

# Bushkill Township News

Spring / Summer 2026 Newsletter

## Chairman's Corner

by Brien Kocher



It seems like we are finally emerging from a long, cold, and snowy winter. It's time to put away our snow shovels and leave the snow behind us. Let's send out a big thank you to our Township Public Works Department for keeping our roads open and responding at all hours of the night and on many of the weekends.

Fortunately, we have some great events coming up in the spring and summer to look forward to! Our fire company carnival is the first in the area and begins April 29<sup>th</sup>. The good food, games, and rides are always a welcome start to the Spring Season. This year, the fire company is offering an exciting new Read to Ride program and also offers a 2-hour quiet time on Saturday so that kids with special needs can enjoy the rides at their own pace. The carnival is such an important community event, and I would note that the dedicated volunteers of the fire company put in countless hours of work to prepare for and run this event in addition to all of the training and emergency response that they provide for the community, all on a volunteer basis.

The fire company will also be continuing with their annual car show on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are expanding the event this year to include a pig roast, kid's games, music, and more. Please come join us for this wonderful community event.

The fire company is also in the process of constructing a pavilion inside the carnival grove. This will be a great addition for all of the fire company's events and will also be available for residents to rent for family events.

The Township recreation park will be opening in April. All of our sporting teams will begin their practices and games, which are fun to participate in and watch. All of our trails will be open for your use in the park, all of our open space parks, and of course Jacobsburg. We are also proud to announce that this spring will be the official opening of our newly constructed pickle ball courts. Please come out and enjoy all of these great facilities.

This year marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Declaration of Independence. Bushkill Township will be celebrating jointly with other Communities in the Nazareth area. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the great Kazoo Parade in Nazareth will be shortened, followed by a celebration to be held on the grounds of the Whitfield House. Food and other vendors will be present. Come out and celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us at this exciting event!

### Spring/Summer 2026 Municipal Office Closings

**Good Friday**  
Friday, April 3

**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 25

**4th of July**  
Friday, July 3 / Sat, July 4

**Labor Day**  
Monday, September 7



### Township Yard Waste Facility Closings

Fri, July 3, Sat, July 4



**Tax Office Closings**  
Sat, June 13—Sat June 20




# Bushkill Township Police Department



## CRIMEWATCH:

Residents are encouraged to sign up for CRIMEWATCH, an online platform designed to keep the community informed about local crime activity, department programs, and upcoming events. CRIMEWATCH allows residents to submit tips, receive timely alerts, register security cameras, enroll in the Do Not Solicit program, and request vacation home checks.

 **CRIMEWATCH!** is an effective tool for increasing community engagement and helping maintain neighborhood safety. [www.bushkilltwppd.org](http://www.bushkilltwppd.org)

## THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES - A NATIONWIDE TREND:

Across the country, there has been an increase in thefts from motor vehicles, and our community is not immune. These thefts often occur when vehicles are left unlocked and valuables are visible. While once considered crimes of opportunity, organized groups are now targeting neighborhoods during overnight hours.



### To help protect your property:

- Remove valuables or keep them out of sight
- Always lock doors and close windows

## DISTRACTED DRIVING: - PAUL MILLER'S LAW:

The Bushkill Township Police Department reminds motorists that distracted driving is a serious and deadly issue. Even brief distractions, such as adjusting music or eating, can have life-altering consequences.

PennDOT reported 9,950 crashes caused by distracted driving statewide in 2024, leading to over 6,000 injuries and 49 fatalities. To address this issue, Pennsylvania has implemented Paul Miller's Law, which makes it a primary offense to use a handheld interactive mobile device while driving. June 5, 2026, violations become a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs. Limited exceptions apply, including dialing 911 or using integrated hands-free systems.



### Tips to avoid distracted driving:

- Pull over safely before using your phone
- Ask a passenger to handle messages
- Place your phone out of reach
- Enable "driving mode" or auto-reply features

Every crash prevented makes a difference for our community. Let's all do our part to drive focused and arrive alive.

**SCAM ALERT:** Police are warning residents about a rise in phone scams involving fake warrants and arrest threats. Scammers may spoof police phone numbers and demand immediate payment. Hang up and contact the Police Department directly if you receive such a call.

### Common tactics include:

- Claims that you missed jury duty or have an active warrant
- Threats involving a jailed family member
- Use of real officer names or fake police department phone numbers on caller ID

### How to protect yourself:

- Hang up immediately. Do not engage, even if the caller knows personal information.
- Verify independently. Contact the police department (610)759-2200.

**Never send payment,** law enforcement will never demand money, gift cards, cryptocurrency, wire transfers, or app-based payments such as Venmo or Zelle.

If you believe you have been contacted by a scammer, report the incident to the police department.

