

MUHLENBERG TOWNSHIP

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that helps you stay in touch

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Muhlenberg Township Commissioners



John 'Butch' Imhoff



Kevin S. Lerch
Vice President



Michael S. Malinowski
President



Steve Wolfinger



Derek Lupia

Jamal Abodalo - *Township Manager*
Michael Setley, Esq. - *Solicitor*
Pat C. Lupia - *Tax Collector*
Judy Zettlemoyer - *Township Secretary*

Meeting Schedule at 210 George Street
The Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

Planning Commission

Meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Walter S. LaSota - *Chairman*
Robert Entler - *Vice Chairman*
Frank Sabatucci - *Secretary*
Kerry Good, Glenn Yeager, Vanessa Pagan, Diane Benson
David Hepner - *Alternate*

Zoning Hearing Board

Scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. *when required*
Marlin D. Seyler - *Chairman*
Ann Carol - *Secretary*
Kevin Reichert - *Vice Chairman | Alternate - Vacant*
James Gavin, Esq. - *Solicitor*

Parks and Recreation Board

Meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month January through October at 6 p.m and Dec. 7th at Noon
Fred Hatt, Gary Noecker, Dan Houck
Andrew Russo - *Chairman*
James Kelley - *Vice Chairman*
Dr. Tim Moyer, Casey Blankenbiller - *Secretary*

Arts Board

Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Christine Quinter - *Chairman*
Ann Barlet, Paul Henry, Betty Ledig, Barbara Mills - *Vice Chairman*
Daniel Mergner, Barry Sensenig

ON THE COVER - Interested in submitting a photo for the next Township News cover? Email samples with your contact information to info@muhlenbergtp.com

DEAR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS,

Just when we were getting used to a mild winter (can you remember a warmer holiday season?) Mother Nature decided to send our allotment of snow all at once. Even if the Township's 72 miles of roads were only 4' wide, given an official total of 24" of precipitation, a little multiplication reveals our Road Crew moved over 3-million cubic feet of snow. Needless to say, this created a number of challenges, but from challenges arise opportunities. Your Board of Commissioners and Township Staff thank you for your patience and bringing us your concerns. We are hard at work preparing for next winter. As I traveled through the Township after the storm, checking on clean-up efforts, I stopped and spoke with many of you who were helping neighbors dig out. There were even block parties taking place! This sense of community is what makes Muhlenberg such a wonderful place to live and work.

Now, our attention turns to Spring. It is with great pride the Township will host both a Memorial Day Service and The Moving Wall at beautiful Jim Dietrich Park. The Memorial Day Service will be a touching tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, preserving our freedoms. The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, provides a personal, intimate opportunity to remember and reflect, and for many, a chance to heal. The Board and Staff sincerely hope you will be able to attend these prestigious events.

On a different note, this year we welcome new faces to a few of our steering boards and commissions. The importance of these various groups cannot be overstated. They help establish direction for our collective future. New this year is the Blight Property Review Committee, and we are working on creating a Muhlenberg Business Association for business owners.

More information regarding these groups and events, and how you can participate, can be found within this issue of "Township News" and by visiting our website (www.muhlenbergtwp.com) or the Township's official Facebook page, in addition to the Parks and Recreation's Facebook page.

In closing, I am pleased to say a number of Board members have been taking advantage of a training program for local leaders presented by the Center for Excellence in Local Government at Albright College. This multi-week course is designed to help us better represent you. It has been informative and enlightening. We are committed to serving you to the best of our abilities.

Now, let's shake off that cabin fever and take advantage of some warm weather!

Yours in Service,



Kevin S. Lerch, Vice President
Board of Commissioners

"The warm weather also means you will again be able to take advantage of our many fine parks and facilities, as well as recreational activities like disk golf, sand volleyball, the Canine Carnival, and later this summer, the inaugural Muhlenberg River Fest."

Township Phone Numbers

Customer Service Center - 610.929.4727

Muhlenberg Twp. Police - 610.929.5454

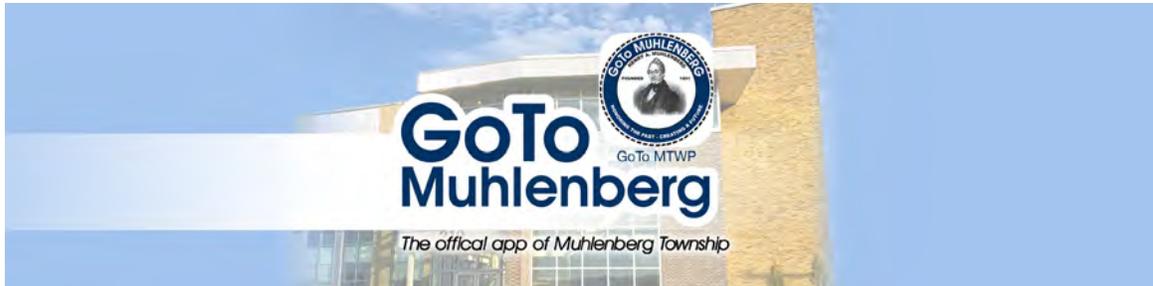
Other Services

Muhlenberg Ambulance - 610.929.5774

Muhlenberg Library - 610.929.0589

Water Authority - 610.929.4709

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GoTo Muhlenberg is the official app that helps you stay in touch and interact with the Township of Muhlenberg. This app allows residents to submit requests for service, report issues, ask questions or send concerns directly to the township. **All requests are immediately received and routed to the appropriate department for review and action.** GoTo Muhlenberg allows the township to respond quickly and efficiently while at the same time allowing your request/concern to be tracked by you. You will receive a tracking ID and be automatically notified when your issue has been updated or addressed. You can provide comments, upload photographs of your request/concern and even follow other requests from other residents so you can be informed of their progress as well. **GoTo Muhlenberg** also provides you with the latest township news and public announcements, event information and more. Download the app today and get connected with Muhlenberg Township!



FEATURED STAFF

**Sam Calabria -
Muhlenberg Police Officer**

Our featured employee for this issue is Officer Sam Calabria. Sam received his BS in Sports Management from



Alvernia University. While completing his studies he noticed cadets in training on the campus grounds. He was curious and decided to talk to a few people about why they became a policeman and why they decided

to join the force. Although it was a departure from his chosen major, he decided to follow his instincts and become a police officer. His first job was with Caernavon Township and now Sam has been an employee of the Muhlenberg Township Police Department for almost 10 years, starting in May of 2006. The variety and dynamic nature of the job is something that Sam enjoys, explaining that "The variety of calls are never the same." He also values the ability to interact with the community, and "being able to help people during

hard times." Sam recently joined the Specialty Services Unit (SSU) division of the police department. This group is tasked with not only community outreach but direct communication with our residents that is meant to address neighborhood problems, traffic enforcement issues and code violations among others. Sam also enjoys riding the department's motorcycles when the weather permits. When he isn't at work Sam enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, gardening, golfing, working out and mountain biking.

TRASH & RECYCLING

Household Trash, Garbage, Recycling and Bulk Collection: Your collection day will remain on Thursday or Friday depending on where you live: You may place up to eight (8) containers of trash, one bulk item and your recycling container at the street's edge anytime after 6 p.m. the night before your pick-up. All trash must be in maximum 30 gallon plastic or metal containers or plastic trash bags (sorry, larger containers are not permitted). Tree branches and shrub trimmings may be bundled in four foot lengths. Please don't use small containers such as boxes or grocery bags because they allow trash to blow around causing litter. Help keep our Township clean!

Bulk Items: Bulk items include carpet (must be cut in four foot lengths), household furnishings, bicycles, etc.

