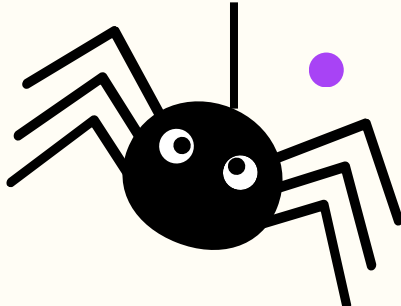




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General Reminders

- **Water will be turned off at all park bathrooms on Thursday Oct. 28th.** Restrooms will remain open at Butch Boyer Memorial Pavilion. Please keep sidewalks clear of basketball nets, trees, shrubs or other obstructions.

Fall Leaf Collection will start Nov. 9th. Last collection will be the week of Dec. 1st. Be mindful that leaf collection is dependent on weather.

- Place leaves along the curb, not the street. Leaves should be raked into neat piles.
- Do not park vehicles on or in front of leaf piles. This blocks access for our vacuum trucks.
- Only leaves, please. Do not include branches, sticks, rocks or other debris in the leaf piles. These materials can clog or damage the equipment.



Upcoming Events

- Harvest Fest – Sat. Oct. 17th
from noon–7pm
- DB Halloween Parade – Tues.
Oct. 20th at 6:30pm
- Trick or Treat Night – Sat. Oct.
31st at 5pm

Office Closures

Election Day: Tues. Nov. 3rd

Veteran's Day: Wed. Nov. 11th

**Thanksgiving Holiday:
Thurs. Nov. 26th & Fri. Nov. 27th**



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Harvest/Freedom Fest Wristbands

Harvest Fest wristbands will be available for \$5 each starting Mon. Oct. 5th at the Township office M-F 8am-4pm.

LAST DAY for pre-sales will be Thurs. Oct. 15th. After Oct. 15th, bands will be available at Harvest Fest for \$10.

WRISTBANDS ARE NEEDED FOR THE BOUNCE PARK ONLY.

The Daniel Boone Optimist Club

Craft Market

At the Amity Township Harvest/Freedom Festival

Featuring Crafters and Direct Sales Vendors





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Harvest Festival

OCTOBER 17TH
AMITY COMMUNITY PARK



**SCAN
FOR
DETAILS!**

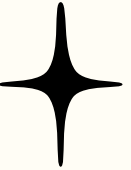




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CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17

DANIEL BOONE MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL FEST
1845 WEAVER TOWN ROAD, DOUGLASSVILLE

12:00PM-4:00PM

For a free appointment call 610-689-6002 Option 7 or stop by!

**Are You
Using It
Right?**

Find out for sure!



*Sponsored by: Amity Township Police Department
and the Daniel Boone Middle School*





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After careful consideration of the current and future needs, the 2027 budget includes a sewer rate increase.

The rate is increasing from \$201/qtr. to \$236/qtr. as previously planned when the sewer plant expansion began in 2022. The rate increase will go into effect with the January 1, 2027 billing.

The Township understands this is not ideal, but if you need assistance we will work with you the best we can.



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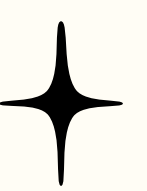
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PROJECT COMPLETE!

The tennis courts at Amity Community Park have received a much needed upgrade including new LED lighting, timers, and resurfaced courts.

The Township would like to recognize and thank Senator Tracy Pennycuick and the United States Tennis Association (USTA) for helping make this project happen.





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Leaf Collection

Fall Leaf Collection will start Nov. 9th. Last collection will be Dec. 1st. Be mindful that leaf collection is dependent on weather. Leaf collection will be finished by Dec. 11th, or with the first major snowfall.

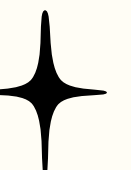
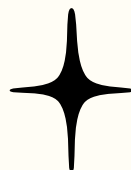
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Yardwaste Collection – The Road Crew will be around the week of November 23rd, 24th, and 25th, BY REQUEST ONLY. Please complete the form on the Township website by November 16th to have your yard waste picked up.

