



## **April 2025 - Digital Newsletter**

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**Be advised Schlouch Excavating has been contracted to begin drilling and blasting for the Arbour Green development along Route 662/Old Swede Rd over the next few months.**

**The Township will be given 24-hour notice when blasting is planned. Keep an eye out on Facebook for updates.**

**Any questions or concerns please contact Steve Loomis 610-953-0023.**

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### **Additional Tips:**

- Lock house windows & doors at night or when leaving the house.
    - Close garage doors when leaving the house.
  - Close your blinds and curtains once it is dark outside.
    - Leave front, side, back lights on at night.
    - Secure children's toys to prevent theft.
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**Be sure to secure your recycling and trash the best you can if there is wind or rain in the forecast.**

**The Township has recycling bins with lids available at no cost that can be picked up M-F between 8am-4:30pm.**

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**The 2025 Public Comment Period for the 12-Year Program (TYP) Update runs through Wednesday, April 30, 2025. The 12-Year Program is a multimodal program of transportation improvements spanning a 12-year period.**

**After this survey closes, the comments for Berks County are also reviewed by Reading MPO Staff. Transportation issues/needs that are identified aid in guiding investment decisions to keep Berks County roads safe and in good condition. The comments are also compiled based on municipality and reported to each.**

**Take Survey Now!**

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# READING AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY FFY 2027-2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2025 PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS

The Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS), the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Berks County, is updating its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP helps direct transportation and land use decisions over a 20-year period. As part of the process, we will be conducting public outreach meetings across Berks County to review the goals and objectives, discuss currently planned projects, and discuss existing and future transportation issues and needs. Your participation will provide valuable insight on the condition of Berks County's transportation system and help guide the development of the LRTP.

## WE WANT YOUR INPUT!



## PUBLIC MEETINGS

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, SEVEN (7) IN PERSON MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND TWO (2) VIRTUAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD:

### **CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY OF READING**

**WED, APRIL 2 • 6PM-7PM**  
815 Washington Street, Reading

### **TILDEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**WED, APRIL 16 • 6PM-7PM**  
874 Hex Highway, Hamburg

### **CUMRU TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**THURS, APRIL 24 • 6PM-7PM**  
1775 Welsh Road, Mohnton

### **CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**TUES, MAY 13 • 6PM-7PM**  
3307 Main Street, Morgantown

### **WOMELSDORF BOROUGH HALL**

**MON, APRIL 14 • 6PM-7PM**  
101 West High Street, Womelsdorf

### **COLEBROOKDALE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**TUES, APRIL 22 • 6PM-7PM**  
765 West Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown

### **MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**TUES, APRIL 29 • 6PM-7PM**  
1 Quarry Road, Blandon

### **VIRTUAL MEETINGS\***

**WED, APRIL 23  
11 AM-12 PM**

**THURS, MAY 1  
6PM-7PM**

*\*Registration is required to  
receive the link to participate  
in the Virtual Meetings*

*Registration link:  
<https://arccg.is/0f9010>*



The Reading MPO is committed to compliance with nondiscrimination statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies applicable to the programs and activities it administers. We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage and participate fully. To request accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact **Michael Golembiewski** at (610) 478-6300 or [planning@berkspa.gov](mailto:planning@berkspa.gov) at least 72 hours before the scheduled event. The MPO will attempt to honor requests made after this time as it is able.



**Bills can be paid Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm at the Township Office located at 2004 Weavertown Rd. Payments can be put in the drop box 24/7 located at the Township office.**

**The discount period ends April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Tax Collector will be in until 7pm on April 30<sup>th</sup> accepting payments.**

**If you want a receipt showing your taxes were paid you must enclose/bring in the top and bottom portion of your tax bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment (if mailing).**

**Pay Taxes Online!**

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## Eligibility

This program supports Pennsylvania homeowners and renters who meet the following criteria.

