

Bushkill Township News

Spring / Summer 2024 Newsletter



Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher

As we enter the construction season for 2024, Bushkill Township has exciting projects planned, many of which have received grant funding. In cooperation with Upper Nazareth Township, we are studying traffic safety along the Route 946 corridor in the Penn Allen Road/Knauss Rd area. With the help ARPA funds that the Township received, we have acquired the property at the Knauss intersection and are removing structures which inhibit sight distance at the intersection. Public Works will also be performing some vegetation clearing to help with the sight distance. Upper Nazareth has already performed vegetation clearing south of Penn Allen Road.

The Township has received an H2O Stormwater Grant in the amount of \$190,000.00. This will assist us with the culvert replacement at Knauss and Gower Roads and allow for the construction of stormwater systems along Keller Road, Clearfield Road, Heyer Mill Road, and Williams Road. Public Works will also be undertaking paving projects during the summer.

With the help of Representative Flood and Senator Miller, the Township has also received a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant upwards of \$170,000.00. This will allow us to construct additional amenities in the Township's recreation complex. The funds should allow us to construct two pickleball courts, an 18-hole disc golf course, and the improvement of ADA spaces in the Lucas Lane parking lot. In addition, the Township has applied for a Statewide Local Share Grant for \$943,000.00, and is currently awaiting approval. These funds will allow us to install additional and upgraded security cameras in the park, repair the current tennis courts, replace the mulch on our playgrounds with a poured in place playground surface, update our pavilion and playground, and improve the ADA parking spaces in the upper parking lot.

Our Open Space Department also has many projects planned for 2024. Working in cooperation with Northampton County, we hope to complete the Two Rivers Trail Gap between Henry Road and Filetown Road, including construction of additional parking. We have received grant funding to allow for a Stormwater Management project at Albert Ponds. We also plan to continue our very successful land preservation program, which already includes three large land preservation projects in the works that we hope to complete early this year.

There are a few more grants that the Township has applied for but have yet to hear about approval. This includes grants for a new Mack dump truck for the Public Works department, a new LED sign for the Fire Company, a Community Pavilion for the Fire Company, and a new tractor for use at our open space properties/preserves.



Bushkill Township Police Department

BTPD PURSUES ACCREDITATION:

The Bushkill Township Police Department is excited to announce that we have embarked on becoming an accredited agency through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC). The BTPD is currently working to meet PLEAC's 139 accreditation standards in four areas: Organization and Management Roles, Law Enforcement Functions, Staff Support Responsibilities, and Pennsylvania Legal Mandates. Accreditation is an ongoing process whereby the agency is required to establish policy and procedures against established criteria and have compliance with those criteria verified by three independent assessors. The assessors review training, services, equipment, policies, and participate in a "ride-along" to verify compliance with the acceptable best practices as set forth by PLEAC. PLEAC Accreditation is a coveted recognition that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence in the law enforcement profession. Those served by the BTPD can take pride in knowing that their police department represents the very best in Pennsylvania law enforcement.

BODY-WORN CAMERAS:

The Bushkill Township Police Department (BTPD) has implemented a body-worn camera program this year with the help of a grant awarded to the Township by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and Northampton Lehigh Local Share Account (LSA). The body cameras are to be assigned and worn by BTPD officers and will record both audio and video. The body-worn camera program also integrates with the BTPD's in-car camera system as well as an upgrade to the department's data storage capabilities.



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.

SOLICITING:

With warmer weather, expect to see solicitors knocking on your door. Soliciting is permitted under the law, as long as the individual completes the Soliciting Permit Process and obtains a permit at the police department. Valid/approved solicitors must possess their issued permits on them and display them upon request. Do not be afraid to ask to verify the individual's permit.

Permits are only required when the individual or business is trying to sell you a product or service. If they are involved in some type of commercial enterprise, in which they are trying to make money, then a permit is needed first, from the police department. If the solicitors are registered with us, they will have a permit on them for each individual conducting business. Now, if they are NOT involved in selling a product, goods or services, they DO NOT need a township permit. They are not even required to contact the township before going door to door. An example of this would be religious groups or individuals who want to distribute literature or pamphlets, may do so without township authorization. Federal courts have upheld these groups rights and liberties to do so without government involvement.

In Memoriam — Harrison (JR) Kline

In the heart of Bushkill Township, there lived a man whose name resonated through the streets and the hearts of its residents – Harrison Kline, affectionately known to most as JR. His journey through life was marked by an unwavering dedication to service, a contagious sense of humor, and an indomitable spirit that left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

JR's story in Bushkill Township began in January 1988 when he was hired by the Board of Supervisors as a full-time laborer in the Public Works Department. His hard work, reliability, and commitment to excellence did not go unnoticed, and in March 2005, he was promoted to the position of Public Works Road Supervisor. In January 2016, JR officially retired from the Public Works Department. Over the years, JR's contributions helped shape the infrastructure of Bushkill Township, ensuring its roads were safe and well-maintained for all who traversed them.

In September 2013, he was appointed as a member of the Board of Supervisors, further cementing his commitment to serving the community he held dear. His tenure on the board was marked by a genuine concern for the welfare of Bushkill Township and its residents, coupled with a keen sense of humor that endeared him to all who had the pleasure of working alongside him.

But JR was more than just a public servant – he was a beloved figure known for his infectious laughter and peculiar sense of humor. With a quick wit and a knack for comedic timing, he had the remarkable ability to bring laughter to any situation. Whether it was cracking jokes with colleagues or sharing humorous anecdotes during community events, JR's presence was always a breath of fresh air.

Beyond his professional and civic duties, JR was a man of many passions. He had a love for the open road, often seen riding his motorcycle through the streets of Bushkill Township, regardless of the weather. His penchant for sleeveless shirts was legendary, with JR sporting his trademark attire even in the midst of a snowstorm, his adventurous spirit undeterred by the cold.

Beyond his passion for motorcycles, JR was also a craftsman, spending countless hours in his woodshop creating Christmas ornaments, and other projects. His craftsmanship reflected his meticulous attention to detail and his unwavering commitment to excellence in all endeavors.

Family was at the center of JR's life, and he took immense pride in his role as a husband, father, and grand(PUP)father. He cherished every moment spent with his wife, Marjorie, and his children, Sarah, and Brandon. His love for his family extended to his beloved grand pup, Oscar, whom he would walk daily on the PPL Trail, relishing the simple pleasures of nature and companionship.