# Clean Up Day

**Where:** Bushkill Township Park, Lucas Lane Parking Lot

**When:** *Friday, April 24th from 8am to 3pm*

*Saturday, April 25th from 7am to 12noon*

***Rain or Shine—ONE TIME ONLY IN 2026***

- ◆ **Bushkill Township residents, only—proof of residency required**
- ◆ **Drop off is NO contact. Residents are required to unload their own vehicles.**



***ITEMS ACCEPTED:*** White goods , metal goods, general trash, non treated wood materials, Tires (for a fee)

***ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:*** Paint, Batteries, Chemicals (of any kind), Electronics (of any kind), Appliances containing Freon (e.g., Refrigerators, Air conditioners, & Dehumidifiers), Farm equipment tires, Tractor trailer tires, Pressure treated wood.



**DON'T FORGET: Donate your used clothes! All proceeds from clothing containers will go directly to the Bushkill Township Fire Company!**

## SUMMER SAFE

**BEAT THE HEAT!** DURING HOT WEATHER, STAY INSIDE WHERE IT'S COOL. IF YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE, REST OFTEN. CUT BACK ON EXERCISE AND SEEK SHADE. WEAR SUNSCREEN. DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE THIRSTY TO DRINK. SMALL SIPS OFTEN. STAY AWAY FROM ALCOHOL AND SUGARY DRINKS. NEVER LEAVE ANYONE - ESPECIALLY CHILDREN OR PETS - IN A PARKED CAR ON A HOT DAY.

**VACATION DESTINATION!** BE AWARE OF NATURAL DISASTERS THAT OCCUR MORE FREQUENTLY IN THE SUMMER, SUCH AS HURRICANES, WILDFIRES AND TORNADOES. KNOW THE RISKS OF THE AREA YOU ARE VISITING. WATCH FOR WEATHER WARNINGS AND KNOW WHERE TO SEEK SHELTER.

**BE BUG FREE!** PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TICK-AND MOSQUITO-BORNE ILLNESSES. ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER, ZIKA VIRUS, AND LYME DISEASE ARE SOME ILLNESSES SEEN MORE IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. WEAR INSECT REPELLENT. PROTECT INFANTS BY SPRAYING CLOTHING AND BLANKETS RATHER THAN DIRECTLY ON CHILD.

**SPLISH SPLASH!** SET RULES AND BOUNDARIES FOR WATER SAFETY, ESPECIALLY AT HOME. LADDERS UP WHEN POOL NOT IN USE. CHILDREN MUST HAVE LIFE-JACKETS ON WHEN IN THE BACKYARD. NO SWIMMING WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION. NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED, EVEN IN SMALL AMOUNTS OF WATER. INFANTS NEED PROTECTIVE SUN CLOTHING, PLUS SUNSCREEN. TAKE SHORT BREAKS OFTEN FOR SHADE AND HYDRATION.

**ADAPTED FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

# Nazareth Library

## LIBRARY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Facebook: @nazarethlibrary  
Instagram: @memorialnazarethlibrary  
Teen Instagram: @mlnvteens  
Twitter: @MemorialLibNaz  
Phone Number: 610.759.4932  
Website: [www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org)

## Spring Brings Full Slate of Programs to Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity

As the days grow longer and warmer, the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity is welcoming spring with a variety of programs designed to bring the community together through learning, creativity, and fun for all ages. From family photo opportunities to beloved annual traditions, there is something for everyone this season.



*Library patrons participate in the audiobook workshop a part of our Thriving Thursday programs presented by St. Luke's University Health*



*Library staff participate in STREAM Night at Butz Elementary School.*

### ***This spring's featured events and programs include:***

#### **Spring Photo Sessions (March 13 & 14)**

Families are invited to capture a special seasonal memory with spring photo sessions featuring a friendly bunny. Each session is conducted by a professional photographer and includes five professionally edited digital images, which will be emailed within two weeks. Space is limited, and reservations may be made online or at the library.

#### **Spring Cash Bingo (March 22 at 12:00 PM, Bushkill Township Fire Hall)**

Community members can enjoy an afternoon of fun, prizes, and fellowship. A \$250 door prize will be awarded. Tickets are available for purchase online or at the library.

**Froggy Friend Craft for Teens (March 17 at 5:00 PM)** Amateur teen sewists can make a small plush frog! All materials provided, great for beginners! Ages 12-18, registration is online or at the library.

#### **The Library Egg Hunt (April 1 10:30 am)**

Join us on the lawn for a library egg hunt! Children should bring their own baskets. For children in kindergarten and younger. Registration is recommended but not required.

**Titanic Escape Room (April 17 3:30 – 4:30 PM)** Escape the sinking Titanic as a third-class passenger trying to unlock first-class boarding passes and disguises to secure your spot on a lifeboat! For teens ages 12-18, register online or at the library.

#### **Annual Pet Parade (May 30 at 10:00 AM)**

A cherished spring tradition, the Pet Parade begins at the library and invites residents to showcase their furry companions. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories, and the event will conclude with a vendor fair featuring local businesses and organizations. Register online or at the library.

