

# UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## November 2025 EDITION– DIGITAL

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS WILL BE MAILED TWO NEWSLETTERS A YEAR, FALL/WINTER AND SPRING/SUMMER. IN BETWEEN THESE ISSUES, DIGITAL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE SO YOU CAN CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ALL THE NEWS AND INFORMATION THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE E-MAILED NEWSLETTERS AT [UNIONBERKS.ORG](http://UNIONBERKS.ORG)



### **PUBLIC ALERT & NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

ALERTS DELIVERED TO YOUR PAGER, CELL PHONE AND E-MAIL FOR  
**PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCIES | ROAD CLOSURES**  
**SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS**

BERKS ALERT IS AN EFFORT BY COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS IN BERKS COUNTY ABOUT HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY EVENTS. YOU CAN REGISTER AT:  
[HTTPS://WWW.BERKSPA.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/EMERGENCY-SERVICES/911-COMMUNICATIONS-BRANCH/BERKS-ALERT-9C3E929488153D56CE2F20E143E6A5FC](https://www.berkspa.gov/departments/emergency-services/911-communications-branch/berks-alert-9c3e929488153d56ce2f20e143e6a5fc)

## 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 winter upon us, please be patient with our Road Crew as they work to clear the Township roads when snow hits our area. Be sure to move vehicles, if possible, from the roads.***

***Be sure to visit [Unionberks.org](http://Unionberks.org) for updated information on road projects and closures***

## Winter Tips from the Public Works Department

Inspect your mailbox, make sure it does not extend past the road edge and posts are sturdy

Do not pile snow on the roadway, pile it in your yard

We plow all roadways with the exception of State Roads, if you shovel your driveway before the storm ends, your driveway could be plowed in

If you do not have to drive during a winter storm, stay off the roads until they are clear

## **PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY AND WINTER**

### **ARE YOU PREPARED FOR STORMS AND POWER OUTAGES**

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO PUT TOGETHER AN EMERGENCY KIT. YOU MAY HAVE TO EVACUATE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE AND MAY NOT HAVE TIME TO SEARCH FOR YOUR ESSENTIALS. AFTER A DISASTER, HELP MAY ARRIVE IMMEDIATELY OR IT MAY TAKE A FEW DAYS. UNTIL HELP ARRIVES, YOU MAY NEED TO SURVIVE ON YOUR OWN.**

#### **BASIC EMERGENCY KIT:**

- ONE GALLON OF WATER PER PERSON PER DAY (3 DAYS)
- 3 DAY SUPPLY OF FOOD/CAN OPENER FOR FOOD
- BATTERY POWERED RADIO AND EXTRA BATTERIES
- FIRST AID KIT/WHISTLE TO SIGNAL FOR HELP
- DUST MASK TO FILTER CONTAMINATED AIR
- PLASTIC SHEETING AND DUCT TAPE TO SHELTER-IN-PLACE
- MOIST TOWELETTES, TOILET PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS
- WRENCHES/PLIERS TO TURN OFF UTILITIES
- LOCAL MAPS/PHONE CHARGER



#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

- PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE AND GLASSES (A LIST OF MEDICATIONS FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER)
- BABY FORMULA/DIAPERS/PET FOOD
- IDENTIFICATION FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER, COPIES OF INSURANCE POLICIES AND BANK ACCOUNT INFO., STORED IN A WATERPROOF CONTAINER
- CASH/CHANGE OF CLOTHES
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER/WATERPROOF MATCHES
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
- PAPER CUPS, PLATES AND
- PLASTIC UTENSILS
- BOOKS, GAMES, PUZZLES

**AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO WINTER WEATHER, START THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW TO BE READY WHEN "OLD MAN WINTER" ARRIVES.**

- HOW ABOUT YOUR CAR OR TRUCK? DO YOU HAVE A KIT – OR AT LEAST SOME WINTER WEATHER GEAR – IN YOUR VEHICLE, LIKE ROAD FLARES, BOOSTER CABLES, A SHOVEL AND WINDSHIELD SCRAPER, TIRE CHAINS, A FLASHLIGHT, WATERPROOF MATCHES OR A CHARGER FOR YOUR CELL PHONE?
- HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR EMERGENCY WEATHER ALERTS FROM BERKS ALERT [HTTPS://BERKS.ALERTPA.ORG](https://berks.alertpa.org)
- HAVE YOU TALKED WITH CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE POSSIBLE WINTER WEATHER THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR COMMUTE HOME FROM WORK IN CASE YOU'RE STUCK AT THE OFFICE OR IN TRAFFIC DUE TO SNOW OR ICE?

**THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AND SOME OF THE SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE NOW TO MAKE STORMS AND WINTER SAFER FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

## PARK NOTICES:

### **UNION MEADOWS RESTROOMS WERE CLOSED OCTOBER 25, 2025**

#### **REMINDER: Use Caution - Hunting in Progress**

Union Township Archery Hunt runs from September 20, 2025 through January 24, 2026



#### **NIGHT FISH/WATERFOWL HUNT PARKING PERMITS**

Residents are permitted, by permit, after sunset, to night fish/waterfowl hunt by completing an application. The application can be found on our website. Permit must be displayed in vehicle. Applications for Overnight Parking Permits can be obtained Monday – Friday 9am – 2:30 pm at the Township Building. Overnight Parking Permit is valid for the vehicle for which it was registered, permit should be displayed in a visible place on the front or rear window, any vehicle without a permit will be towed at the owners' expense. Permits are good for one year from date issued.

