

# **Buckingham Township**

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## A Letter from Your Board of Supervisors

Whether you moved to Buckingham Township yesterday, 20 years ago, or were born here... there's a reason why we live here. Buckingham's people, businesses, and farming tradition all contribute to making Buckingham one of the best townships in the state. Even though most of us feel Buckingham is a little slice of paradise, you might not know some of the work that goes into Buckingham being consistently cited as one



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of the best managed townships in Pennsylvania.

OPEN SPACE – We are proud that Buckingham was the first community in the state to help our farmers preserve their land. The almost 6500 acres of protected farmland and open space preserves our agricultural heritage as well as a high quality of life for current residents and future generations. In the past four years alone, we have preserved 7 farms for a total of 389 additional acres. The 59 acres recently added to Holicong Park is a great example of our commitment to recreational open space. Our policy of preserving land and open space is a keystone to what we love about Buckingham: safeguarding the environment, our physical safety, and financial prudence.

ENVIRONMENTAL - It is no secret that Buckingham is committed to protecting the environment. We are most proud of having the most eco-friendly wastewater system in the state. By requiring that wastewater be treated in lagoons and once treated sprayed onto open fields, we preserve hundreds of acres as open space for spray fields on which crops can be grown at no cost to the taxpayers while recharging our groundwater to protect our water resources. No other town in Bucks does this.

PHYSICAL SAFETY - Buckingham is consistently ranked the Safest Township in the state and as noted in the Herald's July 30, 2020 edition Buckingham ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the country for its safe neighborhoods. Subsequently Fox 29 and Patch articles had the Township ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on a list of the top 100 safest towns in the USA. We do this by ensuring our police have the training and resources they need to protect us, and by focusing on community policing. Our Township supports the three volunteer fire companies that cover our area and Central Bucks EMS. We thank them for their service.

FINANCIAL SECURITY – Buckingham is one of only a handful of townships in the state of PA that is AAA bond rated. This is the highest rating you can get in the financial world. It means that all of us save millions of dollars in interest payments. We have the second lowest real estate taxes of any Township in Bucks County with taxes collected only for the Township's open space program and emergency services. No real estate taxes go to the Township's general fund. This financial prudence is why we have not raised taxes in 14 years. We even lowered taxes in 2017, and they remain at that level to this day!

As your neighbors we always make decisions based on what is best for the Township no matter what the national climate is. Local government should be about local issues. What affects you... affects us. We will always work hard to keep Buckingham the place that it is, and the place that attracted us all here in the first place, "a little slice of paradise".

We hope to see you at our Township summer events. May you and your family have a safe and fun summer.

Paul Calderaio Chairman

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## Land Preservation: Persistence Pays Off

For over two decades, the township pursued the preservation of the Maximuck Farm, the largest remaining tract in the northeast portion of Buckingham and on July 3, 2019, persistence paid off! This 100-acre property can be viewed from both Long Lane and Street Road and together with a preserved farm in Solebury Township on the other side of Street Road, the effect for motorists is a ride back in time to an agricultural past. The terrain is primarily flat, making it a developer's dream, but thanks to the family and Buckingham Township residents, our town prevailed and it's preserved forever!



The farm boasts numerous greenhouses, a barn, a farmhouse, various outbuildings and a farm market. Approximately 70 acres are in cultivation, growing sweet corn, soybeans and vegetables. In addition, the greenhouses contain annuals, perennials, and hydroponically-grown tomato and lettuce plants, ensuring a year-round supply. The farm has a herd of cattle and a sty for pigs, which supply the beef and pork sold in the market.

The land also contains the headwaters of the Paunacussing, which flow to the Delaware River. Because this land is now preserved, that will mean that virtually the entire length of the creek will be protected from Buckingham through Solebury to the river—a real boon for water quality. This preservation success as well as those described below are truly wins for every resident of Buckingham who loves our open spaces and farms. Thank you again, Maximuck Family!

