run fundraiser** on Saturday, December 12th, 2026. Fire company personnel, accompanied by Santa Claus, will travel throughout Bushkill Township delivering presents to each child signed up via fire truck.

To participate, residents should bring **pre-wrapped gifts** to the firehouse social hall entrance along with a \$15 donation on the following dates: **Mon., Nov. 23 & 30: 6–8:30 PM; Wed., Dec. 2: 4–7:30 PM; Sat., Dec. 5: 9 AM–12 PM** Details and applications will be available on our website and Facebook page.

Annual Carnival: May 18–22, 2027 • Sensory Day: May 22, 2027 • “Read to Ride” — Ride up to 4 rides free (May 18–20). Forms available on our website in 2027.

Ladies Auxiliary Circus Days – Featuring the Zerbini Family Circus: Summer 2027

Bushkill Vol. Fire Company ***(continued)***

We Want You — Volunteer Today

Volunteerism in America has been declining for decades, and we need a steady influx of volunteers to provide adequate fire and rescue protection to our community. We are parents, friends, and neighbors committed to protecting Bushkill Township. Whether you want to join as a firefighter or a social member, there are many positions available; fundraising, clerical work, administrative support, building and grounds maintenance, and more. There is **no required time commitment**, allowing you to help when your schedule permits. Training and equipment are provided at no cost. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to us on Facebook or stop by the firehouse:

Monday nights at 7 PM

Wednesday nights between 4–10 PM

Volunteer Firefighters: 18+

Volunteer Junior Firefighters: 14–17

Volunteer Social Members: 14+

Ladies Auxiliary Members: 18+

Follow us for updates

- **Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company**
@Bushkilltwfireco
- **Bushkill Township Ladies Auxiliary @BTVFCLA**

Website: <https://bushkilltownshipfireco.com>



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

Nazareth Library

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

News from the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity

Summer of 2026 was filled with many exciting programs at The Memorial Library Nazareth & Vicinity. Our Summer Reading Program, "Unearth a Story," brought together children, teens, and adults alike.

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Our children's summer reading program officially began with the Summer Reading Kick-Off Cookout. Many exciting programs followed throughout the summer where children had opportunities to learn from experts, participate in hands-on activities, and discover the wonders of the natural world. Special highlights included opportunities to learn about fossils from a paleontologist, participate in dinosaur-themed activities and trivia, meet reptiles from the Lehigh Valley Zoo, and much more.



Patrons enjoyed the Summer Reading Cookout



Lehigh Valley Zoo visited the library!

Teen participants enjoyed a series of hands-on programs throughout the summer, such as Dino Egg Bath Bombs, Extinction Slime, Cyanotype Fabric Printing, and Traditional Cave Painting. To conclude, Summer Reading 2026 teens gathered for a Cultural Potluck celebration.

In celebration of America's 250th birthday, we welcomed Betsy Ross and George and Martha Washington whose captivating performances brought their stories to life. We also enjoyed an energetic USO-themed performance by The Swing Time Dolls. Looking ahead, The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity has a variety of exciting children's programs coming up that you won't want to miss.

This September, the library will host a Family Place Workshop each Wednesday from 11:30 – 12:30 pm. Children ages birth to four will be free to play with developmentally appropriate toys while early childhood specialists visit informally with caretakers and offer helpful information. Families are able to sign up by visiting the library's website.

The MLNV Children's Department organizes several seasonal special events, including a variety of art programs, author visits, and opportunities to visit with therapy dogs. Families should check the library website to learn about the dates for the MLNV's annual Halloween Party and Costume Parade, Hogwarts Halloween Party, Holiday Sing Along with the MLNV Ukulele Orchestra and Visit with Santa, our Sensitive Santa program (designed for young people with sensory processing issues).

Save the date! On October 3rd, we're hosting our annual Touch-a-Truck Festival. Bring the whole family for a day packed with trucks, food, fun, and hands-on experiences.

Celebrate the holiday season with us! Our annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser will take place from mid-November through mid-December, bringing plenty of holiday excitement. Be sure to keep an eye out for Pictures with Santa dates, where families can create special holiday memories and enjoy a stress-free photo session with a professional photographer. Space is limited for these photo sessions, watch our website for announced dates and registration details.

We'll also be joining the community festivities as we participate in the annual Christmas in Nazareth event. Christmas in Nazareth will be the final day to purchase basket raffle tickets and take a chance on winning one of our exciting raffle baskets, making it the perfect opportunity to join the holiday fun and support the library.



