UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
SPRING/SUMMER 2026

TOWNSHIP NEWS IN A FLASH

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS - Union Township Tax Collector - Berks County Treasurer's Office (County/Municipal Real Estate)

On January 15, 2026, the Union Township Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2026-11, naming the Berks County Treasurer's Office as the Tax Collector for Union Township.

There are three (3) ways residents can pay their County/Municipal tax bills.

- **A link has been added to the main page of the Township's website for residents who wish to pay county/municipal real estate tax bills electronically. (no delinquent bills can be paid electronically).**
- **Bills can be mailed to the Berks County Treasurer's Office, 633 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Reading, PA 19601. (call 610.478.6640 for additional information)**
- **At the Township Building during business hours, payments will not be accepted unless a copy of the tax bill is provided with the payment.**

Any questions may be directed to the Township Manager by calling 610-582-3769, ext. 2.

Notice to Residents

Burn ban went into effect for Union Township March 12, 2026, prohibiting all open burning, including yard waste, brush, and recreational fire pits. This ban is active until further notice, all outdoor burning is prohibited, with no exceptions.

Please check website for updates.

ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE PLACED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE, WE WILL BE MAILING OUT TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS 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. ANY LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEWSLETTER MAY CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

2025 Property Tax/Rent Rebates Available

Applications are due by June 30, 2026
Apply at mypath.pa.gov

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 $48,110.00 or less annual

Apply Here: https://www.pa.gov/services/revenue/apply-for-property-tax-or-rent-rebate.html

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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=oddtdtcreator

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS:

Union Township's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) started a **Community Garden** in 2017. Be sure to stop by to plant or pick some veggies this spring and summer! Located by parking lot for Trail Head behind Fork & Ale.

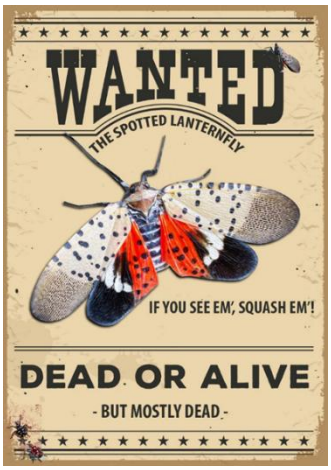
Paper Recycling Bins

Paper retrieval bins have been removed from Union Meadows. This decision was unfortunately necessary as the bins could not be consistently serviced.

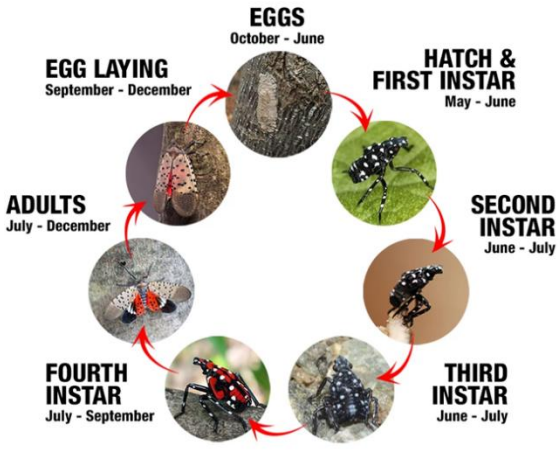
NATURE FEST 2026!

The Union Township and Robeson Township Environmental Advisory Committees will proudly host this event from 10am to 2pm on Saturday August 22nd located by the parking lot at the Trail Head behind Fork N Ale. This is a totally free event so bring your family and friends for a relaxing and educational day. Details regarding activities to come!

Keep Your Eyes Out for Spotted Lanternfly!



As you probably know by now, Berks County has been filled with spotted lanternflies over the last decade. In case you do not know, these insects are an invasive species and they are causing damage to our native plants and offsetting balanced ecosystems. They like to feed on trees (tree of heaven, birch, maple, black walnut, and others) as well as woody shrubs and vines (grape vines, roses, honeysuckle, etc.). As lanternflies feed, they release a clear liquid called honeydew. The honeydew falls onto leaves and branches and cultivates the black mold that you may have noticed on trees in the area. This mold harms the plants and makes them more susceptible to death. But we can help take care of our plants by squishing spotted lanternflies! The eggs will likely hatch between April and May, so keep your eyes out for the different life cycle forms of this invasive pest. And if you see them, squish them!



FROM UNION TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS *

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING FREE EVENTS HOSTED BY UNION TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

All events will be at Union Meadows, 100 Campbellford Road, Douglassville, PA 19518.