After this historic accomplishment, the township took a quick breath and plunged into more good preservation news in 2020. Since the mid 90's the Agricultural Preservation Committee had pursued Anna Williams' 70-acre farm located on Lower Mountain Road a stone's throw from Holicong Road. An easement was secured in July of 2020 and the land is under the current ownership of Nick and Robin McGinnis Lykon.

Only a month later, in August of 2020, the Overholt tract of almost 18 acres was preserved at Cold Spring Creamery and Swamp Roads with the aid of the Buckingham Township Civic Association—which, as its last act before shutting down, donated its remaining assets to help the township fund this easement. This property was one piece of a three-piece puzzle for a townhouse development. By removing this property from the plan, that corner can no longer be developed for townhouses; it can just grow corn and other wonderful crops.

Thanks to the support of our residents, Buckingham keeps on preserving. 2021 saw the preservation of several additional tracts. The Roux/Kelly family purchased 50 acres on Ash Mill Road from the Central Bucks School District, across the street from their home. 20 acres of that tract had been preserved by the Heritage Conservancy. Buckingham bought easements on the Roux/Kelly purchase and now we have guaranteed that all 50 beautiful acres will stay in agriculture.

Talk about stubbornness, Buckingham talked with three generations of Sikorskis, from the mid 1990's until Frank Jr. and Debra Ripp acquired the 80+ acres along New Hope and Creek Roads in August of 2021 and allowed Buckingham to secure easements on their new home. They have restored the beautiful old farmhouse and returned the land to agriculture.

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## Millage and Bond Ratings - Why Should You Care?

Stop yawning! Read this if you care about how much you are paying in taxes. Start with the fact that Buckingham is one of a handful of municipalities in the entire Commonwealth with a AAA bond rating. The township earned that credit rating from Standard and Poor's in 2014, at a time when those organizations were downgrading many other localities. That rating was reaffirmed in 2021.

Our sterling credit rating allows the township to borrow money at low interest rates to finance projects such as the new wastewater complex. Our bonds are very easy to sell because of our rating and thus we have very little debt compared to other towns. In fact, we have only two bonds outstanding. One is for the wastewater complex and the other is from a land preservation bond tied to the referendum from 2008.

Meanwhile, our general fund finances all township services such as the police, administration, public works and the building and codes department. These funds come from transfer taxes and the earned income tax and charges for services. We have no general fund millage\*. Our only millage? Three mills for land preservation, one quarter for emergency services, and three quarters for firefighting. By contrast, the millage for neighboring townships range from 6.45 to 24.81.

What does this mean for Buckingham taxpayers? The average annual real estate tax bill is \$196.63 or 2 ½ cents for every local tax dollar you pay—the second lowest township taxes in the County, second only to Milford Township. If you then add in the federal dollars you spend on taxes, you can see that just a small percentage is paying for some of the most important services you receive.

And that's why you should care about millage and bond ratings.

\*Property tax rates in Pennsylvania are referred to as millage rates and are computed in mills. One mill equals 1/1,000 of a dollar.

## Get a Charge Out of This

Astonishing and unexpected, but... there it is in the rear corner of the Township Building parking lot: an electric car charging station that can accommodate two vehicles. Charging will take a few hours, so if you are attending a township meeting, take advantage of the opportunity and return to a nicely charged battery. Or, perhaps better still, take a walk along the Wetland Nature trail, located a few steps from the charging station. The fee for charging is about a dollar an hour, payable on a Chargepoint card, which, if you have an EV, you likely already have.

To help cover the costs of construction of this Electric Vehicle Charging Station, the Township was awarded a grant through the PA DEP Driving PA Forward - Level 2 EV Charging Rebate program.

And, as for that Wetlands Nature trail, come check it out whether you are charging your car or not. See the article describing the trail on page 6 of this Newsletter.



## A Hidden Jewel

Buckingham is putting the finishing touches on the awesome Little Buckingham Mountain Community Trail connecting Upper Mountain Estates to Buckingham Forest. Carved through a tract that was preserved by the Deschamps family, this beautiful path serves as a respite from the world of problems and concerns.

