

UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023 EDITION– DIGITAL



NAME THE UNION TOWNSHIP’S SNOWPLOW! CONTEST:

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES 12 AND UNDER, MUST BE A RESIDENT. SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY TO CONTACTUS@UNIONBERKS.ORG BY 11/30/2023, THE WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN ON 12/20/2023 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE CONTEST WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 GIFT CARD TO DAIRY QUEEN AND WINNING NAME AFFIXED ON THE PLOW.

VISIT WWW.UNIONBERKS.ORG FOR RULES
PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WHEN SUBMITTING AN ENTRY:
NAME, AGE, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS



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 www.countyofberks.com/departments/emergency-services/911-communications-branch/berks-alert



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on November 5th.

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

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

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

REMINDER: Use Caution - Hunting in Progress

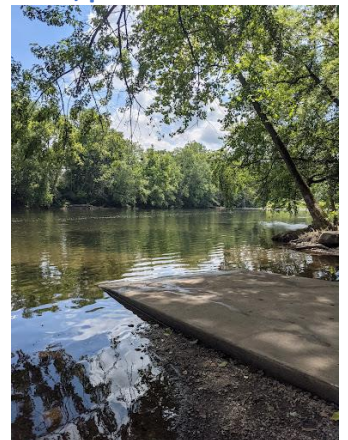
Union Township Archery Hunt runs from September 16, 2023 through January 27, 2024



NIGHT FISH/WATERFOWL HUNT PARKING PERMITS

Residents are permitted, by permit, after sunset, to night fish/waterfowl hunt by completing an application. Application can be found on our website. Permit must be displayed in vehicle.

Applications for Overnight Parking Permits can be obtained Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm at the Township Building. Overnight Parking Permit is valid for the vehicle for which 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.



PARK NOTICE:

UNION MEADOWS RESTROOMS WERE CLOSED OCTOBER 31, 2023

FEATURED LOCAL BUSINESSES

Thank you to Monty's Mulch for their generous donation of rocks for our Rock Painting event on April 20, 2024. Located at 1379 E. Main St., Douglassville, PA 19518. www.montysmulch.net



Thank you to Weaver's Ace Hardware for their generous donation of birdhouses for our Birdhouse Painting event on April 20, 2024. Located at 905 W. Postal Rd., Douglassville, PA 19518, www.weavershardware.com



ANY LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEWSLETTER MAY CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

OCTOBER WAS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH
BUT EVERYDAY CAN BE A FIRE HAZARD
FROM BIRDSBORO UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Reflective Address Signs

If you called 911, could the Fire company find your address quickly?

Do you have large Easy-to-Read, Reflective Address Numbers on your house or at your driveway entrance?

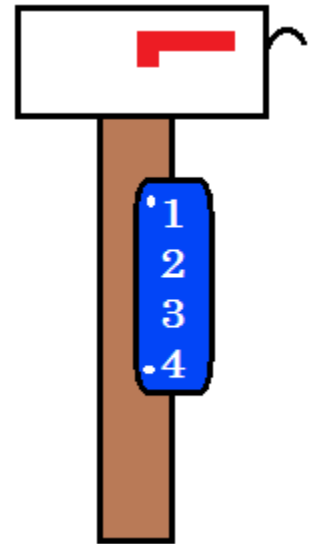
Proper addressing is very important to our Fire Department. Every home should be identified with numbers large enough to see. Reflective numbers shine at night by reflecting off the headlights of oncoming vehicles. Even on a dark, rainy night we can see them well. They should be 3" or more, large enough to see at a fast speed. The address numbers need to be on both sides facing traffic.

Every minute counts! It can mean the difference between life and death. Responders don't want to slow down to search for addresses. Even worse, would be having to stop and check or turn around if we missed your address. It is very frustrating to us, because we want to get to your home as soon as possible in an emergency.

As your Fire Department we have started a campaign to get more Reflective Addressing up in our area. We have chosen a quality reflective panel to offer at the station. For only \$20.00 we will put the numbers on the markers for you and install them if needed.

Any questions call: Barry Katzin 484-256-2085 or click below to order

-From the Birdsboro Union Fire Department



SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN...
SANTA WILL BE JOINING THE BIRDSBORO UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEE ALL THE CHILDREN! SEE SANTA ON THE FIRETRUCK ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH STARTING AT 9AM. WE WILL BE STARTING ON THE WEST SIDE OF BIRDSBORO AND WORK OUR WAY TO THE EAST SIDE OF UNION TWP., FINISHING IN THE SOUTH END OF UNION TWP. ROUTE PLAN WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FACEBOOK PAGE

LOCAL EVENTS:

Helping Hands BINGO



Fridays at 10:15am

Everyone Welcome for Picture BINGO

BINGO helps people of all ages with:

- concentration
- hand-eye coordination
- emotional well-being

Boone Area Library ~ 129 N. Mill St. Birdsboro, PA 19508

JOIN BOONE LIBRARY FOR HELPING HANDS BINGO EVERY FRIDAY AT 10:15. THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO CREATE MEANING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES. SENIOR CITIZENS, ADULTS, AND CHILDREN (3+) WILL HELP EACH OTHER PLAY PICTURE BINGO. THERE WILL BE SMALL PRIZES, BUT THE REAL REWARD IS MAKING NEW FRIENDSHIPS. REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. SMALL PRIZE DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

SEE ADDITIONAL EVENTS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY AND SIGN UP FOR THEIR NEWSLETTER HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.BERKSLIBRARIES.ORG/BRANCH/BOONE](https://www.berkslibraries.org/branch/boone)

A festive poster for the 41st Annual Daniel Boone Optimist Club Holiday Craft Show. The poster features a green pine branch border, a red Christmas ornament at the top, and snowflake patterns. The text is centered and includes the event name, date, time, location, and contact information.

**The 41st Annual
Daniel Boone Optimist Club
Holiday Craft Show**

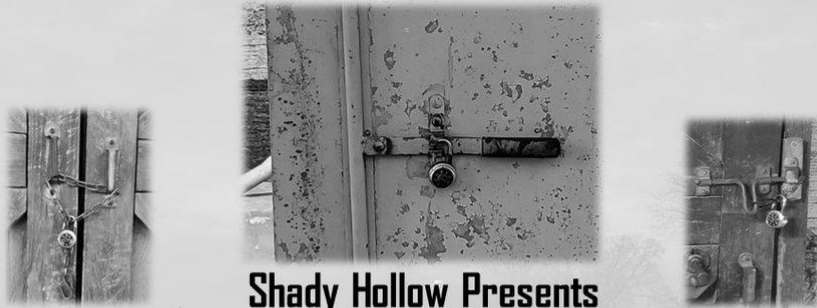
**Saturday December 2, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Daniel Boone Middle School
1845 Weavertown Road
Douglassville, PA 19518**

**Quality Handcrafted Items From Over 100 crafters
Free Admission * Free Parking
Refreshments * Raffle**

For questions email: DBCraftShow@gmail.com

Follow Us on Facebook :  For Vendor Information: 


www.danielbooneoptimist.com



Shady Hollow Presents


ESCAPE FROM THE HOLLOW

VOL 2 - IT'S ALL LOCKED!

November 10: 6pm, 7:15pm, 8:30pm
November 11: 6pm, 7:15pm, 8:30pm

\$30 per person
(nonrefundable - rain or shine)

The barn is locked, the feed trailer is locked, and the stalls are locked! Grab a group of **6 to 10 friends** and see if you can unlock all the doors **within 60 minutes**. The horses are counting on you!



To register, email Virginia Flanagan at programdirector@hugahorse.com, includes refreshments and a hayride

Join Shady Hollow for Volume 2 of Escape from the Hollow - It's All Locked! The barn is locked. The feed trailer is locked. The stalls are locked! Grab a group of 6-10 friends and see if you can unlock all the doors within 60 minutes! The horses are counting on you! \$30 per person - Rain or Shine! Includes refreshments and a hayride. Email ProgramDirector@hugahorse.com to register BEFORE paying!



As the holidays approach, it should be a time of joy and cheer.

But for those who have lost loved ones or are going through a difficult time, this time of year can result in periods of sadness. It's ok to not be ok. If you feel overwhelmed,

PLEASE REACH OUT FOR HELP. OPERATORS ARE AVAILABLE TO TALK, TEXT OR CHAT ANY TIME, ANY DAY. PLEASE CALL. HELP IS AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED IT!

We can all prevent suicide.
Help is available 24/7/365

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

24/7 CALL, TEXT, CHAT



The Holidays are upon us. Avoid losing your vehicle or those special gifts during your holiday shopping by following these great tips:

- Park in well-lit areas
- Do not leave bags in the car, if you are returning to the store(s), move vehicle to new parking spot before going back in
- Do not leave your vehicle title in the car
- If your car is stolen, contact police immediately and provide the following information: Make/Model, License Plate Number, Vin, and any identifiable characteristics of the vehicle



TOWNSHIP BUILDING HOLIDAY HOURS



**Township Offices will be closed Thursday November 23, 2023 and Friday, November 24, 2023
in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday**



**Township Offices will be closed Monday December 25th, 2023
in observance of the Christmas Holiday**



**Township Offices will be closed Monday January 1, 2024
in observance of New Year's Day**

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](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

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 – 3rd Wednesday 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

BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Supervisors

- Andrew Basile
- Isaac Jones
- Nelson Ott Jr.

Municipal Authority

- Mark Matthews
- Lee Bunczk
- Phillip Reyna
- Robin Graham
- Drew Dickman

Environmental Advisory Council

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

Agricultural Security Committee

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

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

Planning Commission

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

Recreation Board

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

Zoning Hearing Board

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

Auditors

- John Williams
- Gary Grahl
- Caroline Brown
Herbein & Company, Inc.