1) ***Early Migrants.*** ***Presented by Baird Ornithological Club at Union Meadows Park on*** **April 18th, 8:00 am. This is a very popular venue for birders eager to get out in the early spring and observe a number of perching birds passing through on their way to final nesting destinations at higher altitudes. Look for migrant warblers, thrushes, sparrows, vireos and other songbirds that travel northward along this riparian corridor. Rusty Blackbird has consistently been found here in late winter and spring. Walks here typically record high species counts. This event begins with quite a chill in the air but when the April sun burns off the mist, it ends up being balmy; dress in layers. For additional details contact the coordinator-Art Zdancewic 610-858-3315.**

2) **Baird Ornithological Club is also presenting another walk at Union Meadows on March 15th, 7:00 pm. Listen for and try to glimpse the crepuscular American Woodcock as it performs its courtship flights. For additional details contact the coordinator – Jay Kline 610-858-5130.**

3) ***Beekeeping.*** **Join us with Mark Engle from Engle Hollow Apiaries and representing the Berks Schuylkill Beekeepers Association on May 2, 2026, 1:00 pm – 2/2:30 pm. (Rain Date May 3rd) The BSBA is a community of beekeeping enthusiasts dedicated to sharing knowledge, promoting best practices, and supporting the health of honeybee populations. Have you ever wondered what it takes to keep bees? Whether you're curious about honey production, pollination, or just want to connect with nature, this is a perfect program to attend. Come see live bees in their habitat as well as touch and examine items necessary for beekeeping.**

4) ***Touch-a-Truck.*** **Celebrate the end of the school year with Union Township's Road Crew and their truck/equipment, Birdsboro/Union Fire Department, Monarch Fire Dept, Tower Health Ambulance, Berk's County Sheriff's office with Prison Transport Van, and State Police on June 6th, from 1:00 – 3:00pm. (Rain Date June 7th). Birdsboro Union and Monarch Fire companies, PA State Police and PA Search & Rescue with K-9, and Hopewell Furnace will also be on site. (this is a hands-on event)**

5) ***Wildflowers and Pollinators at Union Meadows West.*** **Presented by Mengel Natural History Society at Union Township's Butterfly Meadows, July, 18th at 10:00 am. A meandering path through this 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. *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.**

6) ***Haunting for Candy at Union Meadows.*** **On Saturday, October 24th, 1:00-4:00 pm, (Rain Date: Sunday, October 25th). Bring the family out for our fun annual Boo Bash! Holiday trick-or-treat on the trail, pumpkin painting, and Blind Candy Taste Test Challenge, among other family friendly activities.**

KEEP OUR PARK CLEAN

Please help to keep our parks clean by picking up after your pets and not littering.
Trash cans are available for your use at the bathrooms. Bathrooms will re-open in April.

Chuck's Auto Parts Solutions- 17th Annual Earth Day Collections!

Chuck's Auto Parts Solutions

6867 Boyertown Pike
DOUGLASSVILLE. PA 19518

Community Earth Day Automotive Collections Event – April 25

Douglassville, PA — Chuck's Auto Parts Solutions will host its **17th Annual Earth Day Collections Event** on **Saturday, April 25th, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, at its Douglassville location, **6867 Boyertown Pike**.

We're excited to invite you—and the local community—to join us for the **17th Annual Earth Day Collections Event** hosted by **Chuck's Auto Parts Solutions**.

This annual event is open to the public and provides residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of select automotive materials that should not be placed in household trash or recycling bins. Proper disposal of automotive fluids and components helps prevent environmental contamination and protects local land and waterways.

The following items will be accepted **at no cost**:

- Used Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Automotive Lead-Acid Batteries
- Tires *(limit four per household)*

The Earth Day Collections Event is offered once per year and is intended to support community-wide environmental responsibility by providing accessible recycling options for automotive waste. Local residents are encouraged to attend, and municipalities are welcome to share this announcement through community calendars, newsletters, websites, social media pages, and other public communication channels.

For additional information, please **contact:**
Jordan Elser
Chuck's Auto Parts Solutions
Email: jordan.elser@chucksparts.com

NO GAS OR FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS ACCEPTED

From Union Township Municipal Authority

Resident Billing Concerns:

Over the last two quarters, The Union Township Municipal Authority has received numerous complaints from residents not receiving their bill by mail. Unfortunately, we do not have any control over the mail.

Below is the Authority's billing schedule for 2026 & 2027.

In order to avoid having to pay late fees, penalty and interest, The Authority recommends that you put a reminder in your phone or calendar if you do not receive your bill by the second week of the month it is due, please call, email, or stop by the office (10:00am – 4:00pm M-F). to obtain a copy.

Phone: 610-582-3769 Ext. 4. Email UTMA1145@outlook.com.

Union Township Municipal Authority

QUARTERLY BILLING PERIODS 2026 & 2027

Bills are issued the first week of the month they are due.

2026

1st quarter 2026 – 1/1/2026 – 3/31/2026 Due Date – 4/30/2026

2nd quarter 2026 – 4/1/2026 – 6/30/2026 Due Date – 7/31/2026

3rd quarter 2026 – 7/1/2026 – 9/30/2026 Due Date – 10/31/2026

4th quarter 2026 – 10/1/2026 – 12/31/2026 Due Date – 1/31/2027

2027

1st quarter 2027 – 1/1/2027 – 3/31/2027 Due Date – 4/30/2027

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4th quarter 2027 – 10/1/2027 – 12/31/2027 Due Date – 1/31/2028

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.

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Handy Numbers

Union Township Tax Collector: 610-478-6640

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

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

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UNION TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00AM - 2:30PM
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME DURING BUSINESS HOURS, PLEASE CALL 610.582.3769 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

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