Holiday Collection: If your collection falls on Holiday, Thursday's collection will occur on Friday and Friday's collection on Saturday (for that week only). There are no other changes to your collection days in 2016.

White Goods: White Goods are also classified as bulk items. They are stoves, microwaves, washers, etc. Appliances must have Freon removed and sticker attached before collection (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.). Because a separate truck is used for the collection of White Goods you must call J.P. Mascaro at 1.800.334.3403 to schedule this pickup.

Not Collected: Hazardous, Electronic or Pharmaceutical waste or Tires or any Home Construction or Demolition Debris! If you're putting on a new roof or remodeling your house, you need to make your own arrangements to remove the debris. Call J.P. Mascaro & Sons at **1.800.334.3403** or any other waste hauler of your choice for information and cost. Construction debris is not included in the trash collection program.

Trash & Recycling Fees: The Township will invoice you for half of your fee in January and the remainder again in June for this service. You will have 60 days from our billing date to pay before late fees are added. Bills more than 30 days past due will be handed over to a collection agency. Check your bill for information about the Senior Citizen Discount. You can pay your bill online @muhlenbergtwp.com

Berks Co. Solid Waste Authority Collections: Electronic Waste: 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, Pa. (Bern Twp.) Open every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 8am - 12pm. **Pharmaceutical Waste:** Dropbox located in the Muhlenberg Township Municipal Building at 210 George Street **Tire Collection:** 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, Pa. (Bern Twp.) Open every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., fees charged **Paper Shredding:** April 23, 2016 - Gov. Mifflin Intermediate, 600 Governor Dr. Shillington, 8am - 2pm. For more detailed information, visit <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa>

iGreen: Recycle your used and outdated electronics *free of charge! There are additional fees for CRT televisions. For additional information, call iGreen Recycling at 610-926-1717 or visit www.igreenrecycling.com

PLEASE RECYCLE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

-  **Cans** - Aluminum beverage cans, steel and tin food cans. Please rinse the can and remove the lid or push it into the can. No need to remove labels. **NO FOIL OR FOOD TRAYS, PLEASE!**
-  **Glass** - Food and beverage containers such as jars and bottles only! Clear, green or brown glass. Remove lids and rinse. Leave labels on. No light bulbs, mirrors, window glass, etc.
-  **Plastics** - #1 thru #7 food and beverage and detergent containers. The number is on the bottom of the bottle. Most soda, milk, and water bottles fit this category. Dispose of caps and lids in the regular trash.
-  **Paper & Cardboard** - All newspapers, magazines, office paper, and phone books must be tied in bundles or bagged with paper grocery bags. Cardboard - clean, dry, corrugated cardboard must be tied in bundles no larger than 2 feet x 2 feet.



GRASSCYCLING

IT'S OK TO "LET IT LAY"

Did you know that a 1/2-acre lawn in Pennsylvania produces more than three tons--nearly 260 bags--of grass clippings each year? Think of all the time, money and effort it takes to bag all those clippings. Why go through all that hassle when it's not necessary?

YOU CAN HAVE A HEALTHY GREEN LAWN BY LEAVING GRASS CLIPPINGS WHERE THEY FALL.

It's simple. Grass clippings left on the lawn decompose and act as a natural organic fertilizer. This lets you reduce the amount of commercial fertilizer you need to apply. Your lawn will remain healthy and green because each time you mow, you will be returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

MOWING TECHNIQUES & TIPS

Any mower can recycle grass clippings. Just remove the grass catcher. Ask your lawn mower dealer if you need a special safety plug or adapter kit to convert your mower into a "recycling" mower. Installing a mulching blade also is helpful.

- *Never cut off more than 1/3 of the grass blade in one mowing. Keep grass mowed to 2" in early spring, gradually raise the height to 3-4" by summer, then gradually reduce to 2" by late fall.*
- *Mow when the grass is dry.*
- *Keep your mower blade sharp. Dull blades tear the grass, injure the plant and cause a brownish cast to the turf.*
- *If the grass gets too high, mow over the clippings a second time to further shred and scatter them.*
- *To prevent excess growth between mowings, raise the mower height, mow, then gradually lower it over a span of several mowings. This will help prevent shock to the plants.*
- *When it's time to replace your mower, consider a mulching, recycling or non-polluting reel mower. All of them do a good job of shredding and scattering grass clippings.*

USES FOR CLIPPINGS

- **COMPOST.** Fresh clippings should

compose no more than 1/3 of the compost pile. They are an excellent source of nitrogen. Mix thoroughly with "brown" materials such as leaves or straw and turn the pile regularly to aerate it and prevent odors.

- **MULCH.** *Pile about 1" of dried clippings on the soil to reduce weeds and moderate soil temperature. Mulching also controls erosion, run-off and evaporation. If using herbicides, wait at least two mowings after treating the lawn to use the clippings.*
- **SOIL ADDITIVE.** *Mixing fresh grass clippings into the garden improves soil texture, promotes moisture retention and adds nutrients and organic matter. About once a month, turn a 2" layer of grass into the soil to a depth of 6".*

Refrain from blowing grass clippings into the street as this can create obstructions at street catch basins and impede proper drainage.

ENGINEERING

Dear Residents,

As those long winter days come to an end and spring is approaching, it's a great idea to take advantage of the warmer weather and longer daylight hours by conducting an exterior inspection of your home. We start with the roof of the property to see if there are any loose or missing shingles, copings, loose flashing, cracks, chimney damage, or missing caulking materials. With fast-approaching spring rains it's also a great time to make sure that gutters and downspouts are clear of leaves and debris to ensure proper drainage around your home. Last but not least, look at your curbs, sidewalks, porches and patios for cracks and tripping hazards. Checking to be sure your guards and handrails are secure will help to prevent unwanted falls. Please remember to obtain proper permits for new or replacement decks, pools, retaining walls, etc. If you have any questions regarding whether your project requires permits please feel free to contact our office at 610-929-4727.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PROJECTS FOR 2016

Muhlenberg Township's Public Works Department is continuing to improve the roads and infrastructure while they prepare for seasonal weather.

MADISON AVENUE

Improvements to the area between Kutztown Road and Beltline Drive will begin this spring/summer and will consist of roadway and storm sewer improvements as required. As part of the project the roadway itself will undergo significant upgrades to restore the sub-base and provide a smooth and uniform driving surface. These improvements will follow the upgrade of the water lines feeding residential, industrial and commercial uses. Upon completion of Muhlenberg Township Authority projects on Madison, Public Works will commence paving improvements.

MT. VERNON

Improvements to the storm water system, curbs, sidewalks and paving will take place between the intersections Hay Rd and Mt. Laurel. The design of the storm water will commence in mid-January with the anticipated construction work starting in mid-2016.

READING CREST AVENUE

Work on this project will begin at Reading Crest Park and continue to the area at Rothenmel Boulevard.

ONGOING PROJECTS

In addition to these larger capital projects, the Muhlenberg Township Road Crew has been busy patching/repairing and overlaying numerous areas throughout the township. This work will continue throughout the Spring and Summer in an effort to combat the effects of the last three years of particularly difficult winters.



NOW, YOUR PHONE'S A WEAPON AGAINST CRIME.

You can text a crime tip, without your name being used. And maybe get a reward.

Help fight crime and make your community safer. Crime Alert Berks County now allows you to share important information anonymously with police by sending a secure text message about crimes or suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

SIMPLY TEXT YOUR TIP TO 847411

Begin your message with **alertberks** and Crime Alert Berks County will receive your tip.

Remember, all communications are completely anonymous and end when you want them to.

