



July 2025 - Digital Newsletter



Paul Miller's Law, effective June 5, 2025, prohibits Pennsylvania drivers from holding any handheld electronic devices, including cellphones, while driving. This law aims to reduce distracted driving and increase road safety.

A one-year grace period will follow the law's implementation, during which police will issue warnings instead of fines. Full enforcement, including a \$50 fine for violations will begin in June 2026.



Friendly Reminders:

- Be considerate of neighbors.
- Let neighbors with dogs know if you'll be setting off fireworks.
- Pet owners take extra precautions if possible to avoid pets running off.

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.



KEEP A BUCKET OF WATER OR GARDEN HOSE NEARBY IN CASE OF FIRE

WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES AVAILABLE IN THE OPTICAL SHOP

NOTIFY ANY VETERANS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IF FIREWORKS ARE GOING TO BE USED — HELP PREVENT PTSD

ENJOY PROFESSIONAL FIREWORK PRESENTATIONS — DON'T DO IT YOURSELF

NEVER LET CHILDREN PLAY WITH FIREWORKS OF ANY TYPE — INCLUDING SPARKLERS

DON'T PICK UP A FIREWORK AFTER IT'S LIT - IT COULD LOOK LIKE A DUD BUT MAY NOT ACT LIKE ONE

SHOULD YOU INJURE YOUR EYE, MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE AND DO THE FOLLOWING:

★ ★ SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY ★ ★

- DO NOT RUB THE EYE. THIS MAY MAKE THE INJURY WORSE**
- DO NOT APPLY OINTMENTS OR TAKE PAIN MEDICATIONS**
- DO NOT APPLY PRESSURE TO THE EYE**
- DO NOT REMOVE OBJECTS FROM THE EYE**

SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE A BURN, MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE BY DOING THE FOLLOWING:

★ SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR SERIOUS INJURY ★

- REMOVE ANYTHING ON THE BODY THAT CAN HOLD IN HEAT**
- COOL THE BURN 3-5 MIN IN COOL (NOT COLD) WATER**
- DO NOT USE ICE, VITAMIN E OR OTHER HOME REMEDIES**
- APPLY TRIPLE ANTIBIOTIC & COVER WITH GAUZE**



Sensory Friendly Fireworks

500 Museum Rd, Reading, PA 19611



As we celebrate Independence Day, the Neag Planetarium is proud to host this event, which is great for all ages who may need a calmer firework experience. This indoor display will feature stunning graphics in the state-of-the-art planetarium dome accompanied by patriotic music. You can even bring your own blankets to sit on the floor of the Neag Planetarium dome! Crafts will also be provided for those who need a break at any point during the show. Each show runs about an hour in length. **PLEASE leave any objects that produce flashing lights or noises at home.**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

We will be hosting this event across two nights this year!

July 2

5:30pm & 7pm

July 3

4 pm, 5:30pm & 7pm



Friendly reminder the Daniel Boone Area School District Real Estate and Per Capita tax bills are mailed July 1st.

If you do not receive your tax bill by mid-July, reach out to Keystone Collections Group directly at 412-927-3635.

Amity Township nor Amity Township Tax Collector are not responsible for the school taxes.

[Pay Online](#)



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 unless you cannot reach us.

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.

Please...

DO NOT FLUSH

- "Flushable" wipes, baby wipes, cleaning wipes, etc.
- Feminine products of any kind
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Trash

Hair, grease or excess of some liquid products (such as hair products or body washes) down drains can lead to build up over time and cause clogs as well. Do your part to keep our sewer system clear of clogs.

Never leave your child alone in a car.



Your car heats up faster than you think. Help reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to ACT.

A: Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.

C: 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.

T: Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911.

**SAFE
KIDS**
WORLDWIDE
safekids.org

- A child's body temperature rises 3 to 5 times faster than an adult.
- Heatstroke begins when the core body temperature reaches about 104 degrees. Death occurs at a core body temperature of 107 or above.
- In 2024, 39 children died of heatstroke in vehicles - up 35% from 2023.

NEVER LEAVE A CHILD OR PET IN THE CAR EVEN 68° IS TOO HOT!



Signs of Heatstroke in Dogs:

- Rapid pulse
- Hard panting, red tongue/lips
 - Vomiting & diarrhea
 - Weakness & tremors

It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!



A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.



Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are **most at risk** for overheating.



Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.



Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

ASPCA

If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! **Stay by the car until assistance arrives.**



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 House Check Form](#)

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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**Streetlight out?
Neighbor's grass high?**

Click the link below to file a property maintenance complaint, report a streetlight out, park vandalism/broken equipment, or potholes.

