

September 2023 - Digital Newsletter

LOCAL HISTORY DAY







DISPLAYS BY:

- AMITY HERITAGE SOCIETY
 - PINE FORGE
 - BIRDSBORO
- SPA ARCHAEOLOGY
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST OF BERKS COUNTY
 - VISIT THE HISTORIC
 1801 CHAPEL
- Take a tour of one of the oldest cemeteries in Berks County

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH 1188 BEN FRANKLIN HIGHWAY EAST DOUGLASSVILLE 9/30/23 • 10AM TO 3PM

Bring out your local photos, maps or any other memorabilia and we will display them on the big screen in the sanctuary during the 1:45pm presentation

We will have the ability to scan or photograph your items and make them a permanent part of our local history.

SNACKS AND LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE!

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS IN THE SANCTUARY

10:15am to 11:00am: Larry Ward will talk about the 4 structures in Moriatton Village (Mouns Jones House, Michael Fulp House, White Horse Tavern & the Douglass Mansion)

11:15am to Noon: Jen Reinford will share a presentation on Pine Forge history

12:45pm to 1:30pm: Todd Peterson will share a presentation on the Birdsboro Bird Mansion

1:45pm to 2:45pm: Ralph Sweyer will share a presentation on Kate Erhgood (the person responsible for most of the early 1900 photos). During this time Kevin Keifrider will be sharing some of our most treasured photos of old time Amity Township

Amity Township is rich in history! Be sure to stop by Amity Township's History Day on September 30th!



Orders will be taken until October 1st at midnight. Click the picture to order yours today! Orders will be printed in October and able to be picked up, in person at Amity Township Police Department.

HARVEST FEST - Residents Receive 3 Free Wristbands!

Residents can come to the Township Building, Monday through Friday, 9am until 4pm to claim up to (3) wristbands per household. Proof of residency is required. Please bring your driver's license, tax bill, car registration or recent piece of mail to claim your wristbands **BEFORE OCTOBER 12th**.

Wristbands are good for both Saturday and Sunday! Non-residents can pick-up wristbands for \$10 each. Residents may also purchase additional wristbands for \$10 each. Purchases are non-refundable.





The Blazer Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3), will be hosting their 4th Annual "Libations for Learning" (L4L) event. Driver's License is required.



Stop by the 2023 Craft Market at this year's Amity Township Harvest Fest. Both days will include crafters, direct sales vendors and yard sale sellers.

Thank you to all of our 2023 Harvest Festival Sponsors!















































Congratulations, Officer Santiago!



At the September 20th Board of Supervisors meeting, PA State Senator Tracy Pennycuick recognized Officer Fernando Santiago for his continued service and recent Army deployment. Sen. Pennycuick mentioned it's not easy for veterans as they return home and adjust to civilian life. Welcome home and congratulations on this honor, Officer Santiago!

We'd like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all of our military veterans on the Amity Township Police Department!

Sergeant Coe - Marine Corps Corporal High - Air Force Corporal Mileshosky - Army Officer Barbarics - Marine Corps Officer Foltz - Army

RV and Camper Parking - Know the Regulations



As camping season comes to an end, you may find yourself needing to unpack and clean your camper before winterizing. Pursuant to Ordinance #290, no recreational vehicle, motorized or non-motorized, such as campers, trailers, and boats, shall be parked on any street in the Township, with exception to the temporary purpose of loading and unloading such vehicle, for <u>no more than 24 hours</u> in each week (Sunday through Saturday). Any person who parks a vehicle in violation of these provisions shall be in violation of the applicable provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing local authorities to establish no parking zones, and shall be subject to a fine of \$40.00. This fine can be assessed every 24 hours. Call 610-689-6002 to speak to an Officer on duty to report violators.

Happenings on Monocacy Hill

There's lots going on for Fall at Monocacy Hill for adults and kids alike! Stop by on October 8th to celebrate 25 years of service with Monocacy Hill Conservation Association. Our volunteers do a great job ensuring the Hill remains an Amity Township treasure. Come celebrate this milestone with them!

MHCA 25TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC



JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATION FROM 10 AM TO 5PM

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD INCLUDING A SCAVENGER HUNT
AND A SUNSET HIKE AT 5PM

CATERED PICNIC AT THE PARK FROM 11AM TO 2PM

PICNIC WILL INCLUDE CHICKEN AND PORK WITH SIDES, FREE DRINKS AND

HOMEMADE DESSERTS. \$5.00 DONATION REQUESTED PER PERSON. EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE IN THE PICNIC AREA AT THE PARK ENTRANCE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 1:30 PM - WALK IN THE WOODS