“This system has been successful in communities across the U.S.,” said Terry Halsch, President of tip411. “Departments have been helped tremendously by members of the public who have sent anonymous text messages to police with important information that often leads to arrests.”

WE'RE CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY. HERE TO HELP.

HOW WE DO IT.

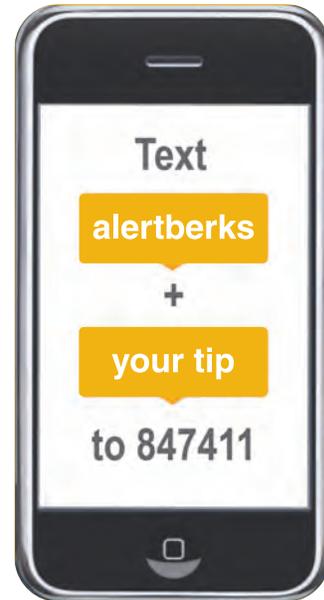
The tipster is given a **code number (your name is never used)** that corresponds to the crime and the tip, then watches the news media for an arrest in his or her case. The tipster calls back, gives code number, and is paid a **reward in cash** for the tip, without anyone ever knowing who he or she is.

WE STARTED 17 YEARS AGO.

Private citizen Barry E. Rohrbach organized an initial board in 1998. *It is an all-volunteer, non-paid board of directors and citizens effort.*

We've been the **#1 CRIME STOPPER PROGRAM IN PENNSYLVANIA** in money paid out for tips that lead to arrests for the past TEN YEARS.

Text a tip, or call. Maybe receive a large cash reward.



**OR CALL
1.877.373.9913
WITH A CRIME
TIP.**



WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED
IN 17 YEARS
624 ARRESTS
\$423,524
REWARD MONEY PAID TO CALLERS

alertberks.org



CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY
TEXT CRIME TIPS, OR CALL 1.877.373.9913

Crime Alert Berks County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which is registered as a charitable organization with the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Charitable Organizations.

SUMMER DISCOUNT TICKETS

PARK	GATE PRICE	SELLING PRICE	PARK	GATE PRICE	SELLING PRICE
Adventure Aquarium (Camden, NJ)			Knoebels Amusement Park (Elysburg, PA)		
- Adult (13 & over)	28.84	20.00	- Weekday Regular (48" & taller)	39.00	34.00
- Child (2-12)	21.35	16.00	- Weekday Child (under 48")	25.00	20.00
Baltimore Aquarium (Maryland)			<i>Tickets are valid Mon. thru Fri. (6/13 - 9/2, 2016.) Tickets may be upgraded to include the Roller Coaster option for an additional \$8 (over 48") or \$6 (under 48") at the park only.</i>		
- Adult (12 & over)	39.95	33.00	Longwood Gardens		
- Child (3-11)	24.95	21.00	- Discount Coupon Program	TBA	TBA
Blue Mountain Aerial Park			Maryland Zoo (Baltimore)		
- Xtreme Laser Tag (2 hours, ages 8+)	35.00	30.00	- Adult (12 & over)	18.00	13.00
- Aerial Park age 8+ (includes 3x park)	45.00	38.00	- Child (2-11)	13.00	10.00
- Climb, Zip & Dine	99.00	81.00	Medieval Times (Lyndhurst, NJ)		
<i>Climb, Zip & Dine package includes TWO Aerial Park passes and a \$40 food voucher to Slopeside Pub & Grill</i>			- All ages Dinner & Show	67.36	36.00
Busch Gardens Williamsburg			<i>Please call 1-800-WE-JOUST to make a reservation.</i>		
- Single Day Adult	77.00	57.00	Morey's Piers (Wildwood, NJ)		
- Single Day Child (3-9)	67.00	48.00	- Water Park (all day)	45.00	36.00
- Fun Card (unlimited admission 3/20 - 9/5)	77.00	72.00	- Rides Only Adult (48" & over)	62.13	47.00
- Busch Gardens/Water Country 2 park FlexTicket	87.00	73.00	- Flexible Ride & Waterpark (48" & over)	86.11	62.00
Cedar Point (Sandusky, OH)			- Flexible Ride & Waterpark (48" & under)	64.31	48.00
- Adult (48" tall & over, 3-61)	67.60	50.00	<i>Flexible Combo valid for full day Amusement Piers and a full day Water Park Pass. May be used on separate days and never expire.</i>		
- Ride & Refresh (48" & over)(3 - 61)			PA Renaissance Faire (Lancaster, PA)		
1 day admission	56.01	---	- Adult (12 & over)	31.95	24.00
Clementon Park (NJ)			- Child (5-11)	11.95	9.00
- Rides/Water Park (37" & over)	44.49	23.00	<i>Tickets valid for Celtic Fling 6/25-26 or Renaissance Faire 8/6-10/30</i>		
Crayola Experience (Easton, PA)			Philadelphia Zoo		
- Admission (age 2 and over)	20.99	17.00	- General Admission (2 & over)	23.00	18.00
DelGrosso's Amusement Park (Tipton, PA)			Pittsburgh Zoo		
- All Day Rides AND Waterworks / Slides	29.95	21.00	- General Admission (2 & over)	16.00	12.00
Diggerland USA (W. Berlin, NJ)			Reading Phillies		
- General Admission (over 36" - age 64)	36.95	24.00	- General Admission	8.00	6.50
Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom (Allentown, PA)			Roundtop Mountain Adventures		
- Adult (48" or taller)	57.75	45.00	- Adventure Package Adult (11-64)	40.00	36.00
- Print at home Promo Code (Weekend Pass)	57.75	45.00	- Adventure Package Jr. (5-10)/Sr.(65+)	30.00	27.00
- Print at home Promo Code (Weekday Pass)	57.75	44.00	<i>(Adventure package includes unlimited Treehouse Zips, The Woods, Skyrides, Alpine Traverse, Canopy Crawl, Cedar Maze, Bumper Boats, and OGO Ball rides.)</i>		
<i>Customers using a Print at Home code will be assessed a transaction fee of \$6-\$10 per order based on number of tickets ordered.</i>			Sahara Sam's Oasis (W. Berlin, NJ)		
Dutch Wonderland (Lancaster, PA)			- General Admission (age 3-64)	36.95	24.00
- Regular (3-69) (70+ Sr. ticket at park only)	42.56	34.00	Sandcastle (Pittsburgh, PA)		
Elmwood Park Zoo			- General Admission (48" & over)	33.81	23.00
- General (age 3 and up)	14.95	10.00	Sesame Place		
Florida Parks - Choose Your Adventure (Sea World Orlando, Aquatica Orlando, Busch Gardens Tampa, or Adventure Island Tampa)			- Summer Single Day 6/20 - 9/5	69.55	53.20
- 1 visit	84.34	77.00	- Spring/Fall Single Day 4/30 - 6/19 or 9/10 - 10/30	69.55	43.89
- 2 visits	105.69	88.00	- Any Day + meal	69.55	54.00
- 3 visits	116.36	96.00	Six Flags America (Largo, MD)		
- Unlimited Visits for 14 days + Free Parking	148.39	122.00	- General (3 & over)	66.44	43.00
Hersheypark (Hershey, PA)			Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)		
- Adult (9-54)	63.80	49.00	- Regular (3 & over) (Theme Park)	77.03	40.00
- Child (3-8)/Senior (55-69)	40.80	38.00	- Hurricane Harbor Water Park	44.99	31.00
- Early Season Adult (4/29 - 6/30, Sun-Fri)	63.80	39.00	Splash Zone (Wildwood NJ)		
- Early Season Child (4/29 - 6/30, Sun-Fri)	40.80	32.00	- All Day Ticket (all ages)	38.99	23.00
Idlewild and Soak Zone (Ligonier, PA)			Waldameer Park (Erie, PA)		
- Any day (3 & over)	43.99	32.00	- Combo Pass (48" and taller)	35.99	32.00
Kennywood (West Mifflin, PA)			Water Country USA		
- Any day (3-54, over 46")	44.99	30.00	- Adult	52.00	35.00
<i>Children 2 & under are free. Junior 46" & under \$29.99 at park. Seniors 55 and over are \$22.99 at gate only.</i>			- Child (3-9)	45.00	29.00



Attention all customers: Tickets can be purchased at the Customer Service Center at 210 George Street. There will be NO refunds on any of the summer discount tickets. Thank you in advance for your understanding. **Please call to check availability of tickets. Most tickets are available by Memorial Day. ** - Muhlenberg Township



Township Area Business Spotlight

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KLICK FINANCIAL SERVICES

Small businesses continue to grow in Muhlenberg Township.