Complaint Form

Monocacy Hill Conservation Association



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.

Insects - JULY

Native Americans - AUGUST

Camping - SEPTEMBER

Trees- OCTOBER



Watch for upcoming dates and details or contact sswanson511@gmail.com.





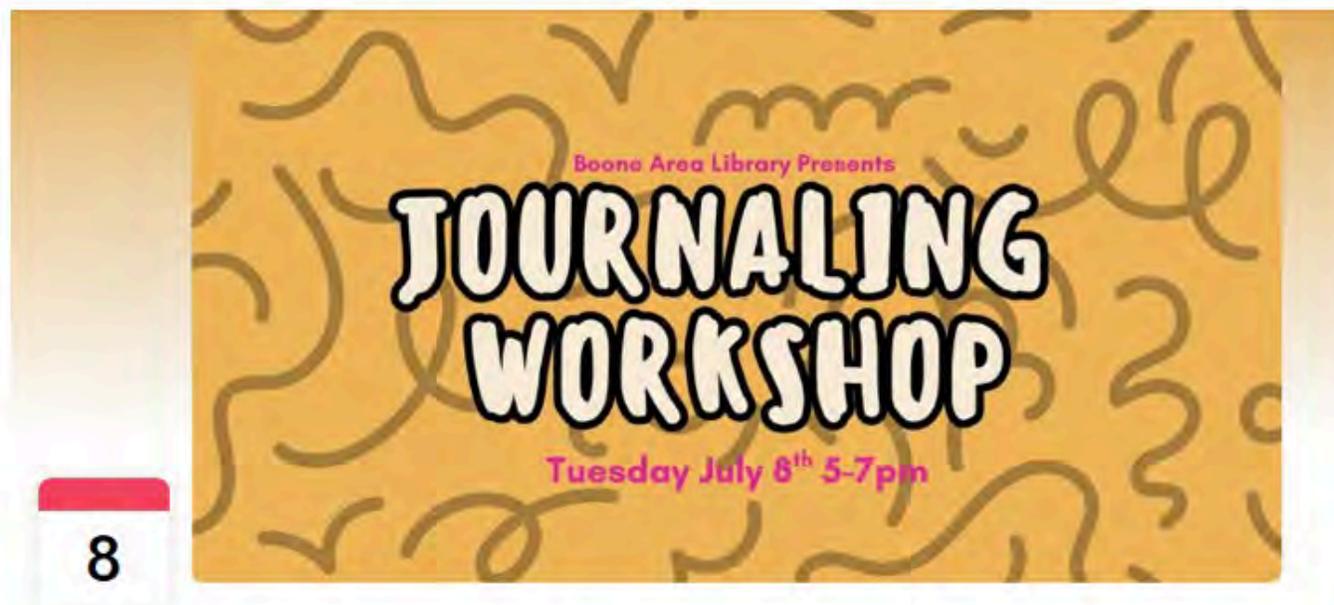
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

FREE MOVIE SCREENING

8-10pm on
7/2, 7/16, 8/6, 8/20

CHIPS

POP CORN



Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM EDT

Journaling Workshop

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

Come in and learn the art of journaling.

Create your own take home journal!

This event is geared for kids 12+

No registration required.



Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 1:30 PM EDT

Move with Martial Arts

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

Engage in learning efficient movements through the practice of Okinawan karate.

Class led by Mrs. Karen Logue.

No registration required.

SMORES n'More

AT THE
pool



7/11, 8/08
8:00 - 10:00 PM

Join us for a late
night swim and
s'mores!



Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM EDT

Movie Morning - Dog Man

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

Join us in the Community Room for a showing of "Dog Man" and for some free popcorn!



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Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM EDT

Cat Yoga

8520 Allentown Pike, Suites 13 & 14, Blandon, PA, United States, Pennsylvania 19510

Join us for a cat yoga session on July 15th at 6:30pm! We only have 12 spots, so you must book ahead on our website if you'd like to attend!

You can also enjoy some freshly made treats in the café or pick up some house plants.

All cats are available for adoption.

[Register Here!](#)



Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 7:30 PM EDT

Bat Count at French Creek State Park

French Creek State Park

Join Miss Amber and Park Ranger Jared for a NIGHTTIME Bat Count! Meet us at the Park Office, please bring bug spray, chairs, and water. This event is open to everyone!