### Age Criteria

- 65 and older

### Income Criteria

- Widows and widowers 50 and older
- People with disabilities 18 and older
- In addition to the age requirements, to qualify for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate, your household income must be \$46,520 or less annually.

## Application Deadline

**Applications for the 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebates are due by June 30, 2025.** Under Pennsylvania law, the Department of Revenue evaluates the program before the June 30 deadline every year. If extra funds are available, the deadline is extended to December 31. Applications postmarked by that date will be accepted for processing.

**Apply Here!**

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## **Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Assistance at Boyertown Area Multi-Service**



Senator Pennycuik's office will be providing in-person assistance for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program at the Boyertown Area Multi-Service (The Center at Spring Street), located at 200 W. Spring Street, Boyertown.

This assistance will be available every Thursday from March 13 to April 20<sup>th</sup>.

To schedule an appointment please call the Red Hill office at 215-541-2388.


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# EXPLORE BHC BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

**FREE! 4.3.25 | 5-8PM**



Light  
refreshments  
will be served!

Embark on an exclusive journey with the Berks History Center's Behind the Scenes Tour on Thursday, April 3rd, from 5 PM to 8 PM. This unique opportunity invites you to explore the hidden corners and storage areas of the BHC's museum, revealing the fascinating artifacts and objects not currently on exhibit. Discover the secret rooms and gain insights into the exciting plans we have in store to revitalize and enhance the museum experience. Learn how you can support this inspiring initiative! Best of all, this tour is free of charge! Tours run every 15 minutes, but pre-registration is required to secure your spot.

Visit [berkshistory.org](http://berkshistory.org) to reserve your place and be part of this captivating experience. We look forward to welcoming you!

**The Historical Society of Berks County**  
**940 Centre Ave - Reading, PA 19601**

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**Monarch Fire Company Steak & Shrimp**

**Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm**

**50 Pennsylvania Ave Douglassville, PA 19518**

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**St. Paul's UCC in Amityville, 1979 Weavertown Road, Douglassville,  
PA 19518**

**NEW - Spring Ham Supper!**

**Saturday April 5th 3 pm -7 pm**

**Adults \$15, Children \$8, Tots Eat Free. Take out \$15.**

**"Now Serving Ham"! A full buffet with our famous potato filling,  
pepper cabbage, and sides.**

**Ham and Bean Soup, pie, and coffee served at your table.**

**Handicapped accessible. Assistance with the buffet is available.**



**Also, our famous White Elephant Sale (Indoor Yard Sale)**

**Friday April 4th 8 am - 4 pm**

**Saturday April 5th from 8 am - TBD**

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# **Daniel Boone Optimist Club 28th Annual Spring Craft Show**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Daniel Boone Middle School**

1845 Weavertown Road  
Douglassville, PA 19518

**Quality Handcrafted Items \* Over 100 Crafters**

**Free Admission \* Free Parking \* Refreshments \* Raffle**

Additional Information: [www.danielbooneoptimist.com](http://www.danielbooneoptimist.com)  
Email: [DBCraftShow@gmail.com](mailto:DBCraftShow@gmail.com)  
Phone: Lydia 610-639-1439





Hop on down the bunny trail to the Carousel at Pottstown! Join us for our 6th annual Easter Bunny event. Come for free photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny and take a spin on the Carousel. Love cute and cuddly farm animals? Come hug and feed a baby cow from Quiet Farms for \$7.

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## Monocacy Hill Conservation Association



WALK IN THE WOODS - SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - 1:30 PM



**WILDFLOWER WALKS**  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 1:30 PM  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - 1:30 PM





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Daniel Boone Optimist Club with help from Community Connections-Berk, Inc.

