



August 2024 - Digital Newsletter

Daniel Boone School District & Per Capita Taxes



Amity Township does not collect the Per Capita or Daniel Boone School District taxes.

***If you have a question about these taxes, please call 1-866-539-1100.**

***These taxes must be paid online at Pay.KeystoneCollects.com or mailed to the address listed on your Keystone bill.**

***Discount period is July 1st to August 31, 2024. The flat rate period is September 1st to October 31st, 2024.**

Exceptions to the Per Capita Tax are:

- *Age – if you are under 18 as of July 1st during the subject tax year**
- *Moved/Non-Resident – moved prior to July 1st during the subject tax year**
- *Student – active student as of July 1st during the subject tax year**
- *Active Military Duty – if you are active military on July 1st during the subject tax year**
- *Income – if you make less than 5,000 a year**
- *Deceased – passed prior to July 1st during the subject tax year**

**To be exempt, you will need to submit a form and supporting documentation.
The form can be found on the back of your bill or on [Keystone Collections website](https://www.KeystoneCollections.com).**



Quarterly sewer rates will be increasing by \$26.00, to \$171.00 with the January 1st bills.

As the Waste Water Treatment upgrade project progresses, the Township is continuing to evaluate sewer rates. The increases will be evaluated based on financial needs and rates will be raised accordingly.

The Township strives to keep our rates reasonable, but unfortunately these increases are needed to fund necessary improvements to stay in compliance with PA DEP regulations.



Vacation House Checks

Amity Township Police Department will conduct house checks while you are away on vacation if you would like. Complete the form on our website or use the link below.

[Vacation Check Form](#)



WALK THIS WAY



Pedestrian Safety Tips

PennDOT.gov



Unplug
Don't be a
distracted walker.



**Make eye
contact**
Don't walk
until traffic stops.



Be bright!
Wear reflective
clothing at night.



Never Jaywalk
Use crosswalks
and intersections.



Stay Alert
All the way across
the intersection.



**Watch for
turning**
Vehicles
of all kinds.



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

You **MUST STOP** on roadways with painted lines.

LOADING OR UNLOADING



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST** stop.

LOADING OR UNLOADING





Sunday August 4, 2024, from 12-4PM
Manatawny Creek Winery
227 Levensgood Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518

**FRIDAY AUGUST 9TH
5 PM TO 9:30 PM**

RAIN DATE AUG 10TH

**PARKING
\$20
PER CAR**

AMITY AC FIRST RESPONDER NIGHT

AMITY AC SPORTS COMPLEX

GPS ADDRESS 63 AMITY PARK RD

ALL POOLS
OPEN
FOR SWIMMING

**HOT AIR BALLOONS
LAUNCHING AT 6**

TETHERED RIDES 5-9
\$25 ADULTS • \$15 KIDS

WEATHER DEPENDANT

FIREWORKS AT
9:30

**COME SEE OVER 30
LOCAL EMERGENCY APPERATUS,**

HOT AIR BALLOONS, LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS & BUSINESSES

**LIVE MUSIC
FROM STEPHANIE GRACE BAND**



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Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 10AM
Redner's Warehouse Markets
1179 Ben Franklin Hwy W, Suite 11
Douglassville, PA 19518

Don't feel like cooking? Come to Redner's in Douglassville and support the fire department by purchasing a chicken BBQ meal! Meal includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter - all for \$12! Come early as we tend to sell out early! No pre-sales. If the chicken is ready before 10 AM, we will post on our Facebook page.



MONOCACY KIDS 2024 NATURE SERIES

This **Nature Series** is designed to encourage children's curiosity, engaging them in hands-on activities in the natural world through stories, games, crafts, scavenger hunts and other outdoor activities.