#### **Free Comic Book Day (May 2nd 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM)**

Free Comic Book Day is the first Saturday in May! Join us for free comic books, free raffles for pop culture giveaways, crafts for all, and meet the characters from Star Wars courtesy of Garrison Carida! Fun for all ages!

#### **Summer Reading 2026 (June—August)**

MLNV's Summer Reading Program featuring seven weeks of programs exploring dinosaurs, crystals, fossils, earth science, active outdoor play, storytelling, a celebration of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and much more! Signups: Mon, June 1 - Sat, June, 13 Programming: Mon, June 15 - Sat, Aug 1



## **Bushkill Township Contact Information**

### **Phone Numbers:**

|                        |              |                                |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Township Office        | 610.759.1250 | Hours: Mon—Fri 8-4             |
| Local Tax Collector    | 484.635.9415 | Hours: Thurs. 5-7 & Sat. 10-12 |
| Zoning Office          | 610.759.7197 | Hours: Mon—Fri 8-4             |
| 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:**

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| Bushkill Township                             | <a href="http://www.Bushkilltownship.com">www.Bushkilltownship.com</a>             |
| Bushkill Police Dept                          | <a href="http://www.Bushkilltownship.com">www.Bushkilltownship.com</a>             |
| Bushkill Fire Dept                            | <a href="http://www.Bushkilltownshipfireco.com">www.Bushkilltownshipfireco.com</a> |
| NABSA (Nazareth Area Baseball Softball Assoc) | <a href="http://www.nazarethbsa.org">www.nazarethbsa.org</a>                       |
| Nazareth Soccer Club                          | <a href="http://www.nazarethsoccer.org">www.nazarethsoccer.org</a>                 |

## ***Nazareth Library (con't)***

### **New! - Walking Club**

Grab your sneakers and head to the library for our monthly Wednesday Walking Club! We will gather on the first Wednesday of each month outside the library and head out on a walk around historic Nazareth Borough. We will try a new route each month. Please note that we will not walk if there is precipitation.

### **250th Anniversary Celebration**

**Watch our website and social media channels** for exciting updates coming soon!

### **Loaner Laptops**

The library now circulates laptops for patron use within the library. Stop by the circulation desk to learn more.

### **Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale**

**Watch our website and social media channels** for more information.

*In addition to these special events and programs, the Memorial Library continues to serve as a vibrant community hub offering book clubs, discussion groups, educational workshops, family programs, and seasonal activities throughout the year.*

*Residents are encouraged to visit the library's website or stop by in person for registration details and a complete calendar of upcoming programs. With books, bingo, bunnies, beloved pets, a new walking club, summer reading, the upcoming 250th Anniversary Celebration, loaner laptops, Free Comic Book Day, and the Library Egg Hunt, the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity is ready to make this spring one to remember.*

**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 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 and bucket of water nearby.
- \* Be FireWise – 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 & roof tiles for any damage and replace if necessary.
- \* Cover attic vents with mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks or embers to getting into your home.

**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.

**Carbon Monoxide – The Silent Killer:** Install carbon monoxide(C/O) alarms in your home today. C/O 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 C/O detector each month and replace every 2 years or as directed by the manufacturer.

**Knox Box secure entry system:** Bushkill Twp. Vol. Fire Co. has implemented the Knox Box program to secure property keys for residences and businesses within the township. These boxes keep entry keys secured that only police and fire departments can open the door in the event of an emergency. This prevents forcible entry and damaged doors to gain access to a building in times of an emergency. Find out more information on our website about how to purchase & install a Knox Box today: <https://bushkilltownshipfireco.com/knox-box-information.html>

## Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Prevention Tips

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

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



### Upcoming/Ongoing Fundraisers; help us help you!

**Weekly Wednesday Night BINGO:** Doors open: 4:00pm Starts 6:30pm, Regular Games pay \$50, Special Games \$70, \$750 Jackpot – Bingo machine w/ TV monitors and verification \* Winner Take All \* U-Pick-Em \* Quickies \* Pull-Tab Tickets \* Spinning for Jackpots – Minimum Payout \$100

**Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt:** March 21, 2026 - Township children only ages 0-8 - Starts at 1:00pm with 0-11 months; next age groups consecutively thereafter– No early birds prior to 11am.

**Annual Carnival:** Wednesday: April 29<sup>th</sup> 6-10pm, Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> 6-10pm, Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> 6-11, Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-3pm  
Sensory hours (persons with special needs), 3-11pm Open to public, Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-6pm. Food, games, 12+ rides, live music, firetruck rides, bingo, tricky tray, beer tent, crafters, vendors & more. **Read to Ride** – Flyer will be on website with details to ride for free!

