



## September 2024 - Digital Newsletter

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The Township offices will be closed  
Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.



### Tips for Safe Travel

- Carry an emergency supply kit
- Let someone know your travel plans
- Buckle up and observe speed limits
- Don't drive distracted

### Tips for Safe Play

- Check weather conditions
- Wear sunscreen and a life jacket
- Watch for kids
- Drink lots of water



### Tips for Safe Grilling

- Keep the grill away from anything that could catch on fire
- Keep children and pets away
- Never add lighter fluid when coals are already ignited



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 no more than 24 hours in each week (Sunday through Saturday).

**Any person who parks a vehicle in violation of these provisions 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.**

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

The Township does not want to raise sewer rates, but there are not many other options. The Wastewater Treatment upgrade is costly, and we need to raise rates to offset the costs of the upgrades.

#### **Commonly Asked Questions:**

- 1. Why doesn't the Township just sell the sewer plant?**  
The Township could, but residents would be faced with the rates the purchaser of the plant determines. The Township would have no control after the sale.
  - 2. Why doesn't the Township base sewer billing on water usage?**  
The topic has come up over the years. A flat sewer rate favors the larger family households whereas billing based on water usage favors smaller households. If using water usage to bill sewer, then factors such as watering flowers and filling pools will increase your sewer bill.
  - 3. How does the Township determine the rate per household?**  
The Township uses what's called an EDU and each household is given EDUs based on gallons per day. One EDU of sewage flow equals 229 gallons per day. Residential dwelling units are assigned one EDU per household unless deemed otherwise.
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# Amity Twp Recycling Center Changes



Amity Township has installed a gate with a keypad to enter the recycling center. Residents must bring in their vehicle registration, driver's license and complete a form or complete the application online. A pin number will be given once the form is completed and signed.

## Reminders:

- The recycling center is only for Amity Township residents.
- Businesses and contractors are not permitted to the center.
- Anyone caught leaving items that are not permitted may lose access to the center and potentially face criminal prosecution.
- Access codes may not be shared with anyone else.



### **Yard Waste Items Permitted:**

- Tree branches, shrubs, and leaves in paper bags.

### **Yard Waste Items NOT Permitted:**

- Any items in plastic bags, grass clippings, dirt, stone, construction waste.

### **Recycling Overflow Dumpster (Green Bin) Items Permitted:**

- Cardboard, empty glass containers, paper, empty metal cans, and plastic.

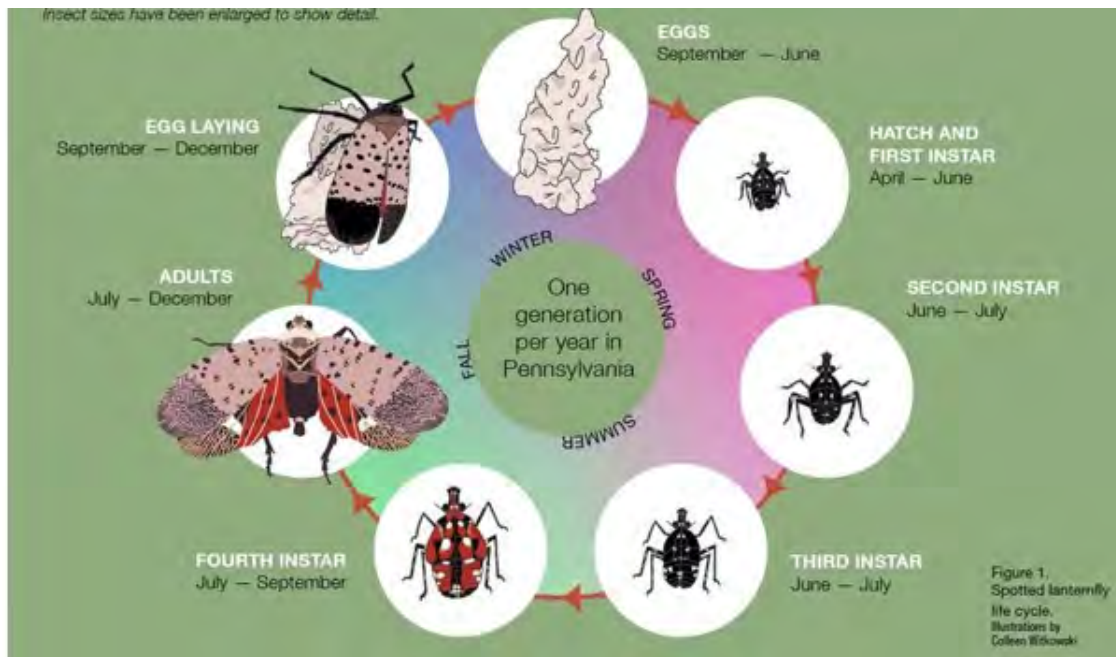
### **Recycling Overflow Dumpster Items NOT Permitted:**

