



BRECKNOCK TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, NEWSLETTER

Board of Supervisors' Announcements



The New Maintenance building was completed in April.

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Buxton Conservancy (Fitterling & Sweitzer Roads) Memorial Bench

"If you have walked the trails of the Buxton Conservancy, Fitterling and Sweitzer Roads, over the past number of years, there is a good chance you might have run into Richard (Rich) Sweigart. You might have detected his bright orange knit cap in the winter; or maybe his camera around his neck taking pictures of birds or a mother fox with her pups from afar.

And very possibly, you may have seen him with a hacksaw or some other tools as he tackled clearing some part of the trail after a storm. This was Rich; grateful for the trails to walk on daily, appreciative of Mother Nature and her creatures and a wonderful caretaker of the land the township was gifted from the Buxton's years ago. Rich passed away on January 5th, 2025.

In appreciation of him and his stewardship towards his neighborhood and the Buxton Conservancy, a resting bench was purchased by local neighbors and installed by the township at the entrance to Buxton.

The memorial plaque on the bench reminds us to all be good neighbors and be caretakers of the land we have been gifted." – Provided by the Hazlett family

Pa Highlands Trail Network and the Horse-Shoe Trail

"Great news for the Horse-Shoe Trail in Brecknock Township: the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail has co-aligned with the Horse-Shoe Trail for 61 miles starting at French Creek State Park and ending at the Lebanon Valley Rail trail. The PA Highlands Trail is a 300-mile long-distance trail network located in the 1.9 million-acre, 13-county Pennsylvania Highlands region. At the H-ST access point right at the Brecknock Township Municipal Building, check out the new sign and read more about both trails. The Horse-Shoe Trail & PA Highlands Trail is a great place for hikers and equestrians alike to go outdoors. To learn more about the Horse-Shoe Trail, check out www.cart.hstrail.org/trail/ to view an interactive map! To learn more about the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Network, go to www.pahighlands.org/" – **Madison DeGerolamo**, Trails Coordinator – Mid Atlantic

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Events

Park and Recreation Board Presents:

The Colliers of Brecknock by Chris Witmer was held on March 5th, 2026. We had an amazing turnout, have received a lot of positive feedback, and we are looking forward to providing other historical lectures in the future.

The Barns of Brecknock Township by Chris Witmer, the next presentation by the Brecknock Township Recreation Board will be an "encore" presentation of "The Barns of Brecknock Township". The original lecture was given in May 2023 to a full house with a long waiting list. If you were one of the folks on the waiting list or if you missed the presentation, you have an opportunity to hear the presentation on Thursday, October 1st, 2026, at 7pm. Please contact the office at 717.445.6683, M-F, 9am-2pm, to register as we have limited space.



Police - National Night Out

Come out and join the Governor Mifflin Area Police Department (Brecknock, Cumru & Shillington) at the Governor Mifflin Intermediate School on Tuesday, Aug. 4th from 6pm to 8pm.

National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August and enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



Brecknock Township Fire Co. Events

***July 18 - Clam Bake**

***September 19 - Clam Bake**

October 11 - Breakfast

***October 24 - Soup & Sandwich Sale**


November 8 - Breakfast

December 13 - Breakfast

December 19 - Santa Run

January 1, 2027 - Pork & Kraut Dinner

*Preorder recommended, limited quantities available.



Learn about the PA Highlands Trail


June 23rd, 2026 | 7pm

Brecknock Township Building, 889 Alleghenyville Rd, Mohnton, PA

Presented by the Appalachian Mountain Club

The PA Highlands Trail is a 300-mile long-distance trail network located in the 1.9 million-acre, 13-county Pennsylvania Highlands region. It co-aligns with the Horse-Shoe Trail for 61 miles and passes through Brecknock Township. Attend this presentation and learn more about this vast network of trails!

Register for this free presentation by calling the Brecknock Township Office at 717-445-6683. Space is limited, please be sure to register.