**Car Show:** May 23, 2026 - 8am – 2pm – Over 200 cars-trucks-bikes – Food - Registration \$20

**Sportsman BINGO:** May 30, 2026 – Tickets \$50 – 20 Games & 3 Specials - Kitchen Open – Ammo – Guns

**Ladies Auxiliary Circus Days** – Featuring the Zerbini Family Circus with an all-new show: Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> 5pm & 7pm and Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm & 6pm – Pony rides, moon bounce, face painting & more! Tickets: First 100 adult tickets \$11.95, Adult \$15 online, \$20.00 box office, Additional child \$7 online, \$10 box office - Each adult ticket gets 1 free child's ticket!

**Jackpot BINGO:** Saturday July 11, 2026 – Tickets \$40 advance \$45@door - \$2000 Jackpot - \$100 Regular Games

**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 2026 & 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

#### Approximate cost to equip 1 firefighter to protect your community!

Helmet: \$654.00  
Nomex Hood: \$145.00  
Air Pack: \$9,982.00  
Turnout Coat: \$3,305.00  
Turnout Pants: \$2,194.00  
Gloves: \$174.00  
Structural Boots: \$675.00  
Wildland Jumpsuit: \$1,256.00  
Wildland Boots: \$520.00  
Wildland Gloves: \$85.00  
Pager: \$756.00  
Radio: \$8,477.00  
Hose Nozzle: \$1,715.00  
Hose per 100 Feet: \$530.00

**Total: \$30,468.00**



### **3 Ingredient Homemade Bubbles**

#### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 cup room temperature water
- 1/2 cup liquid dish soap

#### Instructions

1. Make a simple syrup by stirring the sugar into the hot water. Be sure that all of the sugar is completely dissolved.
2. Add the room temperature water and dish soap to your simple syrup.
3. Stir everything well, being careful not to make any suds.
4. **Play!**

I poured our solution into a glass jar, and my kids are reusing bubble wands from an old purchase, but you can use any tools you like to play. You can make bubbles with your hands, pour the solution into a bubble machine, or get a set of bubble wands. Amazon has everything from a 3-piece set of wands to a 26-piece set if you're entertaining a crowd! Recipe from <https://thecinnamonmom.com/homemade-bubble-recipe/>



# 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 is 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 be tax-deductible. With your support, Cetronia Ambulance Corps can remain "Always Ready" to serve and care for life's most precious resource – the people of our community!

### 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](http://www.cetronia.org/subscription), or call Cetronia Ambulance Corps at 610-398-0239, Option 4.**



**Keeping Our Community Safe and Affordable**  
- by State Representative Ann Flood  
38th Legislative District



As your state representative, I am honored to serve the residents of the 138th District, including Bushkill Township. Protecting public safety, easing financial burdens and supporting local families remain central to my work in Harrisburg. I am pleased to share several recent updates that reflect those priorities.

Bushkill Township has received \$150,000 through Pennsylvania's Local Share Account program to purchase 22 P25-compliant portable radios for the police department. These upgraded radios will improve communication during emergencies, allowing officers to respond quickly and coordinate more effectively. The Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company also received \$150,000 to acquire 15 mobile and 35 portable P25 radios. Volunteer firefighters respond to emergencies around the clock, and reliable communication is critical to their work. These new radios will enhance coordination with partner agencies and strengthen their ability to protect lives and property. I am proud to support funding that equips our first responders with the tools they need to serve safely and efficiently.

Affordability for all residents remains a top priority, whether it's everyday expenses, rising utility bills, or the cost of essential items. To examine one area of rising costs, I recently hosted a House Republican Policy Committee hearing at Crayola's world headquarters in Easton. The hearing explored back-to-school expenses and included discussion of my legislation, House Bill 1596, which would establish an annual back-to-school sales tax holiday. The goal is to provide relief during one of the most expensive times of the year for families. Hosting the hearing at Crayola, a longtime employer in the district with strong ties to education, underscored the importance of practical solutions that help residents manage the cost of daily life. House Bill 1596 is now before the House Finance Committee.

Financial relief for residents extends beyond back-to-school costs. The income limit for the Retired or Disabled Person Vehicle Registration Processing Fee has increased to \$30,778. Eligible retirees may register one passenger vehicle or truck at a reduced rate, easing costs for those on fixed incomes. Applications can be submitted online through PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website or by mail.

The Property Tax and Rent Rebate program continues to provide vital support to qualifying homeowners and renters. Eligible applicants must be 65 or older, widows or widowers 50 or older, or individuals with disabilities 18 or older, with a household income of \$48,110 or less. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2026, unless extended by the governor. This program helps families across the community stretch their budgets and remain in their homes.

I encourage residents to stay connected for updates on legislation, community initiatives, and state services. Visit [RepAnnFlood.com](http://RepAnnFlood.com) to learn more or sign up for my weekly email, and follow me at [Facebook.com/RepAnnFlood](https://www.facebook.com/RepAnnFlood).