JR's commitment to community extended beyond his professional and familial obligations. As a proud lifetime member of the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company, he dedicated countless hours to supporting the organization in any way he could. Whether it was cooking breakfast for attendees at BTVFC events or lending a helping hand during emergency situations, JR's selflessness and generosity knew no bounds.

One of JR's favorite holidays was Christmas, a time when his love for children and his innate ability to bring joy truly shone. Appearing in the most authentic portrayal as Santa Claus, JR delighted in the smiles and laughter of children, his heart warmed by the simple act of spreading cheer.

But JR's service to the community did not end there. He spent many years volunteering as a Boy Scout leader, imparting invaluable lessons of leadership, integrity, and service to the next generation. also, as also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, embodying the principles of brotherhood and charity.

In addition to his volunteer work, JR dedicated his time and energy to supporting Retired State Representative Marcia Hahn, further exemplifying his commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

JR passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on February 25, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of service, laughter, and community spirit. Though he may no longer be with us, his memory lives on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. JR's legacy serves as a testament to the power of kindness, humor, and unwavering dedication to the enrichment of Bushkill Township and bettering our world, one smile at a time.



Nazareth Library

News from the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity

The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff is planning a fabulous spring and amazing summer!

- Sunday, April 7th through Saturday, April 13th is National Library Week – plus April 8th is a total solar eclipse! Stop in for special festivities!
- Staff will offer an introduction to MyHeritage genealogy tools on Tuesday, April 30th.
- Join author Teresa Messineo in-person on Thursday, April 25th to hear about her historical fiction novels *What We May Become* and *The Fire by Night*.
- **The Pet Parade will take place on Saturday, May 18th starting at 10:00am at nearby Veterans' Field.** You can register with a pet or stuffed animal to participate or come out and watch the parade to show your support. Those who register by April 26th receive a free T-shirt. All proceeds benefit the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity. Sponsors are needed for this event. Scan here for more information
- For the 2024 Summer Reading Program "Come Out and Play!", children are invited to eight incredible weeks of sports- and wellness-themed activities, educational programs, weekly crafts, and field trips. Registration opens on June 3rd, and programming spans June 17th through August 10th. A special outdoor kickoff event is planned for Tuesday, June 18th. The MLNV is grateful for the financial support of an Iron Pigs Charities Community Grant for SRP 2024.
- Adult and teens can earn small prizes and chances to win prize baskets as they complete reading challenges during the teen and adult Summer Reading Program, "Spirit of Adventure."
- Mark your calendar for the annual Touch-a-Truck Festival, which will take place rain-or-shine on Saturday, October 5th, beginning at 10am and ending at 2pm at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. Attendees can see cars, trucks, and equipment up close, and children are encouraged to climb up into the vehicles and talk with the drivers. This year's Festival will feature food trucks and activities for children. Tickets are available for purchase before and at the Festival. Sponsors are needed for this event.
- 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 attend craft programs and story times for adults and to join the Cookery and Conversation Club to share homemade treats and library cookbook reviews.
- Check out a ukulele, learn to play, and participate in the Ukulele Orchestra!
- See our free magazine swap, free puzzle swap, and free houseplant swap – take an item, leave an item.
- Stop in for ongoing children's story times and Shake-and-Boogie sessions (at the library as well as off-site locations), as well as monthly scavenger hunts and special children's activities and events. Make a design with our interactive Everbright Wall and play with our puppets, Lego wall, and light tables.
- Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board. The group meets weekly and is planning a Titanic murder mystery game.
- The Friends of the Library meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm. New members are always welcome.



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

These are just a few of the upcoming highlights of the spring and summer 2024 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.

Anytime, area residents are encouraged to stop in and check out items from our ever-expanding collection of books – especially due to a new partnership with Easton Area Public Library! Details are coming soon.

For more information about the library, scan here



and here



Ukulele Orchestra at Christmas in Nazareth 2023



LIBRARY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Facebook: @nazarethlibrary
Instagram: @memorialnazarethlibrary
Teen Instagram: @mlnvteens
Twitter: @MemorialLibNaz
Phone Number: 610.759.4932
Website: www.nazarethlibrary.org

Hedgehog book craft for adults



Senator Nick Miller
14th Senatorial District



Hello! I hope everyone is staying safe and warm during the winter months. I am looking forward to longer days in the spring.

We have been busy here in the district. In February, we hosted a coffee and conversation with the community with Bath Mayor Fiorella Reginelli Mirabito. We talked with residents about their concerns, including the need for affordable housing, public school education and property taxes. I am looking forward to hosting more conversational events throughout the district. Keep an eye on my social media for the most up-to-date news on local events.

Did you know that the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been expanded? This is the first time the PTRR program has been expanded in nearly two decades. It increases the maximum rebate for seniors from \$650 to \$1,000, as well as rising the income cap for renters and homeowners to \$45,000 a year. You can apply at [myPATH - 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application](#).

Late last year, the Senate passed House Bill 301, which establishes the Educator Pipeline Support Grant Program. This will provide a student teacher with a grant of up to \$10,000 for their time student teaching, providing they continue to teach in the commonwealth for at least three years. The bill also created the School Environmental Repairs Program, which provides grants for schools to resolve hazards, such as mold, asbestos and lead in water. As a former member of the local school board, I have seen firsthand how our students and staff are struggling with unfit educational facilities. This funding is a beginning step to making necessary updates to our schools.

If you are having trouble paying your heating bills, you are not alone, and the state can help. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. The grant is a one-time payment sent directly to the utility company/fuel provider to be credited on your bill. These grants range from \$300 to \$1,000 based on household size, income and fuel type. To apply, visit <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>.

Did you know you could have unclaimed property? The Pennsylvania Office of the State Treasurer has \$4.5 million in unclaimed property. This includes closed bank accounts, uncashed checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, life insurance policies and expired gift cards. Pennsylvania does not charge to claim your property. Visit <https://patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/> today to see if you are the one in 10 Pennsylvanians with unclaimed property.

If you need help with a state-related issue, such as the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, you can always call my office at 610-821-8468. We also have mobile office hours at the Hanover Township Community Center in Bethlehem on the second Wednesday of every month from 9 to 11:30 a.m. We can help with a variety of issues, like notary services, birth certificates and driver's licenses. You can call us at 610-821-8468, text us at 610-801-1701 or email us at Miller@PASenate.com. Follow along on our social media, our handle is @SenNickMiller on Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter).