Series Schedule

NATIVE AMERICANS Monday, AUGUST 12 9:30 AM

CAMPING/SMOKEY Saturday, SEPTEMBER 14 1:00 PM

TREES Sunday, OCTOBER 13 1:00 PM



**Programs are 2 hours and are Free to the public.
Registration is limited to 12 children, ages 4 - 6. Children
must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session.**

Email sswanson511@gmail.com to register.



1979 Weavertown Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518

White Elephant Sale starting at 8AM

Live music from 3PM-8PM

AMITY FIRE COMPANY Golf Tournament

Saturday September 7th, 2024
Blackwood Golf Course

- ❖ 1:00 Shotgun Start Four-person Scramble
- ❖ 12:00 Registration

Outing includes dinner
and Refreshments

Deadline to Register Friday
August 23rd



Prizes include:

- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Drive
- Door Prizes
- Top Foursomes
- Hole In One Contest
- Other Contests

Contact Info:

Kevin McGill, Amity Fire Company Golf Committee, (610)463-6567
Steve Vonderlinden, Amity Fire Company Trustee, (610)574-3643

Mail to:

Amity Fire Company
Attn: Steve VonderLinden
P.O. Box 383
Douglassville, PA 19518

Foursome (Golf and Dinner).....\$360
\$90 per Golfer

Checks payable to:
Amity Fire Company

Captain Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Golfer # 2 _____

Golfer # 3 _____ Golfer # 4 _____



Friday, September 13, 2024 at 6PM-10PM
Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 1PM-10PM

3 E Philadelphia Ave, Boyertown, PA 19512



Games, pony rides, wristbands with family discounts for multiple children, animal show.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Apple Festival

548 Old Swede Rd
Douglassville

Saturday, September 28
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fresh baked
apple pies, apple
dumplings, great
food, games for the
kids, pony rides

548 Old Swede Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518

Our Fall Apple Festival is returning this year. Join us on Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Apple themed food items, games, pony rides (with wristbands for saving and for ease of use/play), great food, and more.



Daniel Boone Dash

5K/10K

Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 9:00am

The Daniel Boone Dash 5K/10K is returning this fall to the Homestead! We are excited to welcome you with a new course and a new location for the start and finish lines. Begin at the visitor center and enjoy warming up in the heart of the historic area by the beautiful Boone House. Experience the site's rich history on foot as you run through the historic grounds.

Registration begins at 7:30AM at the Visitor Center.

Entry is \$30 if entered by 9/1/2024 and includes a free shirt. After that, \$35 up to and including race day while shirts last, or \$30 with no shirt.

**Community Paper Shredding Event
October 12, 2024**

Residents of Berks County ONLY (No Businesses)

Registration Required

(CLICK HERE TO REGISTER)

**Berks County Agricultural Center
1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, Pa. 19533**

8:00 AM – Noon

5 boxes per vehicle maximum.

Paper Shredding

2024 Paper Shredding Event

Free to Berks County Residents

October 12, 2024 (8:00 AM - Noon)

Berks County Agricultural Center

1238 County Welfare Road

Leesport, PA 19533

All residents must pre-register to participate in our paper shredding event

5 boxes per vehicle maximum

Absolutely no plastic bags will be accepted.

Register Here!

BERKS COUNTY
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

ALL RESIDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT
(RESIDENTS OF BERKS COUNTY (ONLY))

OCTOBER 19, 2024 (8:00 AM – NOON)
BERKS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER
1238 COUNTY WELFARE ROAD
LEESPORT, PA 19533

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

OIL PAINTS



- Turpentine
- Wood Preservatives
- Paint Thinners & Solvents
- Oil Based Paints, Varnishes and Stains
(ABSOLUTELY NO LATEX PAINT WILL BE ACCEPTED)



OUTDOORS

- Weed Killers
- Pesticides
- Asphalt & Driveway Sealants
- Pool Chemicals
- Herbicides & Fungicides

AUTOMOTIVE



- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Transmission Oil
- Motor Oil
- Automotive paints and finishes



HOUSEHOLD

- Solvents
- Disinfectants
- Rug, Oven & Drain Cleaners
- Button Batteries
- Photographic Chemicals
- Floor & Furniture Polish
- Lithium & NiCad Batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs

[Register Here!](#)

Electronic Waste Recycling

Electronic Items Goodwill Keystone Area Accepts

The following list of electronics will be accepted at all **Goodwill Keystone Area** stores and donation centers.

