



**July 2024 - Digital Newsletter**

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### **Friendly Reminders:**

- **Be considerate of neighbors.**
- **Let neighbors with dogs know if you'll be setting off fireworks.**

### **Consumer fireworks cannot be intentionally ignited or discharged:**

- **On public or private property without permission.**
- **Within 150 feet of an occupied structure.**
- **While the person is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance/other drug.**
- **Into or at a motor vehicle or at another person.**



# 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY SAFETY

## HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

### STAY HYDRATED

- Drink more than 8 ounces a day
- Drink even when you're not thirsty
- Avoid alcohol, coffee & soft drinks



### APPLY SUNSCREEN

The sun is the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
Reapply sunscreen often.  
Stick to SPF between 15 and 50\*

### WEAR YOUR SHADES

Sunglasses must block 99 to 100% of UVA/UVB rays



### MOST AT RISK



Adults over 65 and children under 4  
Those with existing medical conditions

## GRILL SAFETY

\*In a 5-year period\*



8,900 house fires  
160 injuries  
118 mil. in damages  
10 deaths

### KEEP GRILL:

- AWAY FROM STRUCTURES
- IN WELL-VENTILATED AREA
- AWAY FROM CHILDREN & PETS

## Fireworks Safety

**NEVER** allow children to play with or ignite fireworks

**KEEP** a bucket of water or hose nearby

**MAKE** sure fireworks are legal in your area

**MORE THAN 14,000** 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS EXPLODE  
ACROSS THE NATION EACH YEAR



**Just a  
reminder...**

If your recycling pickup is missed by J.P. Mascaro, please make sure you call the Township office as soon as possible at 610-953-0016. **Do not call J.P. Mascaro directly.** We will reach out on your behalf to J.P. Mascaro to get the recycling picked up.

If you do not have a blue Township recycling bin, you can pick one up at the Township building at **NO COST**. The bins are located across from the Township building near our road garage.

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# **- NO - SOLICITING**

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## **without a permit**

Companies wishing to solicit in Amity Township must make an application to the Police Department and include a copy of a background check and driver's license for each individual who will be soliciting on their behalf.

Upon approval, Amity Township Police issue a Soliciting/Peddling Permit to each individual, which shows their name, the name of the company they are soliciting for and the expiration date.

The permit should always be kept on their person and should be furnished, upon request to all Police officers, Township Officials, and citizens. If you're not sure if someone should be soliciting, you can ask to see their permit, check the Township website, or call 610-655-4911 and ask to speak to an Officer.

Soliciting/peddling is only permitted Monday through Saturday, from 9am until 5pm and NEVER on Sundays. Soliciting/peddling is also not permitted on properties that are posted with "No Soliciting" signs, regardless of whether they have a permit to do so.

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# **UNREGISTERED & INOPERABLE VEHICLES IN AMITY TOWNSHIP.**

**In Amity Township it is illegal to have an unregistered or inoperable vehicle on private property unless it is stored in a garage. Major vehicle repairs are not permitted unless done in a garage. No vehicle may be parked in the grass at any time. Fines can be up to \$1000 a day plus court costs.**



302.8 Motor Vehicles: Except as provided for in other regulations, inoperable and unregistered motor vehicles shall not be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and vehicles shall not at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

Exception: A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.

302.8.1: Motor vehicles may only be parked on a paved area (as that term is defined in the Amity Township Zoning Ordinance §32-302).

Inoperable Motor Vehicle: A vehicle that cannot be driven upon the public streets for reasons including, but not limited to, being wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair, or incapable of being moved under its own power.

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## **\*\*Yard Waste Center Changes\*\***

Be advised our yard waste site is undergoing change and there is more to come. Please follow the signage and direction printed on the photo below. Please do not drop off grass clippings, lumber, rocks, metal, large trees and stumps. etc. Brush, shrubs, tree branches and leaf waste is permissible.

**The site is for Township residents ONLY.**

Contact the Township office with questions or concerns 610-953-0016.