# Easter Egg Hunt

Ages 0-10 years

**Saturday April 12, 2025, 1:00 p.m.**

(Raindate: Sunday April 13)

Amity Community Park  
2004 Weavertown Road  
Douglassville, PA 19518

**Candy \* Prizes \* Fun**

**And a visit from the Easter Bunny!**

Like Us on Facebook

Visit: [www.danielbooneoptimist.com](http://www.danielbooneoptimist.com)





# SEED LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY APRIL 12 10-12PM



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Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM EDT

## Seed Library Open House

129 N Mill St, Birdsboro, PA, United States, Pennsylvania 19508

**Join us for the Grand Opening of our Seed Library!**

**Come learn how to use the seed library and why it's an important resource for our community.**

**Enjoy a short reading from our Community Read book from Longwood Gardens.**

**Plant your own sunflower seeds.**

**AND play plant bingo! With prizes varying from house plants to Longwood Garden Tickets.**

**No registration required, Everyone is WELCOME!**

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# BERKS COUNTY

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

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

**APRIL 12, 2025 (8:00 AM – NOON)**  
**GOVERNOR MIFFLIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
**600 GOVERNOR DRIVE**  
**SHILLINGTON, PA. 19607**

### WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Household Hazardous Waste is any household product which is labeled:

CAUTION	DANGER
FLAMMABLE	EXPLOSIVE
TOXIC	WARNING
CORROSIVE	EXPLOSIVE
POISON	VOLATILE

or a combination of these characteristics. Look for warning or skull and crossbones on label. Use this list to identify and collect hazardous products which are no longer usable or wanted. Select a product suited for the job at hand but buy only what you can use entirely.

### WHY COLLECT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

These collection days are intended to provide Berks County residents with a responsible way to dispose of old, unusable and unwanted hazardous products. Putting them in the trash or down the drain contributes to the pollution of our air and drinking waters.

### HOW TO BRING MATERIALS TO OUR COLLECTION SITE?

- Do not mix the materials
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger containers
- Bring all materials in original containers with labels, if possible.
- If not in original labeled container, please label container used

### 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

### DO NOT BRING

- Latex Paint will not be accepted \*
- Joint & Caulking Compound
- Organic Peroxides
- Gas Cylinders
- Explosives & Ammunition
- Radioactive Waste
- Infectious or Medical Waste
- Water based sealants

\* Allow materials to dry and discard with regular trash.  
Empty containers should be placed out with your regular trash.

**BERKS COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**April 12, 2025**

**Governor Mifflin Intermediate School**  
**600 Governor Drive**  
**Shillington, Pa. 19607**

**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Rain or Shine**

**TO REGISTER GO TO**

**[www.countyofberks.com/swa](http://www.countyofberks.com/swa)**

#### **Instructions**

- All waste must be in trunk of car or bed of truck.
- Stay in your vehicle at all times

**Register Here!**





Join us for a delightful celebration at the Berks History Center's Easter Open House Event on Saturday, April 12, from 11 AM to 4 PM. This family-friendly event is sure to bring joy and excitement to visitors of all ages as we embrace the vibrant traditions of Easter. Color your own Easter eggs, see our authentic PA German Egg Tree and visit with the Easter Bunny!

**The Historical Society of Berks County**  
**940 Centre Ave - Reading, PA 19601**

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Scouting America  
**Troop 597**  
**Amityville**



**ALL YOU CAN EAT**



Also separate bake sales  
inside & outside  
the building

Adults (11 and up)

**\$10.00**

Ages 10 and under

**\$5.00**

Tickets available from  
any Troop 597 scout  
or at the door

Scan for link to information



**Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**7:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

**St Paul's UCC, 1979 Weavertown Rd, Douglassville**

**[www.troop597.org](http://www.troop597.org)**



# EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Paul's UCC Amityville

1979 Weavertown Road, Douglassville

Date: Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Rain or Shine

Time: 11:00 - ages 0-2  
11:15 - ages 3-4  
11:30 - ages 5, 6, 7  
11:45 - ages 8, 9, 10

Children of the community thru age 10 are welcome  
Bring your own basket, bag, or bucket

**Don't miss your photo op with the Easter Bunny!**

***Come early for Scouting America Troop 597  
Pancake breakfast and bake sale***

Sponsored by:  
St. Paul's UCC Amityville  
Amity Fire Company





## Easter Festivities at the Reading Museum



### Pictures with the Easter Bunny

**April 19 | 9-11am**

The Reading Public Museum will open its doors early on Saturday, April 19, for guests to hop on down the bunny trail! Zerbe Photography will be taking photos of guests with the Easter Bunny. Wander through the rest of The Museum to visit our craft stations and complete an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win a prize. All crafts are available while supplies last.

