



May 2024 - Digital Newsletter

WE HAVE STARTED OUR YEARLY STREET SWEEPING

**HOW DOES STREET SWEEPING KEEP
OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN?**



**YOU CAN
HELP BY
KEEPING
INLET GRATES
CLEAN YEAR
ROUND!**



**LEAVES, TRASH, CINDERS AND DEBRIS ALL
GET COLLECTED AT INLET BOXES ON THE ROADS.**

**STREET SWEEPING REMOVES THOSE ITEMS FROM
OUR ROADS BEFORE THEY REACH OUR WATERWAYS**



Additional Parking - Hill Road Park

Township staff has completed the installation of additional parking for the Hill Road ballfields. Parking is now prohibited on the grass below the main parking lot (next to the pavilion). Please use the new parking lot across Hill Road. Parking is prohibited along Hill Road. We have reduced the speed limit on Hill Road between SR 422 & Antietam Drive. A crosswalk was also added with flashing warning lights. Ultimately, this lot will also serve Monocacy Hill as a Boy Scout plans to create another entrance and trail from this location as his Eagle Scout Project.



Friendly reminder... if you see someone damaging park property report it to the Amity Police Department at 610-689-6002. These are YOUR parks and YOUR tax dollars that must be used for repairs.

6 Tips to Promote Playground Safety



1 Show your child which playground equipment they can and cannot play on. And monitor their activities.



2 Teach children how to take turns on playground equipment to avoid pushing.



3 Avoid playground equipment on days with extreme weather/temperature. Slips, falls, and burns are more likely to occur.



4 Avoid distractions like smartphones and tablets while children are playing.



5 At home, install age appropriate equipment for your child to play on.



6 Choose a playground with shock-absorbent surfacing underneath equipment, such as loose fill rubber mulch or rubber mulch mats.

Support your local fire company!



47th Annual Walk for the Animals

Saturday, May 4, 2024 | 10 AM – 3 PM



This year, the [47th Humane Pennsylvania Walk for the Animals](#) falls on Star Wars Day, May 4, so we've decided to go all in on the Star Wars theme! Break out your Han Solo costume, twist up those Princess Leia buns, dress up your dog as Chewbacca, and come to the bark side!

Join us on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**, from **10 AM to 3 PM** at the historic Reading Fairgrounds in Leesport, PA!

- Dozens of Vendors & Exhibitors
- Delicious Bites from Local Food Trucks
- Pawsome Dog Contests
- Fun Activities for the Whole Family
- Live Music

[Register Here!](#)

Children's Day at Daniel Boone Homestead



Time & Location

May 05, 2024, 12:00PM - 4:00PM

400 Daniel Boone Rd, Birdsboro, PA 19508

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of hands-on activities and demonstrations for children and their families.

- Participate in various activities such as textile processing, candle dipping, quill pen writing, butter making, and more!
- Learn about Daniel's mother Sarah Boone and her famous butter and cheese as they explore the spring cellar and smokehouse.
- Tours of the Boone House and Bertolet Log House will be offered throughout the day.

Admission: Adults \$10.00, Seniors (65+) \$8.00,
Youth (6-17) \$5.00.

Children 5 and under and DBHA members are free.

Please no pets (except service animals) and no smoking.



HAPPENING AT THE HILL THIS SPRING.....



SPRING OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY MAY 5 10 AM TO 5 PM

JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR HIKES OR JUST STOP IN
FOR FREE SNACKS AND DRINKS!

MORNING BIRD WALK WITH SIERRA CLUB - 7:45 AM

WALK IN THE WOODS - 11:00 AM

WILDFLOWER WALK - 1:30 PM WITH DR SUSAN MUNCH

YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT - 3:00 PM

SUNSET HIKE - 7:00 PM



WALK IN THE WOODS - SUNDAY, JUNE 9 - 1:30 PM



ALL WALKS START FROM THE GEIGER ROAD PARKING LOT AND ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. HEAVY RAIN OR SNOW CANCELS EVENT. CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR CANCELLATIONS.



Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale



Friday, May 10, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 11, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

 Rain or Shine 

Berks County Agricultural Center
1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport

Perennials | Native Plants | Hanging Baskets | House Plants | Vegetables

Credit Cards, Cash & Checks Accepted



Master Gardener

Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences research and extension programs are funded in part by Pennsylvania counties, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Pennsylvania State University encourages qualified persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Rick Kruczek 610-378-1327 in advance of your participation or visit.

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Daniel Boone Optimist Club

23rd Annual

Trout Rodeo

Saturday, May 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free Event

Prizes

(Severe Weather Date: Saturday May 18, 2024)

**South Birdsboro Archery Rod and Gun Club
470 Geigertown Rd. Douglassville, PA19518**

Ages K through 5th Grade

No experience necessary

Help will be available if needed

Bring a Rod and Bait

danielbooneoptimist.com



Do you have a hard to read license plate?

Get it replaced for **FREE!**

A plate is considered damaged when:

- Letters/numbers are not recognizable from 50 feet away
- Peeling, blistering, or discoloration
- Loss of reflectivity



Senator Tracy Pennycuick
24th District



Wednesday, May 15, 2024

4 - 6 PM

Topton Borough Hall

205 S Callowhill St.

Topton, PA 19562

Please register for this event by calling Senator Pennycuick's office at **215-541-2388** or online at SenatorPennycuick.com/license-plate-replacement

Douglassville Community



May 18th - From 8 AM to Noon

Furniture, Toys, Clothes, Household Items, Bikes, Athletic Supplies, Yard tools, Garden Supplies, Home Decor, Books, School & MORE!!!

Sell from home or reserve a spot at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Parking for \$10



Hosted By: Kathy Cicala, Realtor



Text for Registration Link: 610-724-3526

Registration Deadline: May 4th

Cash Only

Questions? TEXT 610-724-3526 or RE/MAX Achievers 610-489-5900

Register Here



Monarch Fire Company Golf Outing

Blackwood Golf Course

514 Red Corner Rd Douglassville, PA 19518

Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 7AM

**Sign up sheets can be found on Facebook or at the
Monarch Fire Company.**

Kid's Introduction to Woodland Birds



Have you ever heard the call of a Pileated Woodpecker as he flies through the forest? or wondered where birds sleep?

Welcome to the first of our Nature Programs for the younger set. On **Sunday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m.** we are offering a Free Program for children ages 4 – 6 to learn about the birds that live on Monocacy Hill. The program will be 2 hours.

WE WILL:

- Read Bird Books
- Learn to identify birds using color, size, shape, and calls
- Make Pine Cone Bird Feeders
- Take a Nature Walk to look for Signs of Birds
- Keep a Tally Sheet to share when we are done



This Program is free to the public, but registration is limited to **12 children, ages 4 – 6**. We will meet in the Monocacy Hill Parking Lot. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the activity and must be **registered** in advance by e-mailing sswanson511@gmail.com.





Monday May 27th

Memorial Day

REMEMBER AND HONOR



FIREWORK SAFETY

Know the local laws!

Alcohol and fireworks do



not mix.



Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.

Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting



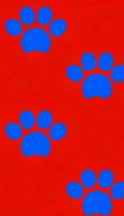
Don't try to modify or create your own firework.

Keep them OUTSIDE

Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.

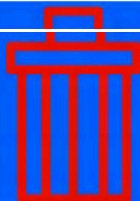


Don't bring your pets to a fireworks display, even a small one.



Make sure your pet has an ID tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display.

Use a long stem match or long lighter (BBQ or candle lighter)



Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.

Memorial Day

Safety Tips

Fire



- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Have a fire extinguisher ready.
- Clean off any excess grease.

Food

- Keep hot food heated until served.
- Keep cold food on ice or refrigerated.
- Cover all dishes to keep insects away.



Sun



- Wear a hat and sunglasses.
- Use sunscreen with an appropriate SPF.
- Reapply sunscreen when swimming.

Travel

- Prepare your car for road trips.
- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Never drive after drinking.



MEMORIAL DAY PET SAFETY TIPS



FOOD & DRINK SMART

Barbequing is often a part of Memorial Day, but remember the food and drink you serve your guests may be poisonous to pets. Specifically: alcohol, raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate, and avocado to name a few.