The trail winds carefully through the woods, creating minimal disturbance to the surrounding trees. Navigating it lies somewhere between a walk and a hike in difficulty, meaning that bike riders will have to dismount on sections of it, which is fine because the experience should be savored. Just let the sounds of nature surround you.

We have the Department of Public Works to thank for making this haven accessible. The members of the department carefully created the trail using crushed half-inch modified redstone, applying it with equipment normally used for road paving, including a roller for flattening the pathway. The job soon got more challenging when the trail curved upward and they encountered numerous impressively large boulders. Using small equipment, they managed to move the boulders out of the way and pile them up artistically on both sides of the trail.



Picture while under construction

The pathway eventually connects to a pre-existing footpath used for years between the two developments. Coming from the Upper Mountain Estates direction, a fork in that footpath will lead to Green Ridge Road to the right and Forest Hill Drive to the left, both in Buckingham Forest.

Signs will be placed along the township portion of the Little Buckingham Mountain Community Trail to ensure that people will be able to reach emergency responders with their exact location should that become necessary.

To help pay for the project, Buckingham applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the PECO Green Region Open Space Program.

## Land Preservation: Persistence Pays Off (cont.)

2021 also saw an easement placed on the lovely 40-acre horse farm along Holicong Road owned by Mary Ann Snyder. This property backs up to Holicong Park and extends the vista of open space.

And in 2022, an easement was placed on a 51-acre tract at Swamp and Dark Hollow Roads belonging to the Veit Trust. The property had an approved 4-lot subdivision but now consists of two approximately 25-acre lots, each with a twoacre curtilage for a home (as is standard with township easements). Fairwinds Holdings, LLC purchased the property and is currently building a homestead on one of the 25-acre lots.

Every bit of preserved property requires persistence—outreach to the owner, evaluations, assessments, negotiations and legal work. With that in mind, there are other success stories in our future. Currently we have two more properties in the preservation pipeline—fingers crossed!!

## **Our Police Department Just Became Accredited**

The department and the township are proudly celebrating this great news. But what does it mean to be an accredited department?

The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association oversees accreditation, which ensures that a department meets some 137 standards for policy and procedures—not just by having them in place, but by implementing them throughout the department. These policies touch on every aspect of police work including the use of force, the duty to intervene, handling of suspects, high speed chases and officer training, to name just a few.

The written policies must adhere to statewide minimums which are designed to be achievable for all sizes and types of law enforcement organizations. Accordingly, each locality designs guidelines to fit its own circumstances. Once they are put in place, all officers must comply with the procedures in their daily assignments.

The Chiefs Association spends three days evaluating each department to see if it can be deemed accredited. Moreover, it is quite possible to lose accreditation. Right now there are 147 agencies across the Commonwealth that have achieved the distinction of being accredited and Buckingham is proud to be among them.

## **New Police Hires**

Buckingham Township is proud to introduce the newest members of our police department. We wish them every success. It is reassuring to know that these outstanding individuals who clearly love Buckingham—will be keeping us safe.



Police officers must be prepared to respond to a bewildering variety of calls ranging from violent crimes to suspicious person reports, burglaries, domestic disputes, noise complaints,

traffic accidents, alarms, and anything else that prompts a resident to call. They must know how to administer first aid and CPR, interview witnesses and suspects, write reports, teach the DARE curriculum, respect constitutional rights, use tasers and firearms properly, stop motor vehicles safely, conduct field tests for drunk driving—again, the list is endless. And they must do it with professionalism and good judgment. We owe these individuals boundless gratitude for what they do every single day.

#### 2021 New Hire

**Officer Matt Ofner**, date of hire January 2021, joined the force after graduating from Allentown Police Academy. He praised the people he has met in town: "We have great residents who support us, and I enjoy working various community events and going to our schools and speaking with the students."