- Styrofoam and large items such as outdoor furniture or playsets.
- Pizza boxes.

[Register Here!](#)

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# Spotted lanternflies are back....

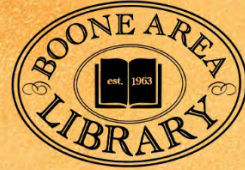


## Quick Facts:

- SLF is an invasive pest that feeds on a large variety of plant species, including those in the agricultural, timber, and ornamental industries, and backyard plants.
- SLF is a significant pest of grapes.
- SLF is currently under quarantine in most counties in Pennsylvania, in addition to several other states.
- SLF cannot bite or sting. They feed on plant sap through a tiny, straw-like mouth part.
- SLF is a plant stressor that, in combination with other stressors (e.g., other insects, diseases, weather), can cause significant damage to its host. SLF alone may not kill the tree.
- Slow the spread of SLF by checking your vehicle and any outdoor equipment (furniture, mowers, firewood, etc.) when going in and out of the quarantine zone.
- Manage SLF on your property by promoting plant health, destroying eggs, using traps, and using chemical control when appropriate. Use the management decision section to determine which actions are best to take.



# Wine Pull 2024



We are Accepting Donations for the  
Boone Area Library Art and Basket Raffle

Are you a painter, sculptor,  
photographer, etc.? Donate a piece  
of your work to the Library's  
Fundraiser!

Not an artist, but still want to  
donate? Create a raffle basket  
(*Must be new items*).

We will be accepting donations  
from August to November 1st.



Call or email us for how to get involved!

[director@boonelibrary.org](mailto:director@boonelibrary.org)

(610) 582-5666

or stop in and ask a staff member!







FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 AT 7:14 PM – 10:14 PM EDT

## Star Watch at the Southern Field of the Daniel Boone Homestead

Free to attend and open to the public!

### Observation List (W»S»E)

Venus	Luna (Earth's Moon) in 1st Quarter
Arcturus	"Summer Triangle"
Ophiuchus	Scorpio
Saturn	Neptune
Uranus	Jupiter

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# **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**

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

**3 E Philadelphia Ave, Boyertown, PA 19512**

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WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY  
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE  
OIL-WRAP  
WOODNE  
ENERGUS  
PIPING  
TASTE  
MAD  
FRES  
SEVERE  
OTHER DAY  
THING

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**AMITY TOWNSHIP  
ATHLETIC CLUB**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH | 5-9PM**  
15 MAPLEWOOD DR, DOUGLASSVILLE, PA, 19518

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **QAPBTXJ**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.





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, apple  
food, games for the  
kids, pony rides

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Apple Festival Baking Contest



September 28th  
at our Apple Festival

See contest rules and entry  
using our Facebook/Instagram  
pages or by QR code





# 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.

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## Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit



September 28, 2024 - January 19, 2025

Come join a curious Tyrannosaurus Rex named Buddy who travels the world to discover everything there is to know about dinosaurs! Based on the PBS® KIDS series *Dinosaur Train*, the exhibition embraces and celebrates the fascination kids have with both dinosaurs and trains. Children will join Buddy and his adoptive Pteranodon family on a whimsical journey to unearth basic concepts in life science, natural history, and paleontology.