# Scout Trail Connector to Monocacy Hill Opening

This trail and parking lot were built in cooperation with:  
**Eagle Scout J. Richards, Troop 315**  
**Amity Township Public Works Department**  
**Monocacy Hill Conservation Association**  
**New Enterprise Stone & Lime**

This trail will also serve as an entrance for emergency UTV's. With the exception of some updated signage, the trail is ready for your use.  
**Enjoy!**

**LOWER TRAIL**  
2.5 MILES

**CREEK TRAIL**  
1 MILE

**SCOUT TRAIL**  
.3 MILE

**STONEWALL TRAIL**  
.4 MILE

**RAILBED TRAIL**  
1 MILE

**MONOCACY HILL TRAIL**  
1 MILE

**1 SHIREY HOME RUINS**

**2 WATERFALL**

**3 DYER QUARRY REMAINS**

**4 PINNACLE & OVERLOOK (680 FEET)**

**TREES ARE MARKED BY TRAIL COLOR**

**MH-10**  
TRAIL MARKERS ARE INSTALLED FOR EMERGENCIES. KNOW WHERE YOU ARE!

**MHCA**

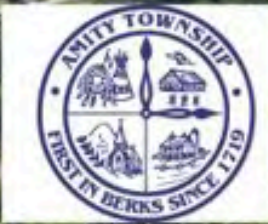
**AMITY TOWNSHIP**  
EST. IN BERKS SINCE 1719

**PARK RULES:**

- OPEN DAWN TO DUSK
- STAY ON MARKED TRAILS
- NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING
- NO OVERNIGHT PARKING
- PETS MUST BE ON LEASH
- FIRES ARE PROHIBITED
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- NO BIKING OR HORSEBACK IN APRIL OR MAY
- NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES
- HUNTING BY AMITY TOWNSHIP PERMIT ONLY

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911 ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE NEAREST TRAIL MARKER**









.3 MILE WALK  
TO CREEK TRAIL  
& WATERFALL

TRAIL IS  
MARKED WITH  
PURPLE  
PAINT ON  
TREES



SCOUT  
TRAIL  
ENTRANCE





\$5  
nonmember

AMITY AC POOL PRESENTS

Bring a  
floatie!

# Summer Movie Night

Blue skies, sparkling stars and the seductive smell of popcorn,  
Prepare yourself for an unforgettable summer movie night!



July 6, 2024



Start From 8:30 pm



OUTDOOR  
MOVIE

This week's movie: Grown Ups

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*Smash*

# BURGER

*special*



**\$10**

Comes with a side  
of French fries

**JULY 13TH 4-7 PM**

50 Pennsylvania Ave, Douglassville, PA 19518

Monarch Fire Company Social Quarters





# **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**

**INSECTS** Monday, JULY 22 9:30 AM

**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](mailto:sswanson511@gmail.com) to register.**

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# Adventure is at your Library