#### 2022 New Hires

**Officer Justin Gerding**, date of hire January 2022, came to our department with 13 years of experience in the Tinicum Township Police Department and is an expert on truck inspections and accident reconstruction who will undoubtedly make our roads safer. He wanted to continue to grow within his law enforcement career and was excited to come to Buckingham Township because of its great reputation as a safe community. He feels he can do his part to keep us that way.

**Officer Dylan Sherman**, date of hire February 2022, previously worked for the SEPTA Transit Police where he was part of the Special Operations Response Team which is trained to handle situations such as armed hijackings, chemical terrorism, and urban disorders.

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## The Wetlands Trail

When you hear the word "wetlands" do you picture a swamp? Nope, you're wrong. Instead, picture meadows and trees with a trail winding through an acre of land behind the parking lot of the Township Building. It's a perfect place for a short mind-clearing walk and maybe a picnic lunch in a rustic gazebo. And, if you're a birdwatcher, or just someone who likes to see lots of birds, this gentle trail is definitely for you. Overall, a total of 82 species have been documented since 2008 including woodpeckers, hawks, owls, wrens and mockingbirds.

The wetlands trail was established a generation ago with an eye toward management of a large stormwater retention basin between the township building and Buckingham Elementary School. The engineering works like this: When stormwater flows through the wetlands, the native vegetation planted by the developers cleans the water before it reaches Watson's Creek.

Spaced throughout the length of the soft wood-chip trail (ADA compliant!) are numerous educational signs describing the local insects (bumble bees, grasshoppers, butterflies), nest boxes for Eastern bluebirds and tree swallows, and bat boxes. Fluffy cattails fill a meadow presided over by red winged blackbirds. The gazebo houses a bench perfect for pausing for a moment to appreciate your surroundings. The trail ends with a wooden bridge over a creek leading to the elementary school.

The township is busily maintaining the site. The gazebo, built by Amish craftsmen, will be getting a new roof, the pathway will be getting fresh woodchips, the vegetation will be evaluated and weeded. The township manager appreciates the fact that the man originally responsible for the installation became so attached to the site that he still comes periodically to make recommendations.

## **Electronic Water and Sewer Bills**

The Township bills our Water and Sewer customers quarterly on the 15th of the month\* as follows:

January 15 April 15 July 15 October 15

Beginning in October the water and sewer bills will be in letter format. Please look for an envelope with your bill. You will no longer receive a postcard.

To sign up to receive electronic water and sewer bills please call Lisa Miletto at 215-794-8854 or email her at <u>Imiletto@buckinghampa.org</u>. You will receive a PDF version of your quarterly water and sewer bill, which you can save or print.

Payment is due 30 days from the billing date. If you do not receive your bill, simply go online to retrieve your bill (you will need your account number and pin which is on all prior bills) or call the township for a copy. Once you register for an online account you will no longer need your account number and pin and you can save your banking information for future payments so you don't have to input that information each time you want to pay online. If you pay online using a bank account, we will reimburse the \$1.95 fee on the following bill.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Miletto at 215-794-8854.

\*or the next business day if the 15<sup>th</sup> is a weekend or holiday

## New Police Hires (cont.)

**Officer Rob Ridolfi**, date of hire May 2022, served with the Philadelphia Police Department in the Kensington District on bike patrol before literally staying home to work in Buckingham Township. He enjoys community policing and thought it would be a wonderful experience being able to serve the residents of the same township where he grew up as a child and attended CB East.

**Officer Kyle Mullen**, date of hire October 2022, was hired straight from the Montgomery County Community College Police Academy. Kyle enjoys Buckingham Township and is appreciative for having the kind of community involvement that allows him the ability to interact with the residents. He believes in building trust between the police and the community they serve.

**Officer Chris Shaffer**, date of hire October 2022. Buckingham Township welcomed Chris immediately upon his graduation from the Temple University Police Academy. Chris, like many of the other new hires, chose to work on our force because of its relationship with the community. He especially notes how well last year's National Night Out event went and reminds himself that "it was the best decision to join Buckingham Township Police."

