

# UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Road Updates, News, Maintenance

Report problems related to roads to the Township main office via email or phone. We appreciate the help in identifying downed trees, damaged/missing signs, etc. The sooner we know, the sooner we can respond. ***With summer right around the corner, please be patient with our Road Crew as they work to do roadside mowing. Road crew will be completing road work such as blacktop repairs and catch basin culvert installation.***

### 2024 Annual Road Projects – Road Improvements tentatively scheduled to begin this summer

#### Bituminous Seal Coat

Fourth Street (From Garey St to Corys Ct.)

Center Road (From Rt 724 to Rt. 345)

Shed Road (From Crusher Rd to Red Corner Rd)

Yocum Road (From Unionville Rd to Black Matt Rd)

Unionville Rd (From Rt 724 to Twp. Line)

Geigertown Rd (From Rt 345 to St. James Church)



#### Superpave Materials

Geigertown Rd (From Rt 82 Hay Creek Road to St. James Church)

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### Union Township Communication-COMCAST



Comcast is continuing work to expand its Xfinity 10G Network that will deliver its full suite of Xfinity and Comcast Business services to Union Township residents and businesses.

Comcast is working closely with the Township and local energy providers to secure the required permits needed to complete construction.

Residents will be notified 7-10 days prior to underground Township Right-of-Way (ROW) construction activities, dependent on weather conditions. Find a sample door notification [here](#). Should a resident have questions or concerns about underground construction activities, please email [Freedom\\_SEO@comcast.com](mailto:Freedom_SEO@comcast.com).

In the meantime, residents can visit [www.Xfinity.com/MyTown](http://www.Xfinity.com/MyTown) and enter an address for additional details on construction timing and upcoming service availability. They can also stop by the Xfinity Store in Pottstown, located at 310 Upland Square Drive, where experts at the Xfinity Store can help with product demonstrations, answer any questions consumers may have and help local businesses schedule an informational meeting with the Comcast Business sales team.

Once available, residents will have access to Xfinity's full suite of Internet products, including the company's Internet Essentials program that provides low-cost, high-speed broadband for income constrained households.

## Summer Tips from the Public Works Department

*Please slow down when proceeding through the work zones to ensure the safety of our crew members.*

*Please do not drive around Road Closed signs to ensure the safety of all residents and township workers.*

*When mowing, please do not discharge freshly cut grass onto the roads as this creates a hazard to bicyclists and motorcyclists, creating a slippery area as would ice.*

*If you see road damage/concerns on Route 724/Main St., or Rt 345/Chestnut St., please do not contact the Union Township building. These are state roads and are not maintained by the Township. PennDot can be reached at 610-929-0766, prompt 0. You will be able to file a report with a live person.*



**KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS OFF OF THE STREETS!**

Clippings act as a natural mulch which helps **CONSERVE SOIL MOISTURE** preventing your lawn from drought stress!

Keeping grass clippings in your lawn recycles nutrients your lawn needs to stay **HEALTHY!**

**If you sweep your clippings into the street grass clippings can cause...**

**BACTERIA GROWTH** in receiving water bodies

**PENALTIES.** It is **ILLEGAL** to litter in the streets: grass clippings included

**FLOODING**  
A storm water system clog which may lead to **FLOODING**

**SAFETY HAZARDS** for motorists

**PESTICIDES AND CHEMICALS** to runoff into storm water drains, causing more filtration needs.

## Snow Emergency Routes – Ordinance 2024-02

In order to facilitate the movement of traffic, the removal of snow, and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on Township roads and streets, the roads listed below have been designated as Snow Emergency Routes. After any snow and ice emergency is declared by the Township through radio, newspaper, or available media, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the snow and ice emergency, for any person to stand, stop, or park a motor vehicle or to allow a motor vehicle to remain standing, stopped or parked anywhere on any snow emergency route. The following are designated as snow emergency routes, proper signage will be posted on the roads/streets listed below:

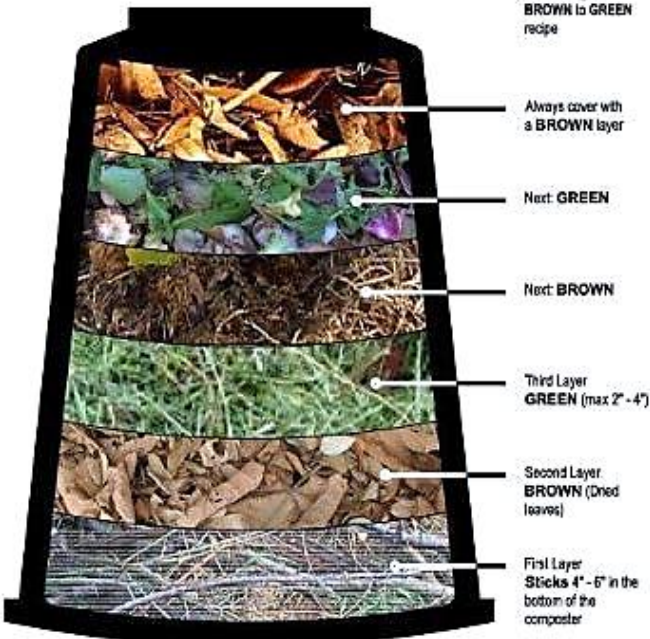
Cory's Court (entire length); Cross Street (entire length); East Fourth Street (entire length); East Second Street (entire length); East Third Street (entire length); Garey Road (entire length); George Street (entire length); Heather Lane (entire length); Hillside Drive (entire length); Ivy Lane (entire length); Jeffrey Place (entire length); Joni Circle (entire length); King Street (entire length); Lanie Drive (entire length); Linden Street (entire length); Magnolia Drive (entire length); Maple Spring Drive (entire length); Maple Terrace (entire length); Mt. Airy Street (entire length); Queen Street (entire length); Sunset Drive (entire length); Union Street (entire length); Wahl Street (entire length); Washington Street (entire length).

## Annual Archery Hunt 2024-2025

Applications will become available on our website mid August. Keep an eye out for the opportunity to register to be one of our lucky drawing winners. Archery Hunting is open mid-September through mid-January and you must have a permit from the township to display. Applicants must have a current PA Hunting License & Wildlife Mgmt Unit 5 CM Anterless License



### A COMPOST RECIPE TO FEED YOUR SOIL.



**KEEP MOIST:** As wet as a wrung out sponge.

**AERATE:** Air helps to speed up decomposition. Aeration should be done throughout the entire composting process.

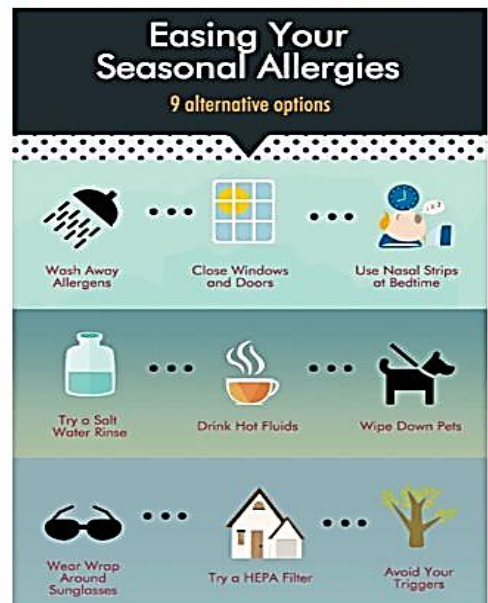
**KEEP COVERED:** Use a compost lid, cardboard or canvas over top of your pile.

## Yard Waste Composting

For additional information please visit:

<https://www.countyofberks.com/departments/solid-waste-authority>

Search for Disposal Site: <https://search.earth911.com/>



## 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

Union Township's Park and Recreation Board began presenting Community Events at the Meadows in 2024! Currently we have the following free events scheduled for the remainder of 2024 at Union Meadows, 100 Campbellford Road, Douglassville, PA 19518

- 1) **Wildflowers and Pollinators at Union Meadows West.** Presented by Mengel Natural History Society at Union Township's Butterfly Meadows, July 20, 2024 at 10:00 am. A meandering path through this former ball field converted to a pollinator meadow provides good access for observing and netting a variety of species. All levels of interest are welcome: children, adults of all ages, novices and advanced. A butterfly checklist for this location will be handed out at this walk so you can easily record what you see.

