

UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2026 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



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 for updated information on road projects and closures

PennDOT News

Motorists can check conditions on major roadways by visiting 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.

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

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

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, AT 6:30 P.M, IN THE BOONE AREA LIBRARY AT 129 N. MILL STREET, BIRDSBORO. COMMISSIONERS WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON BERKS COUNTY AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT 610-478-6136.

PARK NOTICES:

Union Meadows Restrooms were closed October 25, 2025. Restrooms will reopen in April, 2026.

REMINDER: Use Caution - Hunting in Progress

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



UNION TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Have questions regarding your water and/or sewer bill or account?

We can be reached by calling 610-582-3769, EXT 4.

Union Township Tax Collector – Beginning 2026

Beginning January 2026, Union Township's new Tax Collector is Erika Pauley. She can be reached by contacting her directly at 484-942-3724. Resident's may mail their tax payments to Union Township Tax Collector, 1445 E. Main Street, Douglassville, PA 19518. Erika's sitting dates and times at the Township Building are as follows:

March and April – Monday and Wednesday, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

April 17th and 24th, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

Other Hours by Appointment. Accommodation provided for special needs.

BOONE AREA LIBRARY

VISIT BOONE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER FOR UPCOMING
EVENTS HERE
OFF THE SHELF | JANUARY 2026

THE BOONE AREA LIBRARY IS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY, AND IT STARTS WITH YOU. TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON LIBRARY SPACES, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS. YOUR INPUT WILL HELP GUIDE IMPORTANT DECISIONS FOR YEARS TO COME.



FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SURVEY, PLEASE EMAIL RACHEL STEWART, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, AT DIRECTOR@BOONELIBRARY.ORG.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/UNION-NEWSLETTER](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/union-newsletter)



The Berks County Solid Waste Authority has set the dates for our 2026 special waste collections.

Spring Events – Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, 600 Governor Drive, Shillington, Pa. 19607

Hazardous Waste – April 11, 2026

Shredding – April 18, 2026

Fall Events – Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, Pa. 19533

Hazardous Waste – October 10, 2026

Shredding – October 3, 2026



Below are links for registration for both events.

Hazardous Waste Collection - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/berks-county-household-hazardous-waste-collection-spring-2026-tickets-1973825452061?aff=oddttdcreator>

Paper Shredding - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/berks-county-paper-shredding-event-april-18-2026-registration-1973993338213?aff=oddttdcreator>



Snow Emergency Routes – Ordinance 2024-02

REMINDER 2026



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.

2024 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 enacted Ordinance 2025-03 at their September 18, 2025 meeting to add the following streets as snow emergency routes, proper signage was posted on the roads/streets listed below:

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

Follow our website: [unionberks.org](https://www.unionberks.org) and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/unionberks.org/> or WFMZ 69 radio

Animal Rescue League of Berks County/Union Township



Union Township signed a service agreement with the Animal Rescue League of Berks County (ARL) for animal control services in 2026. As part of this initial agreement, the ARL will accept and care for a maximum of 10 stray dogs showing signs of ownership originating from within the township's municipal border.



“The ARL's animal control program offers residents and municipal agencies progressive solutions that provide outcomes and support services in alignment with our lifesaving approach,” said Ashley Mikulsky, ARL's CEO. “We recognize that animal control is not a one size fits all service and are proud to offer the new pilot MOUs to select municipalities that inquire about our services.”

Dogs will be accepted only by authorized township representatives, and no member of the public should bring dogs directly to the ARL.

The agreement will also offer TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) surgeries for residents. To access this service, residents must contact the township manager to receive a code to be redeemed at the shelter.

For more information about the new animal control agreement, please contact Deborah Olivieri, Township Manager at 610.582.3769 ext. 2.



SHOW US YOUR CHAMPIONS

Pennsylvania is a place where people show up — for our families, our pets, our neighborhoods, and for the teams we love.

From the Steelers to the Eagles, the Penguins to the Phillies, to our high school teams and youth leagues, we know what it means to support a team with heart.

The *Love Your Dog, License Your Dog* campaign invites Pennsylvanians to celebrate their pups as the true champions of their homes — and to join the team who helps protect dogs across the Commonwealth.

Licensing your dog is more than a tag. It's a symbol of love, responsibility, and being a good neighbor. It funds the statewide safety system — dog wardens, kennel inspectors, shelter reimbursements, disease control, dangerous dog monitoring, and anti-puppy mill enforcement —that protects every dog, not just the ones who have devoted families.

And together, we cheer on our champions — proudly wearing their 2026 license tags and team colors.

Safety Is a Team Sport.

Why Licensing Matters

We know: many modern dog owners use tags, microchips, GPS collars, and other ways to keep tabs on their pup. But keeping track of your dog's location isn't the only way of keeping them safe. A dog license protects your pup and your family from dangerous dogs, and it helps protect the pups who don't have someone cheering for them.

Licensing your dog:

- Protects your pet if they get lost
- Supports statewide animal safety operations
- Helps shut down illegal kennels & puppy mills
- Prevents the spread of infectious & contagious diseases
- Reimburses shelters for holding stray dogs
- Reimburses farmers for livestock losses from dogs or coyotes
- Ensures dangerous dogs are tracked and monitored
- Keeps neighbors safer and communities healthier

Your dog has you. Some dogs only have the system your license helps fund.

For \$10.80 — or \$8.80 for seniors and residents with disabilities — responsible dog owners help maintain the safety net that protects Pennsylvanians millions of dogs and communities every single day.

#ShowUsYourChampions

Pennsylvania is full of loyal fans — and loyal dog lovers. This campaign brings those passions together by celebrating dogs as the MVPs of our homes and communities.

Dog owners are invited to post photos of their licensed pups sporting their dog license tags and their favorite team colors.

This transforms licensing into:

- A fun, sharable moment
- A show of pride
- A symbol of responsible dog parenting
- A way to uplift local communities

Show us your champion.

Show us your Pennsylvania pride.

Show us your love — by licensing your dog.

For 2026 Dog License Toolkit and additional information please contact:

Region 7 Dog Law Enforcement Supervisor, Department of Agriculture | Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
2301 North Cameron Street | Harrisburg, PA 17110
Cell: 717.418.0284 Fax: 717.772.4352
agriculture.pa.gov

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.
Department of Agriculture: 717-787-3062.***

How to apply for a Dog License

**Berks County Treasurer
633 Court Street, 2nd floor
Reading, PA 19601**



Scan to apply online or find a location to purchase in person!

How much does a license cost?

Annual Licenses \$10.80
Lifetime Licenses \$52.80

Senior Citizens or Residents with Disabilities:

Annual Licenses
Lifetime Licenses



***Licenses can be obtained through
your County Treasurer.***

For a list of County Treasurers, visit

www.licenseyourdogpa.com

Have questions? Be in the know.... Visit us at 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. 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**



If you See Something, Say Something. You may get a cash reward. Report crime via 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: Erika Pauley,
484-942-3724

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
ANDREW BASILE, VICE CHAIRMAN
JOSHUA ADAMS, MEMBER
DEBORAH OLIVIERI, TWP. MGR.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING CALENDAR:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – 3rd Thursday of each month 7:00 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION – 1st Wednesday of each month 6:00 pm

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

PARKS & RECREATION - 2nd Monday of each month 5:00 pm

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