## 50 days of Summer Reading Challenge

JUNE 13 - AUGUST 1ST

**Youth- 100 books in 50 Days**

READ 2 BOOKS A DAY TO HIT YOUR GOAL

**Tween/Teen- 25 hours in 50 Days**

READ FOR 30 MINUTES A DAY TO HIT YOUR GOAL

**Adults- 50 hours in 50 Days**

READ 1 HOUR A DAY TO HIT YOUR GOAL



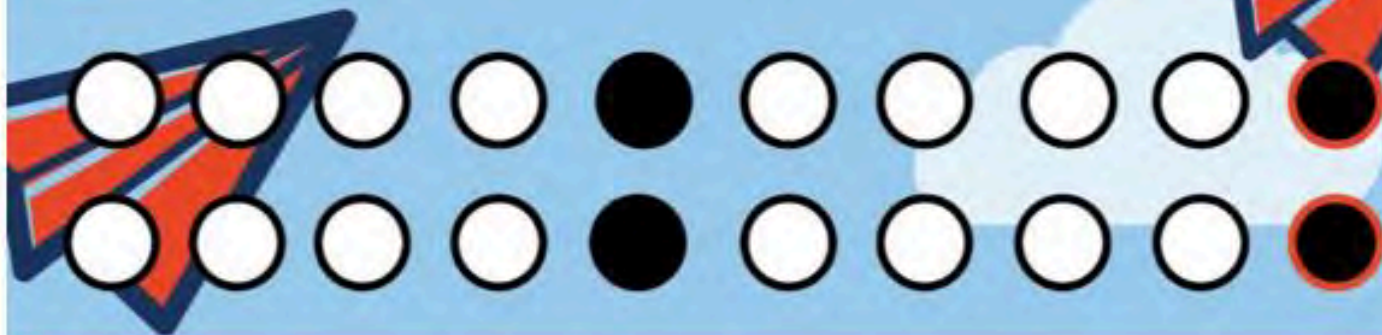
## 50 Days of Reading Challenge

### CARD #1

Every 5 punches get a ticket for Raffle Prizes

**YOUTH ONLY-** Every 10 punches pick a prize from the prize box

Complete **ENTIRE** card receive an extra ticket





# Adventure Box Program

**Thursday July 11th 5-7**

Rock Painting Night

Open forum show and tell come share your  
Adventures

**Thursday July 25th 5-7**

Cozy Quarters Plant Bar

Open forum show and tell come share your  
Adventures

**Thursday August 1st 5-7**

End of Summer Program

Photo Frame Night

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# Helping Hands



**Every Friday @ 10:15am-11:15am**

**Everyone WELCOME for picture BINGO**

**BINGO helps people of all ages with**

- **concentration**
- **Hand-eye- coordination**
- **emotional well being**

**We accept small prize donations for BINGO**

Boone Area Library~ 129 N. Mill St. Birdsboro Pa 19508

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### **The Amazing Castle**

**The Reading Public Museum - 500 Museum Rd. Reading, PA 19611**

***Now - September 8, 2024***

Travel back in time to a fanciful, medieval village filled with opportunities for problem-solving, storytelling, and imaginative play. Plant and harvest your own vegetables in the garden then build a chair or make your own design in the carpenters' workshop. Use a metal patch to fix a hole in the blacksmith workshop, and dress in costumes to role-play as lords, ladies, and castle villagers.



### **The Lost World of Dragons**

**The Reading Public Museum - 500 Museum Rd. Reading, PA 19611**

***Now - September 8, 2024***

The exhibition will feature a unique, custom, and interactive experience for guests of all ages. Visitors will be immersed in the stories and mythology of dragons — exploring the lore and history of dragons in nearly every region and culture from

Norway to ancient China. Hands-on displays and photo opportunities deeply engage visitors in the amazing world of dragons. *The Lost World of Dragons* celebrates and explores both the history of and science behind how the dragon myth has grown through ages and cultures.

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

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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**

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**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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LUCKY SQUIRREL PRINTWORKS • ABOUT ALL FLOORS  
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# AMITY FIRE COMPANY Golf Tournament

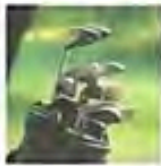
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Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Blackwood Golf Course

- ❖ 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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!!!



# DON'T LEAVE YOUR PET IN A HOT CAR!



Outside  
Temp (F):

Car Temp (F):  
after 10 mins    after 30 mins

**70°**

**89°**

**104°**

**75°**

**94°**

**109°**

**80°**

**99°**

**114°**

**85°**

**104°**

**119°**

**90°**

**109°**

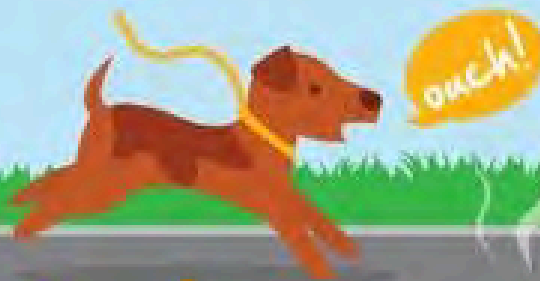
**124°**

**95°**

**114°**

**129°**

EVEN "JUST A MINUTE" CAN BE DEADLY!



# too hot to trot!

## 7 second rule



rest your hand on the pavement



wait seven seconds



too hot? wait out the walk

Rule of paw: if it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your hound!

## asphalt temperature

outside F°

asphalt F°

77°

125°

86°

135°

87°

143°

102°

167°

Skin damage can occur in 1 minute!



125° asphalt temp.



1 min



135° asphalt temp.



5 mins



It's hot enough to fry an egg in 5 minutes!

## health tips from Dr. Kim Smyth



1

avoid mid-day walks; stroll during cooler hours.



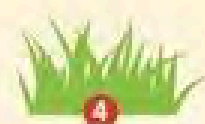
2

invest in a good pair of dog booties.



3

try a topical product to toughen paw pads.



4

walk in the grass during the hottest part of the day!



# FIVE SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS IN THE HEAT

IVET360

It's getting hot, hot, hot, and warm weather doesn't just affect us humans! High temperatures can cause serious health problems for our pets if we don't keep them cool. Follow these tips to keep pets safe this summer.