POOL SUPERVISION

Don't leave pets unsupervised around a pool or lake. Also, try to keep your pet from drinking pool water, which contains potentially dangerous chemicals like chlorine.



LOTS OF WATER

Pets can get dehydrated quickly. If you're spending time outside, give them lots of water and make sure they have a shady place to escape from the sun.



ID TAG & MICROCHIP

While spending time outdoors, fireworks that can cause your pet to become scared the added risk of pets escaping is higher. Make sure that your pet is fitted with a microchip, ID tag with identifying information, or both!

BIRDSBORO STREET FAIR AND DUCK DERBY

JUNE 8, 2024 MAIN BIRD PARK

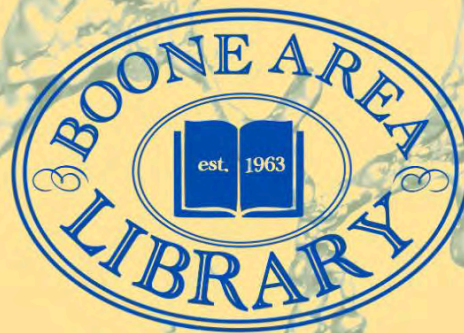
9AM - 4PM MAIN ST & WATER ST. BIRDSBORO, PA

FOOD
CRAFTS
ENTERTAINMENT
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

HUNDREDS OF DUCKS
WILL RACE DOWN THE
CREEK AT 3:30PM!

DUCK TICKETS \$5 EACH

OR \$20 FOR A QUACK PACK (5 TICKETS)



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
BOONE AREA LIBRARY AND IN THE PARK THE DAY OF THE RACE
Must be at least 18 years of age to purchase tickets.


For information email circulation@boonelibrary.org
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE BOONE AREA LIBRARY



Saturday, October 19th

Rain Date - Sunday, October 20th

Amity Fire Company is excited to offer reflective address markers to our residents to allow first responders the ability to easily find your address in the event of an emergency. Signs cost \$15 dollars and will be dropped right off at your door. The downloadable order form can be accessed below! Reminder, these help us help you!

AMITY FIRE COMPANY					
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM					
Please complete the following information:					
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VERTICAL _____					
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[Click Here to Order!](#)

2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebates Available



Eligibility

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 \$45,000 or less annually.

Applications are due by June 30, 2024.

Apply Here!

MAY IS NATIONAL

STROKE

AWARENESS MONTH



STROKE? DON'T WAIT! B.E. F.A.S.T.



EMERGENCY STROKE TREATMENT | *Busting Brain Clots to Save Lives*

Nearly

800,000

people in the United States have a stroke every year.



More than

690,000

PER YEAR

strokes in the U.S. are caused by a blood clot in the brain.



Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death in the United States, killing nearly

130,000

Americans a year.

1 in 20 DEATHS



**QUICK TREATMENT = LESS BRAIN DAMAGE!
BE FAST! Call 911 at the first sign of stroke.**



If diagnosed quickly, there are treatment options to help patients recover:

within **4.5 hours**

Clot-busting drug



Clot removal procedure for some strokes

up to **24 hours**

Medicine can dissolve the blood clot if given within 4.5 hours from when symptoms began.

For some stroke patients, a doctor can remove the clot by guiding a device into the brain through a small, flexible tube.

LEARN AND SHARE THE WARNING SIGNS

Balance Loss

Is coordination or balance suddenly difficult?

Eyesight Changes

Is there a sudden change in vision?

Facial Drooping

Does one side of the face droop or is it numb?

Arm Weakness

Is one arm weak or numb?

Slurred Speech

Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand?

Time to call 9-1-1

If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get to a hospital immediately.



CALL 9-1-1 AT THE FIRST SIGN OF STROKE!