\*Close focusing binoculars and a camera will be helpful. For a good look we will capture some insects and put them in viewing jars so you can get a close look before releasing them. Listen to educators about the various butterflies, dragonflies, plants, and insects you'll find at the meadow.



- 2) **Birds of Prey "Hunters of the Sky"**, presented by Indian Run EEC. Bring the family out for a free presentation on birds of prey at Union Meadows on Saturday, September 14, 2024, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. 3-4 Live birds will be presented for an up-close look at birds of prey and their adaptations for survival. Meet live hawks and owls (possibly a vulture) and examine feathers, wings and more to learn about these birds, their natural history and conservation efforts to protect them and their habitats.



- 3) **Haunting for Candy at Union Meadows.** On Sunday, October 27, 2024, 2:00-5:00 pm, bring the family out for a fun Boo Bash! Holiday trick-or-treat on the trail, pumpkin painting, raffle, and Blind Candy Taste Test Challenge, among other family friendly activities. **DONATIONS NEEDED:** If you have old Halloween decorations (bats/skeletons/ghosts) that you would like to part with, please contact us at the Township by calling 610-582-3769.



Thank you to all residents that attended our **Birdhouse and Rock Painting event** on April 20th, in observation of Earth Day with Anvil Art Studios. We would like to again thank local businesses, Monty's Mulch and Weaver's Ace Hardware for their generous donations to kick off our event.

For residents that chose to have the Union Township Road Crew hang their birdhouses, please be sure to walk the trail and find your special birdhouse. You will also find some of the painted rocks along the trail, can you find them all?





**Please do not remove turtles. Do not take them home as pets. If one is injured, please mark the exact spot found for the wildlife center. If a turtle is in the road you can help by moving it directly across the street in the direction it was heading. Thank you!**

<http://www.boxturtles.com/box-turtle-conservation/>

A tick is an arthropod, like a spider. Ticks have 8 legs, are very small, and attach to a person or animal to suck blood. In Pennsylvania, many ticks carry diseases. Ticks can be found anywhere: outdoors in areas with long grasses and weeds, leaf piles, the woods, and even in your own yard. It's important to take preventative measures to avoid tick bites, know what to do if you find a tick on you, and

understand the symptoms of tickborne diseases. The Pennsylvania Health Dept. has launched an online dashboard with information about tickborne diseases for residents and health care providers. Please copy and paste this address to access the dashboard:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Vectorborne%20Diseases/Pages/Tick%20Diseases.aspx>



# Electronic Recycling Center - 2024

1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, Pa. (Bern Twp.)

OPEN EVERY  
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY  
8:00 AM – NOON

ALL VISITORS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE, WHILE ON SITE.

PLEASE HAVE ALL ELECTRONICS IN THE TRUCK OF YOUR CAR OR BED OF PICKUP TRUCK

**ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:**  
**MAXIMUM OF 10 ITEMS PER VEHICLE (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

- Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Copier, etc.
- Microwaves, Stereos, VCRs, Telephones, Answering Machines, etc.
- Television ( **Maximum of two per resident/vehicle per day** )
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Rechargeable and Lead Acid Batteries (ONLY) – **NO ALKALINE BATTERIES ACCEPTED**
- Air Conditions & Dehumidifiers

**FEE SCHEDULE**

**RESIDENTIAL**

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| • All Electronic Items (Residents ONLY)                  | Free of Charge |
| • Fluorescent tubes , CFL Bulbs & Rechargeable Batteries | Free of Charge |
| • Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers                       | Free of Charge |

**COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

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| • <b>NO TELEVISIONS OR MONITORS ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES</b> |                   |
| • All Electronic Items (Businesses)                          | \$ 1.00 per item  |
| • Fluorescent tubes, CFL Bulbs & Rechargeable Batteries      | \$ 1.50 per pound |
| • Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers                           | Free of Charge    |

**BATTERIES  
CAN SPARK  
OR EXPLODE**

They don't belong in recycling or trash.