## 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.*

# Calendar of Events

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|-----------------|--|---|
| Sat Mar 21      | 2026 Annual Bushkill Township Egg Hunt   | 1 pm@ Firehouse, Bushkill children only   |
| Mar 22-28       | Nazareth Area Restaurant Week  | Downtown Nazareth   |
| Fri Apr 3       | Good Friday – Township offices CLOSED  |                                 |
| Sun Apr 5       | Happy Easter!!   |   |
| Tues Apr 22     | Earth Day  |   |
| Fri Apr 24      | Township Clean Up day  | @Township park on Lucas Lane, 8am-3pm   |
| Sat Apr 25      | Township Clean Up day  | @ Township park on Lucas Lane, 7am-12n  |
| Apr 29 - May 3  | Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company Carnival  | see Website for details   |
| Mon May 4       | Last Day to Register to vote in Primary election   |   |
| Wed May 6       | Electronics Recycling Event (flyer in newsletter)  | @Bushkill Rec Park, Lucas Lane parking lot  |
| Sun May 10      | Happy Mother's Day!!            |   |
| Tues May 19     | Election Day   | Don't forget to vote!          |
| Sat May 23      | BTVFC Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show   | @Bushkill Fire House, 8am-2pm  |
| Mon May 25      | Happy Memorial Day – Township offices CLOSED   |   |
| June 13 -20     | TAX Office closed  |   |
| Sat May 30      | Library Pet Parade   | Downtown Nazareth at 10am   |
| Sat May 30      | BTVFC Sportsman BINGO  | @Bushkill Fire House,   |
| June 5 - 6      | Ladies Auxiliary Circus Days   | @ Bushkill Fire House, 2 shows each day   |
| June 11 -14     | 45th Annual Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival  | @Mountain View Park, E Mountain Rd,   |
| Sat June 6      | Moravian Historical Soc Arts & Crafts Festival   | Whitefield House  |
| Sat June 13     | Nazareth Food Truck Festival  | Belvidere St, Nazareth, 2-6pm   |
| Sun June 21     | Happy Father's Day!!   |   |
| June 17-20      | Nazareth Carnival  | 6pm – 11pm @ Nazareth Borough Park  |
| Sat June 25     | Martin on Main   | @ South Main St, Nazareth, start 12noon   |
| June 28 - 29    | WWII Living History Weekend: Salute to All Veterans  | 10am-4pm @Jacobsburg Historical Society   |
| July 3 - 4      | Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!! - Township offices AND Township Yard Waste Facility CLOSED                       |   |
| Sat July 11     | BTVFC Jackpot Bingo  | @ Bushkill Fire House   |
| Sat July 18     | Nazareth Day   | @Naz Borough Park, 9am -4pm  |
| July 31 - Aug 9 | Musikfest  | @Founder's Way, Bethlehem   |
| Tues Aug 4      | National Night Out   |   |
| Mon Sept 7      | Labor Day — Township offices CLOSED  |   |

**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!*



# Nazareth Celebrates America 1776 **250** 2026



*JOIN US AFTER THE ANNUAL KAZOO PARADE  
FOR A FESTIVAL AT THE WHITEFIELD HOUSE*

# July 4th

9:00 a.m.  
to  
3:00 p.m.



- ★ *Patriotic Program*
- ★ *Nazareth Farmers Market*
- ★ *Live Entertainment*

- ★ *Colonial Demonstrations*
- ★ *Food Trucks*
- ★ *Craft Vendors*



214 East Center Street | Nazareth, PA | [www.moravianhistory.org/america-250](http://www.moravianhistory.org/america-250)



## REGISTRATION WILL OPEN FOR 26-27 SEASON IN JULY

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](http://www.nazarethicehockey.com) or [nhchockey@nazarethicehockey.com](mailto:nhchockey@nazarethicehockey.com)



Pack 44

For Girls and Boys  
Kindergarten - 5th Grade

#ADVENTUREON!



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 our Pack today!

[Pack44Naz@gmail.com](mailto:Pack44Naz@gmail.com) or visit <https://pack44Naz.wixsite.com/website>



## Nazareth Area Baseball & Softball Assoc.

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.

**5** Ways to Keep Your Kids Safe This **SUMMER**

- 1 Water safety**  
Maintain constant eye contact on kids in or around water, without distraction.
- 2 Child safety helmet**  
Make sure your kids wear a properly fitted bike or multi-sport helmet every time they ride.
- 3 Hydration**  
Encourage children to stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water before, during and after play.
- 4 Playground safety**  
Visit parks with impact-absorbing material under equipment, and actively supervise them while they play.
- 5 Hot cars**  
Never leave your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.

# Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

## Community Programs, Spring/Summer 2026

**Hike for Health:** Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 10, July, 8, August 12, September 2 & 30 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. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

**Trees of the Revolution:** Saturday, March 28, 2026 1:30pm to 3:30pm  
Trees have always been an important part of our lives providing us with food, shelter, and income. Some species were especially important during the early days of our nation. Join us on a hike to learn about the role that American forests had shaping the country as we know it. Registration is required.