In 2027, the library will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Trumbower Estate, by hosting a year-long series of special events honoring both the building and the community it serves. Events include: a Murder Mystery Night, Teen Herbarium, Ice Cream Social, 1920s Speakeasy, and Halloween Festivities. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming event dates and exciting updates

As part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration, a commemorative book will be released in January 2027. Reserve your pre-sale copy today by visiting our website

If you would like your business to be featured in this special publication,

Bushkill Township Liberty Tree Planting

The original Liberty Tree was a large Elm planted in Boston, Massachusetts in 1646. It was used as a meeting place in the 1760s for the Sons of Liberty and Boston citizens during the Revolutionary War. The tree became a symbol of hope and American freedom to the colonists during the Revolution. In 1775 during the Siege of Boston, British soldiers cut the tree down and burned it in hopes of discouraging the Patriots.

For America's 250th anniversary, Bushkill Township, wanted to plant a Liberty Tree to celebrate 250 years of America's independence and freedom. Bushkill Township approved the purchase and planting of two Princeton Elms. Princeton Elms were chosen because they have a strong resistance to Dutch Elm Disease. Princeton Elms are a fast-growing tree that can reach 50-80 feet tall when mature. The two Princeton Elms are planted in front of the Bushkill Township municipal building between the parking area and Bushkill Center Road.



Nazareth Library (continued)

In addition to events, the library is also excited to offer a new Technology Center, providing patrons with access to modern equipment and digital resources. Whether you need to create documents, work on a project, access online services, or learn new technology skills, the Technology Center is designed to support your needs. You can also now print from anywhere with any device, all you need is email! Attach your PDFs or image files to an email to bw@nazarethlibrary.org to print in black and white, or color@nazarethlibrary.org to print in color. Then you can come in, enter your unique code, pay with cash, card, or mobile wallet, and your prints will be released. It's that easy! (Print jobs are held for 24 hours)

We extend our deepest thanks to our supporting municipalities, generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and valued program partners for helping our library thrive. For the latest news and upcoming events, visit our website, subscribe to our monthly newsletter, or follow us on social media. See you at the library!

For more information about our Touch A Truck Festival please scan here!



For more information about our Commemorative Book or to become a sponsor please scan here!



WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION, A LOST DOG MAY NEVER MAKE IT HOME.

**Your best friend's best chance
to make it home safely is to be
properly licensed.**

All dogs must be licensed when you buy or adopt
them (earliest is 8 weeks old) or 3 months of age,
whichever comes first, by Jan. 1 of each year.



Failure to have your dog licensed may result in a fine of up to \$500 plus court costs.

How to apply for a Dog License

Northampton County
Treasurer Address:
669 Washington Street
Easton, PA 18042

610-829-6186

Online:

<https://www.padoglicense.com>

How much does a license cost?

Annual Licenses.....\$10.80

Lifetime Licenses \$52.80

Senior Citizens or Residents with Disabilities:

Annual Licenses\$8.80

Lifetime Licenses\$36.80

Licenses can be obtained through your County Treasurer.



For more information, contact the
PA Department of Agriculture at: 717-787-3062



Pennsylvania
Department of Agriculture

Farmers' Markets in our area

Nazareth Farmers' Market

Main & Center Streets, Nazareth, PA 18064
Saturdays 9am - 1pm. May thru October
Winter: 30 Belvidere Street, 10am - 1pm,

Bath Farmers' Market

Keystone Park: Green St & Route 329 (Race Street)
Bath, PA 18014
Fridays 3pm - 7pm, May 13 thru September 23

Northampton Farmers' Market

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

Bethlehem Farmers' Market

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

Easton Farmers' Market

Summer: Scott Park, 128 Larry Holmes Drive
Easton, PA 18042
Saturdays 9am - 1pm. May thru December
Winter: 300 Block of Northampton Street in front
of the Easton Public Market
Saturdays, 10am - Noon. January thru April

Township Park / Playground Update

Last fall, as a result of grants the township had received, 2 pickleball courts were constructed in the park near Lucas Lane by the tennis courts; many residents have enjoyed the use of our first grant-funded project. It was enjoyed by many in the short time before it was closed for the winter, and we are expecting even more people to discover and enjoy the pickleball courts.

This spring, we are starting a few more projects funded by the same grants. The first project is the basketball court. It will be resurfaced and the equipment replaced. A second project involves security. We have cameras in the park for security and to keep an eye on the park for vandalism. This project involves adding additional cameras and making sure we have better coverage across the entire park area. The final project for this year is an upgrade to the playground area across from the township building. We will be installing a poured in place rubber surface to replace the mulch we have used in the past. The mulch blows away, washes away, and decomposes, needing to be replaced often. This new surface is porous, allowing rainwater to drain through it. This rubber surface is an impact absorbing, slip resistant, durable safety surface for playgrounds. It is seamless and ADA compliant; so wheelchairs and strollers will move without difficulty. The low maintenance it requires will also be an advantage in the long run!