Hop on the Dinosaur Train and travel back in time to the Age of Dinosaurs, visiting all three periods of the Mesozoic Era (250 to 65 million years ago) – the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous. Turn the time travel dial, pretend to be a Dinosaur Train engineer, and get ready to explore! In this immersive exhibition, families can learn the characteristics of herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores, and how dinosaurs are classified into these groups, and put their math skills to the test by comparing the sizes and measurements of different dinosaurs. Along the way, dress up and pretend to be a Pteranodon family in their nest, and interact with real and replica fossils to learn how scientists use fossils to make exciting dino discoveries!

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**St. Paul's UCC Craft & Vendor Fair**

**October 12, 2024, at 9AM-1PM**

**1979 Weavertown Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518**

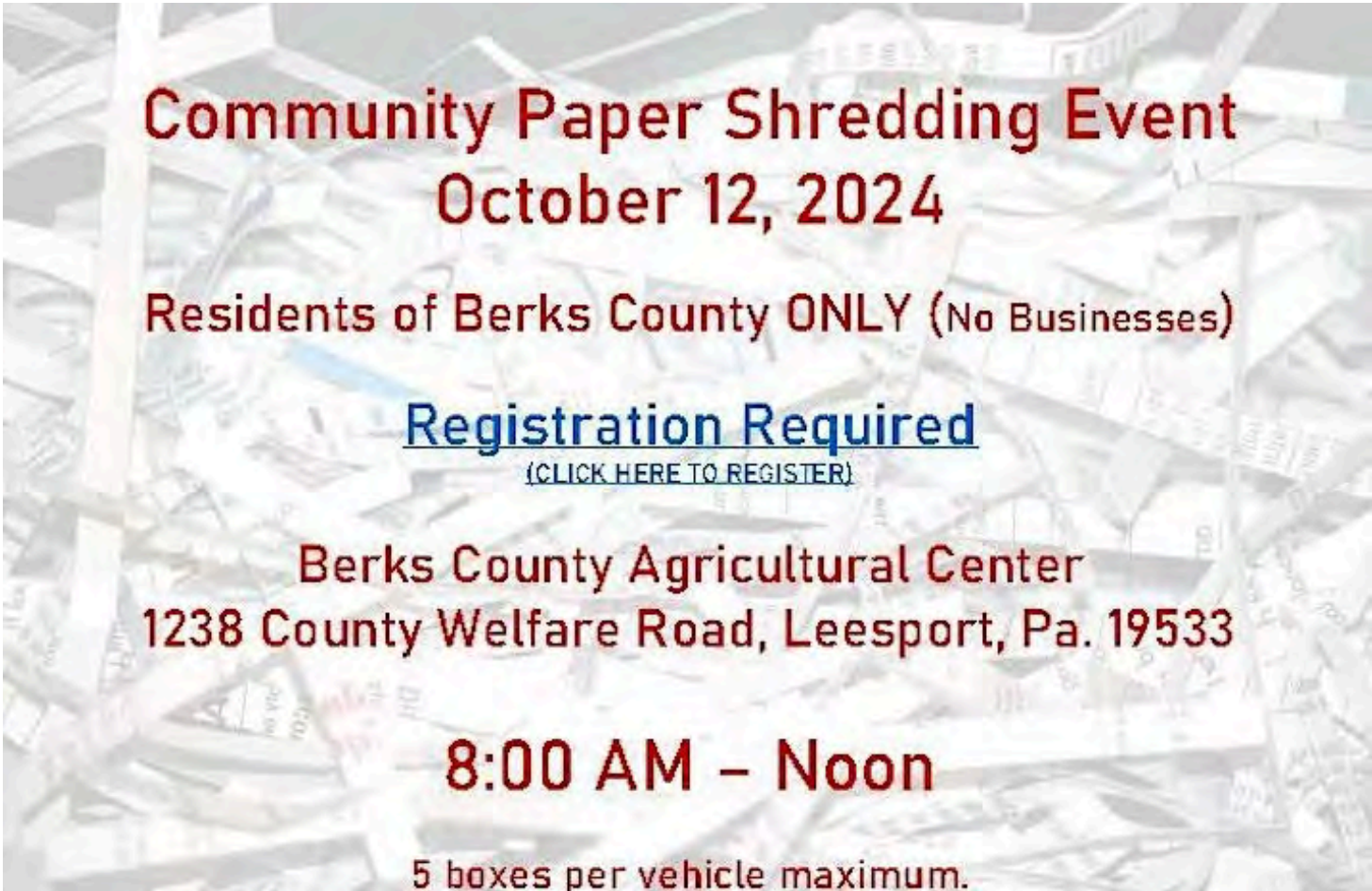
**If you would like to reserve a table or for more information, please contact us at [itype4ever@windstream.net](mailto:itype4ever@windstream.net)**