Form: <https://www.jotform.com/build/252544724667162>

Yard waste should be bundled, tied, or placed in brown paper bags, no larger than 2'x2' and weighing no more than 20 pounds. NO PLASTIC BAGS.

Call 610-953-0046 with any questions and follow the Township Facebook page for status updates.





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LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS

**DEVELOPMENTS ARE LISTED IN THE
ORDER OF HOW COLLECTION IS HANDLED**

ZONE 1

AMITY GARDENS & FAR HILLS FARMS

ZONE 2

WEST RIDGE & GREENBRIAR

ZONE 3

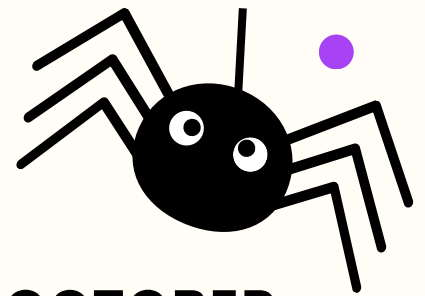
**ROSECLIFF POINTE, HIGH MEADOWS &
CIDER MILL**

ZONE 4

**ALL OTHER AREAS INCLUDING: WOODS EDGE,
SUNSET KNOLL, PLEASANT MEADOWS, YELLOW
HOUSE, WINDING CREEK, LOCUST GROVE,
MONOCACY & COUNTRY LANE**



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Fire Prevention Week™ is October 4-10. "Charge Into Fire Safety™."

**BATTERIES
CAN SPARK
OR EXPLODE**

They don't belong in recycling or trash.



Tape it. Bag it. Drop it.



Tape battery
terminals

OR



Place in a small
zip lock bag



Drop into a battery
recycle box or
provided carton

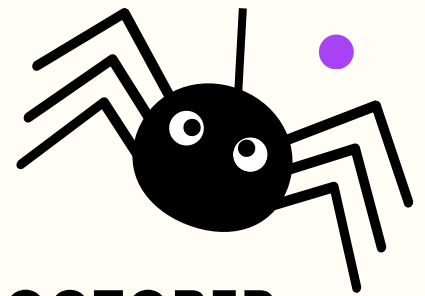
Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries are used in many products such as electronics, toys, wireless headphones, handheld power tools, small and large appliances, electric vehicles, and electrical energy storage systems. If not properly managed at the end of their useful life, they can cause harm to human health or the environment. Lithium-ion batteries and devices containing these batteries should **NOT** go in household garbage or recycling bins.

Lithium-ion batteries **SHOULD** be taken to separate recycling or household hazardous waste collection points.

To prevent fires, tape battery terminals and/or place lithium-ion batteries in separate plastic bags.

Link Lithium Batteries: <https://search.earth911.com/?what=Lithium-ion+Batteries>

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USE YOUR CHARGING SUPERPOWERS



CHEAP CHARGER? DON'T CHANCE IT.

Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.

Why it matters: Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards.



SOFT SURFACE? HARD PASS.

Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk, or bare floor.

Why it matters: Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couches can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.



FEELS HOT? STOP USING IT.

Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds.

Why it matters: A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.



FULLY CHARGED? TIME TO UNPLUG.

Unplug your device when it is fully charged.

Why it matters: Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.



FOR TOOLS AND RIDES, CHARGE OUTSIDE.

Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.

Why it matters: These batteries are larger and store more energy. Fires can grow quickly if the battery fails.



OUT OF SIGHT? NOT IN FLIGHT.

When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device, such as if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell.

Why it matters: If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

— Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan can help make a life-saving difference. —



BATTERY SAFETY STARTS BEFORE YOU PLUG IN

Buy products listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, ETL, or CSA.* Listed products meet important safety standards.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The Leading Information and Knowledge Resource on Fire,
Electrical, and Related Hazards

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*The listing of specific commercial products or services herein is solely for educational purposes and does not imply endorsement by NFPA, nor discrimination against similar services not mentioned.