MAY is

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SLIP



**on sun
protective
clothing**

SLOP



**on SPF 30+
sunscreen & reapply
every 2 hours**

SLAP



**on a broad-
rimmed hat**

SEEK



shade

SLIDE



**on wrap-around
sunglasses**





Easing Your Seasonal Allergies

9 alternative options

	...		...	
Wash Away Allergens		Close Windows and Doors		Use Nasal Strips at Bedtime

	...		...	
Try a Salt Water Rinse		Drink Hot Fluids		Wipe Down Pets

	...		...	
Wear Wrap Around Sunglasses		Try a HEPA Filter		Avoid Your Triggers

Are Poisonous Plants In My Path?



Poison Ivy

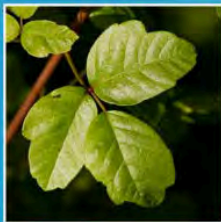
Found in most parts of the US, except Alaska, Hawaii, and certain parts of the West Coast

Appear as small shrubs or vines, trailing on the ground or growing on low plants, trees, or poles

Each poison ivy leaf has 3 glossy leaflets, which may be jagged or smooth

The leaves change colors with the seasons — green in summer; reddish in the spring; and yellow, orange, or red in the fall

Many of the plants have greenish, whitish, or yellowish berries or flowers



Poison Oak

Found in the southern and eastern states as low shrubs, and in western states as long vines or tall clumps

Leaves are fuzzy green

Most grow in clusters of 3, but some types have 5, 7, or 9 leaves per cluster

Many have yellow-white berries



Poison Sumac

Grows in peat bog standing water in the Northeast and Midwest, and swampy areas in the Southeast

Each leaf has clusters of 7 to 13 smooth-edged leaflets, arranged in pairs

The leaves change colors with the seasons — green in summer; orange in spring; and yellow, orange, or red in the fall

Many have spots that resemble blotches of black paint

May have clusters of whitish-green fruits, yellow-greenish flowers, or yellow-white berries



FiGHT THE BITE



Keep mosquitoes **outside**

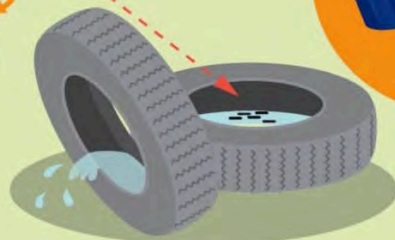
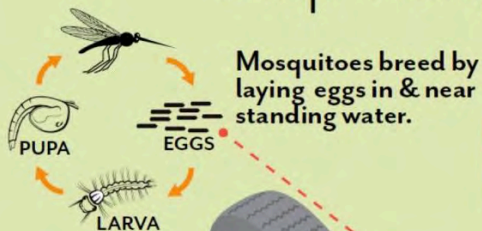
Use air conditioning.

Keep screens on all windows.

Repair holes in screens.

Keep doors and windows shut.

Stop mosquitoes from **breeding**



As little as one teaspoon or bottle cap of water standing for more than one week is enough for mosquitoes to breed and multiply.

At your house or business:
Put away items that are outside and not being used because they could hold standing water.



In your garden:
Keep flower pots and saucers free of standing water. Some plants, such as bromeliads, hold water in their leaves—flush out water-holding plants with your hose once a week.