Friday, July 18, 2025, at 10:15am-11:15am

Boone Library - 129 N Mill St, Birdsboro, PA 19508

RITA'S TASTE TEST

SATURDAY JULY 19TH 2-3 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - SPACE IS LIMITED

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Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM EDT

Rita's Taste Test

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

**Come in to taste test water ice flavors from Rita's.
Help us rate and score the flavors from best to worst!
Registration is required, and space is limited.**

**Email Miss Amber at youthlibrarian@boonelibrary.org
or register at the circulation desk.**



**MEGA PINTS FOR PUPS
JULY 19 | 5 - 9 PM**

**HUMANE PENNSYLVANIA'S
DANIELLE RUIZ-MURPHY
DOG PARK
BIRDSBORO, PA**

503 South Center Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508

VIP Ticket - \$75.00

Includes - 75+ samples of beer, wine, and mixed drinks, access to the VIP area with free, full pours, meal voucher for one of the food trucks, commemorative Pints for Pups glass and poster! **VIP tickets are only for those over the age of 21.**

General Admission Ticket - \$40.00

Includes - 75+ samples of beer, wine, and mixed drinks, and a commemorative Pints for Pups glass! **General admission tickets are only for those over the age of 21.**

Designated Driver Ticket - \$20.00

Includes - access to our mocktail bar with a variety of alcohol-free drinks, and a commemorative sample glass! This ticket is also perfect for any under the age of 21!

Tickets Available Here!



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Hosts...

MARK KISTLER'S

Summer Art Camp



July 21-25, 2025

Students will "Draw! Draw! Draw!" with Emmy Award winning PBS television artist Mark Kistler! Over the last 40 years Mark Kistler has taught millions of students the joy of drawing in 3-D. His PBS children's art television series, "The Secret City," and "The Imagination Station," and over 1 million of his best selling how-to-draw books have inspired generations of artists. He can teach your children too! Learning to draw in 3-D builds powerful thinking skills and launches imagination! Register NOW for 5-Days of awesome, 3-D drawing adventures for only \$99! Our turbo-fun imagination launching drawing adventures include: Batmobile, Space Kitties, Curious Mice, Toothy Dragon, Flying Pigs, and so much MORE!

Times: M-F, Pacific Time Zone

Session A: 9:00 am - 10:00 am (Ages 6-8)

Session B: 10:15 am - 11:15 am (Ages 8-14)

Session C: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Ages 8-14)

Session D: 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm (Ages 8-14)

Session E: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (NEW Seniors Workshop Series,

"Drawing on Memory" Exclusively for adults ages 55+)

Session F: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm (All ages, Family Art Night)



**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
1979 Weavertown Rd.
Douglassville, PA 19518
www.MarkKistler.com**



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Friday, July 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM EDT

Circus Arts

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

Class led by Tara "T-Dog" Turgeon.

**Learn and explore the different arts of the circus,
from juggling to balancing!**

This program is open to everyone!

No registration required!



Hogwarts Murder Mystery at Ridgewood Winery

2039 Philadelphia Ave, Birdsboro, PA 19508

Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 3pm-5pm.

It's not your traditional murder mystery. Adapted and written by Jo Mercer, this fun and super interactive event will keep you haunting the rooms at Ridgewood Winery!

Non-refundable tickets include Light fare, non-alcoholic beverages, game prizes, and a family fun mystery event! In addition to this fun interactive mystery, we will have a Hogwarts Contest and the winner will receive a gift card for the winery. So wear your favorite Hogwarts outfits.

Family-friendly, but still a blast... bring the whole family and figure out who done it this year at Ridgewood Winery! Sign up via our website.

Tickets Available Here!



Squeegee Art Night
JULY 31ST 5-7 PM

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Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM EDT

Squeegee Art Night
129 N Mill St, Birdsboro, PA, United States, Pennsylvania 19508

Come into the Community room to create your own squeegee art canvas!

Registration is required, space is limited. Email Miss Amber at youthlibrarian@boonelibrary.org or sign up at the circulation desk. This event is open to all ages!

**SATURDAY AUGUST 2ND
5PM TO 10PM**

**PARKING IS
FREE**

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
10PM

**COME SEE OVER 30
LOCAL EMERGENCY APPARATUS,
HOT AIR BALLOONS, LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS & BUSINESSES**



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AND NOW...BEER GARDEN**



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St. Paul's Annual Peach Festival

Saturday August 16, 2025

3 - 8 pm Rain or Shine

**Food, Peaches, Pies, Ice Cream,
Entertainment and Games**





Peach Festivals

Saturdays, August 2, 9, & 16
9am – 4pm

Celebrate Sweet & Juicy Peaches...the favorite summer fruits at Brecknock Orchard with your family and friends!