#### 2023 New Hires

**Officer Jermaine Davis**, date of hire January 2023, joined Buckingham after 20 years of distinguished service to the City of Philadelphia. For the last portion of his career, Officer Davis was part of department's elite SWAT unit. Jermaine is excited to learn from his new team and share with them his considerable on the job experiences—especially with community building. He feels that to have influence one must be a part of the community.

**Officer Emmett Shanks**, date of hire March 2023, was a police officer at Prospect Park in Delaware County before joining the Buckingham PD. He also serves as an infantryman in the Army National Guard. Officer Shanks indicated that he "chose Buckingham because of the professionalism in the department."

#### **Police Administration**

**Wendy Middleman**, date of hire September 2021, is also known as our "Director of First Impressions." Wendy came to us with an administrative background from the private sector. She believes in having a positive attitude and tries to apply positivity in each of her encounters with residents.

**Heather Stoner**, date of hire January 2023, came from the private sector as an administrative assistant in the medical field. She was looking to make a change and chose to work for Buckingham Police Department because she had "lived in the area for over a decade and was searching for a way to give back to my community."

## **Police Department Promotions**

Along with new faces came promotions. Officer Jessica Hannah, Officer Kevin Myslinski and Officer Eric Skillman were promoted to Corporal in 2022. All endured the promotional process which took them away from their families in order to study books and attend trainings on supervision, investigation, and constitutional law.

In April 2022, **Cpl. Rick Hazelett was promoted to Sergeant**. Rick has been an excellent officer since his arrival in 2017. He spent his previous years in law enforcement in the city of Philadelphia. Rick has continuously demonstrated his acumen as a proven decision maker who puts the police department and the township at the top of his priority list. **Officer Jim Crusemire** was assigned to the Detective Bureau, due to his thoroughness and success as a patrol officer. He has hit the ground running and has been a resourceful addition to our investigative team.

## Problems, Problems How Creative Thinking Saved the Day

Problem #1: Buckingham lacked a central location for the Water and Wastewater department to house its offices and equipment, resulting in its personnel and supplies being scattered all over town. The one building for the water division staff on Mechanicsville Road was sorely in need of expensive renovations. Worse, the wastewater division had no building at all.

Problem #2: When Buckingham preserved the 103-acre Lindquist farm to use as sprayfields (one of which is visible from York Road) it became the owner of an empty circa 1820 farmhouse in decrepit condition - sadly waterdamaged and lacking any obvious purpose. Leaving it unused made no sense and tearing it down would be contrary to the preservationist instincts of our township officials.

The solution becomes clear once these two problems are clearly juxtaposed and not lost in the noise of day-to-day governing: Convert the farmhouse into a building to serve as the Water and Wastewater Operations Center. Because the Mechanicsville site would have cost money to fix up, while still leaving the sewer division homeless, funds could instead be spent renovating the historic farmhouse to use as offices for both agencies while building an adjacent garage to house their combined equipment.

The new operations center sits steps from sprayfields that serve our present day need for wastewater treatment for Furlong. The fields grow hay, thus honoring the Lindquist tract's past as a working farm. The site also boasts a rain garden to manage storm water run-off.

The renovated building is a unique combination of old and new. The farmhouse retains its charm, from its stone exterior to its wide plank pine floors and its original fireplaces. However, the building has been refurbished to be ADA compliant and to have a conference room, a kitchen, and separate offices for the two superintendents and the director. Plus, it features a room designed for computer servers that serve as a backup for the entire township to continue functioning if the township building could not be used in an emergency.

Bottom line. Our Township has a totally up to date Water and Wastewater Operations Center sitting amidst meadows and trees on a site that can only be described as tranquil and bucolic.

Thanks are owing to Township Manager Dana Cozza for thinking of the solution when it was far from obvious, conceiving of this project and overseeing the step-by-step process of planning and construction. A true winwin for Buckingham.