**Tape it. Bag it. Drop it.**



Tape battery terminals



Place in a small zip lock bag



Drop into a battery recycle box or provided carton

Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries are used in many products such as electronics, toys, wireless headphones, handheld power tools, small and large appliances, electric vehicles, and electrical energy storage systems. If not properly managed at the end of their useful life, they can cause harm to human health or the environment. Lithium-ion batteries and devices containing these batteries should **NOT** go in household garbage or recycling bins.

Lithium-ion batteries **SHOULD** be taken to separate recycling or household hazardous waste collection points.

To prevent fires, tape battery terminals and/or place lithium-ion batteries in separate plastic bags.

Link Lithium Batteries: <https://search.earth911.com/?what=Lithium-ion+Batteries>

# Why Should I Consider Flood Insurance?

Flood damage can happen to you, no matter where your home, apartment, or business is located. You can buy flood insurance even if your property is not located in a flood plain. In some cases, according to federal law, mortgage lenders may require a home or business owner to purchase flood insurance.

Flood insurance can be purchased through licensed property and casualty insurance agents in Pennsylvania to cover almost any building and its contents, including rental property and condominiums. Tenants can buy protection for their belongings as well.

**[Flood Insurance \(pa.gov\)](#)**

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## 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebates Available



### Eligibility

This program supports Pennsylvania homeowners and renters who meet the following criteria.

- **Age Criteria**

- 65 and older
- Widows and widowers 50 and older
- People with disabilities 18 and older

- **Income Criteria**

- In addition to age requirements, to qualify for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate, your household income must be \$45,000 or less annually.

**Applications are due by June 30, 2024.**

APPLY at [myPATH - Home](#)

## Common Scams:

- Impersonator scam – Scammer pretends to be someone you trust.
- Debt relief or credit repair scam – Offer to lower credit card interest rates, fix your credit, or get your student loans forgiven if you pay their company a fee first.
- Business and investment scams.
- Charity scams – Scammer pose as real charities and ask for donations.
- Extended car warranties.
- Loan scams – Scammers guarantee you loans or credit cards for an upfront fee.
- Prize and lottery scams – Say you won a prize but must pay taxes or other fees to get it.
- Travel and timeshare scams – Promise free or low-cost vacations, but once you respond, you must pay fees first or there is no vacation after all.
- “Free” trials.

What to do if you're a victim of a scam: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-you-were-scammed>

### What To Do About ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS

Scammers use robocalls to try to get your money or information.

Companies need your **written permission** to use robocalls to sell you things.

**Here's what to do about illegal robocalls:**

- ▶ **Hang up.** Don't press any number or call back.
- ▶ **Don't trust caller ID.** It can be faked.
- ▶ **Get call blocking apps or services.** This will help you get fewer robocalls.
- ▶ **Report it.** Tell the FTC at [DoNotCall.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/DoNotCall).

Learn more at [ftc.gov/robocalls](https://www.ftc.gov/robocalls)



### How To Avoid Phone Scams: DON'T TRUST CALLER ID

Your caller ID might show a real government agency or company name or phone number.

But scammers can fake caller ID. **Don't trust it** – even if it looks real.

**Here's what to do:**

- ▶ **Get call blocking apps or services.** This will help you get fewer scam calls.
- ▶ **Only call a phone number you know is real if you want to confirm.**
- ▶ **Report scam calls.** Tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/ReportFraud).

Learn more at [ftc.gov/calls](https://www.ftc.gov/calls)



### Watch Out for Common Scams

Cybercriminals are always coming up with new ways to take advantage of people, but these common scams have been around for a while.



**IRS Taxes Owed**

Thieves pretend to be the IRS and demand a bogus tax payment.



**Sexploitation**

A hacker has your password (likely an old one) and claims to have video evidence of visitations to porn sites. The hacker asks for a payment or he will send evidence to your friends and family.