Brecknock Orchard - 390 Orchard Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540

Pick Your Own Peaches

- Containers Available
- Over 10 acres of peaches
- Free Wagon Ride to the peach orchard

Crafts for Children | 2 for \$7

- Make a Fruit Ice Pop
- Make Peach Scented Playdough

Create Your Own Peach Parfait | \$6 each or 2 for \$10

Preserve Your Own Pint of Peaches By Canning | \$18 each or 2 for \$30

- Guided step-by-step process from fresh peaches to sealed jar you will take home to enjoy, along with the recipe
- Every hour on the hour 10 am - 3 pm
- Must be at least 18 years old.

Peach Coffee Cake

- Free samples begin at 9 am. Get yours early before it is all gone.

AMITY FIRE COMPANY Golf Tournament

Saturday September 6th, 2025
Blackwood Golf Course

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

Outing includes dinner
and Refreshments

Deadline to Register Friday
August 22nd



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).....\$400
\$100 per Golfer

Checks payable to:
Amity Fire Company

Captain Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Golfer # 2 _____

Golfer # 3 _____ Golfer # 4 _____



Saturday, October 18th

(Rain Date - Sunday, October 19th)

Opens at Noon

- Food trucks
 - Live music
 - Bounce park
 - Beer tent
 - Fireworks @ 7pm
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Medication Disposal



Drop your unwanted or expired prescription or over-the-counter medication off for proper disposal at our Township building located at 2004 Weavertown Road M-F between 8:30am-4:30pm.

Eyeglasses are accepted by the police secretary for the Lions Club.

Liquid medications and sharps are not permitted to be disposed of at our location.

Per the DEA, labels may remain, but please remove names, phone numbers or other personal identifiers. The DEA wants to know what drugs are in the bottles.

Do

- Immediately place used needles and other sharps in a sharps disposal container to reduce the risk of needle-sticks, cuts, or punctures from loose sharps.
- Use an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, if possible. If an FDA-cleared container isn't available, some organizations and community guidelines recommend using a heavy-duty plastic household container (i.e. laundry detergent container) as an alternative.
- Make sure that if a household disposal container is used, it has the basic features of a good disposal container. (See box at right for more info.)
- Be prepared — carry a portable sharps disposal container for travel.
- Follow your community guidelines for getting rid of your sharps disposal container.
- Call your local trash or public health department (listed in the county and city government section of your phone book) to find out about sharps disposal programs in your area.
- Ask your health care provider, veterinarian, local hospital or pharmacist
 - where and how you can obtain an FDA-cleared sharps disposal container,
 - if they can dispose of your used needles and other sharps, or
 - if they know of safe disposal programs near you.
- Keep all needles and other sharps and sharps disposal containers out of reach of children and pets.



All sharps disposal containers should be:

- made of a heavy-duty plastic;
- able to close with a tight-fitting, puncture-proof lid, without sharps being able to come out;
- upright and stable during use;
- leak-resistant; and
- properly labeled.

Don't

- Throw needles and other sharps into the trash.
- Flush needles and other sharps down the toilet.
- Put needles and other sharps in your recycling bin — they are not recyclable.
- Try to remove, bend, break, or recap needles used by another person. This can lead to accidental needle sticks, which may cause serious infections.
- Attempt to remove the needle without a needle clipper device because the needles could fall, fly off, or get lost and injure someone.

Best Way to Get Rid of Used Needles and Other Sharps:

Step 1: Place all needles and other sharps in a sharps disposal container immediately after they have been used.

Step 2: Dispose of used sharps disposal containers according to your community guidelines.

For more information visit, www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal.

The filing deadline for the 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) program has been extended to December 31, 2025.

The PTRR program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who meet one of the following criteria: age 65 or older; widows and widowers age 50 or older; and people with disabilities age 18 or older. Applicants must reapply every year since rebates are based on annual income and the property taxes or rent paid during the prior year.



The standard rebate amount received depends on income for 2024:

- Income from \$0 to \$8,270 qualifies for up to \$1,000.
- Income from \$8,271 to \$15,510 qualifies for up to \$770.
- Income from \$15,511 to \$18,610 qualifies for up to \$460.
- Income from \$18,611 to \$46,520 qualifies for up to \$380.

Apply Here!



There may be a surge in spotted lanternflies this year after the population previously experienced a significant decline, experts warn.

While lanternflies pose a serious risk to plants and crops, they are not a danger to humans or animals, experts say.

The insect does not sting, bite or transmit disease.

If you would like circle traps or sticky bands, contact the Berks County Conservation District at 610-372-4657 to arrange for pickup at the Berks County Conservation District office at 1238 County Welfare Road, Suite G200, Leesport.



Thursday, July 10th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

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

Wednesday, July 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

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