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Recycle Reminders

WEEK OF THANKSGIVING RECYCLING PICKUP:
Tuesday and Wednesday pickup is scheduled for NORMAL pickup.

Thursday pickup is scheduled for Friday November 27th.



Office Closures

- Election Day: Tues. Nov. 3rd
- Veteran's Day: Wed. Nov. 11th
- Thanksgiving Holiday: Thurs. Nov. 26th & Fri. Nov. 27th

Upcoming Events

- Daylight Savings: Sunday Nov. 1st. Turn your clocks back 1 hour.

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Nicholson Avenue construction is complete with the exception of some small areas to be paved. Be mindful of the new 4-way stop at Nicholson Ave & Briarwood Dr.

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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.

- 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.

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.

On the Quick Links Tab of our website:
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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After careful consideration of the current and future needs, the 2027 budget includes a sewer rate increase. Rates are expected to hold steady for a couple years after this upcoming 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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The sewer plant expansion and upgrades are winding down. Over the next couple of months, we will be showcasing the upgrades with pictures and explanations of the new equipment. We hope to explain the need to upgrade/expand the current sewer plant and the sewer rate increases needed to fund this project.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Volunteer with Your Local Fire Companies!

Amity Township Needs You!

Our community depends on the dedicated volunteers who protect our families, homes, businesses, and neighbors. The **Monarch Fire Company** and **Amity Fire Company** play an essential role in keeping Amity Township safe, and they need our support!

Have you considered becoming a volunteer?

You don't need previous firefighting experience to get involved. Local fire companies offer training and opportunities to serve in a variety of roles, including emergency response, fire prevention, fundraising, administrative support, and other important activities.

Whether you can commit to regular service or help in a supporting role, your time and talents can make a meaningful difference. Volunteering is also a wonderful way to learn new skills, build friendships, and give back to the community we call home.

Take the First Step — Contact Your Local Fire Company!

- **Monarch Fire Company**: 610-385-3310
- **Amity Fire Company**: 610-689-5218

Ask about volunteer opportunities, training, and ways you can get involved.

A strong volunteer fire service means a stronger, safer community for everyone. Let's continue the tradition of neighbors helping neighbors in Amity Township!

Thank you for considering volunteering and supporting those who serve our community.

Michael A. Foltz
Emergency Management Coordinator

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LIHEAP Program Info

SEASON OPENS: Monday, November 2nd
SEASON CLOSES: Friday, April 23rd

Customers who received LIHEAP last season will receive a 2026/27 application or a COMPASS postcard with a registration number allowing them to register before the start of the season.

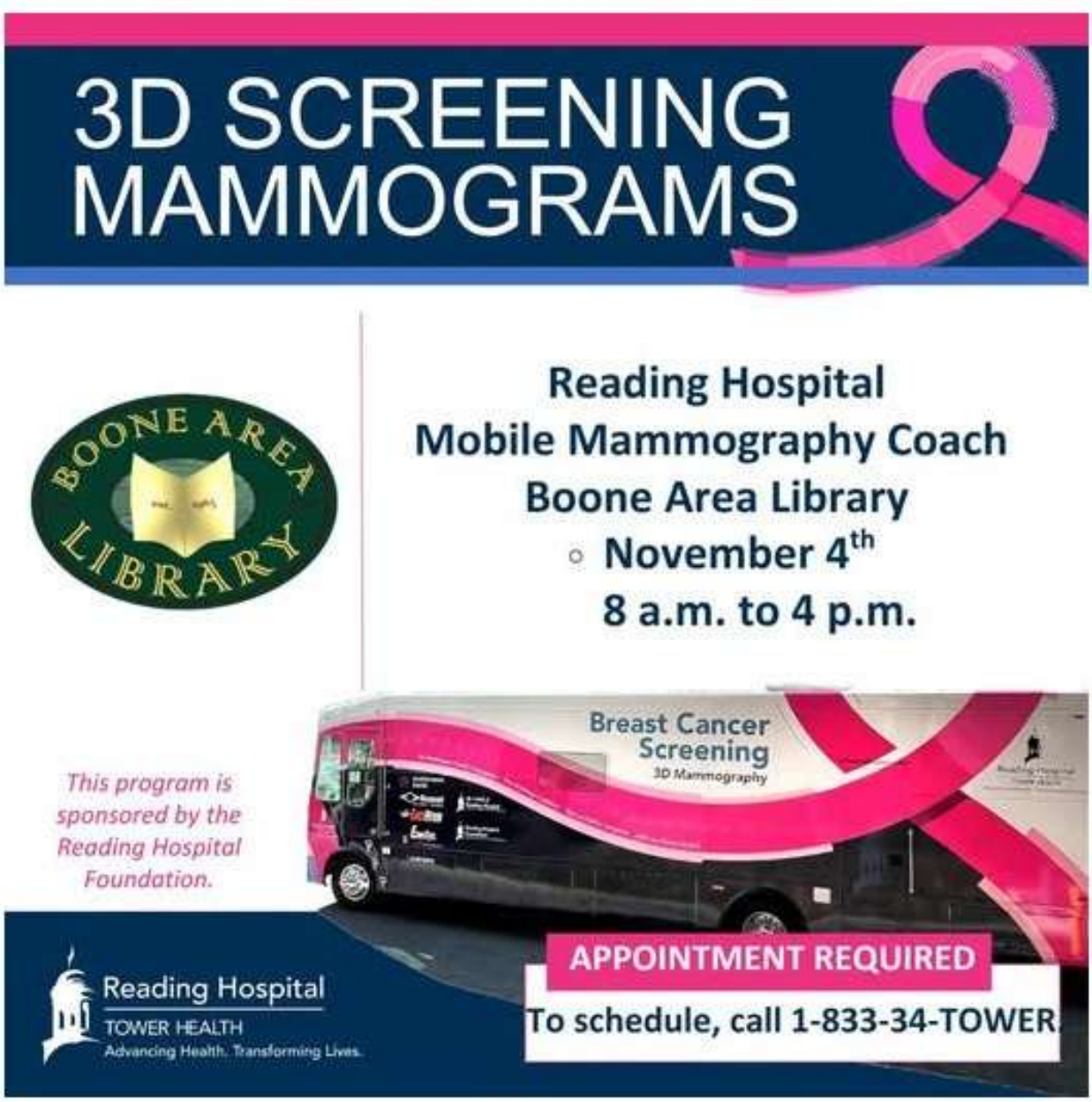
Those who didn't receive LIHEAP last season may request an application on/after Nov. 2nd by:

- Applying online at **www.compass.state.pa.us**
- Contacting their local County Assistance Office by phone/in person.
- Calling the LIHEAP Client Helpline at 1-866-857-7095.

A household receives only one regular LIHEAP Cash grant per heating season.

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🔥🥩MONARCH FIRE/RESCUE STEAK & SHRIMP NIGHT! 🍗🍤

Join us for a delicious evening supporting Monarch Fire/Rescue! Come out, enjoy a great meal, and help support your local fire company.

📅Saturday, November 7, 2026

⏰4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

🍽️STEAK & SHRIMP DINNER

🍗Delicious steak 🍤Shrimp 🍟Fries

🔥All dinners come with a salad or pepper cabbage, and a dinner roll

$28 Steak, Shrimp, Fries/Baked Potato.

$22 Steak, Fries/Baked Potato

$15 Shrimp, Fries/Baked Potato

Also available,

Chicken Fingers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs

Bring your family and friends and come hungry! Your support helps Monarch Fire/Rescue continue serving and protecting our community.

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COMING UP IN THE FALL

YOUTH PROGRAMS





FOREST HIKES

Meet at:

Monocacy Hill Recreation Area

42 Geiger Road

Douglassville, PA 19518

NOV 15, 1:30 PM

DEC 13, 1:30 PM

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Our offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th.

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Thanksgiving SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

For many families, Thanksgiving is full of turkey, travel, and gratitude. But, with the kids home from school, it can be easy to forget that hot ovens, boiling soup, and sharp cutlery are dangerous. Also, if you're heading out or staying in, don't forget to check the house for safety hazards.

Follow these Thanksgiving safety tips to ensure a festive and fun holiday:

Kitchen Safety

When cooking hot dishes, keep children at least 3 FEET AWAY, as hot steam or liquids could cause burns.

Keep pot handles TURNED INWARD and out of the reach of children.

MOVE DISHES (hot and cold) away from the edge of counters, so kids or dogs don't pull them down.



Never leave CHILDREN UNATTENDED when there is food cooking in the kitchen.

Don't FORGET to turn off the oven and burners when you're finished cooking.

Have a FIRE EXTINGUISHER handy in case of a grease fire.



TEACH CHILDREN not to go near hot ovens, especially when the oven door is open.

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DON'T BE SCARED. BE PREPARED.™
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Stay Safe This Fall



Fall in Pennsylvania brings cooler temperatures, colorful leaves, and plenty of activities around the house. It is also a great time to check a few things off your home safety list. October is Fire Prevention Month, making it the perfect time to review fire safety and get ready for the colder months ahead.