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## **Union Township Environmental Advisory Committee**

As we enjoy the leaves changing color and the milder temperatures of the fall season, we face the task of yard and leaf clean-up. Please consider the environment when disposing of leaves. A sustainable option is to compost them. Leaves can be "chopped" with the lawn mower and mixed with grass clippings or produce scraps and added to a compost pile. Once the compost breaks down, it can be used to improve the soil in any vegetable garden or flower bed. It's equally possible to shred the leaves and use them as mulch. Layer up a few inches (8 cm.) of chopped leaves around the base of shrubs and plants. If you want to "leave the leaves" they should naturally break down over time and help provide nutrients for your lawn.





*Saturday, November 8th | 5:30 to 9:00 PM*

Join us at the **Boone Area Library** for an evening of wine, bingo, raffles, art, and more!

There will be a gift basket raffle as well as several rounds of bingo, which can be purchased at the event.

We are also accepting donations for our gift basket raffle! All donated items must be new and donated by Saturday, November 1st. Donated items can include:

- Home & Kitchen Goods
- Wellness Products
- Artwork & Handmade Crafts
- Entertainment Items
- Gift Certificates
- Pre-Made Gift Baskets

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE: [Wine Pull Fundraiser](#)

Thank you for supporting your local Library!

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**Union Township is accepting applications for a vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board. This is a volunteer position and must reside in the Township. Interested applicants are encouraged to email the Township Manager at [managerut@unionberks.org](mailto:managerut@unionberks.org) or call 610.582.3769 ext. 2**


# PennDOT News

Motorists can check conditions on major roadways by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com). 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 1,000 traffic cameras. 511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following local alerts on [X](#).


Subscribe to PennDOT news and traffic alerts in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties at [www.penndot.pa.gov/District5](http://www.penndot.pa.gov/District5).

Information about infrastructure in District 5, including completed work and significant projects, is available at [www.penndot.pa.gov/D5Results](http://www.penndot.pa.gov/D5Results). Find PennDOT's planned and active construction projects at [www.projects.penndot.gov](http://www.projects.penndot.gov).

Find PennDOT news on [X](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).



**BERKS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC SURVEY 2025 EDITION BERKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE OUT AND ABOUT SHARING THEIR PUBLIC SURVEY WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. HELP BERKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. SURVEY CAN BE COMPLETED AT: [HTTPS://WWW.BERKSPA.GOV/DEPARTMENTS/PLANNING-COMMISSION](https://www.berkspa.gov/departments/planning-commission)**



## Snow Emergency Routes – Ordinance 2024-02

# UPDATE 2025



Last year, the Township amended its Traffic Ordinance to designate certain streets as snow emergency routes and set forth regulations regarding these routes. The Township is considering the enactment of an ordinance which will designate additional streets as snow emergency routes. Under the Traffic Ordinance, when a street is designated a snow emergency it is unlawful to stand, stop, or park a motor vehicle on the street during the declaration of a snow and ice emergency. Information on the existence of a snow and ice emergency may be given by the Township through radio, newspaper, or other available media. The Traffic Ordinance permits the Township to charge a **fine of \$50.00** to any person who violates the snow emergency restrictions. The Ordinance also permits the Township to tow away any vehicle standing, stopped, or parked on any snow emergency route during a snow emergency, and charge the owner of the vehicle the cost of towing and storage of said vehicle.

Last year was the first time the Township utilized a Towing Company to remove such vehicles. Often, owners who saw the tow truck before it towed their vehicle voluntarily moved their vehicle first. The Towing Company informed the Township that it normally charges a fee of \$150.00 for coming out to tow a vehicle even if it is moved before they tow it to their facility but did not do so last year as it was the first winter the Township had such regulations. The Towing Company has also informed the Township that it intends to charge this fee starting this winter. **Please be aware that, if your vehicle is standing, stopped, or parked in a snow emergency route during a snow emergency, you will be responsible for the \$50.00 fine set forth in the Traffic Ordinance, plus any costs the Township incurs in utilizing the Towing Company if the Towing Company goes out to remove your vehicle, even if the vehicle is moved prior to the towing of the vehicle.**

The following are currently designated as snow emergency routes, proper signage is 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).

The Board of Supervisors will consider enactment of an Ordinance as advertised at their September 18, 2025 meeting to add the following streets as snow emergency routes, proper signage will be posted on the roads/streets listed below if enacted:

Edison Road (entire length); Furlong Road (entire length); Sovereign Drive (entire length); York Road (entire length)

# TOWNSHIP BUILDING HOLIDAY HOURS



**Township Offices will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, 2025  
in observance of Thanksgiving**



**Township Offices will be closed Thursday December 25, 2025  
in observance of the Christmas Holiday**



**Township Offices will be closed Thursday, January 1, 2026  
in observance of New Year's Day**

## 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>

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](http://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/Emergency: 911

State Police Non-Emergency: 610-378-4011

Birdsboro/Union Fire Dept: 610-582-0058

Animal Rescue League: 610-373-8830

### 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> Thursday 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