The work on these 3 projects is planned to start April 1, 2027. That said, we are asking parents, caregivers and coaches to inform children to stay away from the construction areas and to please not climb or play on any equipment on site. The safety of the children in the park is very important to us, and we are asking everyone to be careful around the construction areas.





NABSA

Despite the snow still around on the ground, the weather is warming up and the days are getting longer; Spring baseball and softball are here! The Nazareth Area Baseball and Softball Association (NABSA) is excited to see our fields hosting practices and games once again. This spring, we have over 700 players registered across all NABSA programs. The majority of our players will participate in traditional baseball and softball, but NABSA is pleased to again offer T-ball Academy and the RISE Program.

This season most of our baseball players will continue to play in the Lehigh Valley Baseball Rec Alliance. This league's primary focus is on providing a league whose culture is aimed at the development of youth baseball players at all levels. This year, the league welcomes a new member, Palmer Baseball: we wish them a heartfelt welcome!

On the softball side, our players will continue to play in the Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League. Some novelties are coming this year as well: a new developmental level, "Prospects" for our 2nd/3rd graders. NABSA and the Clippers Softball program have merged under a unique umbrella for all softball players of the Nazareth School District. The league also welcomes new members: Greenwich and Pohatcong: we wish them a heartfelt welcome!

We would like to take the chance to thank all of our local sponsors and townships for their continued support of our program. Without it, our program would not be able to continue to grow and develop the youth players of our area.

At NABSA we have several season titles from last year to defend and our players and coaches are ready to get to work. Let's go! Feel free to come out to the fields, grab a hot dog and cheer our players on!

To learn more about NABSA please visit our website <http://www.nazarethbsa.org> or follow us on Facebook.

Nazareth Soccer

NAZARETH SOCCER CLUB



**SPRING 2027
REGISTRATION
OPENS IN OCTOBER**

Register and find more information at

www.nazarethsoccer.org



Nazareth Hockey



ICE HOCKEY

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 26-27 SEASON

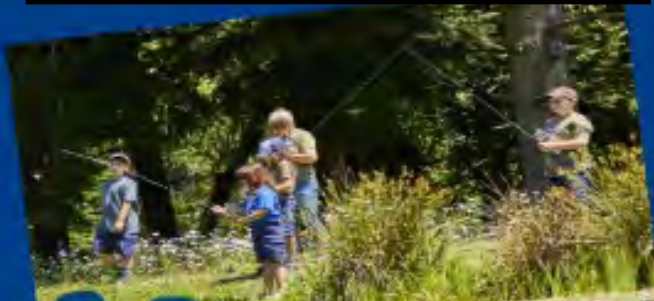
Nazareth Hockey Club is dedicated to providing a fun and educational hockey experience for boys and girls in grades K - 12 in the Nazareth School District and the surrounding area

- We strive to make hockey affordable including gear that can be borrowed.
- Our teams compete in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey League with all practices and games held at Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink. No travel!
- Instructional hockey program for those with no experience.
- Can't skate? No problem. We can teach you!

For more information and registration:

www.nazarethicehockey.com or nhchockey@nazarethicehockey.com

Cub Scouts



#ADVENTUREON!



For Girls and Boys Kindergarten - 5th Grade

From taking your first hike to roasting your first marshmallow around the campfire, Cub Scouts is about fun, family and friends! It's about finding adventure in the world around you. Don't let adventure pass you by! Check out Pack 44 today!

Pack44Naz@gmail.com or visit <https://pack44Naz.wixsite.com/website>

A Look Ahead: Upcoming Events with State Rep. Ann Flood

38th Legislative District

As your state representative, I am committed to keeping our community informed, engaged and supported. This fall and winter, I'm hosting several events that will provide opportunities to connect with helpful resources, learn about important topics and bring our community together.



First up is my **2026 Senior Expo on Friday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Plainfield Township Fire Co. in Wind Gap. Vendors will be on hand to share information about programs, services and resources available to older residents.

On **Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon**, I'm hosting a **Document Shredding Event at the St. Luke's** parking lot, 487 E. Moorestown Road, Wind Gap. Residents can safely dispose of unwanted documents and help protect themselves from identity theft.

Families planning for college are invited to attend a **PHEAA Financial Aid Seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.**, at the Pen Argyl High School Auditorium. The seminar will provide information about financial aid and planning for education costs.