Check Your Smoke Alarms
Test your smoke alarms every month and replace batteries when needed. Smoke alarms should generally be replaced every 10 years. Take a few minutes to practice your family fire escape plan, making sure everyone knows two ways out of each room and where to meet outside.

Use Heating Equipment Safely
As temperatures drop, fireplaces, wood stoves, and space heaters get more use. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned as needed before using your fireplace or wood stove.

Be Careful With Fall Yard Work
Raking leaves, cleaning gutters, and getting your yard ready for winter are common fall chores. Follow local rules for leaf disposal and outdoor burning. If burning is permitted, keep water nearby and always watch the fire. When using ladders, place them on firm, level ground and follow ladder safety instructions.

Stay Visible Outdoors
With the days getting shorter, it is important to be seen when walking or spending time outside. Wear bright or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when visibility is low.

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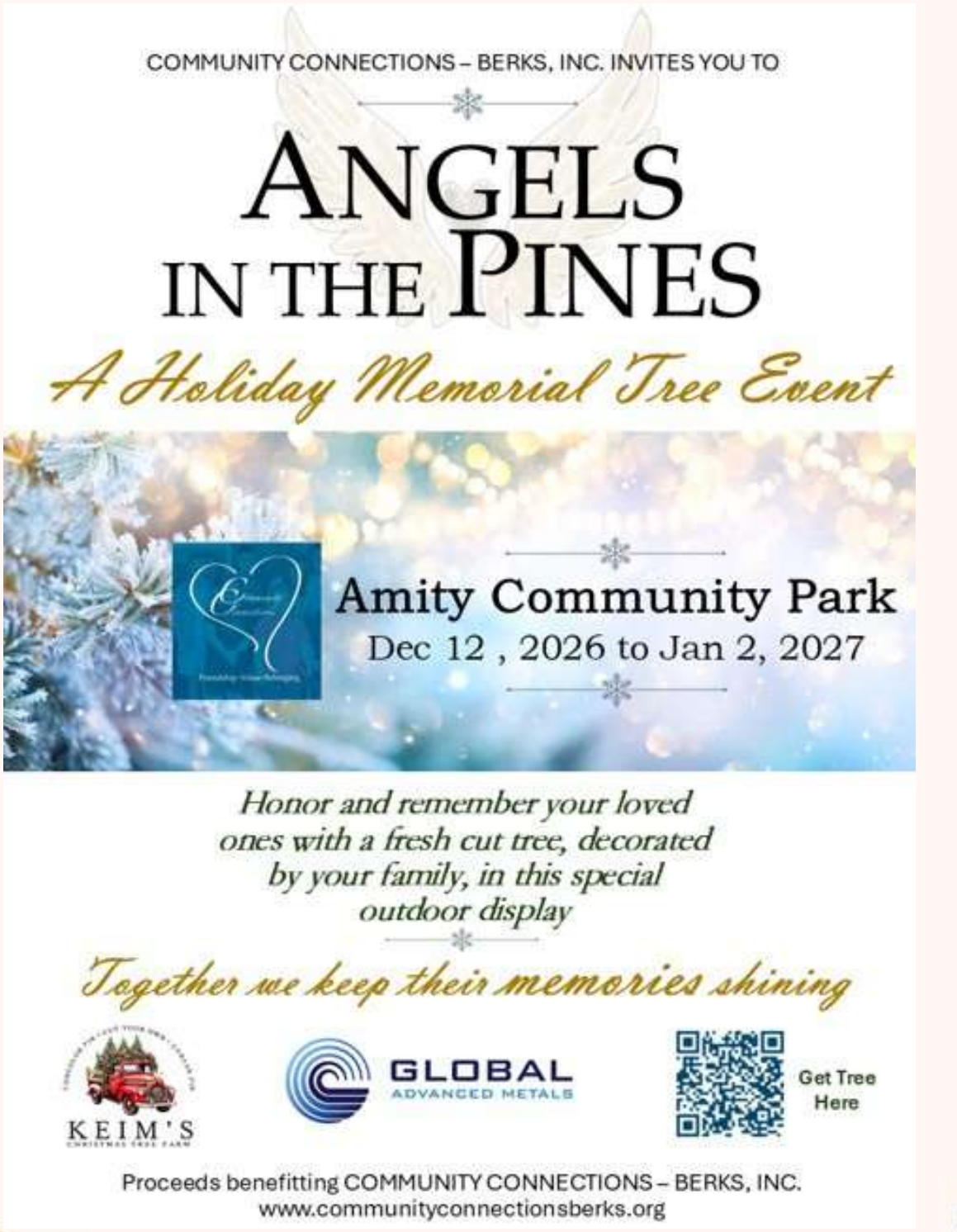
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Amity Fire Company and Monarch Fire Company are in discussions with Santa to schedule his ride through Amity Township before the big day.