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SAFETY TIPS

- Use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Read and follow all manufacturer directions.
- Check chargers and cords for damage before using. Never use if damaged.
- Do not use extension cords with the charger.
- Install charging equipment in safe locations. Keep away from busy areas and things that could catch fire.
- Keep charging items out of reach of children and animals when not in use.
- Cover charging station outlet to keep water out.
- Before charging an electric vehicle at home, have a qualified electrician:
 - ~ Check your electrical system to see if it can handle charging.
 - ~ Install a new circuit just for your charging device.

Warning!

- ⚡ Electric vehicles have high voltage batteries.
- ⚡ Battery maintenance should be performed by the manufacturer.
- ⚡ Do not touch the orange high voltage cables.



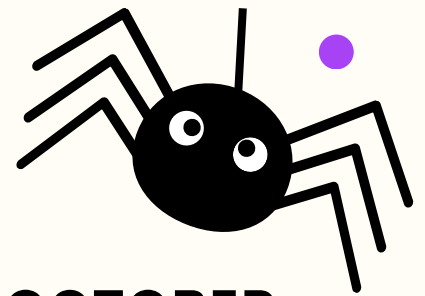
For Level 1 Charging:

- Use the charging cord that came with the electric vehicle.
- Use a standard household plug.
- Make sure charger or outlet has GFCI protection.
- Use only a dedicated circuit to charge.

For Level 2 Charging:

- Use a 240-volt outlet. A qualified electrician needs to install this type of outlet.
- Only use outdoor rated charging stations outdoors.
- Keep cords off the ground.

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The popularity of electric bikes and electric scooters (e-bikes and e-scooters) has taken off over the past few years. Lithium-ion batteries are usually the source of power for both, and if not used correctly, or if damaged, those batteries can catch on fire or explode. Whether you use e-bikes or e-scooters as your main way of getting around, or just for fun, there are important safety tips to keep in mind when charging or storing these devices.

The Problem

- Damaged or defective batteries can over-heat, catch fire, or explode.
- Lithium-ion battery fires give off toxic gases and they burn extremely hot.

Safety Tips

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Only charge one device or device battery at a time to prevent overloading the circuit.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles, and keep them away from children and liquids.

- Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the e-bike or e-scooter if you notice any of these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.



If you see a fire ...



Leave the building immediately.



Don't try to fight the fire.



Call 911.

**LEARN
MORE**

Visit nfpa.org/ebikes



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LIFE STAGES



Lantern Flies

- Egg masses can be found between September and June. These masses can be laid on any surface such as outdoor lighting or furniture, fence posts, vehicle surfaces and tires.
- **Look before you leave!** Inspect yourself and belongings for egg masses, lanternfly nymphs or adults.
- If you find any life stage of lanternfly, destroy them immediately. For egg masses, be sure to crush all eggs evenly.
- All life stages of lanternfly can be placed permanently in a container with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer to destroy them.

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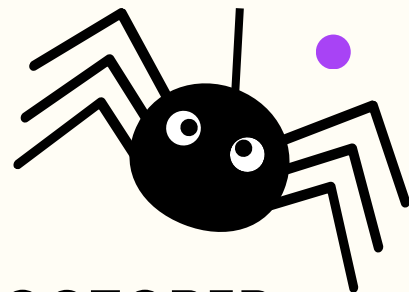


Look before you leave!

- **Vehicle** - bumpers, wheel wells, under/inside vehicle, windshield wiper area
- **Recreational & Camping Items** - backpacks, boats/trailers, campers, ice chests, motor homes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, sports equipment, tarps, tents
- **Children's Playthings** - bikes, scooters, kiddie pools, playhouses, sandboxes, yard games
- **Outdoor Household Items** - barrels, cardboard/wooden boxes, firewood, outdoor furniture/lights, poles, plant containers, fridges/freezers, shutters, sheds, storm/screen doors, windows, trash cans, awnings
- **Building Materials** - bricks, cinder blocks, cement mixing tubs, lumber, pipes, roofing materials, skid steers/forklifts, tools/toolboxes, workbenches, backhoes
- **Yard & Garden Items** - bbq grills, carts, dog houses/rabbit sheds/chicken coops, fencing, garden tools/equipment, lawnmowers, signs/posts



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Berks County Solid Waste Authority

Community Shredding Event

Shredding provided by Shred-it



October 3, 2026

Pre-registration is required to participate

Berks County Ag Center

1238 County Welfare Road

Leesport, Pa. 19533

8:00 AM – Noon

3 boxes per vehicle maximum.