**Family in Danger**

A relative writes to say they are in danger or stranded in a foreign country and need a wire transfer immediately.



**Medicare and Social Security Updates**

Scammers will reach out via phone, email or mail to ask for more information for medicare and social security.



**Looking for Love**

A handsome stranger reaches out on social media or email to say your picture caught their eye and they'd like to get to know you or are attracted to you.



**Computer Repair**

A fake tech support company will call to say your computer needs repair or updating and will ask you to connect remotely.

Also, emails and computer pop-up windows may claim your computer has a problem and ask you to click to fix it.



**Fill in the Blanks**

Criminals may have found you through a stolen database, and may have some facts that make them sound legitimate. They may ask you to verify the information they have and fill in the blanks.



**Missed Delivery**

Scammers will send an email saying you missed a package delivery, asking you to fill out a form and take it to FedEx, UPS or the post office.

# FiGHT THE BITE



Keep screens on all windows .

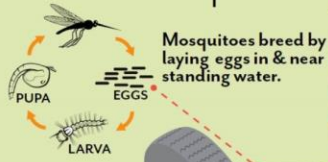
Use air conditioning.

Repair holes in screens.

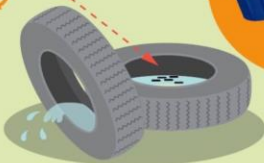
Keep mosquitoes **outside**

Keep doors and windows shut.

## Stop mosquitoes from **breeding**



Mosquitoes breed by laying eggs in & near standing water.



As little as one teaspoon or bottle cap of water standing for more than one week is enough for mosquitoes to breed and multiply.



Around all buildings:

At least once a week, empty, turn over or cover anything that could hold water:

- tires
- buckets
- toys
- pools & pool covers
- birdbaths
- trash, trash containers and recycling bins
- boat or car covers
- roof gutters
- coolers
- pet dishes

At your house or business:

Put away items that are outside and not being used because they could hold standing water.



In your garden:

Keep flower pots and saucers free of standing water. Some plants, such as bromeliads, hold water in their leaves—flush out water-holding plants with your hose once a week.



## Are Poisonous Plants In My Path?



### Poison Ivy

Found in most parts of the US, except Alaska, Hawaii, and certain parts of the West Coast

Appear as small shrubs or vines, trailing on the ground or growing on low plants, trees, or poles

Each poison ivy leaf has 3 glossy leaflets, which may be jagged or smooth

The leaves change colors with the seasons — green in summer; reddish in the spring; and yellow, orange, or red in the fall

Many of the plants have greenish, whitish, or yellowish berries or flowers



### Poison Oak

Found in the southern and eastern states as low shrubs, and in western states as long vines or tall clumps

Leaves are fuzzy green

Most grow in clusters of 3, but some types have 5, 7, or 9 leaves per cluster

Many have yellow-white berries



### Poison Sumac

Grows in peat bog standing water in the Northeast and Midwest, and swampy areas in the Southeast

Each leaf has clusters of 7 to 13 smooth-edged leaflets, arranged in pairs

The leaves change colors with the seasons — green in summer; orange in spring; and yellow, orange, or red in the fall

Many have spots that resemble blotches of black paint

May have clusters of whitish-green fruits, yellow-greenish flowers, or yellow-white berries



Penn Medicine

# FIREWORK SAFETY

Know the local laws!

Alcohol and fireworks do



not mix.



Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.

Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting



Don't try to modify or create your own firework.

## Keep them OUTSIDE

Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.



Don't bring your pets to a fireworks display, even a small one.



Make sure your pet has an ID tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display.

Use a long stem match or long lighter (BBQ or candle lighter)



Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.