Pre-registrations are required to guarantee a photo with the Easter Bunny.

### **Pricing:**

**Museum Members - \$3 per child and Adults FREE**

**RSD Families - \$3 per child and Adults are FREE**

**Non-Members - Adults \$10/ Children \$6/ Children 3 and Under FREE/  
Seniors, Students, and Military \$6**

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# Community Paper Shredding Event

## April 19, 2025

Residents of Berks County ONLY (No Businesses)

Registration Required

(CLICK HERE TO REGISTER)

Governor Mifflin Intermediate School  
600 Governor Drive  
Shillington, Pa. 19607

8:00 AM – Noon

**Register Here!**

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## Community Shredding Event



Amity Township Crime Watch  
and

**thrivent**

Five Pillars Financial Group

Saturday, April 26 (Rain or Shine)

9:00 A.M. to Noon

Redner's Parking Lot

Douglassville, PA



Open to residents and local businesses in Douglassville and surrounding areas. Shredding is done by ProShred Security of Paoli. **Donations** accepted to help defray the cost of the shredding truck.

[www.amitytwpcrimewatch.org](http://www.amitytwpcrimewatch.org)

Carolyn – 610-385-3543

[www.proshred.com](http://www.proshred.com)

484-323-2100

Help stop identity theft-shred your outdated documents!

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DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP

POLICE IS HOSTING

Come out and meet our local first responders from  
Amity Twp., Eastern Berks Regional and West  
Pottsgrove Police and Fire Departments.



# BOWLING & LASER TAG



**SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2025**



**5:00 PM-8:00 PM**



**JAY LANES  
1428 BEN FRANKLIN  
HWY,  
DOUGLASSVILLE**

*COME JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING!*

YOU GET TO MEET, GREET, AND BOWL OR PLAY LASER TAG WITH  
THE POLICE OFFICERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!



**Call Today to Reserve  
Your Spot! 610-323-2434**



**FREE EVENT**







# AMITY FIRE CO. CARNIVAL

RIDES, FOOD AND GAMES!!!

47 PINE FORGE RD

APRIL 30TH - MAY 4TH

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# Monocacy Hill Conservation Association



HAPPENING AT THE HILL  
THIS SPRING.....



## SPRING OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY MAY 4 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





# Monocacy Kids

Our youth nature program, now in its 5th year, is offering activities for children 4-6 years old. These are the subjects for 2025.

Birds- MAY

Animals - JUNE

Insects - JULY

Native Americans -AUGUST

Camping - SEPTEMBER

Trees- OCTOBER



Watch for upcoming dates and details  
or contact [sswanson511@gmail.com](mailto:sswanson511@gmail.com).





## **Real ID to be in Effect on May 7<sup>th</sup>**




**Beginning May 7, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license/identification card or other federally acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board domestic commercial flights or enter a military installation or federal facility that requires ID.**

**To get a REAL ID, you must bring your documents to a driver licensing center for verification in person. Learn about the specific items that are required to be issued a REAL ID. The website also offers the option to pre-verify online if your documents are already on file with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.**

**REAL ID is optional. It is not required to drive, vote, access hospitals, visit the post office, access federal courts or apply for or receive federal benefits.**

**[Click for more information!](#)**

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**Daniel Boone Optimist Club**