Photo courtesy of Keith Balderston

## Technology to the Rescue

Picture some horrible scenarios.

Your child has wandered off into the woods and try as you might you cannot locate her. You shout. No response. After a few frantic minutes of fruitless searching, you call the police. You can barely form a coherent thought, but you can supply a description and a photo.

Or, your elderly parent with dementia has slipped away from home and he doesn't understand how to navigate the streets. You know he's frightened and won't understand how to ask for help. You search the streets and the usual places he might go. Nothing. So, you call the police and, as in the first awful case, you supply a description and a photo.

Buckingham Township Police Department was Awarded a \$121,640 grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Financial Grant Program

Fortunately, the Buckingham Police Department has just received a grant of over \$100,000 for a remarkable new technology called Cody Connect. This system is a sophisticated data sharing and dispatching tool that allows real-time cross-jurisdictional coordination among police agencies. It connects with Buckingham's Record Management System (RMS), Bucks County Computer-Aided Dispatching System (CAD), Bucks County's COBRA data sharing system and the Bucks County 911 center, bridging the gaps between each system and saving valuable and often critical time for all types of investigations.

That photo you provided? It can be sent to integrated cell phones and instantly be in the hands of multiple officers. Using Cody Connect, the police can form a search perimeter of a specified dimension, say a circle of five miles, which can be tightened or expanded in real time. In addition, through mobile data terminals in patrol cars, all responding officers can see the locations of the other responders and thus coordinate with other jurisdictions to facilitate an efficient search.

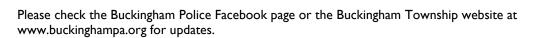
We have Lieutenant William Moffett to thank for applying for this grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, which distributes federal funds. The lieutenant explained that Cody Connect will also facilitate record keeping far better than utilizing manual data entry. The system can instantly put all data into one spot, making the chain of investigation far easier to update and utilize.

## Second Annual National Night Out

The Buckingham Township Police Department is pleased to announce our second annual National Night Out event hosted by Peddler's Village! This free, family friendly event is fun for both adults and children. Join us in building stronger relationships between law enforcement and our neighbors!

Come enjoy a K-9 demonstration, a bounce house and foam party for the kiddos (or adults too!), sand sculptures, hot dogs, and cotton candy!

Thank you so much to Peddler's Village for partnering with us for this event, and for providing activities and food for our community.





### Holicong Park and the Fields of Dreams

When the township expanded Holicong Park it had visions of multiple sports teams using separate playing fields at once, tournaments, families enjoying playgrounds and picnics, spaces for tennis, pickleball and basketball and trails for walking. Those dreams have come true. The original park contained 24.5 acres and was home to two multi-purpose sports fields, a small playground and a community garden. In 2010, the Township received a grant for a master site plan for the park from the Pennsylvania Community Conservation Partnerships Program. After receipt of the planning grant, the township systematically acquired chunks of land stretching all the way from Holicong Road to Quarry Road and with help from another grant from the Pennsylvania Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program began the expansion. The Holicong Park expansion brought the total acreage to 83 acres with multiple sports fields, playgrounds and walking trails.

Who uses Holicong Park? The Central Bucks Athletic Association used all eight fields at once for a tournament. Kin, the cancer wellness and support center, attracted 500 people to the park for its Be Kind 5K and One-mile Fun Run this past April. Other organizations taking advantage of the facilities include PENN Athletics Club, Bucks Select Lacrosse, Total Skills youth athletic

Buckingham Township recently received 100 trees thru a 10 Million Trees Grant for the new Holicong Park Expansion

program, and CB East Volleyball. Plus, people have held birthday and graduation parties and family reunions in the park. One summer ago, the park hosted a 3K walk attended by a hundred people to honor the memory of a young man.

Drive around the park any weekend and see all the sports teams for yourself. Come in the morning and you'll see multiple runners, walkers, joggers, cyclists, and dog walkers enjoying the fresh air. Come in the afternoon and you may see a pickup basketball game or people playing tennis. On occasion, you might even witness a group of parents with small children learning to ride their bikes in a sectioned off parking lot.