**1.**

Don't leave your pet in the car, even on mild days. Vehicle interiors heat up dangerously quickly when the sun is out.



**5.**

Provide plenty of water at all times. Pets need to stay hydrated just like we do, and that need for water becomes more critical in the heat.



**2.**

Beware hot pavement on sensitive toes. Check pavement temperature with the palm of your hand before taking your pup for a walk.



**4.**

Don't over-exercise. Physical exertion is more taxing when it's warm. Let your pet take it slow.



**3.**

Don't shave all their hair off! It may seem like a good idea to give your pet a drastic new 'do, but their hair actually helps keep them cool by protecting them from the sun's rays.



# Safety Net Sanctuary



## We could use your help!

Safety Net Sanctuary is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization based in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. We are contracted with 30 municipalities in Berks county for animal control for stray animals. We are a local pet rescue and shelter located on a 12- acre farm providing care for senior and special needs animals since 2014. We work hard to provide the best care and future for the animals entrusted in our care. Over the past years, hundreds of families have come to us to adopt pets. By adopting your pet from Safety Net Sanctuary you are helping to save even more animals in the future by making room for us to help those most in need.

**Please consider donating and we thank you for your generosity.**



Amazon Wishlist:



Chewy Wishlist:



**Please see our available pets:**

Petfinder:



Facebook:



Safety Net Sanctuary | 187 Houck Rd |  
Fleetwood PA 19522 | 610-944-8099 |  
allaboutus0909@gmail.com



[View Adoptable Pets](#)



## SAFEST

WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS.

Stay inside until 30 minutes after the rumble of thunder.

## NOT SAFE

Standing under a tree or in a wide-open space is extremely dangerous.

## SAFE

The metal shell of hard-topped metal vehicles does provide protection to those inside a vehicle with the windows closed.



### What You Need to Know

- NO PLACE outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to a storm to be in danger of being struck by lightning. Lightning can travel 10 to 12 miles from a thunderstorm.
- When you hear thunder, immediately move to a safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- Do you know what to do if you receive a thunderstorm watch or thunderstorm warning? Visit [www.ready.pa.gov](http://www.ready.pa.gov) to find out!

### Last Resort: Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

- Keep moving towards a safe shelter. If you are caught out in the open, do not stop.
- Avoid open fields, hills, rocky outcrops, and ridge tops. Do not lie flat on the ground.
- Avoid bodies of water and metal objects which can conduct electricity.

## **Outdoor Lightning Safety**

- **Seek Shelter Immediately:** Find a sturdy building or a hard-topped vehicle as soon as possible. Avoid open fields and elevated areas.
- **Avoid Tall Objects:** Stay away from tall, isolated objects like trees, poles, and towers, which can attract lightning.
- **Stay Away from Water:** Do not swim, fish, or be near water bodies, as water is an excellent conductor of electricity.
- **Crouch Low to the Ground:** If no shelter is available, crouch down with as little of your body touching the ground as possible, minimizing contact points.
- **Disperse Group:** If you are in a group, spread out to reduce the chance of multiple injuries from a single strike.

## **Indoor Lightning Safety**

- **Avoid Water:** Do not use sinks, showers, or any plumbing, as lightning can travel through pipes.
- **Stay Away from Electrical Devices:** Unplug appliances and avoid using wired electronics to prevent electrical surges.
- **Use a mobile phone instead to avoid the risk posed by lightning traveling through phone lines.**
- **Avoid Windows and Doors:** Stay clear of windows and doors to avoid potential strikes or broken glass from nearby lightning strikes.
- **Avoid Touching Concrete Floors and Walls:** Lightning can travel through the metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring.

## **Helping a Lightning Strike Victim**

Lightning strike victims are safe to touch and do not carry an electrical charge, so render care immediately. Ensure you and the victim are both in a safe place, preferably indoors. Call 9-1-1. If trained, immediately begin CPR and use an AED if the person is unresponsive or not breathing. If using an AED, make sure you and the victim are not in a pool of water, as the charge from the AED shock can be carried through the water to the rescuer.

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Thursday, July 11th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 16th at 7:00PM - Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, July 17th at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors

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

**The office will be closed Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day.**

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### Amity Township Board of Supervisors

Kim McGrath, Chairperson / Dave Hackett, Vice Chair

Paul "Skip" Weller, Terry Jones, and Kevin Keifrider



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