Ages: K through 5th Grade      24th Annual      Bring a rod and bait

**Trout Rodeo**

**Free Event**      Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.      **Prizes**  
(Severe Weather Date: Saturday May 17, 2025)

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

No experience necessary      Help will be available if needed



# Community Yard Sale



## Join Cub Scout Pack 597 and St. Paul's UCC for our Bi-Annual Yard Sale!

Purchase 1 space for \$8 or 2 Spaces for \$12 (spaces are 9.5 ft x 19.5 ft)  
≈ 40 spots available  
Date: May 10th, 2025  
Time: 7 AM to 1 PM  
Rain or Shine

All proceeds benefit Cub Pack 597 and St. Paul's Church  
Address: 1979 Weavertown Road, Douglassville PA, 19518  
Bring the kids, enjoy the park!  
Bake Sale, Lemonade Stand and more!

Donations accepted, If you'd like to donate yard saleable items contact  
the Cub Pack!

Call/Text/Email: Jason Costa (610) 420-0542 (jmc364@gmail.com);  
Rachel Kennedy (609) 735-8308 (rachelkomes@yahoo.com)



# Douglassville Community



**Saturday May 17th - From 8AM to 2PM**

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

**Sign Up Here!**



## Monarch Fire Company 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing



**Fore! Get ready to tee off for a great cause! The Monarch Fire Company is excited to announce its 25th Annual Golf Outing on May 17th, 2025, at 8:00 AM.**

**Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition as we raise funds to support our brave firefighters and the vital services they provide to our community. This milestone event promises to be bigger and better than ever, with exciting prizes, delicious food, and plenty of opportunities to connect with fellow golf enthusiasts and community members.**

**Whether you're a seasoned pro or a casual player, your participation will make a difference. So, mark your calendars, gather your foursome, and get ready to swing into action for the Monarch Fire Company!**

**Follow Event Here!**

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# **CAROUSEL CRAFTS AND CRAFTS**

**MAY 17TH 12-4PM**

**30 W King St. Pottstown PA 19464**

**Join us for a Craft Beer and Craft Show hosted at the Carousel!  
Come enjoy some local Craft Beer and shop some amazing local  
Crafters.**

**There will also be Food to purchase, Entertainment, Corn Hole,  
Raffles and of course Carousel Rides!**

**This event is Rain or Shine.**

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# BIRDSBORO STREET FAIR & DUCK DERBY

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**SATURDAY, MAY 31ST, 2025 | 9 AM TO 4:00 PM**

*MAIN BIRD PARK, BIRDSBORO, PA*

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**ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, ACTIVITIES, & MORE!**