**Tables are \$15 or 2 for \$25.**

**Proceeds from table rental to support our Christmas Wish Tree program.**

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**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.**

**Register Here!**

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# Boone Area Library

PRESENTS

# Spooky



 SIP & PAINT

**Thursday October 17th 6-8**

**YOU BRING THE WINE AND WE SUPPLY THE PAINT!**

Class led by Miss Amber

Tickets are \$20 each

All materials and instruction included  
in ticket price.

All proceeds go to the Library.

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT THE CIRCULATION DESK**

**YOU MUST BE 18+ FOR THIS EVENT!**

Space is limited and registration is required with ticket purchase.

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# 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!**

# 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!!!





**Register to be a Vendor**

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# Heritage Day Fall Festival

Sunday, October 20, 2024 • 12-4pm

400 Daniel Boone Rd, Birdsboro, PA 19508

The Daniel Boone Homestead Associates are excited to celebrate the arrival of fall with the Homestead's annual Heritage Day event. This living history program features a variety of eighteenth-century demonstrations, trades, and hands-on activities such as:

- Gunsmithing
- Open hearth cooking
- Spinning and wool dyeing
- Candle dipping
- Leatherworking
- Food & craft vendors
- Pumpkin painting and more

Admission: Adults \$12.00, Seniors (65+) \$10.00, Youth (6-17) \$5.00.  
Children 5 and under and DBHA members are free.

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**ONE DAY ONLY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024  
SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

**DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:**

- **25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS\***
- **REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD**  
One Winner at every Boscov's store

**100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION**

**Buy a 25% OFF Boscov's Shopping Pass  
for \$5 to Help Support Our Library!**

**Available NOW until the  
21st of October!**

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THE DANIEL  
BOONE OPTIMIST CLUB



2024

# HALLOWEEN PARADE

**Tuesday  
10/22/24**

**6:30 PM**

(Rain Date: Tuesday, 10/29/24)

**AMITY RECREATION FACILITIES @  
LAKE DRIVE**

**COSTUME/GROUP/FLOAT REGISTRATION: 5:30 to 6:15 PM**

**(Register on Site, Pre-Registration NOT Required)**

- Cash Prizes Awarded
- Free Refreshments to Registered Participants
  - Groups and Floats Welcome
    - Pet Category
    - Costume Contest
    - Food Vendors
- Music by One 2 One Productions



[dbocparade@gmail.com](mailto:dbocparade@gmail.com)





🎃 Douglass Township Trunk-or-Treat Event! 🦇

Get ready for a frightfully fun evening! Douglass Township is excited to invite you to our annual Trunk-or-Treat event.

📅 Date: Wednesday, October 23rd

🕒 Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

🌧️ Rain Date: Thursday, October 24th

🔴 Event Highlights Include:

- Exciting Trunk Displays: Explore creatively decorated trunks and enjoy a festive atmosphere.
- Candy Galore: Trick-or-treat at each trunk for a variety of tasty treats.
- Fun Bounce House: Let the kids bounce and play in our inflatable fun zone.
- Delicious S'mores Station: Roast marshmallows and make your own gooey s'mores.
- Pumpkin Painting and Decorating: Get creative with pumpkin painting and decorating stations for all ages.
- Meet Our First Responders: Come out to meet and greet with our local police department, fire companies, and EMTs. See their vehicles up close and learn more about their vital roles in our community.

