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Mission of Love Food Hub

Every Tuesday- Located at 555 North Main St., Bangor, 8am-12pm. All are invited. Dr. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

Explore Warren County Tourism at: ExploreWarren.org

Located at 165 County Route 519 South - Belvidere, NJ 07823 908-475-6580 / 800-554-8540

Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Bank

Located at 111 State St. Portland Pa. are open every Monday 8am to Noon

Biking

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - River Road Bushkill, PA (570) 426-2452 Levee Loop Trail - Biking East Stroudsburg, PA (570) 426-1512 info@srosr.org

BIKE TRAIN

ALL ABOARD THE SCENIC BIKE TRAIN!

Hop on the Bike Train and step back in time. Enjoy a relaxing 25 mile train ride through the Lehigh Gorge. Then, pedal your bike back down to Jim Thorpe at your own pace along the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail.

Advance Tickets/reservations Are Required For The Bike Train And Can Be Made By Calling The Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad (Aka Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway) Directly At

the student's successful completion of the week of school. Registration is open now at [www.ncjcs.org](https://ncjcs.org). Please fill out the online application at <https://ncjcs.org/preapp/> to register for the 2024 session.

New Items at Blue Mountain Community Library

Adult Fiction –

The Midnight Feast, Lucy Foley
 Listen For The Lie, Amy Tintera
 Miss Morgan's Book Brigade, Janet S. Charles

Red Star Falling, Steve Berry
 One Perfect Couple, Ruth Ware
 She's Not Sorry, Mary Kubica
 Long Island, Colm Toibin

By Any Other Name, Jodi Picoult
 Becoming Madam Secretary, Stephanie Dray

Shadow of Doubt, Brad Thor
 The Wife You Know, Chad Zunker
 Darling Girls, Sally Hepworth

Adult Large Print –
 Proof, Fern Michaels
 The Lost Coast, Jonathan Kellerman
 Adult Non-fiction –
 Every Man A Hero, Ray Lambert
 Take Care Of Them Like My Own, Ala Stanford

That Librarian, Amanda Jones
 The Happiest Man On Earth, Eddie Jaku

The Wives, Simone Gorrindo
 Limitless, Mallory Weggeman
 Juvenile Non-fiction -

Who Is Lionel Messi?, James Buckley
 Who Is Aaron Judge?, James Buckley

What Is The Statue of Liberty?, Joan Holub

What Is The Women's World Cup?, Gina Shaw

What Is The World Cup?, Bonnie Bader

Young Adult Non- fiction -
 Fearless First Year, Gina Wilson

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

Community Programs, December 2024
 Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available
 When: Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/Winter-Report/Pages/default.aspx>

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, February 2025

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available
 When: Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

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 Valentine Floral Arrangements for Couples
 Friday, February 7, 2025 6:30pm to 8pm

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, March 2025

Fishing Equipment Available
 When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email

jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Speaker Series: Restoration of the Lower Bushkill Creek
 Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7pm to 8pm

Join us as we hear from Dr. Megan Rothenberger of Lafayette College about the removal of several small dams and reintroduction of freshwater mussels in the lower Bushkill Creek in Easton, PA. This project has provided a valuable opportunity to advance scientific understanding of ecosystem response to stream restoration. Multi-disciplinary research has involved the collection of more than 14 consecutive years of ecological monitoring data at seven sites upstream and downstream of the Bushkill Creek dams and three free-flowing reference sites located upstream of all dams. This talk will summarize what has been learned about the effectiveness of these restoration efforts and how they might be used to improve future actions. Registration is required.

Birdwatching for Beginners
 Wednesday, March 12 at 9am to 11am and Thursday, March 13 at 8:30am to 9:30am

Did you ever wonder what that bird you saw in your backyard was? Not sure how and where to look for that answer? If you are interested in learning how to put a name on what is flying around, join volunteer Dan Zmoda for an introduction to birdwatching. The Lehigh Valley has an amazing diversity of birdlife, from hummingbirds to eagles. The first day, March 12th, will be indoor class time to get you familiar with some of our local residents and tricks to differentiate between them. The second day, March 13th, we will learn how to contribute to Project Feederwatch using the indoor bird watching classroom of the Center with an optional walk outdoors afterwards. Dress for the weather if you wish to go on the walk. This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Hike for Health
 Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flag-

pole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Family Science Night: What's in a nest?

Friday, March 14, 2025 at 6pm to 7pm

Nesting season is starting for birds in our area and no nest is the same. Learn about the different courting and nest building strategies that various types of birds use. We'll start off the evening by try to observe the amazing courtship display of the Timberdoodle. We'll meet out front of the visitor center promptly at 6:30 so that we don't miss this fleeting dance display that many call the "sky dance"! Once it gets dark, we'll head inside to examine examples of nests before attempting to make our own. This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Registration is required

Early Signs of Spring Hike
 Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 2pm to 4pm

Join us as we hike the trails looking for early signs of spring such as frogs, budding trees, and other clues that spring is here. We'll teach you how to identify the animals and plants that we see becoming more active as the seasons change. We will hike about two miles on muddy, uneven trails. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a bottle of water. Registration is required.

Volunteer Recruitment Event
 Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 6pm to 7pm

Join us to learn ways you can help the center, how to become a volunteer, and meet Jacobsburg's new volunteer coordinator! We will go outside to search for a glimpse of the mating flights of the American Woodcock before returning to the visitor center for hot cocoa. This program is open to new and returning volunteers. Registration is required.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.

Craft Show

Please include the following announcement in the paper as soon as possible. Thank you for your support. Valerie Viglione

Grace United Methodist Church is holding a Craft Show Fundraiser on March 29, 2025, to benefit the Church's Missions Programs. The event will be held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the lower level of the Church, located at 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. To reserve a vender spot, please call the Church Office at

610-863-4811 M-Th from 9 am-2 pm. Visit the Church's website at www.worshipatgrace.org or www.facebook.com/graceumc for more information.

NCC's Fall Craft Fair to be Held March 15

Proceeds benefit NCC students BETHLEHEM, PA - Northampton Community College's (NCC) Alumni Association will hold their Annual Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Arthur L. Scott Spartan Center Gym located at NCC's Bethlehem campus. Over 150 crafters will be exhibiting and selling their handmade crafts such as jewelry, food, woodworking and more.

Proceeds from the craft fair benefit student scholarships, internship awards and career readiness programming. NCC will be collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for the student run food pantries.

General admission is \$2, seniors (62 and over) and NCC students are \$1, and children under 12 are free.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hutt at 610-861-5088 or nhutt@northampton.edu.

The Northampton AARP Chapter

3915 will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the Northampton Banquet and Events Center, 1601 Laubach Avenue, Northampton PA 18067. Entertainment will be singer and musician Rob Ballonoff. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. All members are cordially invited to attend. We welcome new members to visit or join. Members please bring your favorite cake, cup cakes or cookies for our refreshment table. If we have inclement weather and the Northampton Area School District is closed or a 2 hour late start we will not have a meeting. Our meetings are held in the Atlas Room.



The Grand Central Habitat Committee
 is looking for conservation minded individuals to join our monthly meetings!

Interested in joining the committee?
 Our committee is looking for individuals to provide feedback, get involved and help create new trails and projects that benefit the community.
 Join us the first Thursday every month at 6 PM
 (Next meeting: November 2, 2023)
 At the Grand Central Environmental Education Center
 891 Grand Central Road Pen Argyl PA 18072
 Questions? Contact Kevin at kelly@dcnm.com



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