Klick Financial Services opened its doors on January 8, 2015 at 3631 Kutztown Rd, Reading, PA 19605 across from the Muhlenberg Elementary School. Owner, Greg Klick, started this business as an income tax prep, payroll and bookkeeping services agency and quickly decided to expand the services offered. He decided to put his 20-plus years of experience as an insurance agent and 15 years of experience as a notary to good use. He started working at Farrara Insurance Agency in Reading during his senior year in high school and continued working there while attending Allentown Business School, attaining his accounting degree. After graduation, he decided that he enjoyed working for Farrara and decided insurance was for him.

After working there for a few years selling insurance, he assisted in bringing notary service to the agency. He worked there for 13 years before deciding it was time to try something new and went on to work for other local businesses climbing as high as assistant manager within those companies.

In July of 2014, after missing out on his son Eli's baseball game, his wheels started turning. After thinking about how much of his son's experiences he could miss and time he was missing spending with his wife, Dora, he started thinking about how he

could change this and still earn a living. In December of 2014, he decided that it was time for a change.

Greg decided offering income tax prep for only \$60 would be a great start to attracting customers and getting clients in the door. He quickly realized there was a market for offering notary services with instant registration renewals and online title transfers in the Muhlenberg area at this location. After months of getting the necessary things in place with the state and receiving the approval,

"I would rather help people keep their hard-earned money in their pockets"

he quickly turned his focus to finding an insurance started thinking about how he could change this and still earn a living. In December of 2014, he decided that it was time for a change.

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Stop in and check out Klick Financial Services for any of the following services:

1. Income tax prep for ONLY \$60
2. Notary, Instant Registration renewals or online title transfers
3. Auto, Home, Renters, Pet or Life Insurance through Farmers Insurance Company
4. Annual Dog Licenses

the picture. As a company that has just recently moved into the area, he figured it would be a great fit for what he was trying to accomplish and offer. His is also the only business in the area where you can purchase a Berks



Greg Klick with over 20 years as an insurance agent

County dog license in person without having to travel into the city or wait for it to come by mail.

Greg, his wife Dora and staff are working hard to build a good reputation for going above and beyond to help a customer. With the support of his family and friends, he strives to grow and continue to help the community by offering needed services for an inexpensive price.

Klick Financial Services works very hard to keep their fees below the competition while still offering a great service.

Klick Financial Services
3631 Kutztown Rd,
Reading, PA 19605
is open Monday to Friday
9:00am to 8:00pm and
Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm.

Arts Board Programs

ALL THAT JAZZ

The Sounds of Jazz will be coming from Laurel Run Park (Leisz's Bridge and River Roads) on Thursday, April 28 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The many-talented students from the Muhlenberg Intermediate, Middle and H.S. will be performing Jazz during the Concert in the Park. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to watch them perform at this free concert. Lunchtime food items, provided by the Muhlenberg School District, can be purchased at the park.



HOT SUMMER CONCERTS

The Muhlenberg Township Arts Board is once again sponsoring the annual Summer Concert Series. This seasonal staple will heat things up while you stay cool in the air conditioned comfort of the Muhlenberg High School auditorium located at Sharp and Frances streets. Dates for these performances are as follows; Saturday, June 11 the well-known Reading Pops; Thursday, June 16 Swing Fever Dance Band; Thursday June 23 will feature the Red Hill Band out of Montgomery County playing marches, show tunes and other traditional concert band music; and Thursday, June 30 a trio of performers will bring Jill Haley's music to life which was inspired by various National Parks. 2016 is the centennial celebration of the formation of the National Park Service. A video presentation will be showing the places in the parks that inspired the compositions. The Muhlenberg Arts Board enjoys putting together this great lineup of musical entertainers for this year's concerts. Doors for the concerts open at 6:30pm and performances are from 7 to 9pm. There will be a short intermission with each show. The cost to enter is just \$3/person/show.

THE MOVING WALL

The Muhlenberg Community has the privilege of hosting the Moving Wall, which is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that is in Washington, DC. This Wall has been touring the country for thirty-plus years. John Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall after the dedication of the original one, so that people who could not get to Washington DC could see "The Wall". Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each location. The Moving Wall will be viewable 24hrs a day from June 9 through June 13 at Jim Dietrich Park. There will be volunteers present to help you find the names of loved ones who gave their lives during the Vietnam War. If you or a business would be interested in volunteering or being a financial sponsor please call 610-929-4727.

**THE MOVING WALL
VIETNAM VETERANS
MEMORIAL**

The traveling half-size replica of the
Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., since 1984.

June 9 – 13, 2016
Jim Dietrich Park
Muhlenberg Township
4899 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Rd.
Reading

No admission is charged at the viewing site.

- June 9th at 7 p.m. *Opening Ceremony*
- June 10th at 8 p.m. *Candlelight Vigil*
- June 11th at 10 a.m. *Wreath Ceremony*
- June 12th at 7 p.m. *Closing Ceremony*
- June 13th viewing of The Wall until 12 noon

For more information about The Moving Wall™
visit www.MuhlenbergTwp.com • 610-929-4727

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Parks Department is more than park rentals and pavilions!

The department has a host of exciting and unique programs that will appeal to all ages of our residents. We encourage you to participate and discover the benefits of an active mind and body.

GOLDEN MUHLS

This group has an active membership of people 60+ years of age that live in and around the Muhlenberg area. Each month they attend a regular meeting that has a speaker/program at the Recreation Building on River Road from 10am to 12pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Membership is \$5/ year and \$2 for each meeting that you attend. Below are some activities planned for the upcoming months. ***If you have any questions contact Karen by calling 610-929-4727.***

Monday, April 25: Fred Moll will talk about the Covered Bridges of Berks County. You will be amazed at the number of covered bridges there are in Berks County.

Monday, May 23: Mindfulness and Hypnosis in Daily Life presented by Zane Szurgot. While most people think of hypnosis as something silly from what they have learned in the movies, it's actually a healing-oriented practice and is only meant to help individuals become healthier and less stressed. Zane is a registered nurse with a Master of Science in Nursing and is learned in psychology, health education and stress control. Come learn about how you can become healthier and happier thru mindfulness and hypnosis.

Monday, June 27: Reverse Mortgage Specialist Dale N. Shuey will present a workshop on reverse mortgages. Dale will give you the facts and

explain the misconceptions of the product and how it can be used to meet your specific needs. Dale Shuey 610-413-9980 or 610-898-8321.