Be on the lookout for details of Santa's arrival on Facebook.

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Alternative Sharps Disposal Containers

All sharps disposal containers should be:

- made of a heavy-duty plastic
- able to close with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid, without sharps being able to come out
- upright and stable during use
- leak-resistant
- properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container

Check with your local trash removal services or health department to see which of the following disposal methods are available in your area.

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To dispose of latex paint, let it solidify by mixing it with kitty litter or shredded paper, then throw the dried paint in your regular trash with the lid off. Alternatively, you can donate usable paint or take it to a local recycling center if available.



Need to recycle old motor oil or other vehicle fluids? Car battery?

Search the local database by the type of material for the closest recycling location https://search.earth911.com/?what=Motor+Oil&where=19518&list_filter=all&max_distance=25&family_id=&latitude=&longitude=&country=&province=&city=&sponsor=.

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Are you prepared in the event of a disaster?

Do you know what you need in the event of a fire? Flood? Storm damage? Most people don't and are left scrambling to find the information they need.

Insurance providers and government disaster assistance programs usually ask for the following:

- Housing: Lease/rental agreement, mortgage papers, home equity line of credit or deed
- Vehicle: loan documents, VIN, registration, title
- Financial accounts: checking, savings, debit/credit cards, retirement, investment
- Insurance policies: homeowners, renters, auto, life, flood, appraisals, photos and lists of valuable items
- Sources of income: pay stubs, government benefits, alimony, child support
- Tax statements: federal/state income tax returns, property tax, vehicle tax
- Estate Planning: will, trust, power of attorney, living will, medical power of attorney
- Medical info: health/dental, list of medications/immunizations/allergies, doctor contact information

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Protect Your Documents and Valuables

- Store originals of important documents in a fireproof and waterproof box/safe.
- Store electronic copies of important documents in a password-protected format on a removable flash or external hard drive in your fireproof and waterproof box/safe. Cloud-based service is an option also.
- Consider where you store valuable belongings and ways to better protect these items. Consider waterproof containers if items are being stored in a basement or move them to a higher location if possible.

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Feral cat colonies continue to be a common issue in urban and rural areas and one effective way to manage the colonies is to trap-neuter and release.

Trap Neuter Return is a free roaming cat population method that controls breeding and vaccinates all cats for rabies. TNR does not dump cats into the wild. Caretakers- meaning people who feed and provide shelter for them- are responsible for getting them neutered and providing continued food and shelter.

Amity Township does not currently provide TNR vouchers, but there are programs out there who provide this service for a fee.

Berks ARL

- By appointment only
- Spay/neuter surgery
- Rabies vaccination
- https://berksarl.org/community-cats-program/

No Nonsense Neutering

- By appointment only
- Spay/neuter surgery
- Rabies vaccination
- https://www.nnnlv.org/

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Venue at Leaf Creek Farms

Live the lifestyle you've been waiting for in Douglassville, PA. These new 55+ single-family homes offer resort-style amenities, all designed around wellness, relaxation, connection, and enjoying every day to the fullest.

- 10 floorplans starting at 1,500 to 2,500 sq. ft. with 1 story and 2 story options available
- Amenities include: clubhouse, fitness center, swimming pool, pickleball court



Newport at Venue at Leaf Creek

Venue at Leaf Creek in Douglassville, PA

677 Old Swede Rd, Douglassville, PA 19518
484-960-9582 | Lennar.com

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Scottish Hollow

Welcome to Scottish Hollow, a 55+ active adult community in Amity Township, Berks County, where thoughtfully designed homes meet a relaxed, connected lifestyle.

Scottish Hollow offers a variety of floor plans starting at $447,000. Thoughtfully designed floor plans created for easy first-floor living, with open-concept layouts, spacious kitchens, and flexible options to fit your lifestyle.

Amenities include:

- Spacious clubhouse featuring indoor and outdoor social space
- Community pool
- Fitness center
- Pickleball courts
- Scenic walking trails



The MacGregor

Home Type: **Single**

1,769 Sq. ft.	2 Beds	2 Baths	2 Car Garage	1 Stories

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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 ta 2004 Weavertown Rd. Douglassville, PA 19518. See calendar on website for all advertised meetings.

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

Upcoming Meetings

- Planning - Nov. 12th at 7pm
- Parks & Rec - Nov. 17th at 7pm
- Board of Supervisors - Nov. 18th at 7pm

Contact Info

Amity Township

2004 Weavertown Road

Douglassville, PA 19518

Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

610-689-6000