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**FREE  
ENTRY**



**CASH  
PRIZES**

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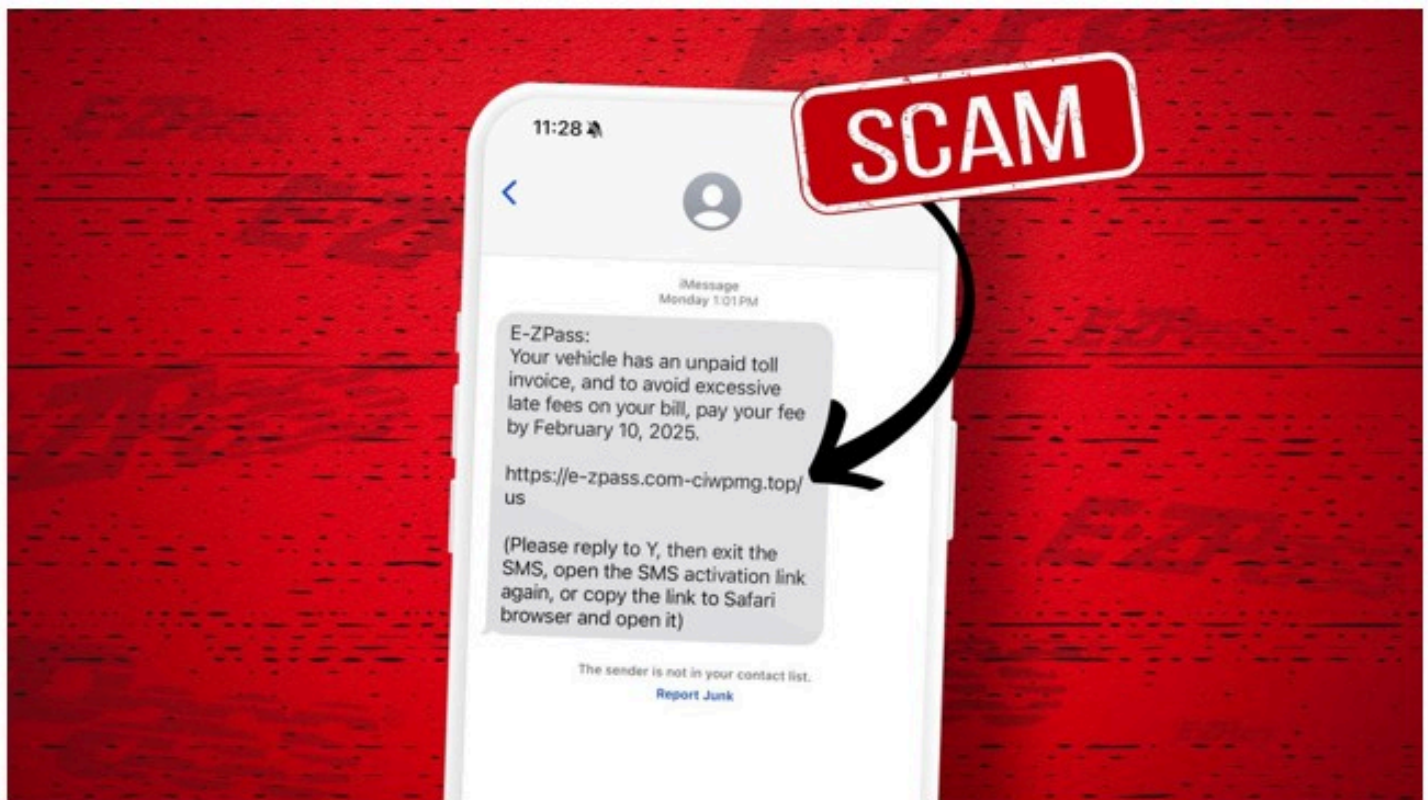




**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Rain Date - Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**





**The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) says this texting scam is trying to both steal smartphone users' money while also phishing for their information, but the fraudsters are not being very selective with their targets.**

**The FTC has 3 tips to secure your data after receiving a suspicious text:**

- Don't click on any links or respond to a suspicious text.**
  - Check the number to see if the text is legit. Reach out to the state's tolling agency using a verified phone number or website — not the one from the text.**
  - Report and delete unwanted text messages. Use your phone's 'report junk' option to report unwanted texts or forward the message to 7726 (SPAM).**
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#### **Email/Text Phishing Scams:**

- **Phishing:** The email lures the victims into the scam with a variety of ruses such as enticing victims with a phony tax refund or threatening them with false legal or criminal charges for tax fraud.
- **Smishing:** A text or smartphone SMS message where scammers often use alarming language such as, "Your account has now been put on hold," or "Unusual Activity Report," with a bogus "Solutions" link to restore the recipient's account.

#### **Bad social media advice:**

- Another growing concern in 2025 continues with social media platforms routinely circulate inaccurate or misleading tax information, including TikTok where people share wildly inaccurate tax advice.

#### **Ghost tax return preparers:**

- Most tax preparers provide outstanding professional service. However, people should be careful of shady tax professionals and watch for common warning signs, including charging a fee based on the size of the refund. A major red flag or bad sign is when the tax preparer is unwilling to sign the return. Taxpayers should never sign a blank or incomplete return.
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Thursday, April 10th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00PM - Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors

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

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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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