Computing and Peripheral Devices

- ✓ Computers
- ✓ Monitors
- ✓ Peripheral devices: keyboards, mice, printers, printer/scanner/copier all-in-one devices, networking equipment

Entertainment Electronics

- ✓ Video players: VCR/DVD/Blu-ray players
- ✓ Gaming systems
- ✓ Audio devices: stereos, radios, MP3 players

Communication Devices

- ✓ Telephones
- ✓ Mobile devices

Visual and Imaging Equipment

- ✓ Cameras: cameras, video cameras
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ Cable or set-top boxes

Small Appliances

- ✓ Toasters
- ✓ Vacuum cleaners
- ✓ Miscellaneous electronics/items
- ✓ Cables
- ✓ Electronic wiring
- ✓ Answering machines

Electronic Items Goodwill Keystone Area Cannot Accept

The following list of electronics will **NOT** be accepted at **Goodwill Keystone Area** stores and donation centers.

- ✗ Loose batteries
- ✗ Bulbs
- ✗ Smoke detectors
- ✗ Hazardous household waste
- ✗ Freon-containing devices
- ✗ Any devices containing mercury
- ✗ White goods: refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, unit air conditioners, washing machines, clothes dryers and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances

Save The Date



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2024

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19TH
Rain Date October 20th

New for 2024!
Scarecrow Contest

Sponsored by:



New for 2024!
Pumpkin Carving
Contest
Sponsored by:



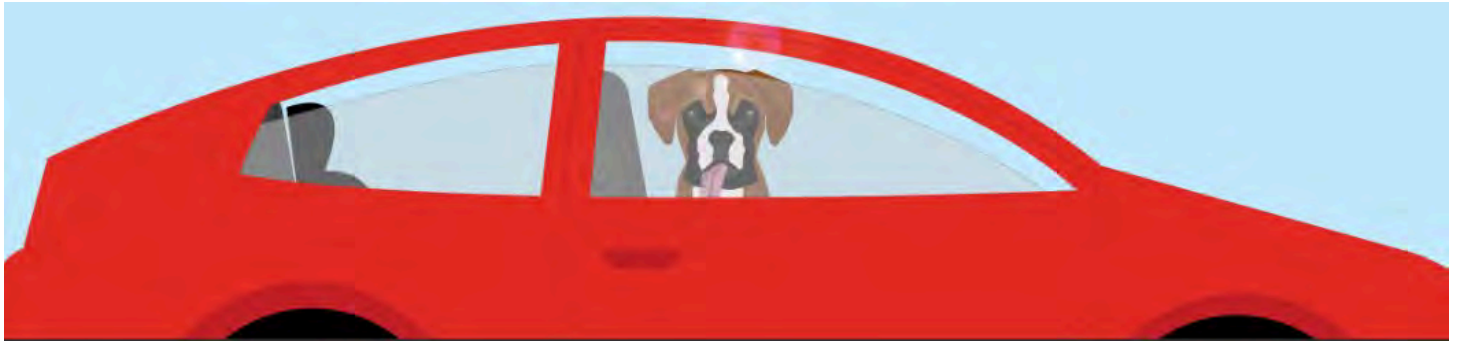
LIVE MUSIC 🎃 INFLATABLE PARK 🎃 CRAFT SHOW
FIREWORKS 🎃 FOOD TRUCKS 🎃 BEER TENT
AND MUCH MORE!!!