Monday, July 25: TBA

Monday, Aug. 22: Picnic at Jim Dietrich Park. Everyone who plans to attend should bring an item to share with the group. Steve Walker will entertain the group.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wine Glass Painting **NEW!**

At the moment, it seems like hand-painted wine glasses are all the rage! Doing it yourself is definitely possible (and relatively easy). In fact, painting on wine glasses is a fun way to create unique, personalized, and inexpensive gifts for friends and family or just to keep in your own kitchen! Come join us as we are led by an instructor to paint your wine glass in this two-hour long class at the farmhouse at Jim Dietrich Park on Friday, April 29 from 6 to 8pm. All supplies are provided and the cost is \$30/ person. Adults can bring their own beverages, such as beer or wine, to help banish nervousness and inhibitions and let their creativity flow. Snacks are also welcome. Participants must be over 21 years of age and are encouraged to drink responsibly.

Medium Reading

Reach out to the spirit world with Psychic Medium Nellie Walter. You might have the opportunity to receive a message from a family member, friend or loved one who has passed on. This program is scheduled on Nov 15 from 7 to 8:30pm at the Muhlenberg Township Building main meeting room. Doors will open at 6:30pm with light refreshments and beverages. Important: Due to a medical condition of Nellie's, please refrain from wearing any scents the day of the event, including perfume, cologne, body splash/spray, lotions or essential oils. Deodorant and hair products are acceptable. This will be

strictly enforced and we thank you in advance for your cooperation. The cost is \$20/ person and pre-registration is required. There is a maximum of 45 people. Non-believers are welcome, but come with an open mind.

2016 Muhlenberg Boys Youth Basketball Camp

This camp is to teach our future Muhlenberg high school players the basic fundamentals of our program. Camp will be a fun experience to keep your son(s) excited about the game of basketball. The camp is open to any male students entering grades 4-7.

When: Monday, June 13th through Thursday, June 16th

Where: Muhlenberg High School

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$70.00 per camper if preregistered, \$75.00 per camper if paying at the door the first day. Campers will be provided with a camp tshirt at no additional cost.

The camp instruction will be led by Muhlenberg Varsity Boys Head Coach, Jon Treese. Staffing for the camp will be provided by members of the varsity boys basketball team. Registration forms are available in the school offices of the Muhlenberg Elementary Center and CE Cole, and also at the Muhlenberg Athletic Office.

Questions: Please call or email Coach Jon Treese 570-971-8354 treesej@mail.muhlsdk12.org

Spring Yoga **NEW!**

Want to relieve stress and tension, gain some flexibility and have some fun at the same time? Come join us at Jim Dietrich Park for outdoor yoga! Participants will gather at the pavilion near the red barn within Jim Dietrich Park (in the farmhouse if weather is bad) between the hours of 5:30 and 6:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 5 weeks starting on April 26th. This class will take the simple art of matching movement with breathing to relieve stored-up tension and become more relaxed and centered in your daily life. Tammy Brady, a Registered Yoga Instructor through Yoga Alliance, will be teaching the classes.

Tammy has been actively teaching yoga since 2011 and continues to learn and develop her practice and teaching. The cost is \$90 for the entire 5-week session two days per week or drop-in rate is \$10 per class; cash only, payable to the instructor (program #971). This is an all-levels class. If you are new to yoga please arrive early for some basic instruction. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat and a water bottle with you to class. Proceeds from the class will be used for the continued development of facilities at Jim Dietrich Park. Register at the customer service center at the Muhlenberg Township Building.

Spring Flea Market

Join us for our annual Community Flea Market on Saturday, May 14 (rain date May 15) at the Muhlenberg High School parking lot from 8am to 1pm to see if you can sell some of your treasures for cash. Tables are not provided as part of your \$15/ space rental fee and set-up starts at 6:30am. Refreshments are available from local service groups. Sale of food of any kind is prohibited. The sale of weapons of any kind is prohibited on school district property. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on the great deals. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis and payment in full is due at the time of registration.

Flag Drop-off Box

Remember that Muhlenberg Township has a retired flag drop off box located at 210 George Street near the south entrance of the building. Please respect the flag and drop it off so that it can be disposed of in a proper manner. The box is painted red, white and blue so that you will not mistake it for a regular mail box. We will take flags of all kinds. Thank you to a local Eagle Scout who provided this box to the Township so that we can offer this service to the community.



TRIPS AND TRAVEL

“Old Time Rock and Roll” Music at the Brownstone

Join us for a day at the beautiful Brownstone, located in Paterson NJ. Enjoy an elegant 4-course meal that includes two complimentary drinks, unlimited soda, coffee and tea. Music will be the theme throughout the day as Joe Zisa and his “friends” play some old time rock-and-roll music. Great food, music and a few surprises throughout the day! The trip is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16 (program #972). The bus departs from the Kmart parking lot (garden center side) at 8:30am and departs from the Brownstone at 3pm. The cost is \$84/person and will include lunch, show and transportation.

Broadway Tonite Show at Mount Airy Resort Casino

This will be a fun filled day of gambling, dining and music. The bus departs from the Kmart parking lot on 5th St. Highway (garden center side) at 8am on Monday, November 14 (program #973). Once you arrive at Mt. Airy Casino you can gamble for a bit before enjoying a buffet lunch and then a show highlighting the songs of Broadway at 1pm. The bus will depart Mt. Airy at 4pm. The cost of the trip is \$71/person to include \$20 slot play, buffet lunch, show and transportation. **Must be over 21 for this trip and please bring along your photo ID.** A great trip to get away before the holidays.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Canine Carnival

Get your furry four-legged friend ready to attend the annual Canine Carnival at Jim Dietrich Park on Saturday, May 21 (May 22 rain date) from 10am to 2pm. There will be demonstrations, a dog agility course and an official disc dog competition

organized by the Mid Atlantic Disc Dogs – Keystone State River Jam organization. You are welcome to bring your well-behaved pet on a 6' leash. We are hoping to invite various dog-related businesses and/or services to participate. The event is free for you and your canine friend.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The Parks Department will once again honor those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom on Monday, May 30 at the Memorial Day Ceremony. The ceremony will take place near the flagpole at Jim Dietrich Park at 10am. Students of the Muhlenberg High School will provide the music for this program. Come join us to recognize our members of the military who gave their lives for our freedom. Light refreshments will be served at pavilion #2 directly after the program.

The Summer Playground Program

The Summer Playground Program will run again this summer at Hyde Park, Laureldale Playground and the Stoudt's Ferry Playground. The program will run Monday thru Friday for eight weeks, starting on June 13 until August 5 from 9am to 12pm. The program is geared toward children 6 to 12 years of age. The cost is \$55/child. Activities are geared around a theme each week, and there is a field trip each week except for the first week. Come join in the fun.

COMMUNITY & CIVIC GROUP NEWS

Muhlenberg Class Of 1986

30th Class Reunion

Saturday, September 24, 2016
\$30/person. Cocktails (cash bar) 6pm, dinner buffet begins at 7pm

Beverly Hills Tavern

710 Old Fritztown Road, Sinking Spring, PA. *Make checks payable to: Muhlenberg Class of 1986*

Responses and checks due August 31st. Mail to: Julie Roth / 4111 Juniper Drive / Reading, PA 19605

Questions: tandjroth@verizon.net or 610-914-7562

MTHS Class of 1966 50th Reunion

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 3pm to 7pm
Berks County YR Club, Thrush Road
at Parkside Drive S, Wyomissing, PA
19610. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Cash
Bar, Live Music and Dancing. (*You must
be 21 to attend this event*) RSVP by
June 1st. *Tickets are \$39/person, pay-
able via MC or VISA @gomuhs1966.
myevent.com or send Check or Money
Order to Bonnie (Greth) Collier, 510
Elnore Ave., Temple, PA 19560. For
questions or more info, call Bonnie
610-929-8482*