On **Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, my office will host a **Special Needs Expo** at the Forks Township Community Center. Individuals with special needs and their families can connect with organizations and service providers offering helpful information and resources.

On **Thursday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m.**, I'm hosting a **Scam Seminar** at the Lookout Fire Co. Social Hall in Pen Argyl. Attendees will learn how to recognize scams, protect themselves from fraud and stay informed about common schemes targeting consumers.

As we head into the new year, I'll be hosting my annual **Concealed Carry Seminar** in **early 2027**. My **"There Ought to Be a Law" Essay Contest** will also return for fourth- and fifth-grade students, giving them a chance to share their ideas for laws that could make a difference in their communities.

Additional event details will be announced as they become available. For updates, visit RepAnnFlood.com/Events or follow me on Facebook at [Facebook.com/RepAnnFlood](https://www.facebook.com/RepAnnFlood). If you have questions or need assistance with any state-related issues, please contact my office by calling **610-746-2100**.

All events are free and open to the community.

Election Day



Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

For information on Pennsylvania municipal elections, visit: <http://www.northamptoncounty.org>
POLLS OPEN 7am - 8pm



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

Cetronia Ambulance Company

Cetronia Ambulance Corps is servicing Bushkill Township residents

Cetronia Ambulance Corps is pleased to offer a subscription program designed to benefit you by ensuring out-of-pocket expenses for ambulance services are kept to a minimum, or in some cases, eliminated. For less than \$0.24 per day you can have complete peace of mind that both you and your family are covered. You will find an outline of the subscription program below. Even if a subscription is not right for you, Cetronia Ambulance Corps welcomes your donation which may

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much does it cost for a subscription? For a single subscriber, the cost is \$60 per year; a family subscription is \$85 per year. Note: a family subscription is only applicable to those residing at your residence. Subscriptions are valid for one year from [date](#) of receipt.

Who is eligible to become a subscriber of the Cetronia Ambulance Corps' subscription program? Cetronia Ambulance Corps' subscription program is designed to assist the citizens of Bushkill (Northampton County), Lynn, South Whitehall, Upper Macungie, Weisenberg, and Whitehall Townships; the Borough of Coplay, as well as portions of Albany, Greenwich, Lowhill and Salisbury Townships for emergency transportation needs. The entire Lehigh Valley region benefits from the subscription program for non-emergency ambulance [transports](#).

What types of services are included in the subscription program?

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Ambulance Transportation

Non-emergency Ambulance Transportation (subject to the availability of Cetronia Ambulance Corps)

Are non-emergency ambulance transports covered by my subscription?

On transports not covered by most insurance (certain non-emergency transports) you will receive a 25% discount off the fees charged. Payment is collected at the time of the request.

How will Cetronia Ambulance Corps work with my insurance company for services rendered?

Cetronia Ambulance Corps will file a claim with the subscriber's insurance company for ambulance transports. If the service is covered by your insurance company, the amount paid by the insurance company will be accepted and the subscriber will only be responsible for 50% of their co-pay and if there is a deductible, the full amount of the deductible.

I have health insurance. Do I still need a subscription?

Yes. A subscription with Cetronia Ambulance Corps means that you will only be responsible for 50% of your co-pay and if there is a deductible, the full amount of the deductible. Co-insurances will be waived on emergency transportations. When medically necessary, ambulances are typically covered by insurance. Insurance companies review and consider the need for an ambulance the way they would for any other medical expense. As a subscriber, those transports not covered by insurance would receive a 25% discount on services rendered. Be sure to check your health insurance benefits to find out if and when such transportation would be covered.

I have Medicare or Medicare HMO. Will a subscription benefit me?

If Medicare or Medicare HMO determines ambulance transportation was not medically necessary, the subscriber will only be responsible to pay the "allowable" amount (this is the amount Medicare or Medicare HMO approved to be paid, not the full ambulance transportation charge.)

What if I am a Medicaid recipient? By law, Medicaid (medical assistance) recipients are prohibited from participating in this subscription program as it would not provide you with any additional benefits.

I received a check from my insurance company for services rendered. What should I do with it?

You must forward reimbursement received from your insurance company to Cetronia Ambulance Corps.

Will I receive a subscription card in the mail? No. Your information will be stored in our database and there is no need to provide a card to show proof of your subscription for services.

Is my subscription fee tax deductible?

Subscription fees are NOT tax deductible. Donations may be tax deductible.

Become a subscriber today! Complete the online form at www.cetronia.org/subscription, or call Cetronia Ambulance Corps at 610-398-0239, Option 4.

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 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 the 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 residents 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.