TO

FOSTER FOSTER FOSTER

**OUR KENNELS ARE OVERFLOWING
WITH SOME GREAT DOGS WHO NEED
HOMES. FOSTERING IS A GREAT WAY
TO HELP IF YOU CAN'T ADOPT!
CONTACT SAFETY NET AT 610 944
8099 or allaboutus0909@gmail.com
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



Never leave kids or pets in a hot car.

It only takes a few minutes for the inside of a car to heat up in warm weather.

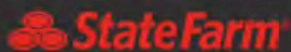


Reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to ACT.

Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by **never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.** And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.

Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine.

Take action. If you see a child or pet alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.



Source:
Weather.gov \ SafeKids.org \ NHTSA

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

WHAT TO DO

HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
 - Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
 - Fast, strong pulse
 - Headache
 - Dizziness
 - Nausea
 - Confusion
 - Losing consciousness (passing out)
- Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency
 - Move the person to a cooler place
 - Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
 - Do not give the person anything to drink

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
 - Cold, pale, and clammy skin
 - Fast, weak pulse
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Muscle cramps
 - Tiredness or weakness
 - Dizziness
 - Headache
 - Fainting (passing out)
- Move to a cool place
 - Loosen your clothes
 - Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
 - Sip water
- Get medical help right away if:**
- You are throwing up
 - Your symptoms get worse
 - Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
 - Muscle pain or spasms
- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
 - Drink water or a sports drink
 - Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity
- Get medical help right away if:**
- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
 - You're on a low-sodium diet
 - You have heart problems

SUNBURN

- Painful, red, and warm skin
 - Blisters on the skin
- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
 - Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
 - Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
 - Do not break blisters

HEAT RASH

- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)
- Stay in a cool, dry place
 - Keep the rash dry
 - Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash



Easy Ways to Lower Your Energy Costs



Rising energy costs are compounded by the hot temperatures we have been experiencing. If you've been shocked by your energy bill and are looking for ways to lower costs, here are some helpful tips from the Public Utility Commission:

- **Check Your Thermostat** – The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your cooling bill.
 - **Clean is “Green”** – Regularly clean and replace air conditioner filters and ensure air circulation paths are clear.
 - **Power Off** – Turn off non-essential appliances and lights to reduce power use and unwanted heat.
 - **Don't Cool Unneeded Space** – Close off unused rooms and adjust air vents or thermostats to avoid unnecessary cooling expenses.
 - **Keep the Heat Outside** – Seal cracks to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.
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Scammers are getting more creative by the minute and with new technologies such as AI the threats are harder to see.

- 1. Be skeptical when someone contacts you. - Scammers can spoof calls and emails to make it look like they are coming from legitimate sources such as government agencies, charities, banks or large companies.**
 - 2. Don't click unknown links whether it's in an email or text.**
 - 3. Be careful with your phone. - If you suspect a spam call, don't respond or press a button. The safest option is to hang up or ignore the call.**
 - 4. Enable multifactor authentication.**
 - 5. Look for suspicious payment requirements. - Scammers often ask for payments via wire transfer, money order, cryptocurrency or gift cards.**
 - 6. Create a family password. - Create a family password that you can all use to verify that it's really one of you on the phone, and not someone who created a deepfake of your voice.**
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New PA License Plate Coming in 2025



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has unveiled a new standard license plate for vehicles.

The new plate, showcasing Pennsylvania as the birthplace of America, will be available in 2025. It features the Liberty Bell and the text, "Let Freedom Ring." Military, special organization, special fund and specialty plates without legislatively mandated designs will also be updated with the new design.

If you would like to be one of the first to get the new license plate, [sign up for updates](#). You will be notified when the license plate is ready to order. When the plates become available, fee information will be included with replacement instructions on PennDOT's website and will vary based on plate type and any optional personalization. The department and its partners will use all existing [standard issue license plate](#) inventory before transitioning to the new plate design.

Sign Up for Updates!



Thursday, August 8th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00PM - Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, August 21st 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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