Thanks for catching up with me. I will see you all at the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company Annual Carnival this year!



Election Day
Tuesday, April, 23 2024

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



Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company

Brush/Wildfire Prevention & Safety: "Wildfire" is the term applied to any unwanted, unplanned, damaging fire burning in forest, shrub or grass and is one of the most powerful natural forces known to people. **See the safety tips below:**

- * Be smart whenever you go outdoors and use common sense before lighting any fire.
- * Properly extinguish all smoking materials.
- * Understand that any fire you create could become a wildfire.
- * Never leave any fire unattended and make sure any fire created is properly and completely extinguished.
- * Be careful while operating equipment during periods of hot & dry weather.
- * Never discard fireplace or barbeque ashes before making sure they are properly extinguished.
- * Be EXTREMELY careful with fireworks! NEVER use them in wooded areas around dry brush. Have a garden hose & bucket of water nearby.
- * Be Fire Wise – Create a defensible space around your property:
 - * Clear leaves & debris from gutters, porches & decks. This prevents hot embers from igniting your home.
 - * Remove dead vegetation from your deck or porch and within 10 feet of your home.
 - * Keep flammable materials (firewood and propane tanks) at least 30 feet from your home, shed, and garages.
 - * Wildfire can spread to tree tops, keep your lowest branches 6 to 10 feet off the ground.
- * Keep your lawn well maintained and hydrated. If it is brown cut it down.
- * Inspect shingles and roof tiles for any damage & replace if necessary.
- * Cover attic vents with mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks or embers to getting into your home.



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

Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company@Bushkilltwfireco

Bushkill Township Ladies Auxillary@BTVFCLA

Bushkill Volunteer Fire Co – EMS@BTVCEMS

<https://bushkilltownshipfireco.com>

Burning ordinance & outdoor burning: Make sure there are no burn bans in effect. No outdoor burning is permitted without prior approval from a fire chief. No prior approval could be subject to citation. Fire rings do not need burning permission. All outdoor controlled burns must be **NO LARGER** than 4' X 4' X 4' feet in size and there must be a garden hose, water buckets, etc. nearby. Burn barrels are permitted but it must have a ¼ mesh screen over the top of the barrel. More information and a complete copy of the latest burning ordinance can be found here: <https://bushkilltownshipfireco.com/burning-ordinance.html>

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.

Upcoming/Ongoing Fundraisers; help us help you!

Weekly Wednesday Night BINGO: Starts 6:30pm, Regular Games pay \$50, Special Games \$70, \$750 Jackpot – New Bingo machine (July 2023) with TV monitors and verification!

Ladies Auxiliary Online 2024 Flower Sales: <http://BTVFCLA.fundraising.com> Spring online orders through May 15th, Fall Online Orders Due October 15th, Holiday Orders October 18th – December 15th

Annual Carnival: Wednesday: May 1st 6-10pm, Thursday May 2nd 6-10pm, Friday May 3rd 6-11, Saturday May 4th 12-1pm Special needs hour (for persons with special needs), 1-11pm Open to public, Sunday May 5th 1-6pm Food, games, 12+ rides, live music, beer tent, crafters, vendors, visiting displays – Keep an eye out for \$5 off ride wristband coupons coming soon!

Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet: May 12th, 2024 – Adults: \$13, Seniors: \$12, Kids 3-10: \$8

Ladies Auxiliary Circus Days – Featuring the Zerbini Family Circus with an all-new show: Saturday June 1st at 4pm & 6pm and Sunday June 2nd at 3pm 2024 – Pony rides, moon bounce, face painting & more! Tickets: Family 6-pack \$39.99 First 100 adult tickets \$11.95, Adult \$15 online, \$18.00 box office, Additional child \$7 online, \$8 box office, Each adult ticket gets 1 free child's ticket!

Jackpot BINGO: June 9th, 2024 – Doors open: 11am * Starts: 1pm * Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at door, Childrens packs are \$10 each – 22 regular games pay \$100; 2 specials \$125; Jackpot **\$2000** Tickets: Get them Wednesday nights between 4-10pm at the social hall or call Joy – 610-739-8111

National Night Out: August 6th 2024 – 6-8pm - Meet firefighters, EMS, & police! Games, food, demos, & fun!



Clean Up Day

Where: Bushkill Township Park,
in the Lucas Lane Parking Lot

When: *Fri, April 19th from 8am to 3pm*
Sat, April 20th from 7am to 12noon

- ◆ **Bushkill Township residents, only**
- ◆ **Drop off is NO contact. Residents are required to unload their own vehicles.**
- ◆ **Limited to 2 loads per household per day**



Bushkill Twp Volunteer Fire Company (cont.)

Rent Our Social Hall: The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company social hall is a great place to hold your next event. With the capability to hold up to 250 guests, in a smoke-free and air-conditioned environment, consider choosing our hall for your next event! Our hall is available for many events but not limited to: weddings & receptions, baby & bridal showers, rehearsal parties, company parties, birthday parties, holiday parties, get-togethers, banquets, & funerals. Round tables are available (weddings & banquets only). We are now booking for 2024 & beyond! Contact Patty for booking your next event: 610-438-7439

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. 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, & so much more. The service that you will provide to our community is incredibly rewarding & instrumental in making 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.

Volunteer Firefighters: 18 years old and older

Volunteer Junior Firefighters: 14-17 years old

Volunteer Social Members: 14 years old and older

DO YOU KNOW????

Approximate Cost to Equip **ONE** Volunteer Firefighter that helps protect OUR Community....

Helmet	\$398.00
Nomex Hood	\$99.00
Air Pack	\$7,000.00
Protective Coat	\$2,191.00
Protective Pants	\$1,610.00
Nozzle	\$715.00
Gloves	\$135.00
Hose per 100 Feet	\$370.00
Pager	\$575.00
Structural Boots	\$550.00
Wildland Jumpsuit	\$548.00
Wildland Boots	\$355.00
Wildland Gloves	\$60.00

The Total to uniform one Firefighter...\$14,606.00

Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School



Mrs. Kelly Apruzzi, Principal

Kenneth N. Butz, Jr. Elementary is currently a K-4 building located in Bushkill Township. Presently 598 students are enrolled. The spring months are a very busy time at Butz Elementary as we plan many classroom and school activities, prepare to administer the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment in third and fourth grade for Math, Reading, and Science, plan for field trips and our end of the year events.