Goodwill Fire Company

Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser
August 13th 8am to 11am to help
support the Truck Crew. Tickets will be
available at the Firehouse Monday -
Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm and Tuesday
evenings 6:00pm to 8:30pm. *For more
info contact Brian Kissinger at 610-
587-2739*

Senior Club of Laureldale

Overnight Trip July 13-14, 2016, to
Turning Stone Resort Casino, NY.
Package Cost \$165 per person.
Wed., June 1 to Ehrhardt's D/T
in the Poconos - Cost \$72 pp
Wed., Oct. 5 to Dutch Apple D/T,
"Anything Goes" musical - Cost \$71 pp
Reserve with: Helen 610-929-2412

Temple Fire Company

Temple Firefighters Annual Chicken
BarBQ. Sunday, May 22, 2016 10am -
2pm. *Pick up the dinners at Temple
WalMart, front parking lot.*
Dinners are \$8.00 and include:
**1/2 chicken, Baked Potato, Corn,
Roll & butter.** Tickets available from
any firefighter or by calling 610-929-
8050. *Purchase tickets early as we
sell out early. A limited number of
dinners may be available the day of
the BarBQ.*

Muhlenberg Garden Club

Your community club enjoys a myriad
of garden activities to learn and share
green-thumb skills together. We also
proudly gift an annual scholarship
to the most deserving horticulture
student studying at Muhlenberg Vo-

Tech. We generally meet Apr.-Dec.,
the first Wednesday of the month,
usually at 7pm, subject to change
according to our program. Join us!
Get to know us as a group and see
what we are all about. In addition,
look for us at the Muhlenberg Flea
Market. *For more info, contact our
President, Bridget Niehus at
610-301-3321.*

Muhlenberg Area Ambulance Association

The Muhlenberg Ambulance Assn.
was organized by The Muhlenberg
Lions Club in 1963 as a NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION, to provide
emergency care to the citizens of
Muhlenberg Twp., Laureldale Bor-
ough, and surrounding communities.
We have faithfully been serving the
public for over 50 years. Currently,
you are being served "24/7" 365 days
a year, by a paid staff of nearly 40 full
and part time Medics and EMT's. Our
staff is standing by to serve you with
a compliment of four ambulances
and a squad truck. Last year, our am-
bulance crews responded to nearly
4,000 calls. Our annual subscription
drive for 2016 has been underway
since mid-November. A family mem-
bership still only costs \$50.00 per
year, while a single membership is
\$30.00 per year. For less than 15 cents
per day we urge you to become a
subscriber. Should you ever need the
emergency services of the ambu-
lance, as a member, we would accept
as payment in full whatever your
insurance would pay. As an example
only, if the bill for the use of the am-
bulance would be \$1,000.00, and your
insurance would only pay \$500.00,
we would accept the \$500.00 as pay-
ment in full. Non-members would be
responsible for the entire amount of
whatever the bill might be - using this
example - that would be \$1,000.00.
If you did not receive one of our
membership brochures by the middle
of December (2015), please call 610-
929-5774, Ext 2. Any extra financial
help you might be able to provide
when you send in your membership
would be deeply appreciated! The As-
sociation also provides CPR and First

Aid classes for the public. For details,
please call 610-929-5774 Ext. 6. **FOR
EMERGENCY CALLS - DIAL 911!**

Borough of Laureldale

The Borough has a playground and a
park for residents' enjoyment. The Lau-
reldale Playground has ball fields and
a playground for children. A summer
activity program is run by Muhlenberg
Township for the children at the Rose-
dale Playground. Dominic Manzella
Park offers a playground, volleyball,
quoits, horseshoes as well as a ball
field. *The pavilion at Dominic Manzella
Park can be reserved by contacting the
Borough Office at 610-929-8700.*

Alsace Lutheran Church

2201 Kutztown Road, Reading
Saturday, April 30 Praise & Wor-
ship at 5:00pm.

Sunday, May 22 Lunch & Cemetery
Scavenger Hunt for youth ages 12 to
18. **No cost.** Need to register by calling
610-929-8727 and speak to Cindy; or
e-mail her at alsacelutheran@verizon.
net. *Deadline to register is Sunday,
May 8th.*

Sunday, May 29 Praise & Worship at
8:15 and 10:45am.

Riverview Christian

3301 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Rd.

Summer Camp Early Learning Center
for children who have completed
Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. June
13 - August 25 **Sign up now!**

*For a brochure and registration form go
to www.riverviewchristianelc.com*

Divorce Care Begins Wednesday, March
30th, 6:30 to 8pm and runs until June
22nd. *For information or to register,
send an e-mail to:*

riverviewchristian@gmail.com

Bake Sale during the Primary Election
to raise awareness for Human Traf-
ficking and funds for a safe home for
rescued women. Tuesday, April 26th
7am to 7pm

Community Yard Sale & Car Wash

Saturday, April 30th 8am - 7pm \$15.00
to reserve a 10ft space in the back
parking lot (*does not include a table*) 54
spaces available on a first-come, first-
serve basis. Mail your check, payable
to "RCF" to: 3301 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge

Road. Food will be available and there will be a Car Wash in the front of the building. All proceeds will go to our upcoming Missions Trip.

e-mail riverviewchristian@gmail with questions.

Free Movie Chosen: The True Story of America's Trafficked Teens
Teens and adults are encouraged to get informed! Wednesday, May 4th, 6:30pm. Question and answer time following the presentation. **Sponsored by F.R.E.E. www.facebook.com/FREENslaved**

Good Shepherd UCC

170 Tuckerton Road

Wednesday, May 11 Muhlenberg Community Blood Drives 2:30-7pm,

Wednesday, August 10, 2:30-7pm

Wednesday, May 11 Dine & Donate at PJ Whelien's, 5:00-10:00pm

Saturday, June 4 Kauffman's Chicken BBQ, 10am – 1pm \$8.00 per meal
Also Community Flea Market on same day begins at 7 am-?

Space available for \$10.

Call Jeff, 610-927-6809

Calvary Lutheran Church

1009 Elizabeth Ave.

Laureldale, PA 19605

contactcalvary@verizon.net

Plant Sale Saturday, May 7, 9am-1pm. Annuals, perennials and hanging baskets

Strawberry Festival Saturday, June 4, 2-6pm. Outdoor worship at 5pm

Vacation Bible School July 25 -29, 6:15-8:30pm for children ages 3-6th grade. Adult class held at 7:00pm.

Rittenhouse Senior Living

Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's

Disease: Early Detection Matters
April 22, 2016, 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Learn about the 10 warning signs, how to become prepared if warning signs occur, why early detection is important, how a healthy lifestyle and brain health are related, and much more with Joan Grasso from Alzheimer's Association. For more information and to RSVP, please call Alzheimer's Association 800-272-3900
Cost: FREE

Feral Cat Problem

Do you have lots of feral cats in your neighborhood? Would you like to know what to do to help the situation? No Nonsense Neutering has a program called Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) that has proved to help reduce the cat population and improve cats' lives. The behavior and stresses associated with mating (pregnancy, yowling, spraying and fighting) all stop after neutering. How this works would be that someone would have to trap the cat. Traps are available for use at No Nonsense Neutering located at 1500 Frush Valley Road in Muhlenberg Township. Once trapped you would bring the cat to No Nonsense for neutering for a fee of \$35. Then you would be able to return the cat to its original outdoor home. There are ways to tell

if a community cat has already been fixed. The universal sign is when a cat is ear-tipped. This means someone in your community already had the cat fixed, was given shots and is part of a TNR colony.

These cats have a caretaker and should not be re-trapped or brought to a shelter.