The Public Works Department will begin its annual leaf pickup service on Monday, October 19, 2026. This service will continue daily through Wednesday, December 16, 2026.

Please note that the department will be driving around the township daily to collect leaves. It typically takes about one week to cover all the roads in the township. If your leaves are not picked up on the first pass, please be patient, as our team will return to your area.

Leaf Pickup Roads Include:

State Route 512, Miller Road, Bushkill Center Road, West Douglasville Road, Clearfield Road, Hahn Road, Williams Road, Baron Road, Keller Road, Gold Mill Road, Parkland Drive, Renaldi Road, State Park Road, Jacobsburg Road, Henry Road, Schoeneck Avenue, Beil Avenue, High Street, Gower Road, Knauss Road, Bok Road

If you have your leaves ready for pick up, please contact the Public Works Department, and leave a message with your address. We can't guarantee immediate pick up, but we will make every effort to get them picked up. 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.

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.

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.

Using Prescribed Fire to Rejuvenate the Ballas Meadow

At first glance, meadows look as though they are relatively maintenance free. However, they require constant control of invasive plants and yearly mowing or burning. Historically, meadows in this area of the United States burned naturally as a result of lightning storms or Native Americans who used fire to manage plant and animal populations. Today, we use prescribed fire to manage unwanted plants within the meadow and allow it to become as healthy and successful as possible.

Prescribed fires are performed by specially trained teams that are able to perform the burns safely and keep the fire under control. The conditions must be just right in order to burn an area. Fire breaks are always established to ensure that the fire remains within the specified "burn unit". The fire will be started in a carefully selected location so it will burn into the wind. The team then starts the fire in multiple places around the edges of the burn unit, so the fires will eventually meet in the middle, burning themselves out when all of the natural fuel is exhausted. Members of the team are always readily available with water if they need to manipulate the fire. After the burn is complete, the team ensures that all smoldering material is properly extinguished to prevent the risk of reignition.

Burning a meadow helps rejuvenate a meadow by removing the buildup of the thatch layer, controlling the encroachment of woody plant species, and helping control invasive, non-native plant species that do not have the resistant root systems that many of our native plants have. Burning at different times of the year can also have different results on the meadow. A Dormant Season Burn (late Winter to early Spring) burns at a higher intensity due to the amount of available fuel. These burns will typically have better growth of grasses following the burn. A Growing Season Burn (Summer to Fall) is a slower crawling burn because there is typically more moisture and the vegetation is a little greener than a dormant season burn. These burns are less intense, but kill off a lot of the grasses, allowing the canopy to open for native forbs (wildflowers).

In the Spring of 2027 Bushkill Township is planning on doing the first controlled burn of the 40-acre Ballas Meadow. Only the inner 35-acres will be burned, using the trail as a fire break. This will also leave the outer areas for wildlife and insects to use during the burning. This burn is necessary because a large thatch layer has accumulated over the past 12 years since the meadow has been established. The burn should result in a lush green meadow during the late Spring and early Summer for wildlife and visitors to enjoy!



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:

GREENS	BROWNS
• Fruit and vegetable scraps • Grass clippings • Bread and grains • Coffee grounds • Hair and fur	• Leaves • Twigs • Shredded newspaper • Cardboard rolls • Clean paper • Fireplace ashes
DO NOT ADD: dairy, meat, fats, bones, oils, pet waste, seafood scraps, plastic, stickers from fruits and vegetables, metals, glass, treated or painted wood	

Current Hours for the local yard waste facility are Wednesday and Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm. **The Township Yard Waste Facility will close for the season on Wednesday, November 25, 2026.** Tentative opening date in the spring is Wednesday, April 7, 2027, 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/>



Christmas Tree Pick Up/Drop Off



Bushkill Township Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas Trees on the following dates (Weather Permitting): **01/08/2027, 01/15/2027, 01/22/2027, & 01/29/2027.** Trees must be free of all decorations, including tinsel and cannot be in a tree carrier (plastic bag). Trees will be collected from the end of the driveway and taken to the FRCA for recycling. If you are unable to have your tree out for pick up, it may be dropped off at the Public Works Department Monday through Friday between the hours of 7am and 3 pm, located at 897 Clearfield Road, Nazareth, PA. Should you have questions, please contact the Public Works Director at 610-759-2758.

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 stability and position of your mailbox to ensure that it is sturdy and doesn't extend over the edge of the street, making it susceptible to plow damage. The Public Works Department makes every effort to avoid causing damage to mailboxes; however, plowed snow may be pushed against mailbox posts, especially during large storms. The Township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes caused by snowplowing.
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.