Students at Butz Elementary are busy learning the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, while also developing the soft skills such as empathy, resilience, and self-awareness to develop emotional intelligence and enhance their mental and emotional well-being. Students have the ability to be involved in clubs such as the Kindness Squad, Art Club, STEAM Club, Chorus, Fun and Games Club, Friends with Nature Club and new this year, the Chess Club. Some new and exciting programs we have implemented include a partnership with the Kellyn Foundation. The

Kellyn Foundation is sponsored by LVHN and works with our 3rd and 4th grade students to help our students understand what is healthy food and a healthy lifestyle by learning how to grow food from seed to harvest and how to train their taste buds to enjoy healthy food. Our 3rd and 4th grade students plant items in our outdoor garden and then harvest these vegetables and fruits throughout the summer months to provide healthy whole foods to our families. This will be the second summer of reaping the reward of this wonderful opportunity.

On Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 pm, we will welcome our incoming Kindergarten parents to orientation to prepare them for the 2024-25 school year. We are excited to begin this journey with them as we prepare to welcome their child to kindergarten at Butz this fall.

I am proud of our students and staff for all they do each day to bring joy and excitement to the halls of Butz Elementary School. Our students are Right on Track by Being Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn!

Nazareth Area High School

Nazareth Area High School First Semester Highlights

Nazareth Area High School recently completed the first semester, which was packed with student activities, events, games, and concerts. In August, new administrators Scott Breidinger, Principal, and Jessica Babbitt, Assistant Principal, joined Assistant Principal Matthew Wehr to welcome the Blue Eagle classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027. In November, the Varsity Football team reclaimed the District 11 6A Championship title by defeating the Parkland Trojans 24-17. Also, the Nazareth Theatre Troupe presented Choose Your Own Oz in the fall, an interactive stage production for Nazareth students, families, and community members. The Troupe is currently preparing for the spring musical The Little Mermaid. Nazareth Area High School singers and musicians performed at their annual concert and several community events for the holidays. Blue Eagle clubs and organizations collected generous donations for local charities in the spirit of the holiday season. On January 25th, we began the spring semester with many more events planned for the Blue Eagles. Please join us for the Class of 2024 Graduation Commencement Ceremony starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4th, at Andrew S. Leh Stadium. For information on all future high school events, please visit our web page at www.nazarethasd.k12.pa.us/nahs.

Kenneth N. Butz Elementary School PTA

Together we Grow! KBES PTA

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 solid start on their way to becoming the community leaders and business people who carry our township forward! **Is your business interested in a sponsorship opportunity with KBES PTA?** Join others in our community in sponsoring classroom materials, activities, and more! <https://www.kbespta.org/community>



WHAT DOES THE KBES PTA DO?

- STEAM Night
- Art Night
- End of Year Picnics
- Fitness Walk
- Classroom Celebrations

Joining the PTA will allow us to continue these and many of our other activities.
Visit <https://kbespta.memberhub.com/store> to join

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



From the NASD Superintendent's office. . .

Nazareth Area School District - 2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration

As of Thursday, February 1, 2024, NASD residents can begin the Kindergarten registration process. Students are Kindergarten eligible for the 2024-2025 school year if they turn five (5) years old before September 1, 2024. To complete the registration process, parents/guardians should go to the Nazareth Area School District website <https://www.nazarethasd.k12.pa.us/> and click on **REGISTER STUDENTS**. Parents/Guardians can enter their child's information along with their own. The following documents are required to complete the process: Birth Certificate, Immunization record, Parent/Guardian ID, and two (2) proofs of residency. Additional information can be found on the NASD website, each elementary school's website, and NASD social media. Having the required documents ready when completing the registration is helpful, and the entire process can be completed in approximately 20 minutes. Parents/Guardians must complete the entire registration process and provide all required documents for the student to be enrolled.

NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS Property Tax Rebate Program

The Nazareth Area School District is offering a property tax rebate program. The maximum rebate this year is \$650.00. The rebate will run from July 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

WHO MAY QUALIFY:

1. You have owned and occupied your home during the period for which you are claiming a rebate. (Rebates are granted for your **primary residence** only); **and**
2. **(a)** you or your spouse (if living with you) were 65 years or older as of December 31, 2022; or **(b)** You were a widow or widower during all or part of 2022 and were 50 years old or older as of December 31, 2022; or **(c)** You were permanently disabled during all or part of 2022, and you were unable to work because of your medically determined physical or mental disability which is expected to continue indefinitely; **and**
3. Your total annual income, including the income of a spouse residing with you was \$35,000 or less in 2022. **and**
4. Property taxes for 2022-23 were paid on your home.
5. Only one member of your household may file a claim even if more than one person is qualified to receive a rebate.
6. Delinquent taxes **DO NOT QUALIFY**.

***A COPY OF YOUR STATE REFUND CHECK MUST
ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION ALONG WITH
A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR 2022 PA-1000
PAID SCHOOL REAL ESTATE FOR THE 2022-2023
TRCF 1000 form 2023***

Application packets are available at the following offices: Representative Joe Emrick, Representative Ann Flood, and your local real estate tax collector. Or visit our website: www.nazarethasd.org.

Questions on the Property Tax Rebate call Nazareth Area School District 610-759-1170 ext. 1117.

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 40	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

Calendar of Events

Fri Apr 19	Township Clean Up day	@Township park on Lucas Lane, 8am-3pm
Sat Apr 20	Township Clean Up day	@ Township park on Lucas Lane, 7am-12noon
Mon Apr 22	Earth Day	
Tues April 23	Election Day	Don't forget to vote!
May 1-5	Bushkill Township Carnival	Sunday, May 6th is rain date
Wed May 8	Bushkill Township Electronic Recycling	Bushkill Twps. park, Lucas Lane parking lot, 3-6pm
Sun May 12	Happy Mother's Day!!	
Sun May 12	Bushkill Mother's Day Breakfast	@Bushkill Fire Hall, 7:30am—12 noon 
Sat May 18	Library Pet Parade	Downtown Nazareth at 10am
May 18-19	Museum Opening Weekend	@ Jacobsburg Historical Society 10 am— 4pm
Mon May 27	Happy Memorial Day!! 	
June 1-2	Ladies Aux Zerbini Circus	@firehouse, see website for details
Sun June 2	Steel Stacks TacoFest	@Steelstacks in Bethlehem, 1 pm—7pm
June 5-8	Nazareth Carnival	6pm – 11pm @ Nazareth Borough Park
Thurs June 6	NASD Tentative Last day of school	subject to change with snow days/cancellations
June 6-9	42nd Annual Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival	@Mountain View Park, E Mountain Rd, Wind Gap
Sun June 16	Happy Father's Day!!	
June 22-23	JHS World War II Living History Weekend	10am-4pm @Jacobsburg Historical Society
Thurs July 4	Happy 4 th of July!! 	BE SAFE!!
Sat July 20	Nazareth Day	@ Nazareth Borough Park, 9am—4pm
Aug 2-11	Musikfest	@Founder's Way, Bethlehem
Wed Aug 6	National Night Out	@township fields/firehouse 6-8pm