Our local shelters take in over 4000 cats a year. Fixing one community cat can save 200 cats from entering our shelter doors. If you would like more details on how to TNR please contact: No Nonsense Neutering at 866.820.2510 or Fairchild Foundation

NEW FOR 2016!

Hometown Heroes Banner program

Do you know of an active duty or retired service man or woman?

Muhlenberg Township is starting a Hometown Heroes Banner Program. This is a great way to honor and thank those who served and continue to serve our country. The program is in its infancy and we are looking for interested parties to sponsor banners that will be placed on utility poles within the Township. The banners are 60" tall and 30" wide and will have a photo and details of your Hometown Hero such as where and when they served. Banners are made of a durable weather-resistant vinyl which will last for many years. Detailed information



is available on the Muhlenberg Township website at www.muhenbergtp.com, or by calling the offices at 610-929-4727, and by visiting the office at 210 George St. Reading PA 19605.

Muhlenberg River Fest

Save the dates, August 27/28 for the first annual Muhlenberg River Fest! The all NEW Muhlenberg River Fest is slated for Saturday, August 27 from 10am to 10pm and Sunday, August 28 from 10am to 5pm at Jim Dietrich Park. Our township borders one of the most scenic areas along the Schuylkill River. From the Jim Dietrich house to the rivers edge, select locations are currently being prepared for three stages of music, a beer and wine garden, various food vendors, artisan vendors, interactive activities and fun for all ages. "Like" and follow the Muhlenberg Township page as well as the Parks and Recreation Facebook page for upcoming details. If you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity as a vendor, sponsor or performer, contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 610-929-4727 or send an e-mail to info@muhenbergtp.com.

in Birdsboro at Fairchildfoundation@gmail.com for more details. Working together we can make a difference!

Internet Safe Trading Zone

Muhlenberg Township is pleased to announce the establishment of two internet "safe trading" zones for public use. The first zone can be utilized during normal business hours which are M-F, 8am - 4:30pm. It is located in the seating area halfway down the first floor hall of the Municipal Building at 210 George Street and is marked with a sign on the wall. The second location is for after-hours transactions and is located in the back parking lot of the Municipal Building and is marked with a street sign. Both locations are monitored with surveillance cameras and are located within feet of the Police Department. The Township's Internet Safe Trading Zone should be utilized when buying or selling via online marketplaces. Be confident and safe when conducting sales transactions from online contacts and sources by using these areas.

Muhlenberg Water Authority NOTICE TO ALL MUHLENBERG WATER & SEWER CUSTOMERS

Effective March 1, 2016, the average residential water bill will increase by approximately \$4.20 per quarter, and the average residential sewer bill will increase by approximately \$8.13 per quarter. Copies of the full rate schedules are available upon request at the Authority Office or on our website at www.muhlenberg.org

Stay Informed of Emergencies:

Muhlenberg Township Authority is asking that all residents of the township sign up to be notified of all water or sewer emergencies. It's quick and easy to do. Go to www.muhlenberg.org and click the Swift911 logo, Complete the form and hit submit. **All information is confidential and will NOT be shared with anyone. (Muhlenberg completes source water protection plan)** Muhlenberg Township Authority has recently completed a Source Water Protection Plan and is now certified by DEP. Visit our website at www.muhlenberg.org and click on

the **Source Water Protection** link to get tips and information on how you can do your part to protect your water supply.

Berks County Youth Rugby

Berks County Youth Rugby is looking for youth interested in learning and playing the game of rugby for the upcoming 2016 (U13) Spring Season. This is the inaugural season for the team and no experience is necessary. Suggested grade levels are 5th through 7th; however, players must be 13 years of age OR under as of September 1 of the current school year. Players are required to register with Rugby PA at the cost of \$40 per player. Interested players should contact Greg Stelluti at 610.755.8124 or Justin Cassidy at 215.341.6783 or berksyouthrugby@gmail.com or [facebook.com/BerksCountyYouthRugby](https://www.facebook.com/BerksCountyYouthRugby).

Muhlenberg Savings Card

The Muhlenberg Savings Card (discount card) may be purchased again this year on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. The price of the card remains at \$10.00. This sought-after card contains valuable discounts from local businesses. If you would like to reserve your Muhlenberg Savings Card please call (610) 921-8028, and select option 8, for additional information.

The dates and pick up locations for PRE-ORDERED cards are as follows:

****PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES****

- Saturday, May 14, 2016 (rain date May 15) at the Muhlenberg Flea Market, Space #743, near the main entrance of Muhlenberg High School, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Monday, May 16, 2016, at Muhlenberg Elementary Center, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at Muhlenberg Elementary Center, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Additional cards, IF AVAILABLE, may also be purchased on these pick-up dates. Proceeds will benefit Muhlenberg Elementary Center Student Council.

MUHLENBERG COMMUNITY LIBRARY

** Library policy states that children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.* Please check our website (www.muhlenbergcommunitylibrary.org) for more information on these special programs and our other recurring programs.*

National Poetry Month April 1-29

In honor of National Poetry Month children and teens will have the opportunity to use their imagination and creativity by creating a poem. When you submit a poem to the library in exchange you will be rewarded with a prize! Submissions will be accepted until April 29th. **For ages 0-18.**

Bee Amazed Saturday, April 30 12:00-1:30pm

Muhlenberg Community Library invites you to "bee" amazed at the life of bees. Beekeepers Casey Darnell and Todd Cawley will provide an educational bee program that allows children to view beekeeping equipment, honey extraction tools, and observe a beehive. Children and parents will have the opportunity to interact and ask questions. This event is free and registration is required. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult. **For all ages.**

Family Story Time Monday, April 25 3:30-5:30pm

Join us the day before the Primaries as we hold a Mock Primary Election and watch an election-related movie. For ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

May the 4th Be with You Wednesday, May 4 3:30 - 4:30pm

Star Wars fans across the globe have turned this pun, "May the 4th Be With You," into their rallying cry.

Join us on Wednesday, May 4th from 3:30-4:30pm as we celebrate the much-loved Star Wars story that binds our galaxy together. For ages 12-18. Please check their website for more information. **No registration required.**

School's Out for Summer Wednesday, June 8th 12:00-5pm

To celebrate the last day of school, come to the library for a movie marathon and some munchies. For ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

Reader's Theatre- "Gaining Ground"

**Wednesday, May 11
6:30-8:00pm**

The Reading Theatre Project is performing a staged reading of Sue Lange's adaptation of "Gaining Ground" by Forrest Pritchard. The performance will be held at Muhlenberg Community Library in the children's area. The performance will include 3 professional actors and will be directed by Christine Cieplinski. The program is geared for adults. However, children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult. **The event is free and no registration is required.**

Downton Abbey Afternoon Party

**The event will be held Saturday,
May 21 at 12:00-2:00pm**

Muhlenberg Community Library cordially invites you to an afternoon filled with refreshments and sweets. You will have a chance to mingle as well as watch reruns of the Downton Abbey show series. The event is free and registration is required. The program is geared for adults; children are welcome to attend; however, children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer Reading Club: On Your Mark, Get Set . . . Read!
Summer reading starts the week of June 13 and will run through August 20.

For each 1 hour of reading time that you track, you'll receive fun goodies and chances to win awesome prizes. The 10-week long program is designed to motivate children and teens to read, and to develop language and literacy skills. This year's theme is focused on games, sports, and developing healthy habits. **For ages 0-18.**

Story Rider Thursdays at 1:00pm.

Join us for a free story time for babies and toddlers. **No registration is required.** Older siblings are welcome.