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL — WHAT RESIDENTS SHOULD KNOW

As winter approaches, Bushkill Township wants to remind residents of a few key points in our snow removal policy. The Public Works Department prioritizes the Municipal Building, emergency facilities, major school-route roads, developments, and cul-de-sacs, in that order, though Public Works crew may deviate from this order to respond to emergencies as necessary. Please do not shovel, plow, or dump snow from your driveway or walkway onto any Township road; when clearing your driveway, push snow to the right side as you face the road. Because crews make multiple passes during a storm, snow may end up back in a driveway that was already cleared, we appreciate your patience. Residents are also asked to keep mailboxes, shrubs, and landscaping a safe distance from the road edge; if a mailbox is struck by a plow and is off the right-of-way, please report it to the Township within 48 hours, as damage claims are reviewed by the Public Works Director. In the event of a Snow Emergency, announcements will be made via WFMZ- Channel 69, the Township website, and the NIXLE Emergency System.



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**.

From the Desk of the Superintendent . . .

Dear Nazareth Area School District Community,
Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

On behalf of our Board of School Directors and the entire Nazareth Area School District team, I am delighted to welcome you to another exciting year of learning, growth, and opportunity. Each school year begins with endless possibilities. Every student walks through our doors with unique talents, interests, questions, and dreams, and we are honored to partner with you in helping those possibilities grow.

This summer, I reflected on the children's book *What Do You Do With an Idea?* by Kobi Yamada. Its message is simple but powerful: every great accomplishment begins with an idea; one that grows when it is encouraged, supported, and given the opportunity to flourish.

That is our commitment to every child.

Together with our families and community, we will create classrooms where curiosity is encouraged, perseverance is celebrated, and every student is challenged to learn, grow, and discover what they are capable of achieving.

As the school year begins, I encourage you to ask yourself or your child one simple question:

"What idea do you hope to grow this year?"

Whether it's learning a new skill, making a new friend, discovering a new passion, or reaching a personal goal, we look forward to seeing that idea grow.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for the trust you place in the Nazareth Area School District. It is a privilege to work alongside you in helping every child reach their fullest potential.

After all, every great accomplishment begins with an idea, and every child deserves the opportunity to see theirs grow.

Warmly,

Isabel C. Resende. Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools
Go Blue Eagles! 🏈 🦅



KBES PTA

Become a PTA Member

Our Membership Drive is going on now! Membership is only \$10 and it is a great way to support the PTA! Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Neighbors, and Friends can join too!



COME SUPPORT OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR



February 21, 2027 @ 1PM
Plainfield Fire Hall

Tickets available at the door or using the QR below

Doors open at 10am---Games Start a 1pm



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!

How to Sponsor the PTA

Did you know the PTA funds Field Trips, Field Day, Class Picnics, STREAM night, Art Show, fall, winter and spring celebrations and SO MUCH MORE!!

We have **numerous sponsorships** that will help make this a successful, fun and educational 2026-2027 school year.

Whether you're a small business or large corporation YOU could make a difference in our school community.

Please reach out to us at kbesptafundraising@gmail.com

Sponsorship Levels

Diamond Sponsor levels- \$1500

Platinum Sponsor Levels- \$750

Gold Sponsor Levels- \$500

Silver Sponsor Levels- \$250

How to Connect with the PTA

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

Check out our webpage at

www.kbespta.org

Join the Facebook or Instagram Page @ KBES PTA

Join your child's KBES Class Volunteer Group on Signup Genius!

To Receive reminders from the PTA about events and opportunities contact us at kbespta@gmail.com

The success of our PTA is a direct reflection of the support we receive from our school families, teachers, and neighbors. Thank you for your continued support in helping us!! make a difference in our students' lives.

Jacobsburg Historical Society

The United States at **250** with the Centennial President



Presented by
**Jacobsburg Historical
Society**

**Saturday
October 10, 2026
10am and 3pm**

**We invite you to 1876 as the
United States celebrates
100 years at the Centennial
Exposition in Philadelphia,
opened by President
Ulysses S Grant.**



1776—UNITED STATES CENTENNIAL—1876
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INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

**President Grant will speak on the accomplishments
of our nation and the pioneer spirit that allowed us to
grow and prosper. The pride in being American will
be displayed with hopes to inspire more such success
as we reflect on America's 250th Anniversary!**

Ticket information available at jacobsburghistory.com

Questions? Contact info@jacobsburghistory.com



This program is being funded in whole or in part with funding from the Hotel Tax Grant Program through the County of Northampton Department of Community & Economic Development



Jacobsburg - Boulton Historic Site Rendezvous Weekend



Saturday, October 24th & Sunday, October 25th, 2026

10 am - 4 pm | Admission: \$10.00 per person

JHS members with card, Current Duty Military, Scouts in uniform, & Children under 12 are free.