Residents of Berks County are encouraged to bring personal and confidential documents to our shredding event. No need to remove staples.

No Plastic Bags will be accepted. No binders, binder clips, metal or any type of trash. Please make sure that you only bring confidential paper materials for shredding. NO TRASH

Individuals only please. No businesses will be accepted.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States according to the FBI. Approximately 7 million Americans become victims of identity theft each year. Have your personal and confidential documents shredded and recycled.

Help protect yourself and your family from identity theft by having your personal and confidential information shredded, such as:

- Obsolete tax documents
- Bank statements / canceled checks
- Credit card statements and receipts
- Credit card offers
- Financial account statements
- Insurance documents
- All sensitive information: Birthdates, social security numbers, signatures, passwords and Pins
- Legal documents
- Credit reports and histories

For additional information : 610-478-6362 / jmeeks@berkscswa.com
www.countyofberks.com/swa

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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

October 10, 2026

**Berks County Ag Center
1238 County Welfare Road
Leesport, Pa. 19533**

**8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Rain or Shine**

TO REGISTER GO TO

www.countyofberks.com/swa

Instructions

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

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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

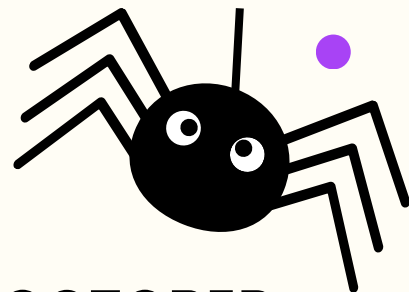


HOUSEHOLD

- Solvents
- Disinfectants
- Rug, Oven & Drain Cleaners
- Button Batteries
- Photographic Chemicals
- Floor & Furniture Polish
- Lithium & NiCad Batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs



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COMING UP IN THE FALL

YOUTH PROGRAMS

FERNS AND MOSSES

Sunday, October 4
1:30 PM

Dr. Susan Munch
will lead a walk to
explore the variety
of ferns and mosses
at the Hill.



CAMPING

SAT, OCTOBER 10
10 AM

Youth programs are free, but
registration is limited to ages
4-7 years old.

Register by emailing
sswanson511@gmail.com.

FOREST HIKES

OCT 18, 1:30 PM

NOV 15, 1:30 PM

DEC 13, 1:30 PM

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 25, 2026
10 AM to 5 PM

Join us at the park for free
drinks and snacks, hikes and
kids activities.



Thanks to the
Douglassville
community and our
community partner,
Kimberton Whole
Foods, for
supporting our work!



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The poster features a dark blue background with a large yellow full moon on the left, a black silhouette of a tree, and a castle on the right. Bats are flying in the sky. At the bottom, there are several glowing jack-o'-lanterns. The text is centered and uses various colors (white, orange, yellow) and fonts to create a festive Halloween theme.

**Daniel Boone
Optimist Club**

PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

**HALLOWEEN
PARADE**

TUESDAY

OCT. 20 | 6:30 PM

(SEVERE WEATHER DATE: TUESDAY, OCT. 27)

**AT AMITY RECREATION
FACILITIES AT LAKE DRIVE**

COSTUME/GROUP/FLOAT CONTEST
REGISTRATION: 5:30 PM TO 6:15 PM

 PRIZES AWARDED	 REFRESHMENTS	 GROUPS AND FLOATS WELCOME	 PET CATEGORY	 MUSIC BY ONE 2 ONE PRODUCTIONS
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**JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR
NIGHT OF COMMUNITY FUN!**

danielbooneoptimistclub@gmail.com

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AMITY FIRE CO.
Douglassville, PA

TRUNK OR TREAT CAR SHOW

CARS TRUCKS SUVS
ALL MAKES & MODELS WELCOME!