Part of what makes the park enjoyable are the meadows, which, although nice to see, also assist with stormwater runoff. They were seeded with native plants such as cone flowers and black eyed susans and are only mowed once a year. Strategically placed rock piles by the meadows filter stormwater and release it slowly so that when it seeps into Lahaska Creek it is purified by the vegetation and the rocks. If you walk to the rear of the park, you'll see a large meadow dotted with bird boxes. Another meadow surrounds a micropool and a rock pile, again for stormwater management.

With a generous contribution of plant material including 100 trees through a 10 Million Trees Grant and the assistance of volunteers from three Central Bucks East clubs (See Green, the environmental club; Key Club; and the National Honor Society Club) our Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) members planted one hundred (100) trees along the Route 202 border of the Holicong Extension Park. When mature, the trees will provide much-needed sound and sight buffering for the park.

At the western end of the park, adjacent to Quarry Road, a field is being farmed for corn by a local farmer. That field is being held in reserve for possible future use as a sprayfield, but meanwhile it is being put to good use. Beyond that field is Taylor Made Farm, a preserved property, where horses graze.

The park now has two pavilions. The newer one at the western end has a playground next to it. The playground was oriented to allow parents to keep an eye on their toddlers and their older children playing on sports teams at the same time. The older pavilion is found nearer to the Holicong Road end of the park. A second playground is nearby, closer to the playing fields.

The park remains a work in progress. More picnic tables are planned for the woods behind the new pavilion. A memorial tree grove will likely begin next year.

For everyone who worked on the Holicong Park expansion, from the officials who acquired the land, to the engineers who figured out how the site could be graded and configured, to the pavers and landscapers and maintenance crew, it is a joy to see people happily taking advantage of this beautiful site.

## **Buckingham Township Summer Concert Series**

\*All Concerts will be held 7pm-9pm at Hansell Park (Route 413 and Hansell Road) Rain location is Buckingham Springs Club House. Located off Route 413 in Buckingham.

June 22nd - "River of Dreams" and Ice Cream Social

June 29th - "The O'Fenders"

July 6th - "Break Even Band"

July 13th - "Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers"

July 20th - "Big Baby Band"

July 27th - "Highway Run"

August 3rd - "The Piano Guys"

August 10th - "Big Chill"

August 17th - "Funky Cowboy"

## Day in the Park - Thursday, June 29th 11am to 2pm



Join your friends and neighbors at this annual fun day at the new Holicong Park Expansion. There will be pony rides, dunk tank, fire trucks and work trucks. Participate in some field games and play Go Fish. Free hot dogs and more.

## Red Cross Blood Drive at the Township Building

The next Buckingham Township Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 2pm to 7pm.

If you have any questions, comments, or information related to the Buckingham Township Newsletter, write Buckingham Township, P.O. Box 413, Buckingham, PA 18912, call (215) 794-8834 or email at contact@buckinghampa.org. A special thanks to our Author Susan Sciacca.

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## **Buckingham Township**

**Board of Supervisors** 

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Board of Supervisors' Meetings are 4th Wednesdays and as needed 2nd Wednesdays, 7:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm. Meetings are open to all.

#### Township Departments - Offices open Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm.

Township offices are on Hughesian Drive, just south of the intersection of Rte 413 & Rte 263		
Administration	215-794-8834	
Township Manager: Dana S. Cozza, Esquire		
Finance Director: Jill Pistory, CPA		
Director of Roads and Facilities: Eric Hinz		
Building and Codes Department	215-794-8836	
Bldg Dept Director, Fire Marshal and Emergency Mgt.: Jim Kettler		
Police Department (non-emergency)	.215-794-8813	
Chief of Police: Michael Gallagher		
Water and Wastewater Department	. 215-794-8854	
Water and Sewer Dept. Director: Steve Clark		

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