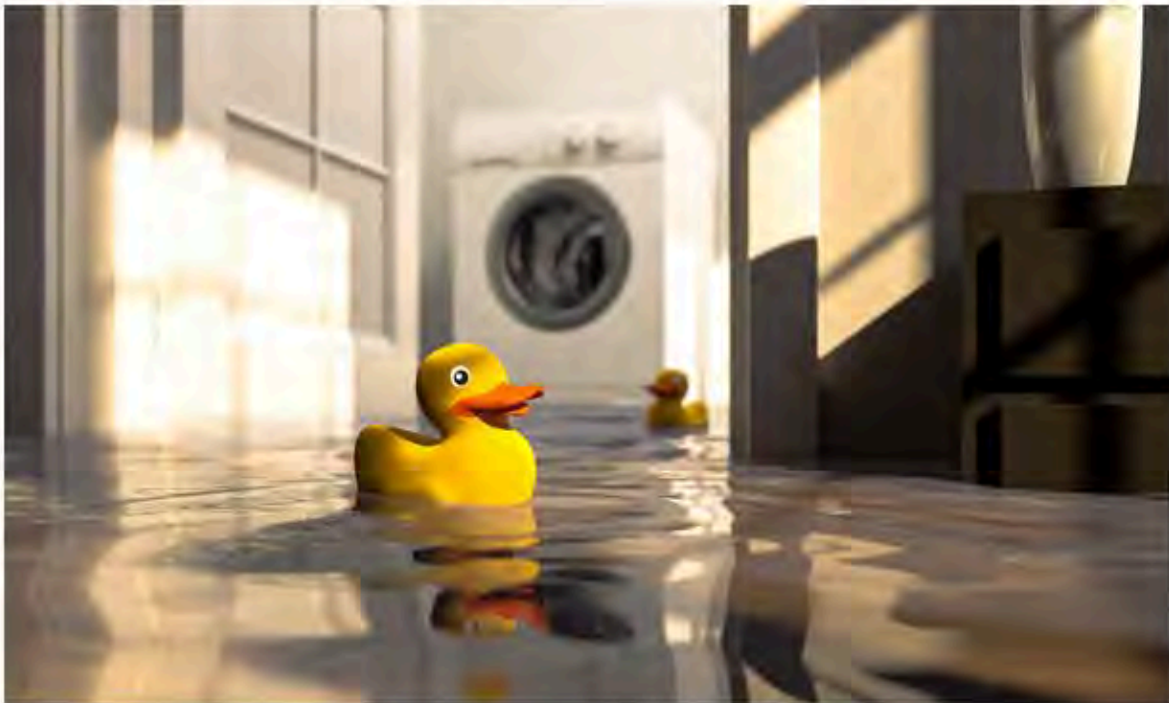


Around all buildings:

At least once a week, empty, turn over or cover anything that could hold water:

- tires
- buckets
- toys
- pools & pool covers
- birdbaths
- trash, trash containers and recycling bins
- boat or car covers
- roof gutters
- coolers
- pet dishes





What You Need to Know About Flood Insurance

Spring is just around the corner. Are you ready?

Each year, especially during the spring months, the Pennsylvania Insurance Department (PID) urges property owners to consider purchasing flood insurance to protect their homes, businesses and possessions.

Flooding across the state is a common occurrence this time of year, and just **one inch of rain** can cause \$25,000 of damage to your home.

So, who should purchase flood insurance? The short answer – everyone.

While hazard insurance and all it encompasses can be quite daunting, it's important to understand the basics of flood insurance. PID is here to help you with that!

Navigating Flood Alerts: Stay Safe & Prepared!

Navigating flood alerts is essential to ensuring our safety and readiness during unpredictable weather events. Understanding the significance of these alerts and knowing how to respond can make all the difference in safeguarding ourselves and our communities. Let's stay informed, prepared, and take measures to weather any flood-related challenges that may come our way.



Flood Watch: Get Ready!

A Flood Watch signals that conditions are ripe for potential flooding. While it doesn't guarantee flooding will happen, it indicates the possibility. Typically covering a large area, a Flood Watch is issued 12 to 24 hours before flooding is expected. This heads-up gives you crucial time to prepare and take necessary precautions.

Flood Warning: Act Now!

A Flood Warning means flooding is either happening or imminent. When you get this alert, take immediate action. Find safe shelter away from flood-prone areas. Acting fast can significantly reduce the risk of harm to yourself and others.

Understanding Flood Types:

Flooding (River)

River flooding occurs when water spills onto normally dry land, lasting for days or even weeks. Monitoring river levels and understanding floodplain maps are key to managing risks.

Flash Flooding

Flash flooding happens suddenly due to intense rainfall within a short period, usually less than six hours. Stay alert during heavy rainfall and heed warnings to avoid dangerous situations.

In today's changing climate, staying informed about flood alerts is crucial. By understanding Flood Watches, Flood Warnings, and different flood types, we can better prepare and protect our communities. Remember, preparedness saves lives – let's prioritize safety by staying vigilant and proactive in the face of flood risks.



Thursday, May 9th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00PM - Parks and Recreation

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

The office will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

Amity Township Board of Supervisors

Kim McGrath, Chairperson / Dave Hackett, Vice Chair

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



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