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

OCTOBER 24TH
8AM - 12PM

47 PINE FORGE RD.
DOUGLASSVILLE, PA

REGISTRATION OPEN
ALL MAKES & MODELS

AWARDS
• BEST COSTUME
• BEST IN SHOW
• KIDS CHOICE

FOOD & DRINKS ON SITE

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

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~ ST GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ~

HAUNTED & HISTORIC GRAVEYARD TOURS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

Historic & Non-Haunted Tours:

Sat. @ 2pm, 3pm, & 4pm

Haunted Tours:

Fri. & Sat. @ 6:30pm, 7pm,
7:30pm, & 8pm

Historic tours by donation

Haunted tours:

Adults (16+) : \$10

Kids (under 16) : \$8

Enjoy a guided tour through the oldest cemetery in Berks
County and learn new facts about local history!

Take part in some frights with friends while on your journey!

1188 Ben Franklin Hwy
Douglassville PA 19518



St. Gabriel's Douglassville PA

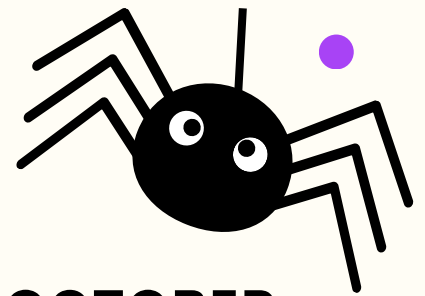


www.stgabriels.us

*Please Note:

This is an active cemetery. Out of respect for those buried, all participants must stay with the tour group and not deviate from the marked path. All involved with the event will be respectful of those at rest.

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ST. PAUL'S UCC AMITYVILLE

5TH ANNUAL CRAFT EVENT

HOMEMADE SOUP & SHOO FLY PIES
FOR PURCHASE • HOT DOGS & CHILI
FOR SALE • COMPLIMENTARY
REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

9AM - 3PM

1979 Weavertown Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518

FREE PARKING, FREE ADMISSION, HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VENDORS
\$25 SPACE, TABLE PROVIDED
EMAIL [ITYPE4EVER@WINDSTREAM.NET](mailto:itype4ever@windstream.net)

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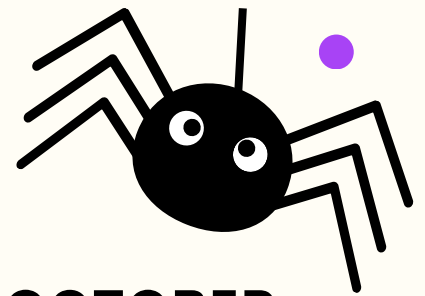
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Fun Facts

- First proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1784 as a way to save energy, although it wasn't implemented until World War I.
- Germany was the first country to officially adopt daylight saving time (DST) in 1916 as a way to conserve electric during the war.
- The US adopted daylight saving time in 1918.
- During World War II, Britain observed double daylight saving time setting clocks 2 hours ahead of standard time.
- Arizona (except for the Navajo Nation) and Hawaii are the only 2 US states that don't observe DST.
- China uses only one time zone (Beijing Time) despite spanning five geographical time zones.

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October
**BREAST
CANCER**
awareness
MONTH



Help prevent breast cancer:

- ✓ Get screened
- ✓ Conduct monthly self exams
- ✓ Exercise & maintain healthy weight
- ✓ Be aware of the symptoms
- ✓ Be your own advocate!

3D SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS



**Reading Hospital
Mobile Mammography Coach
Boone Area Library**
◦ **November 4th**
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*This program is
sponsored by the
Reading Hospital
Foundation.*



Reading Hospital

TOWER HEALTH
Advancing Health. Transforming Lives.

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

To schedule, call 1-833-34-TOWER



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Township Meeting Schedule

Planning Commission meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Board of Supervisors meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Parks & Recreation meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

All meetings start at 7pm at the Municipal Building located at 2004 Weavertown Rd. Douglassville, PA 19518.

Agendas are posted on the Township website prior to each meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- Planning - Oct. 8th at 7pm
- Parks & Rec - Oct. 20th at 7pm
- Board of Supervisors - Oct 21st at 7pm

Contact Info

Amity Township
2004 Weavertown Road
Douglassville, PA 19518
Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm
610-689-6000