Please note : As of the printing of this newsletter, all of the information above is correct. However, due to changing situations/rules, plans may change. Please check with the Event organization or website to make sure the event is still being held.

Have an enjoyable, fun & safe Spring and Summer!

Farmers' Markets in our area

Nazareth Farmers' Market

Main & Center Streets, Nazareth, PA 18064

Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru October

Website: nazarethfarmersmarket.com

Bath Farmers' Market

Keystone Park: Green St & Route 329, Bath, PA 18014

Fridays 3 – 7pm, May 14th-September 24th

Facebook site: Bath farmers' market

Northampton Farmers' Market

1401 Laubach Ave. Northampton, PA 18067

Tuesdays 3pm – 6:30pm. May 7th – September 29th

Bethlehem Farmers' Market

Farrington Square at Lehigh University

Thursdays 10am – 2pm. May 2nd – October 29th

Easton Farmers' Market

Summer: Riverfront @ Scott Park, Easton PA 18042

Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru December

Winter: Church Street parking lot behind Easton

Public Market. 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10am-Noon

Please check the corresponding websites to check if schedules have changed due to unforeseen events



AVOID MOWER MISHAPS

Keep your yard SAFER with riding mower guidelines

- Use Only as Directed**
Do not operate machine without the entire grass catcher, discharge guard and other safety devices in place and working.
- Adults Only**
Only allow adults familiar with the instructions to operate the machine.
- No Passengers Allowed**
Never carry passengers, especially children!
- No Spectators Allowed**
Make sure the area is clear of objects and bystanders – especially young children. Turn the machine off if a child enters the area.
- Back Up Carefully**
Do not back the mower unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Use Extra Caution on Slopes**
Mow up and down slopes, not across. If you can't back up the slope or you feel uneasy on it, don't mow on it.

SUMMER SAFETY

- WEAR A HELMET!**
every bike ride, every time
- USE SUNSCREEN!**
at least SPF15, 30 min. before going out
- WEAR EYE PROTECTION!**
when helping with yardwork or mowing
- LIFE JACKETS ON BOATS***
*even for really strong swimmers!
- HIKE, BIKE, SWIM, EXPLORE**
ALWAYS with a friend, NEVER alone
- BEAT THE HEAT!**
bring and drink water, wear hats, seek shade, and check for ticks if in the woods

Jacobsburg Historical Society

Jacobsburg Historical Society, 402 Henry Road, Nazareth PA, 18064

2024 Events list

MAY 18-19, 2024

Museum opening weekend.

*******Annual Plant Sale*******

44th Georgia Civil War reenactment group

A Camp of instruction and camp life displays

Marching and Musket Demonstrations



June 22-23, 2024

WWII Living History Weekend

Salute to our Veterans

Tours and demonstrations of Military Camps

Period vehicles and weapons



July 13 or 20, 2024

Passport to History

One day only

MUSEUM HOURS

Pennsylvania Longrifle Museum, John Joseph Henry House
Museum, Summer Kitchen, and Grounds

Open for special events in May, June, September, October, and
December; Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday Noon—4:00 pm.

Group tours are available. Please contact the Society Office at
610-759-9029 or email jacobsburg@rcn.com to schedule a visit.

August 3-4

“Outlaws and Peacemakers”

Stroll through Tent City

Young ones can Hunt for Gold and redeem for prizes

Enjoy the horses and Cowboy life

Join the Posse to help capture Outlaws

Find us on Facebook! @ Jacobsburg History
Find us on YouTube! @ Jacobsburg Historical Society
Visit our website! www.JacobsburgHistory.com

Electronics recycling



www.responsiblerecyclingservices.com

Be Environmentally Friendly!

Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated electronics and appliances.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!!!

Bushkill Township

Rec Park Center - Lucas Lane Parking Lot

Nazareth, PA 18064

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 - 3pm-6pm (or trucks are full)

*****Bushkill Township Residents Only with ID****

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY WE ASK THAT EVERYONE REMAIN IN THEIR CAR

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

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| ♻️ Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors) | ♻️ DVD Players & VCR's |
| ♻️ Keyboards & Mice | ♻️ Gaming Systems |
| ♻️ Printers/Fax Machines | ♻️ String Christmas Lights |
| ♻️ Cables & Cords | ♻️ Microwaves & Small Appliances |
| ♻️ Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries | ♻️ Metal Items & Water Heaters |
| ♻️ Laptops | ♻️ Exercise Equipment |
| ♻️ UPS Battery Backups | ♻️ Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) |
| ♻️ Toner & Ink Cartridges | ♻️ Bed Frames & Rain spouting |
| ♻️ Audio Visual Equipment | ♻️ Filing Cabinets |
| ♻️ Telephones & Cell Phones* | *Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries |

Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

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| ♻️ Washer or Dryer-\$20.00 | ♻️ Air Conditioner - \$25 |
| ♻️ Stove \$20.00 | ♻️ Dehumidifier - \$25 |
| ♻️ Dishwasher-\$20.00 | ♻️ Refrigerator - \$35 |
| ♻️ Computer Monitor-\$20 | ♻️ Floor Freezer - \$35 |
| ♻️ TV under 42" - CRT or Flat Screen - \$40 | ♻️ Floor Copier-\$20 |
| ♻️ TV over 42" - Flat screen, in a wooden console, projection type or TV Tube Only | ♻️ Console Stereo (in cabinet) \$35 |
| ♻️ or Broken Screen TV - \$58 | ♻️ Water Cooler or Dorm Fridge - \$25 |

Destruction Services for a Fee:

- ♻️ Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- ♻️ Document Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

****Cash or Checks ONLY****

Please have exact change or check prepared.

****Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS****

Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Center

**** Programs listed are available information at time of printing. Please refer to their website for additional information on additional programming and classes. ****

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

Hike for Health: Special Excursion!

Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike guided by a Jacobsburg educator! This is a special excursion hike that will take us to Wayne A. Grube Park to hike on the Nor-Bath Trail in honor of Northampton County Parks 50th Anniversary! Join us as we explore one of the many trails that Northampton County Parks has to offer and how trail connections can enhance communities. These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. ****Meet at 1200 Willowbrook Rd, Northampton, PA 18067****. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Weekly Weeders

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden every Thursday morning from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

Volunteer Event - Community Tree Planting

Saturday, April 6 at 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Celebrate Earth Day a little early with us in our education area to plant small trees and shrubs to replace removed invasive species. All tools and equipment will be provided. Registration required.

Volunteer Event - Ultraviolet Light Nighttime Litter Pick Up

Saturday, April 6 at 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Gain a different perspective of you environment as we walk trails with UV flashlights. Not only may we see luminescing critters, but also plenty of glowing litter to place in bags as we walk along. Registration required.

Hike for Health

Wednesday, April 10 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. **This monthly hiking program will repeat on April 10, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 14, September 4, and October 2 at the same time and place.** Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Woodland Wildflower Walk

Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00am to 12:00pm

Join conservation volunteer Doug Burton for a one-mile hike in Sobers Run to learn about the early spring blooms scattered throughout the forest. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Registration is required.

Woodland Wildflower Walk

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00am to 12:00pm

Join us on a two-hour search for the late spring botanical treasures of Jacobsburg! We'll discuss how flowers got their names as well as legends, myths and stories that surround them. 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.

Jacobsburg Environmental Educational Ctr (cont.)

Summer Camp Registration Opens April 1st at 9:00am Online: [Events - DCNR Calendar of Events \(pa.gov\)](https://events.dcnr.pa.gov)

DiscoverE Hide 'n Seekers (Age 3-5): Nature Detectives Morning Session

Tuesday, June 25 to Friday, June 28 at 10:00am to 11:00am

The world is full of all sorts of exciting things to explore! Come see how much fun learning about nature can be. Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. This program combines our autumn Tales for Tots program and our summer camp for 5 year old children. There will not be separate programs for those age groups this year. Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. This camp begins on Tuesday, June 25th and ends on Friday, June 28th and will be from 10:00am - 11:00am each day. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp.

DiscoverE Hide 'n Seekers (Age 3-5): Nature Detectives Afternoon Session

Tuesday, June 25 to Friday, June 28 at 1:00pm to 2:00pm

The world is full of all sorts of exciting things to explore! Come see how much fun learning about nature can be. Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. This program combines our autumn Tales for Tots program and our summer camp for 5 year old children. There will not be separate programs for those age groups this year. Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. This camp begins on Tuesday, June 25th and ends on Friday, June 28th and will be from 1:00pm - 2:00pm each day. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp.

Northampton County Junior Conservation School

Sunday, July 14 to Saturday, July 20, 2024

This weeklong residential environmental education experience offers students ages 13-17 an opportunity to work with other youth and adults in a hands-on, non-traditional learning experience. Instruction includes hiking, archery, camping, canoeing, forest ecology, boater water safety, water quality monitoring, firearms safety and handling, and other outdoor experiences. Conservation School places a strong emphasis on field experiences to educate and instill a conservation ethic in its students. The program is designed to develop the leaders of the next generation who have an awareness of the critical environmental and ecological issues that affect our communities and how decision-making and management practices can limit those impacts. The school is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers composed of sportsmen, returning students, community leaders, state agencies, and organizations. Instruction is provided by Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and other professionals from the conservation and environmental fields. The school is held at the Northampton County 4-H Center 777 Bushkill Center Road Nazareth, PA 18064. A \$50.00 registration fee is required to attend NCJCS, the \$50.00 will be refunded upon the student's successful completion of the week of school. Registration is open now at www.ncjcs.org. Please fill out the [online application](https://ncjcs.org/preapp/) at <https://ncjcs.org/preapp/> to register for the 2024 session.

Art in Nature Camp for Teens

Monday, July 22 to Friday, July 26 at 9:00am to 3:00pm

Jacobsburg is partnering with ArtsQuest and PA Council on the Arts to host a day camp that merges nature with art. Teens ages 13-17 are invited to join teaching artist, Chris Spohn, to learn the processes of sculpting, mold making, and casting to create a conglomerate sculpture related to the theme: "Diversity makes an ecosystem strong." Attendees will be able to bring home a casting and mold after camp. Camp will include outdoor adventures to inspire artists as they learn about the species that call Jacobsburg home. This camp will be held 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM, Monday July 22nd – Friday, July 26th. This camp is free.

DiscoverE Outdoor Explorers (Ages 6-8): The Power of Water—Sessions 1 and 2

Session 1: Tuesday, August 6 to Friday, August 9 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

Session 2: Tuesday, August 13 to Friday, August 16 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

Water is essential for all life on earth. During this camp we will explore how water moves through systems and learn how wildlife and people benefit. We'll discuss weather, historical water usage, water in habitats, and water conservation. Campers will even have an opportunity to build their own miniature waterwheel. So, WATER you waiting for? Let's explore! Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

DiscoverE Penn's Adventurers (Ages 9-12): Jacobsburg Survival Challenge—Sessions 1 and 2

Session 1: Tuesday, August 6 to Friday, August 9 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

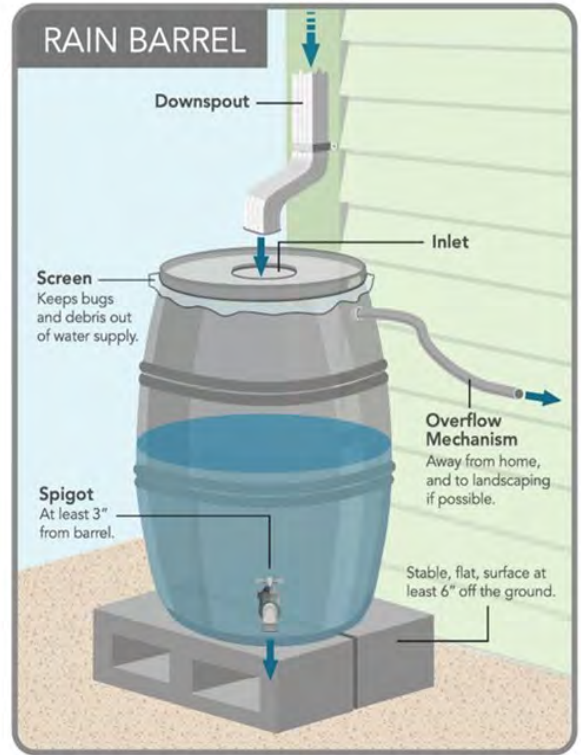
Session 2: Tuesday, August 13 to Friday, August 16 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

Do you have what it takes to survive in the wilderness? Join us and learn how to prepare for the most common survival scenarios. There will be lots of fun activities including fire making, building shelters, and orienteering! Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

You can view & 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 seven days notice.