**Tumbling Timberdoodles:** Saturday, March 28, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm  
The 'sky dance' or courtship display of the American Woodcock is a spectacle that is a sure sign of spring! This program will cover some of the interesting biology of the American Woodcock followed by a quiet walk at sunset as we search for these twirling courtship flights. Registration is required.

**Summer Day Camp (Ages 3-5): Animal Olympics:** Tuesday, June 23 thru Friday, June 26, 2026 10am to 11am  
Can you flap your arms as fast as a hummingbird? Or run as fast as a deer? Have fun learning while comparing your skills against some of Pennsylvania's amazing wildlife species! Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. Registration for this program will open at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Adults do not need to be registered for this program. Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp.

**Summer Day Camp (Ages 6-8) Session One: The Transformers:** Tuesday, July 28 thru Friday, July 31, 2026 9am to 12pm  
Join us for a fun-filled camp exploring the secret lives of insects! Learn about the flying and crawling friends that call Jacobsburg their home. Go on an adventure through our fields, creeks, and forests with nets and bug boxes to see what kinds of creatures you can discover! Registration for this program will open at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Please choose only one week of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

**Summer Day Camp (Ages 9-12) Session One: STEM Camp:** Tuesday, July 28 thru Friday, July 31, 2026 9am to 12pm  
Build, create, and investigate! Campers will engage in different activities centered around conservation and sustainability in this Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics, (STEM)-inspired, day camp. We will explore renewable alternatives to plastic, energy, and solve mysteries at Jacobsburg! Registration for this program will open at 12:00PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Please choose only one week of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

**Summer Day Camp (Ages 6-8) Session Two: The Transformers:** Tuesday, August 4 - Friday, August 7, 2026 9am to 12pm  
Join us for a fun filled camp exploring the secret lives of insects! Learn about the flying and crawling friends that call Jacobsburg their home. Go on an adventure through our fields, creeks, and forests with nets and bug boxes to see what kinds of creatures you can discover! Registration for this program will open at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Please choose only one week of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

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**Fishing Equipment Available:** Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm, @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](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov).

**Discovery Backpacks Available:** Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm @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](mailto:jacobsburgsp@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 [jacobsburgsp@pa.gov](mailto:jacobsburgsp@pa.gov). Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.

# Jacobsburg Historical Society

## 250 years of American freedom.

That is what we are celebrating this year and the Jacobsburg Historical Society is inviting you to join in. Dates and details can be found on Facebook and the web at [jacobsburghistory.com](http://jacobsburghistory.com). New events are being planned and will be added to the current list. These include speakers and workshops, a "Spirits of Boulton" program in October, a bus tour of historic and environmental sites around the Township, and a garden tea party. The Society will also have displays at the Fire Company carnival and our Police Night Out.

A new "younger" gunmaker has joined the Society and because of the overwhelming interest has volunteered to restart our ***black powder muzzle loader assembly classes***. Check the web for more information.

*Jacobsburg Historical Society Inc, founded in 1973, is the official historical society of Bushkill Township and is a 501.3C not for profit organization. Volunteers are always invited to help maintain the gardens and ground, maintain the many buildings including the 1832 J. Joseph home, do research projects, and help at events and programs. Visit the web and follow on Facebook.*

### 2026 Season Schedule

**Opening Weekend** – May 16th & 17th Annual Plant Sale & Rummage Salers Henry Home & Pennsylvania Long Rifle Museum will be open for tours

**WWII Weekend** – June 27th & 28th WWII Reenactors, Weapons Demonstrations Special Holocaust Exhibit Performance of WWII era music by the SwingTime Dolls Henry Home & Pennsylvania Long Rifle Museum will be open for tours

**Marketfaire-Rendezvous Weekend** – October 24th & 25th Living History Event portraying the Fur Trading Era Henry Home & Pennsylvania Long Rifle Museum will be open for tours

**Christmas at Bolton Weekend** – December 5th & 6th Tours of the 1842 Henry Home elegantly decorated for the Holidays Greens Sale – Wreaths, Swags and more Henry Home & Pennsylvania Long Rifle Museum will be open for tours

*Please continue to visit our Facebook page and website for more information on these annual events and information regarding special one day events. 402 & 403 Henry Road, PO Box 345, Nazareth, PA 18064*

## Jacobsburg EEC—Gold Mill Road

As winter transitions to spring, the frozen stillness of nature begins to stir. Salamanders and frogs are guided by environmental factors and biological cues to migrate back to their birthplace. These creatures rely on ephemeral pools, also called vernal pools, for reproduction. Vernal pools are seasonal, fishless, bodies of water, often created by melting snow that dry up in the summer.

On warm and rainy spring nights these creatures begin their journey across the forest floor towards a vernal pond to mate and lay eggs. Unfortunately, roads can hinder their movement and increase the likelihood of getting run over by cars.