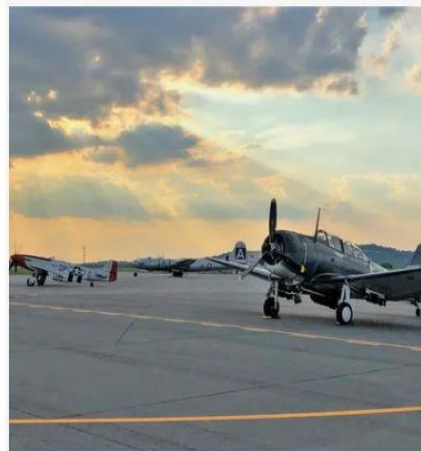
## Mid-Atlantic Air Museum's WWII Weekend

The Mid-Atlantic Air Museum's World War II Weekend: A Gathering of Warbirds has become the premier event of its kind. For over three decades, we honor our history through D-Day remembrance, vehicle & aircraft displays and shows, war Veterans & speakers, vendors & demonstrations, battles & flights education, the Homefront education, re-enactors: at war and at home, and big bands & swing dancing.

**This year marks the 33rd Annual Event and will be held June 7th, 8th, and 9th 2024!**

### Parking:

1216 Hilltop Road, Leesport, Pennsylvania 19533, United States  
Event Gate Admission starts at 8:30AM



## BIRDSBORO STREET FAIR AND DUCK DERBY

JUNE 8, 2024 MAIN BIRD PARK

9AM - 4PM MAIN ST & WATER ST. BIRDSBORO, PA

FOOD  
CRAFTS  
ENTERTAINMENT  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

HUNDREDS OF DUCKS  
WILL RACE DOWN THE  
CREEK AT 3:30PM!

**DUCK TICKETS \$5 EACH**

**OR \$20 FOR A QUACK PACK (5 TICKETS)**



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

**BOONE AREA LIBRARY AND IN THE PARK THE DAY OF THE RACE**  
**Must be at least 18 years of age to purchase tickets.**

For information email [circulation@boonelibrary.org](mailto:circulation@boonelibrary.org)  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE BOONE AREA LIBRARY



## DID YOU KNOW...?

**Safety Net Sanctuary is the Animal Control Service responsible for handling 30 Municipalities in Berks County.**

**WHAT THAT MEANS...SHORT VERSION.**

**When someone finds a stray domestic animal, they call Safety Net (610 944 8099) to take custody of the animal, so they are safe until the owner is found.**

**When owners are not found, those animals remain at Safety Net and after a period of time can be adopted or fostered until they are adopted.**

**Safety Net is always in need of animal care products and of course monetary donations, however, OTHER WAYS**

**TO HELP ARE TO FOSTER AND SPREAD THE WORD THAT THERE ARE MANY LOCAL FURRY FRIENDS LOOKING FOR HOMES AT SAFETY NET.**



**Star Watch at the Southern Field of the Daniel Boone Homestead  
Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 8:35pm-11:35pm  
400 Daniel Boone Rd Birdsboro, PA 19508**

**Dress WARM, bring RED light, binoculars and enjoy the night with views  
through our telescopes!**

**Sunset 8:35 pm**

**Dark Views 9:35 pm**

**ISS (International Space Station) ~N/A**

**Observation List:**

**Luna (Earth's Moon) in 1st Quarter**

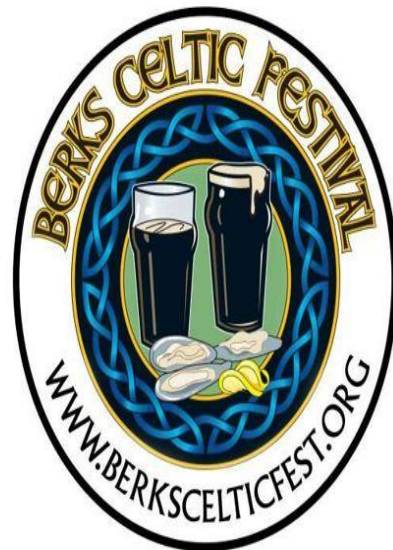
**Spring setting / Overhead (Leo, Boötes)**

**Summer rising ("Summer Triangle," Ophiuchus)**

**Star Clusters**

**Galaxies**

**Nebulae**



**When: Saturday, June 29, 2024, from 11AM-9PM**

**Location: 143 Spook Lane Reading, PA 19606**

**Come celebrate the Celtic heritage with food, drink, Irish entertainment, and  
various vendors.**

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FOLK FESTIVAL

BRIEL  
ROSES



June 29 - July 7, 2024

9am - 6pm Daily

**Experience Our Nation's  
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Running Folklife Festival**

Juried Craftsmen • Authentic Pennsylvania Dutch Foods  
Live Entertainment • Unique Quilt Sale and Live Auction