Rain Barrels for Sale

Bushkill Township will have **15** rain barrels for sale at the Township Municipal Building for \$30 each. They can be purchased assembled, or they can be assembled at home. The kit comes with a barrel, outflow valve, inlet with screen for the top of the barrel, and the overflow. If you would like yours assembled, please specify if you would like the overflow to be located on the right or left side (looking at the spigot) of the barrel. We recommend that the overflow be directed away from any structures. Please contact Bushkill Township's Open Space Coordinator Kerry Reider at 610-759-1250 if you would like to purchase one.



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 9-5
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 Softball Assoc)	www.nazarethbsa.org
Nazareth Soccer Club	www.nazarethsoccer.org



Earth Day Clean Up



Bushkill Township's EAC is planning an Earth Day cleanup at the newly installed section of the Two Rivers Trail. We will meet at the parking area on Filetown Road located at coordinates 40°46'18.1"N 75°16'44.5"W (Heading east on Filetown Road, just before the road crosses over Route 33). The cleanup will be held on Saturday April 20, 2024, from 10am to 1pm. This multi-use trail is a joint project between

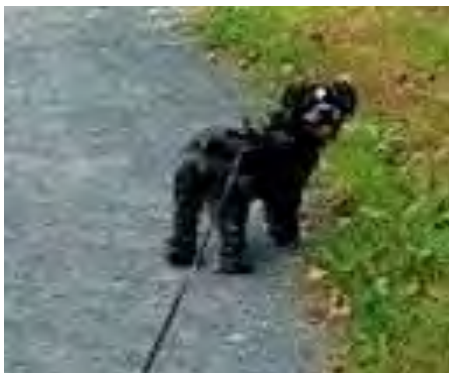
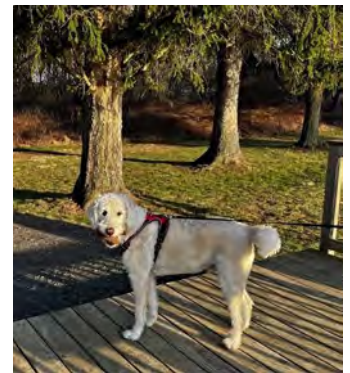
Northampton County and Bushkill Township. It is a half mile trail that will eventually connect Jacobsburg State Park to the Plainfield Township Recreation Trail. The trail is located within the Route 33 Right-of-Way and is one of the first of its kind. The cleanup will involve removing trash and debris along the edge of the trail. High-Visibility vests will be provided for the clean-up.

To register, please contact Bushkill Township's Open Space Coordinator, Kerry Reider, at 610-759-1250 or kreider@bushkilltownship.com.



Dog Friendly Open Space

In Bushkill Township, we have two basic types of recreation areas—active parks and passive preserves. The passive use areas include all of our open space preserves and our walking trail off of Route 512. These areas all allow dogs, provided they are leashed. Dog waste stations are available at each location. Our Recreation Complex across from the Township Building on Bushkill Center Road is an active park which includes ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, etc. These types of activities produce many people in tight quarters, often with children playing and running around. Any dog, even the most well-behaved, can be surprised and react badly. With exception of service animals, dogs are not permitted in our Recreation Complex, per ordinance which was passed in 1988. All rules and regulations for our active and passive recreation areas are posted at each location. You are welcome to enjoy our passive preserves with your furry friends!





Nazareth Area Baseball & Softball Association

The weather is getting warmer and the Nazareth Area Baseball and Softball Association (NABSA) is looking forward to the start of the upcoming spring season! There are currently over 725 players registered across all NABSA programs. The majority of our players will be participating in traditional baseball and softball and NABSA will again be offering T-ball Academy and the RISE Program. T-ball Academy is geared towards our youngest players who are too young for traditional t-ball. With the help of coaches and an adult, these players learn basic skills in a fun and age appropriate way. The RISE program is for players with mental and/or physical disabilities. Through the RISE program, these special players get to participate in baseball that is adapted for their special needs.

Unfortunately Mother Nature was not on our side last fall and the baseball program was unable to hold its annual end-of-season tournament. However the sun came out the following weekend and our softball teams got to shine. Nazareth teams at Minors (3rd/4th grades), Majors (5th/6th grades) and Juniors (7th/8th/9th grades) all took home medals in their divisions.



To help further develop our players, NABSA has created tournament teams in both baseball and softball. Players on these teams participate in winter workouts and will play more advanced games in addition to the recreational program. The goal of these teams is to provide more advanced baseball and softball to players in our community at a reasonable cost.



Starting in April you can expect the baseball and softball fields across Nazareth to be busy with teams practicing and playing games. NABSA Day will be held on May 18, 2024 at the Lower Nazareth Park. Stop by the park to see our teams in action and participate in this fun event.

As always, none of this would be possible without the support of our local sponsors. We can't thank you enough for our continued support!

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



Heat Exhaustion

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

Dizziness

Thirst

Heavy Sweating

Nausea

Weakness



Heat Stroke

ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Confusion

Dizziness

Becomes Unconscious

Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

Nazareth Soccer Club



www.NazarethSoccer.org

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

Nazareth Soccer Club provides soccer instruction and competitive playing opportunities for boys and girls aged 4-18. The Club offers exposure to a broad competitive spectrum, ranging from our Micro Program for young learners (U8 and under) to our Classic Program (U9 and above).