Terrific Tots Fridays at 10:00am

Designed for ages 5 and under. Every Friday there is a huge play date at the library. We play with bubbles, read stories, sing, dance, and more! **No registration required.**

Game Club Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Hang out at the library and join us as we play some games. Some days we'll be table-top gaming, some days we'll be playing with the X-Box, and some days we'll do both! For ages 12-18. **No registration required. Dates: 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/20, 8/3**

Duck for President Performance Thursday, June 23 11:00am-12:00pm

Muhlenberg Community Library presents Duck for President performance based on the book by James Grote and George Howe. The event will take place in the children's area. You will have an enjoyable time watching the reenactment performance of Duck for President. **The event is free and no registration is required.** All ages are welcome! Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

Animal Olympics live Reptile Program Saturday, June 25 1:30-3:00pm

Summer Reading presents "Animal Olympics", a live Reptile Program on Saturday, June 25th from 1:30-3:00pm at Muhlenberg Community Library in the children's area. Special

guest, Herpetologist Jesse Rothacker from Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary features fifteen reptiles from your own backyard and around the world, including all four families of reptiles: snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocodilians! Jesse will educate the audience on each reptile while also allowing you the opportunity to pet the reptiles. **The event is free and registration is required. Please register at the circulation desk.** The event is geared for all ages, especially for the family. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult. For all ages.

Live Action Clue Wednesday July 6 1:00 – 3:00pm

Based on the "Clue" board game, invented by Anthony Ernest Pratt, teens will be assigned characters to role-play, while attempting to solve a murder mystery. Free event. For ages 12-18. **Please register for this event at the circulation desk.**

Comedy Sports Wednesday July 13 2:00 pm

Comedy Sports is a short improvisation workshop where participants will learn a few improvisation games, and then break into teams to compete for the title of "funniest, most creative improv team." Free event. For ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

Slapshot Visit On Wednesday, July 13 3:00-4:00pm

Slapshot, the mascot from Reading Royals will be visiting Muhlenberg Community library. Come by the library and give Slapshot a friendly welcome and take photos! All ages are welcome; children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

Old Time Toys On Thursday July 14 2:00-3:00pm

"Porcupine Pat" McKinney presents Old Time Toys (pioneer toys) at Muhlenberg Community Library in the children's section. "Porcupine Pat" will demonstrate old time pioneer toys while children engage and

interact with the toys as well. Past and present styles of play and toys will be compared as we learn how our ancestors survived in the wilds of Schuylkill County. Emphasis is on pioneer and folk toys including buzzsaws, whimmey-diddle gee haws, and stilts. **The event is free and no registration is required.** All ages are welcome to attend. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

Ready, Set, Read Action Painting Tuesday, July 19th 2:00- 4:00pm

Ready, Set, Read Action Painting will be held at Muhlenberg Community Library outside behind the library building. Children will use sports equipment as the paintbrush to create their very own art masterpiece to keep. The Yocum Institute of the Arts Education will be hosting this fun-action packed activity. Participants should dress for a fun mess! **The event is free and registration is required so please register at the circulation desk.** Geared for all ages, children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult. The rain date is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st at 2:00pm.

Makey, Makey Wednesday July 27 1:00 – 3:00pm

At this STEM program, teens will learn about conductivity and engineering as they create a banana piano, play Mario with Play-DOH, and play Pacman with a pencil drawing of a joystick. This program is a little bit science, a little bit art, and a whole lot of fun. Free event. For ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

Curious George Story Time with sign language Thursday, July 28 1:30-3:00pm

Miss Jamie will read a Curious George book based on sports-themed activities while also teaching some key sign language words revolving around the book. Children and parents will have the opportunity to learn basic sign language together. Sign language is actually proven to be enriching for

a child's growth in vocabulary and communicating. The event is geared for children under the age of 8. **The event is free and no registration is required.** Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

Capture the Flag Wednesday, August 10 1:00–3:00 pm

Weather permitting, we'll gather outside to play the traditional outdoor camp game. Two teams will compete against each other in a battle to capture the other team's flag. Free event. For ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

It's all about the Games August 17 10:00 – 4:00pm

Join us as we watch several movies based on board games and video games. Come for one movie or all movies. Snacks will be provided. Free event. For ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEW Playaway launch pads

The Library now offers Playaway launch pads that can be checked out in the library for two hours by parents. Launch tablets are learning tablets that have fun learning interactive games for children. The learning apps are enjoyable for both the children and parents. The Playaway launch pads are grouped together by subject area, theme, grade level, and age. There is a tablet for every child's interest whether it is reading, art, animals, and more.

NEW 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Do you have a child who enjoys reading and listening to stories? 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a great program to start with your child. It's simple; read a book to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your precocious one starts kindergarten. Once each child has read a certain amount of books, the child will receive a coloring page and a sticker. To join the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, please come in to the Muhlenberg Community Library and register at the circulation desk to begin the program. The best part is it's free! Once registered, you will receive

information about how to get started.

THANK YOU

The Muhlenberg Township Parks & Recreation Department thanks the following people, businesses and groups for their support over the Winter/Spring season with our programs. All those listed provided financial support, donations or manpower. Without their help our programs would not be as successful. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Vera Bradley Bingo – The Parks Department partnered with the Muhlenberg Junior Woman's Club for this event, especially Stephanie Mullarkey and Jenn Wentzel who solicited all the raffle and door prizes for this event. Other volunteers included Christine Quinter. The following businesses donated items for raffle and door prizes. Berks Fire and Water, BJ's Wholesale Club, Billy's Candies, Blind Hartman's Tavern, Body Zone, Carvel, Chapman's Deli, Crossroad Family Restaurant, Dino's Wings and Things, Friendly's Restaurant, Giant Food Store, Hershey Harvest, Jack O'Reilly Tuxedo, Jimbo's Steaks, Klinger's on Carsonia, Klopp Novelty, Lattanzio's, Lupold's Hardware, Margherita's, MJR Styles, Pampered Chef with Anita Blew, Pizza Como, Pretzel Revolution, Reading Fightin Phils, Reading Rocks, Reading Royals, Sam's Club, Schell's, Sheetz, Shirley's Café, Spaydy's Nursery, Stitch n' Stuff, Super Shoes, Target, Tastefully Simple with Jennifer Wentzel, Temple Family Restaurant, Temple Greenhouse, Tom Sturgis, Unique Pretzels, V&S Sandwiches, Wegman's Restaurant, Weis Markets.

Father/Daughter Dance - Volunteers were Mary Ann Keck, Barbara and Ron Klee, Betty Ledig, Deanna Northam, Ethel Stamm, Herb and Judy Zettlemoyer, and members of the Golden Muhls Senior Group. **Easter Scavenger Hunt** – Clover Farms Dairy, Meyer's Costume Shoppe, Chick fil A, Wendy's, R.M. Palmer, Sam's Club, and Wal-Mart Store. Volunteers were Chris Gottschall, Beth Radka, Herb Zettlemoyer, Steve Hoffman with other family members, members of the MHS Leo Club, and members of the Golden Muhls Senior Group. **Fishing Rodeo** – Muhlenberg Rotary Club. **Concert Series** – PA Council on the Arts, Berks Arts Council, Wyomissing Foundation. **Jim Sheipe** supporting the Muhlenberg A's by helping to make the ball fields at Jim Dietrich Park ready for play this spring. **Carol Stout** for their continued efforts in cleaning up along the Rail Trail. **Muhlenberg Night at the Reading Phillies** - Bob Fisher Chevrolet, Dynamic Physical Therapy, GK Elite Sportswear, Hahn Exteriors, Heffleger Kitchen Center, Heffner Printing, Karetas Foods, Krasno Krasno & Onwudinj, Manderbach Ford, Schells and The Borough of Laureldale

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