Public Works

2026 Paving Projects



Apply crack seal and bituminous seal coat; starting late May, early June.

- Beech Rd, from SR 568 to Township Line
- Carnis Drive, from SR 568 to Township Line
- Fitterling Rd, from SR 625 to Sweitzer Rd
- Kremp Rd, from SR 568 to Beech Rd
- Marsh Rd, from Sweitzer Rd to Township Line
- Sell Rd, from Westley Rd to Township Line
- Sweitzer Rd, from Fitterling Rd to Maple Grove Rd
- Welsh Rd, from SR 625 to Township Line
- Westley Rd, from Hartz Store Rd to Township Line

Weed Management, periodic roadside spraying will be done.

Tax Collector, Helen Heath

“As the 2026 collection of the CTFA (County/Township/Fire/Ambulance) discount period is winding down...

Thank you to the community for the timely payment of taxes. As of 4/30/2026, 85% of our township taxes have been collected. These payments ensure the smooth running of the tax office, administrative office, and it enables the taxpayer to receive a discounted payment.

For those that participated in the face-to-face tax collecting, it was nice to connect the names with the new faces and touch base with friends and neighbors.

I look forward to serving the community in this part-time tax collector capacity for the next 3 years with the support and respect of Brecknock residents.”

Breakdown of Brecknock Township Berks tax revenue:

Tax Rate	Mills on each Dollar of Assessed Valuation	Cents on Each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation
General Purposes	1.5 mills	.15 cents
Building Construction	.25 mills	.025 cents
Fire Protection	.75 mills	.075 cents
Road Equipment	.125 mills	.0125 cents
Ambulance, Rescue, and Emergency Services	.30 mills	.03 cents
Total	2.925 Mills	.2925 cents

(Note: Township pays Tower Direct which covers residents' cost of EMERGENCY ambulance service.)

Additional Info & Resources

- High Grass Ordinance will be enforced by our Police Department
- Road safety issues that can lead to warnings and/or potential citations:
 - Grass trimmings – should NOT be placed in the roadway because it creates a hazardous situation for motorcyclists, property owner can be liable in the event of an accident.
 - Snow – should NOT be shoveled or plowed onto the roadway because it is illegal.
- Use & Occupancy Permits are required after property has been sold to another party and prior to use or occupancy by new owner. Contact Township office for more information.
- Cable Suppliers in our area: Service Electric and Comcast.
- Dog Licenses are required along with rabies vaccine, for more info, see page 4 or visit www.pa.gov.
- Berks County Solid Waste, please visit www.berkspa.gov or www.co.berks.pa.us/swa.

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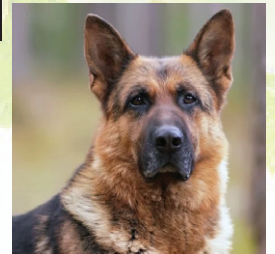
SPRING/SUMMER 2026

WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION, A LOST DOG MAY NEVER MAKE IT HOME.

Your best friend's best chance to make it home safely is to be properly licensed.

All dogs must be licensed when you buy or adopt them (earliest is 8 weeks old) or 3 months of age, whichever comes first, by Jan. 1 of each year. The Police Department has a chip reader and encourages all to get their pets micro chipped to help assist returning your loved one home.

Failure to have your dog licensed may result in a fine of up to \$500 plus court costs.



How to apply for a Dog License

Berks County Treasurer 633 Court
Street, 2nd floor Reading, PA 19601
610-478-6640



Scan to apply online or find a
location to purchase in person!

How much does a license cost?

Annual Licenses \$10.80
Lifetime Licenses \$52.80

Senior Citizens or Residents with Disabilities:

Annual Licenses \$8.80
Lifetime Licenses \$36.80

**Licenses can be obtained through your
County Treasurer.**

For a list of County Treasurers, visit
www.licenseyourdogpa.com



For more information, contact the
PA Department of Agriculture at:

717.787.3062