**A Living History Event for the Whole Family
Experience The Fur Trade Era
Exhibits & Demonstrations Include:**

- Nicholas Hawk Gun Shop - demonstrations inside
- J. Joseph Henry Home Museum - last tour begins at 3:30 pm
- Summer Kitchen, Smokehouse and Root Cellar
- Henry Family Carriages & Bicycles
- Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum & Gift Shop
- Boat House with Henry family boat "Lehietan", Ice Hauling Sled & Vintage Tools
- Blacksmith demonstrations

Happy Tummy Food Truck

Annual Drawing for the 2026 Raffle Gun on Sunday, October 25th.

Boulton Historic Site & Jacobsburg Historical Society is Located at 402 Henry Road, Nazareth, PA.
Just off the Belfast Exit of Route 33 | www.jacobsburghistory.com



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A Very Special Christmas at Boulton

Sat, December 5 & Sun, December 6

**Experience an 1800's Christmas as you tour
the J. Joseph Henry home. Sample Jacob-
sburg Brew in our visitors center.**

Jacobsburg Historical Society was an idea born in the Fall of 1972. Members of various community groups worked together for a common cause – to preserve the beauty of the Bush-kill Creek Valley – particularly the Henry's Woods area; and to also bring to life the rich history and culture of a long lost industrial community area, namely Jacobsburg, Filetown, and Boulton.

We are still dedicated, fifty years later, to preserving and presenting the art and industry of making early American firearms and the character of the individuals and community that created and sustained that enterprise. We have transformed the historic Henry Homestead into the internationally-known [Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum](http://PennsylvaniaLongrifleMuseum.com), opened J. Joseph Henry's 1832 mansion as a fascinating house museum for the public, and organized and continue to develop an important Archive that researchers use to study two hundred years of American history. And the Society continues to devise new ways to fulfill our mission. Most recently, we have digitized and made available on this website [fifty's newsletter](http://fiftysnewsletter.com), each issue featuring both origin reports on society events and members.

Proud Partner Site



Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center

Family Science Night - Owl Prowl Friday, October 2, 2026 7pm to 8:30pm

Screeches, hoots, barks, and toots; owls make a variety of fascinating sounds! Join us as we listen for local species of owls such as the Eastern-Screech Owl and the Great Horned Owl. Participants should dress for the weather, be prepared for a short, easy walk, and bring a flashlight. This program is specifically for families with young children. All adults must be accompanied by a child. Registration is required for all family members attending.

Nutty History: Walnuts Saturday, October 10, 2026 3pm to 4:30pm

Explore the amazing historical uses of the Walnut including natural dyes, industry, and cooking. This program is best suited for ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Project Learning Tree Explore Your Environment Educator Workshop Tuesday, October 13, 2026 9am to 2pm

Are you a college student, pre-service teacher, classroom teacher, environmental educator, or homeschool provider seeking lessons and skill-building to engage students (K-8) in nature? Dive into environmental education activities, receive an Explore Your Environment Activity Guide with 50 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.

Bird Walk for Adults Wednesday, October 14, 2026 9am to 11am

Join volunteer educator and long-time bird enthusiast Dan Z. for a bird identification walk. Participants should be prepared for a moderate hike and be dressed for the weather. Binoculars will be provided. Registration is required.

All About Autumn Hike Saturday, October 24, 2026 2:30pm to 4:30pm

The tell-tale signs of autumn are all around! Join us as we learn about wildflowers, colorful leaves, migrating birds and other signs of the advancing season. Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring binoculars, a camera, water and a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required.

Who Gives a Hoot? Saturday, October 24, 2026 7pm to 8:30pm

Screeches, hoots, barks, and toots; owls make a variety of fascinating sounds! Join us as we listen for local species of owls such as the Eastern-Screech Owl and the Great Horned Owl. This program is best for ages 8 and up. Participants should dress for the weather, be prepared for a short, easy walk, and bring a flashlight. Registration is required.

Project FeederWatch Citizen Science and Monitor Training Friday, October 30, 2026 10am to 12pm

Love birds and want to contribute to science? Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries. We'll have a special presentation from volunteer Dan Z. on how to identify common feeder birds. Participants will learn how to contribute to Project FeederWatch and be presented with the opportunity to become FeederWatch monitors at Jacobsburg or in their own homes! Attending this program is required if you plan to participate in Project FeederWatch Monitoring at Jacobsburg and have not attended a training in previous years. **Project FeederWatch Monitoring will take place on Thursdays and/or Fridays: Dec 3-4, 17-18, 31-Jan 1, Jan 14-15, 28-29, Feb 11-12, 25-26, Mar 11-12, & 25-26. Registration is required.**

Fishing Equipment Available When: Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, 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 jacobsborgsp@pa.gov.