[KUTZTOWNFESTIVAL.COM](http://KUTZTOWNFESTIVAL.COM)



# BERKS NATURE, THE NATURE PLACE

## IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

To celebrate, Berks Nature has planned a series of public input forums where they can listen to your concerns about our community and the environment. These focus groups will help them look forward as they continue to meet the needs of our communities and nature in the future. Please consider this as a personal invitation to attend one of these sessions at your convenience.

50 Conversations for 50 Years

# BERKS NATURE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Make your voice heard during  
our public input forum series

Visit [support.berksnature.org/free-events](https://support.berksnature.org/free-events)  
for full list of forums

**PARTICIPATION IN OUR  
PUBLIC FORUMS IS  
EASY!**

1. Select a date from the public input forums listed on the back of this flyer
2. Register for your selected date online at [support.berksnature.org/free-events](https://support.berksnature.org/free-events)
3. Show up and enjoy informal conversation with like-minded people.

Berks Nature works hard every day to protect the environment and connect people to the nature all around them. In celebration of our 50th Anniversary, Berks Nature is not only reflecting on the accomplishments of our past, but also looking forward at our goals for the future. **Who better to guide the next 50 years of environmental action, protection, and education than the residents, outdoor enthusiasts, and conservation champions that call Berks County home?**

**THROUGHOUT 2024, BERKS NATURE WILL BE HOSTING 50 CONSERVATIONS FOR 50 YEARS, A SERIES OF FORUMS TO COLLECT FEEDBACK FROM OUR PARTNERS AND THE BERKS COUNTY COMMUNITY.**

This feedback will be used to inform Berks Nature's next strategic plan.



**PLEASE ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BERKS NATURE  
PUBLIC MEETINGS - YOUR INPUT MATTERS!  
(REGISTRATION REQUIRED):**

**March 7 | 8:00 AM** The Nature Place, 575 Saint Bernardine St, Reading 19607. Breakfast will be provided.

**March 7 | Noon** The Nature Place, 575 Saint Bernardine St, Reading 19607. Lunch will be provided.

**March 12 | 7:00 PM** VIRTUAL - a virtual link will be provided to you upon registration.

**March 19 | 6:00 PM** The Nature Place, 575 Saint Bernardine St, Reading 19607. Light refreshments.

**April 10 | Noon** Blackjax American Pub & Grill, 668 Benjamin Franklin Hwy, Birdsboro 19508. Lunch will be provided.

**April 18 | Noon** Doc & Bubbas, 4312 New Holland Rd, Mohnton 19540. Lunch will be provided.

**April 22 | Noon** VIRTUAL - Happy Earth Day! A virtual link will be provided to you upon registration.

**April 23 | 7:00 PM** Blue Marsh Italian Restaurant, 5027 Bernville Road, Bernville 19506. Light refreshments will be provided.

**May 27 | Noon** VIRTUAL - a virtual link will be provided to you upon registration.

**May 23 | 8:00 AM** Heidelberg Family Restaurant, 910 West Penn Ave, Robesonia 19551. Breakfast will be provided.

**June 25 | Noon** The Nature Place, 575 Saint Bernardine St, Reading 19607. Lunch will be provided.

**June 25 | 3PM** VIRTUAL - a virtual link will be provided to you upon registration.

**July 9 | Noon** The Nature Place, 575 Saint Bernardine St, Reading 19607. Lunch will be provided.

**July 16 | 8:00 AM** The Nature Place, 575 Saint Bernardine St, Reading 19607. Breakfast will be provided.

**August 8 | 7:00 PM** Kutztown Tavern, 272 West Main Street, Kutztown 19530. Light refreshments will be provided.

**September 12 | Noon** Yellowhouse Hotel, 6743 Boyertown Pike, Douglasville 19518. Lunch will be provided.

**September 17 | 6:00 PM** VIRTUAL - a virtual link will be provided to you upon registration.

**October 9 | Noon** Berkshire Country Club, 1637 Bernville Road, Reading 19601. Lunch will be provided.

## Have questions? Be in the know.... Visit us at [Unionberks.org](http://Unionberks.org)

Do you need a permit for that new home project? Find out on our website and find additional information on codes at <https://ecode360.com/UN1916>. Union Township Codes Enforcement Officer is at the Township Building on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00. He can also be reached by calling 610-582-3769, ext. 3.