One of the largest in the Lehigh Valley, our Micro Program offers both Spring and Fall seasons plus Winter training and follows U.S. Soccer guidelines — focusing on small sided (4v4) play that maximizes the number of touches players get with the ball. Teams in the Classic Program compete in a range of leagues in the Valley, progressing from 7v7 at U9-10, to 9v9 at U11-12, and 11v11 at U13 and above.

The mission of Nazareth Soccer Club is to provide fundamental soccer skills to all ages and to promote interest, enjoyment, and the pursuit of competitive play in the sport.

Our organization is run by volunteers. Whether you're interested in coaching or becoming more active in the organization, feel free to contact us at info@nazarethsoccer.org



The Do's and Don'ts of Sunscreen

What you should know about your sunscreen lotions

SPF's of 50+ offers little additional benefits and may tempt users to stay in the sun longer causing more skin damage over time.

Choose a lotion with a SPF of 15 to 50

Look for labels that say broad spectrum which helps protect against UVA and UVB rays.

Ultraviolet A (UVA) penetrates skin on a deeper level causing long term damage. Ultraviolet B (UVB) is known for causing sunburns

Choosing a Sunscreen

Brand X

SPF 30

Avoid sprays and powders which pose inhalation risks and inadequate coverage

Look for lotions containing zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, Mexoryl SX, or avobenzone (3%)

These ingredients have been proven by the FDA in helping to block UVA and UVB rays

SOURCES:
<http://www.ecw.org/2013/sunscreen/>
<http://www.epa.gov/>

Sarah Martin

Summer Safety Tips Beat the Bugs

Use an EPA approved insect repellent while outdoors

Remove any standing water

Change clothes and wash off repellent when inside

Check yourself & children for ticks

Phoebe

Opening Day
Wed. 04/3/24

Bushkill Township Public Works/Yard Waste

ROAD WORK — Please keep a lookout for our Public Works Department working on roads this spring and summer. For safety reasons, please respect all signs directing traffic and closing roads. Please do not attempt to drive around work areas if the road is closed.

YARD WASTE — 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. For safety and security, the Township buildings and collection facility are under surveillance 24/7. 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:

Branches, leaves and yard waste must remain separated

Branches (no more than 4 inches in diameter/5 feet long)

Leaves, Pine cones, Pine needles

Christmas trees (free of tinsel, lights, and ornaments)

The local facility cannot accept:

Grass clippings, Sod, Bamboo, Lumber, Tree Stumps, Large woody debris, Plastic/other synthetic materials, Fruit, Vegetables, Ornamental grasses, stones/rocks, or household waste of any kind

Hours for local drop off are Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:00am to 3:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm, April 3 through November 27. Days and hours are subject to change. Please call the Township or check the website for seasonal, updated hours. For more information on the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA), please contact their office at the number below. For additional info, please visit the Bushkill Township website or contact FRCA at 610.262.1000. For a list of what is accepted/not accepted at the FRCA facility, please go to their website at : http://www.frcaweb.org/acceptable_unacceptable_items.pdf .

FRCA — First Regional Compost Authority: Although Bushkill Township cannot accept grass clippings at our local facility, the FRCA will accept them from April 15 through October 1, 2024, at the FRCA site, 6701 Weaversville Road, Northampton, PA 18067. Grass clippings must be bagged, and there is a fee of \$1.00 per bag.

FRCA Hours (subject to change due to Staffing Adjustment and Inclement Weather—see website for changes):

Wednesdays and Fridays: 8:00AM – 4:00PM

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month: 8:00AM to 1:00PM

2024 Holiday Schedule: The FRCA will be closed on the following holidays:

Martin Luther King Day	Presidents Day
Good Friday	Memorial Day
Independence Day	Labor Day
Veterans Day	Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving	Christmas (12/24 and 12/25)
New Year's Eve (12/30 and 12/31)	



MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan

You likely have heard about something called a “Rain Tax,” which is a tax or fee that may be assessed by a local government unit here in Pennsylvania to fund the implementation of stormwater controls required by Federal regulations under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program. The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors is happy to report that this “Rain Tax” will not be required in our township to meet this unfunded mandate.

Our township is part of the MS4 program, based on population density, urbanized area designation, and stream impairments by sediment pollution, the combination of which requires us to develop a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) to reduce sediment pollution by 10% during our current 5-year permit term. Sediment pollution may be reduced using various stormwater management controls. Traditionally, structural stormwater facilities such as stormwater basins and water quality swales are used, either as retrofit improvements or entirely new facilities, often costing tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars to meet the required sediment removals. However, as the MS4 program grew and developed, innovative structural and non-structural controls were approved for use to help municipalities meet their requirements. Costs for these newer controls are often similar, and in some cases are much greater. Fortunately for Bushkill Township, our highly successful Open Space Program which preserves farmlands and natural areas opened the door to use agricultural stormwater controls on Township-preserved farmland, without additional costs to our residents! We are able to require, as part of our lease agreements on two farms, an advanced farming practice known as “no-till, high residue” crop farming to greatly reduce sediment erosion. The lease for the two farms, which was openly and competitively bid, requires the awarded farmer to use no-till farming with spreading of unharvested plant residue over harvested areas, along with “cover crops” when plant residue is low. This combination of actions prevents exposure of soils to rainfall and stormwater runoff and helps keep soils in place and healthy. Ultimately, the lease proceeds roll back into our Open Space Program to continue funding additional land preservation, while the advanced farming practice allows us to meet our MS4 obligation without additional cost burden.

Our current 5-year permit term expires in 2025 and will need to be renewed every 5 years, thereafter, with unknown future requirements and costs. For now, we have been able to avoid enacting a “Rain Tax” to cover MS4 requirements, and we will continue to look for ways to meet new requirements, with minimized costs to our residents.

6 Tips for a Healthy Spring



EAT HEALTHY FOODS

Eat more fruits and veggies; reduce salt, saturated fat, and added sugar



RETHINK YOUR DRINK

Substituting water for sugary drinks is better for your teeth and reduces calories



QUIT SMOKING

You can quit today! Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free support



EXERCISE OFTEN

get at least 150 minutes of weekly physical activity (30 mins, 5 times a week)



PROTECT YOUR SKIN

Wear sunscreen and insect repellent



GET MORE SLEEP

Sleep at least 7 hours every night to stay healthy

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Spring/Summer 2024 Municipal Office Closings

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27

4th of July
Thursday, July 4

Labor Day
Monday, September 2

Board of Supervisors



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