**THE BOONE AREA LIBRARY PRESENTS**

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN HAUNT**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH  
6PM-8PM**

**SEEKING COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS FOR THE BOONE AREA LIBRARY'S FIRST EVER  
SAFE TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT!**

**COME SET UP A TABLE TO HAND OUT CANDY TO THE KIDS IN  
OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL AS PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS!  
TO REGISTER YOUR TABLE PLEASE EMAIL MISS AMBER AT  
YOUTHLIBRARIAN@BOONELIBRARY.ORG**



scan QR code to email Miss Amber





*Don't forget to wear your costume!*

**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 26**

**1:30 - 3:30PM**



**ST. PAULS  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**548 OLD  
SWEDE ROAD  
DOUGLASSVILLE**

**TRUNK  
PARTICIPANTS  
PLEASE ARRIVE  
AND BE SET UP  
BY 1:25**

**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

**TRICK OR  
TREATERS,  
PLEASE ARRIVE  
NO EARLIER  
THAN 1:15**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
NANCY STEWART AT  
NANCY.ELLEN.STEWART@GMAIL.COM**



**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.**

**\*The flat rate period is September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**





# LOCAL DOGS NEED YOU

***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 Sanctuary at 610.944.8099  
or [allaboutus0909@gmail.com](mailto:allaboutus0909@gmail.com)  
for more information.



**Berks County's "Berks Alert" public alerting system will be switching to a new technology provider called Everbridge, as the current SwiftReach based alerting platform will be discontinued by the manufacturer at the end of August 2024.**

**IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT that you register for a new "Berks Alert" account in the Everbridge system to ensure you continue receiving these alerts from your local and county government as well as have the ability to subscribe for weather related alerts of your choosing.**

**If you do not register a new account, you will no longer receive "Berks Alert" messaging.**

**Register Here!**

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**Amity Township adopted a resolution in 2017 to help Pennsylvania Go Gold in support of all the children and families affected by Childhood Cancer and in doing so recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, so proper tribute may be paid to the families, friends, professionals and communities who lend their strength to the brave children fighting pediatric cancer across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**

# Childhood Cancer in the United States

**10** 

average age at diagnosis with childhood cancer



**17,000**

children are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. each year.



**500,000+**

survivors in the U.S.

Children who've had chemo are

**15%**

more likely to suffer congestive heart failure later in life.

The **Impact** of Childhood Cancer



**400,000+**

children are diagnosed worldwide each year



**Number 1 cause of death**

by disease in children in the United States



of survivors experience a **significant side effect** by the time they are 45 years old.

**Childhood cancer research is consistently underfunded by the federal government.**

Together, ALSF is making a difference for kids with cancer:



**1,500+** Medical Research Grants at **150** Institutions



**240+** Ongoing Clinical Trials Funded Each Year

[AlexsLemonade.org](http://AlexsLemonade.org)

**Alex's  
Lemonade  
Stand**  
Foundation For Childhood Cancer

Sources: National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, World Health Organization, CAC2 Fact Library



SEPTEMBER  
**SUICIDE  
PREVENTION**  
AWARENESS MONTH



SAMHSA

## SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS FOR ADULTS



Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased, and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change

- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

#SUICIDEPREVENTIONMONTH

SAMHSA

## SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS FOR YOUTH



It's time to take action if you notice these signs in family or friends:

- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Expressing hopelessness about the future.
- Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
- Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:
  - Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
  - Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
  - Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
  - Recent increased agitation or irritability.

#SUICIDEPREVENTIONMONTH

SAMHSA

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

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE

24/7 CALL, TEXT, CHAT



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

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

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

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

**Township offices will be closed Monday September 2nd in observance of Labor 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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