Discovery Backpacks Available When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Rd. 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 jacobsborgsp@pa.gov.

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 jacobsborgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.



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

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

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old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.

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lways test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

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ook both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

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ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

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nly walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

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ear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

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at only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

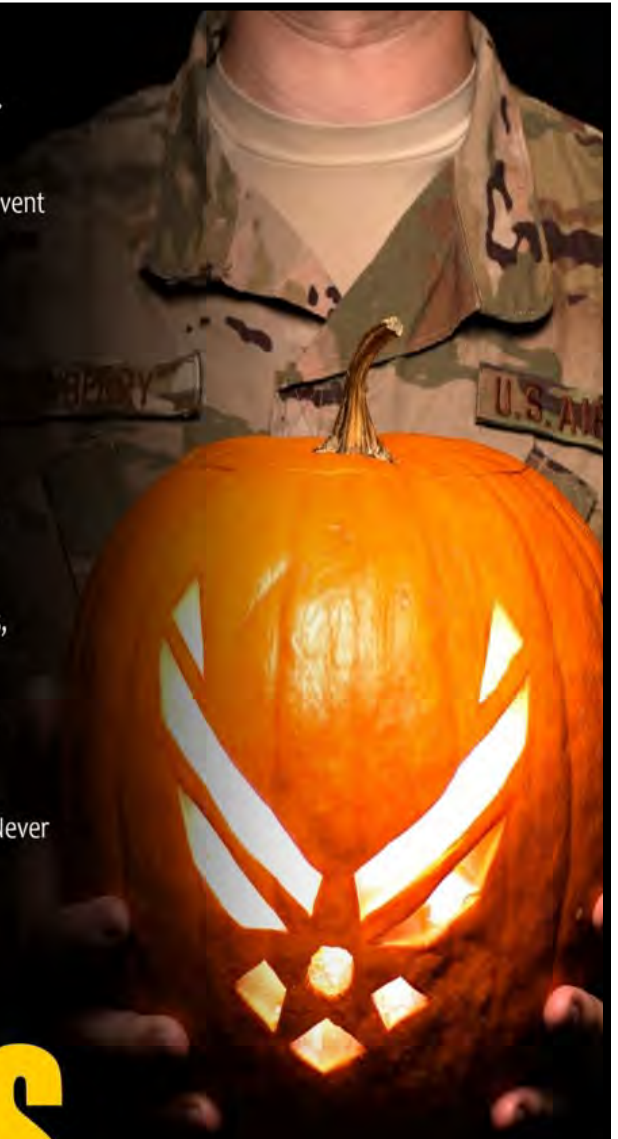
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nter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

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ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

SAFETY TIPS



HELPFUL BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP INFO

Bushkill Township Contact Information

Phone Numbers:

Township Office	610.759.1250	Hours: Mon - Fri 8 to 4
Local Tax Collector	484.635.9415	Hours vary
Zoning Office	610.759.7197	Hours: Mon - Fri 8 to 4
Public Works	610.759.2758	Hours: Mon - Fri 7 to 3
Police - Office	610.759.9588	Hours: Mon - Fri 7 to 3
Police / Fire - Emergency	911	
Police Non-emergency	610.759.2200	
Fire Non-emergency	610.759.2200	
Cetronia Ambulance (Subscriptions)	610.398.0239 ext. 525	

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

Fall / Winter Municipal Office Closings

Veterans Day **Wed, Nov 11**

Thanksgiving Day / Black Friday
Thurs, Nov 26 / Fri, Nov 27

Christmas Eve / Christmas Day
Thurs, Dec 24 / Fri, Dec 25

New Year's Eve / New Year's Day
Thurs, Dec 31 / Fri, Jan 1, 2027

Presidents' Day **Mon, Feb 15, 2027**

Good Friday **Fri, March 26, 2027**



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	800-932-4600

Northampton County Services:

Animal Health & Welfare	610-252-7752
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
FURR Fix Clinic	610-881-6700

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



Bushkill Township

1114 Bushkill Center Road
Nazareth, PA 18064



Board of Supervisors



Front row: L-R: Julie Bender (Vice-Chairman), Carolyn Hill
Back Row, L-R: Keith McKeon, Brien Kocher (Chairman),
Randy Knauss

Have a happy and safe Fall/Winter season!!