Things happen, and sometimes they affect our neighbors. If you have a complaint, you must first complete an official Complaint Form and file with the Township. The form is located on the Township website, which can be submitted via fax, email, or dropped off at the Township building.

Do you have a remarkable picture of our Township that you'd like to share with fellow residents? Submit to [adminut@unionberks.org](mailto:adminut@unionberks.org). Please include a short description with your submission and you may see it in our next newsletter.

**We're On Facebook!** <https://www.facebook.com/unionberks.org>

Go to [www.unionberks.org](http://www.unionberks.org) to join the mailing list

SpotCrime is a public facing crime map and crime alert service. With SpotCrime, it's easier than ever to check crime anywhere in the United States. SpotCrime allows you to easily look up city and county crime data and reports -- all the way down to local neighborhood statistics. Sign up for email alerts near your home address at [SpotCrime.com](http://SpotCrime.com)



If you See Something, Say Something. You may get a cash reward. Report crime via [crimealertberks.org](http://crimealertberks.org), call 1-877-373-9913 or text alertberks at 847411 with your crime tip. Tipsters are given a code number-the tipster's name is never used.

### Handy Numbers

Union Township Tax Collector: Margaret Kennedy:  
610-582-4655

Real Estate School Tax (Daniel Boone), Keystone  
Collections: 1-866-539-1100

Local Services Tax: Berkheimer Associates:  
1-800-360-8989

Earned Income Tax: Berks EIT, 610-372-8439

TowerDirect EMS: 484-628-4493

PA One Call: before digging-800-242-1776

Daniel Boone School District: 610-582-6140

State Police: 911

State Police: Non-Emergency: 610-378-4011

BUFD (Fire Dept): 610-582-0058

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NELSON OTT, JR., CHAIRMAN  
ISAAC JONES, VICE CHAIRMAN  
ANDREW BASILE, MEMBER  
DEBORAH OLIVIERI, TWP. MGR.

### TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING CALENDAR:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (UTMA) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 6:30 pm

PARKS & RECREATION - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month 5:00 pm

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY (EAC) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:00 pm

## **Board Members**

### **Board of Supervisors Council**

- Andrew Basile
- Isaac Jones
- Nelson Ott Jr.

### **Planning Commission**

- Lee Mauger
- James Sarro
- Shane Kochel
- Andrew Basile
- Lorelei Brewer

### **Municipal Authority**

- Mark Matthews
- Lee Bunczk
- Phillip Reyna
- Robin Graham
- Heather Heltziner

### **Recreation Board**

- Robert Erb
- Brenda Berrick
- Kristen Keeler
- William Woodruff
- Eric Woodworth

### **Environmental Advisory**

- James Sarro
- John Williams
- Mary Picariello
- Ken Neiman
- Eric Konzelmann

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

- Matthew Williams
- Nelson Ott, Sr.
- Stuart Sievers
- Ed Satiro

### **Agricultural Security Committee**

- Nelson Ott, Jr.
- Joseph Rosenbaum
- Gregory D. Simon
- Lorilei Brewer

### **Auditors**

- John Williams
- Caroline Brown
- Edward Joseph Murray

### **Emergency Management Council**

- Robert Erb
- Nelson Ott, Jr.
- Debbie Olivieri
- Kristen Keeler
- Raymond Keeler, III
- Anthony Martin
- Ron Waszk
- Mike Fesh
- Cody Borsten
- Dan Doyle
- Richard Keffer
- Stephen Beideman
- Jim Yocum
- Tammy Matthews
- Jessica Erb
- Lee Bunczk

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