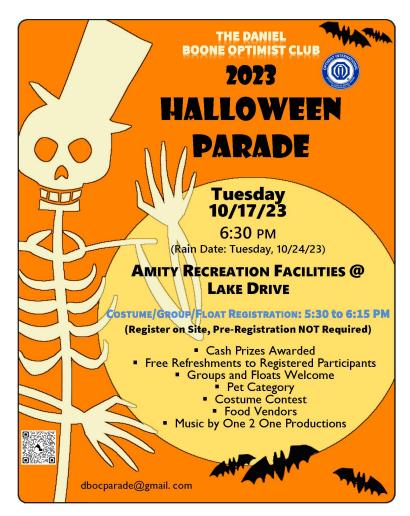
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 1:30 PM - WALK IN THE WOODS

ALL WALKS START FROM THE PARK ENTRANCE (GEIGER ROAD PARKING LOT) AND ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.









Trick-or-Treat in Amity Township

Tuesday, October 31st from 5PM to 9PM



Amity Township is seeking applicants to serve on the Boone Area Library. Boone Area is located in Birdsboro and serves Amity Township, Birdsboro Borough and Union Township residents. Library staff works hard to make programs available to educate and provide entertainment for people of all ages. If you've been looking for a way to become involved in your community, consider attending a Library Board meeting or submitting a letter of interest to manager@amitytownshippa.com. Click the Boone Area Library logo below for information on upcoming events or to learn more about what the library does for the community.





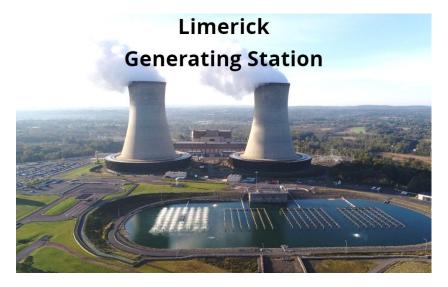
The Township building is under 24-hour surveillance. Yard waste containers at the rear of the Township building are for yard waste coming from bushes, trees and leaves. These items should be piled next to the containers for our staff to pick-up and place inside the containers.

The following materials <u>CAN NOT</u> be recycled, and are <u>NOT accepted</u>: wooden decking, fencing, pressure treated wood and absolutely NO tires! Signage is provided for acceptable materials. Anyone leaving non-recyclables will be caught, made responsible to remove those items and could be fined.



September is National Preparedness Month. The theme this year is "Take Control in 1, 2, 3.", with a focus towards older adults who could be facing great risks in emergencies, especially those living alone, could be low-income, have disabilities, or live in rural areas with limited resources. Pennsylvania is home to over 3.5 million individuals who are age 65 or older, and the Commonwealth's fastest growing demographic is those who are age 85 and older!

This campaign empowers all community members to (1) assess their needs, (2) make a plan, and (3) engage their support network to stay safe when disaster strikes. Throughout the coming months, PEMA and PA Department of Aging will be featuring older adults preparedness workshops available in participating local senior centers. In the meantime, participate by getting started online with PEMA's preparedness tool for older adults by clicking the picture above.



In line with September's Emergency Preparedness theme, your local Emergency Management Team at Amity Township participates in a bi-annual exercise for the Limerick Generating Station.

Two nuclear reactors, located in Pottstown, can produce up to 2,317 megawatts of zero-emissions energy, enough carbon-free electricity to power the equivalent of more than 1.7 million homes! Constellation Energy, formerly operated as Exelon, puts safety as its first and most critical obligation. As a requirement of their Nuclear Regulatory Commission license, Constellation Energy coordinates their efforts in the bi-annual exercise with risk municipalities (those within the 10-mile Emergency Plume Zone or EPZ), Fire and Police, County, State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies which allows evaluators to observe in real-time the effectiveness of their emergency plans and emergency officials. This training is critical in emergency preparedness.

As a Township resident, you should receive a packet of information/postcard from Constellation Energy annually filled with information about what to do in case of an emergency. You should also have received a postcard regarding special needs. If you are a resident who requires assistance during an emergency or someone you know is, please scan the QR code below and fill out the survey.

Radioactive lodine, one of the contaminants that could be released in a nuclear accident or similar event, can increase the risk of thyroid cancer. Potassium lodide (KI) is a drug that, when taken in appropriate and timely dosage, can block exposure to radioactive iodine. Residents who live in the 10 mile EPZ can receive a 2-day supply of KI (and instructions for use) at no charge by clicking the button below to complete the online distribution request. KI is only to be taken at the direction of the Secretary of the PA State Department of Health.





Wednesday, October 4th - Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop

Thursday, October 12th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00PM - Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors

Meetings are held at the Township building, 2004 Weavertown Road.

Amity Township Board of Supervisors

Kim McGrath, Chairperson / Dave Hackett, Vice Chair Paul "Skip" Weller, Terry Jones, and Kevin Keifrider



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