Bushkill Township, in partnership with Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center plans a temporary closure of Gold Mill Road on one or two nights where conditions are right for these animals to make their journey. Similar events happen annually at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and have begun to gain popularity in the Lake Minsi area. Jacobsburg staff invites volunteers to learn more about this migration and help these critters to cross the road safely. Please check both organizations' Facebook pages for updates as to when road closures will happen and how to get involved!





**Come Support Butz PTA Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!!!!**

**BUTZ BINGO**

**RESCHEDULED**

**SUNDAY MARCH. 22ND**

**DOORS OPEN AT 10, GAMES START AT 1**

PLAINFIELD TWP. VOL. FIRE CO.,

6480 SULLIVAN TRAIL A. WIND GAP, PA 18091

20 GAMES (5  
SPECIALS, 2 CASH  
JACKPOTS)  
75+ RAFFLES  
45/45/10 RAFFLE

**\$30 TICKETS  
IN ADVANCE  
\$35 AT THE  
DOOR**



PRESENTED  
BY:



OR EMAIL:  
KBESPTAFUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM

*Night at the Races  
Gala*

PRESENTED BY: TRUE MANAGEMENT LLC.

JOIN THE KBES PTA FOR AN EVENING OF  
HORSE RACING & PREMIUM RAFFLES

**4.17.2026 7PM**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 RACES START PROMPTLY AT 7

THE PHOENIX  
515 W MAUCH CHUNK ST.  
NAZARETH, PA 18064

OWN A STABLE...OWN A HORSE...OR BET THEM  
ALL! TICKETS AND INFO BELOW!

### National Night Out

We would love to see you at Bushkill Township's National Night Out on August 2, 2026.

Come stop by our table and see what the PTA has planned for the 2026-2027 school year!!!

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](http://www.kbespta.org)!*

### Sponsorships Needed!!!

Do you own a local business, know someone who does, or are you looking for additional ways to support the Kenneth Butz PTA?

We're excited to offer sponsorship opportunities for all of our PTA events throughout the year! This is a great way to promote your business while directly supporting our students, teachers, and school community.

Some of our largest events include Family Fun Night, Fitness Walk, STREAM Night, Butz Bingo, and Night at the Races— each bringing together hundreds of families and offering excellent visibility for sponsors.

If you're interested in learning more about sponsorship levels and benefits, please contact Brianna at [kbesptafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:kbesptafundraising@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.kbespta.org](http://www.kbespta.org) for more information.

Thank you for supporting our school community!

# Emergency Alerts

Stay Informed about emergencies & events going on  
In Bushkill Township!

Bushkill Township has contracted with **Nixle** to allow our residents to get alerts by cell phone or email informing them of severe weather, criminal activities, traffic issues, missing persons, and local events. Nixle keeps you up-to-date with relevant information from your local government and public safety departments. This service is free to our residents and is very easy to sign up - either with your cell phone or online.

Sign up on a cell phone: Text your zip code to 888777 & follow the directions

Sign up online:

Go to the website [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com)

Type your zip code in and click on OK

Near top of the page, click on **SIGN IN** green box

Fill in the requested information

Click on **I ACCEPT, SIGN ME UP** blue box

*Nixle even allows you to add other locations – just in case you would like to keep an eye on family members, friends or even away on vacation.*



## 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

# 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.



## Road Closure and Detour Alert

**Knauss Road & Gower Road will be CLOSED, Monday, March 9th through Friday, March 27, 2026**

**Detour routes will be clearly posted**



JOIN US FOR AN

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT



Be Environmentally Friendly!  
Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated  
electronics and appliances.

## WHERE & WHEN:

**Bushkill Township - Rec Park Center**  
Lucas Lane Parking Lot  
Nazareth PA 18064

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**  
**3pm - 6pm (or until trucks are full)**

### IF YOU CAN PLUG IT IN, WE CAN RECYCLE IT!

#### Items that can be recycled FREE of charge:

- Desktop Computers (fee for monitors)
- Printers/Fax Machines
- Keyboards and Mice
- Cables, Cords & Chargers
- Laptops & Tablets
- Calculators & Adding Machines
- UPS Battery Backups
- Home and Office Telephones
- Cell Phones
- Ink Cartridges
- DVD Players & VCR's
- Gaming Systems
- Microwaves & Small Appliances
- Metal Items & Water Heaters
- Exercise Equipment
- Car Batteries (sealed lead acid)
- Filing Cabinets
- Grills and Lawn Mowers (drain all fluid)

#### Items that can be recycled with a fee:

- Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers & Stoves - \$20
- Computer Monitors - \$20
- Televisions under 42" (CRT or Flat Screens) - \$40
- TVs over 42" (Flat screens, consoles, projection, tube, broken screen) - \$60
- Water Coolers or Mini Fridges - \$25
- Toner Cartridges - \$5
- Air Conditioners - \$25
- Dehumidifiers - \$25
- Refrigerators - \$35
- Floor Freezers - \$35
- Floor Copiers - \$20
- Console Stereos (in cabinet) - \$35

### DESTRUCTION SERVICES

- Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive
- Document Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per standard paper size box

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

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

**RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING SERVICES LLC**

**responsiblerecyclingservices.com**

**484-641-5156**



# 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 3 – 7pm, May 13—September 23

## ***Northampton Farmers' Market***

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

## ***Bethlehem Farmers' Market***

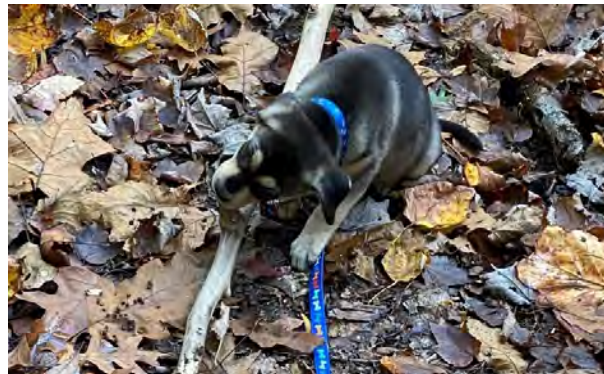
Farrington Square at Lehigh University  
Thursdays 10am – 2pm. May 5 – October 27

## ***Easton Farmers' Market***

Summer: Riverfront at Scott Park, Easton PA 18042  
Saturdays 9am – 1pm. May thru December  
Winter: Outdoors at 325 Northampton Street  
(in front of Easton Public Market) Saturdays,  
10am-Noon. January thru April

## ***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!



# Bushkill Community Small Business Recognition

## Mike's Bait and Sport Shop

Mike's Bait and Sport Shop located at 328 East lawn Road in Upper Nazareth has been helping Bushkill Township and its residents for many years. Whether providing customers with bait and equipment for hunting and fishing or assisting Bushkill Township's Open Space Program by raising money to stock trout in the Township owned ponds, shop owner Mike Dlugos always greets customers with a smile as they walk in the door.

Mike has been operating his shop at its current location since 1990 but has been working for the business for 47 years. Previously the shop was known as Mucha Bait and Sport Shop, owned by John Mucha, operating out of a home just north of Mike's current location. Mike worked at Mucha's for 4 years before purchasing the shop with his father in 1982. Mike then bought out his father in 1988 and moved the shop in 1990.

Over the years, Mike has been very involved in the community. He regularly helps at Northampton County Youth Field Days where he educates kids about the outdoors. He also contributes to several local Rod and Gun Club fishing tournaments, sponsoring a trophy fish that competitors can catch for a prize.

Mike is always willing to help whenever he can. He is always helping kids get involved in the outdoors whenever possible. He will tell kids the best spots to fish or even assist them with areas to try hunting. Mike is always very patient with kids and tries to help them in any way possible. He is also a great storyteller, grabbing kids' attention with details making them want to experience the adventures Mike describes.

For the past 7 years, Mike's Bait and Sport Shop has a donation jar located on the counter for customers to donate money to help stock Bushkill Township's Ballas and Heintzelman ponds with trout. The Bait Shop also donates money to the trout stocking and Greenwalk Trout Hatchery contributes to the donations as well. Every Fall, Mike puts out a message asking for children and families to come out to the ponds to help carry buckets of fish to the water. These stocking events are always very well attended and a great way to get kids of all ages a first look at some of the fish that they might catch in the future.

Bushkill Township would like to thank Mike Dlugos and Mike's Bait and Sport Shop for the many years of support, raising money and assistance stocking the ponds, and helping the many customers and children that have visited the shop.



**Election Day**  
**Tuesday, May, 19 2026**

For information on Pennsylvania  
municipal elections, visit:

<http://www.northamptoncounty.org>



# Bushkill Township Public Works/Yard Waste

Opening Day  
Wed. 04/8/26



**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 8 through November 25, 2026. 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.frcaauthority.org/acceptable\\_unacceptable\\_items.pdf](http://www.frcaauthority.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, 2026 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

2026 Holiday Schedule: The FRCA will be closed on the following holidays:

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Good Friday            | Memorial Day                |
| Independence Day       | Labor Day                   |
| Veterans Day           | Thanksgiving Day            |
| Day after Thanksgiving | Christmas (12/24 and 12/25) |
| New Year's Day         |                             |



# 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

## 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  
Nat'l 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](http://www.turnkey-enterprises.com)

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

# Bushkill Township

1114 Bushkill Center Road  
Nazareth, PA 18064



## *Board of Supervisors*



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Brien Kocher (Chairman), Carolyn Hill  
Back Row, L-R: Keith McKeon, Randy Knauss