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Mission of Love Food Bank
 Every Tuesday- Food Bank Program 555 North Main St., Bangor, 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. 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. and until further notice the PUMP will be open every Monday as normal, AM AND PM: 10 to 11:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm but will deliver food to your car as your number is called in the parking lot. No one but workers will be allowed to go inside. There will be no access to restrooms. Your cooperation during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

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

Wineries in the Poconos
 Pocono wineries offer a unique and relaxing getaway. Tour a winery and unwind while sampling the many varieties of vintages available at our vineyards. From hip downtown wine bars like RAW Urban Winery & Hard Cider , Tolino Vineyards and Wild Elder Wine and Cider Co. to scenic properties like Mountain View Vineyard Winery and Sorrenti Cherry Valley Vineyards where rows of grapes are spread out on the hill before you, these wineries are located throughout our four-county region, so a Pocono vineyard experience is close to you no matter where you travel. Pocono wine tours, wine tastings and special wine pairing events and dinners make it easy to discover new, locally-crafted, one-of-a-kind flavors. Check out specials at Three Hammers Winery in Hawley, Soaked Winery in Milford, Eagles Rest Cellars in Stroudsburg and Wine & More on 1st in Lehighton. Whether looking for a bachelorette party or relaxing with your spouse, browse the wineries in the Poconos below to

Bangor Area Ski Club
 is having an upcoming fundraiser and they need your help deciding which colors and style will win the vote. Please choose which color combination should win. Pre-orders are available for those that can't wait to slip into some Slater Socks!!! \$15 for Knee High / \$13 for Crew
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1685762688660460/permalink/1685765401993522>

Jacobsburg Community Programs for December 2023
 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/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

Birds and Bagels - Citizen Science and Monitor Training

Saturday, December 9 at 10:00am to 12:00pm

Love birds and want to contribute to science? Project FeederWatch turns your love of feeding birds into scientific discoveries. Participants will learn how to contribute to Project FeederWatch and be presented with the opportunity to become FeederWatch monitors at Jacobsburg or in their own homes! Bagels, coffee, and hot cocoa will be provided. Attending this program is required if you plan to participate in Project FeederWatch Monitoring on Thursdays and/or Fridays: Dec 21-22, Jan 4-5 & 25- 26, Feb 15-16 & 29, Mar 1 & 21-22. Registration is required. Winter Tree ID
 Saturday, December 9 at 2:00pm to 3:30pm
 No leaves to be seen? Dichotomous keys help you identify trees! During this program you will learn how to use a dichotomous key to identify trees by examining the twigs. You will discover common patterns among groups of plants and tricks to help you remember those groupings. After the lesson, we'll head out for a short walk to practice our new skills. Registration required.

Crafting Natural Arrangements for Adults
 Wednesday, December 13 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm
 This free program is offered in both English and Spanish.

Get crafty and join Conservation Volunteers Adriana and Toni as they demonstrate how to use natural materials to create simple, yet ornate floral arrangements. You will have the opportunity to create your own arrangement to take home. You will also learn to identify native and invasive plants and gain experience in sustainable gathering of plants for crafting. The arrangements will be Wabi Sabi-inspired; the Japanese world view centered on the acceptance of imperfections.

Crafting Natural Arrangements
 Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00pm to 8:00pm

This free program is offered for teens and adults in both English and Spanish. Get crafty and join Conservation Volunteers Adriana and Toni as they demonstrate how to use natural materials to create simple, yet ornate floral arrangements. You will have the opportunity to create your own arrangement to take home. You will also learn to identify native and invasive plants and learn about sustainable gathering of plants for crafting. The arrangements will be Wabi Sabi-inspired; the Japanese world view centered on the admiration of imperfections. Registration Required.

Family Science Night - Rhythm and Woodpeckers
 Friday, December 15 at 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Drumming is one form of non-vocal communication used by most species of woodpeckers. During this program we will put our music skills to the test to create a symphony of Pennsylvania woodpecker calls and drumming patterns all while learning the science behind common woodpecker behavior and adaptations. 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 five days notice.

ALL ABOARD IN PHILLIPSBURG FOR A NEW "UNION STATION HOLIDAY MARKET" AND "HOLLY JOLLY EXPRESS DAY"
 Phillipsburg Union Station: 178 South Main St., Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865. December 1st–December 17th. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 12 p.m.–8 p.m. Sponsored by Unity Bank and First Common Wealth. This first-of-its-kind holiday market is in a historic train station owned by the Friends of the NJ Transportation Heritage Center. Step into this winter wonderland with this new holiday market, which will feature local craft vendors inside and savory and sweet food trucks outside. Local indoor vendors include Kayla's Metaphysical Gifts, Bloomin' Cottage, Lit Girl Candle, Curly Crafty Mama, Good Vibe Ink, Sports Collectibles, A to Z Customz, Phillipsburg NJ Railroad, and B Crafty Cafe. There will

also be "Santa Workshop" classes with Bloomin' Cottage: Santa Hat, Lantern, and Ornament Making and Lit Girl Candle: Holiday Candle Making. Phillipsburg High School Band at 5:30 p.m., and so much more. Check the calendar for all the special events happening every night and weekend. Phillipsburg Union, PU Tower: 84 Brainard St., Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865. 12 p.m.–5 p.m. Bring your unwrapped toy for the amazing train arrival of Operation Toy Train. Bill Strassner will also join the open house. Bill, the former tower operator and PU, will once again be right at home in the operator's room, seated at the desk, sharing his incredible stories and knowledge with anyone that walks through our doors. Join us on the bottom floor of the tower, known as the Relay and Engine Room, where we will be playing 5 hours worth of local railroad footage Dan Tomasso has captured over his many years of shooting the NJ/PA Lehigh Valley area. There will be music, food trucks, hot coco, and tours of the PU Phillipsburg Union - PU Tower. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive around 3:50 p.m. by train. Please bring at least one new, unwrapped toy for charity. Phillipsburg Railroad Historians: 10 Pine Alley, Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865. 1 p.m.–3 p.m. will return with their annual Santa Train Ride on the miniature Southwestern and Centerville trains. All aboard for this free train ride, and after, have a stroll through there museum collection. Free train rides, hot cocoa and cookies Delaware River Railroad Excursions: 99 Elizabeth St., Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865. November 24th–December 17th. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6

p.m., 8 p.m. Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, passengers will relive the magic of the classic story as they are whisked away on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ for a magical hour and a half trip to meet Santa. Once you board, your car hosts will make their way through the coach and punch your golden ticket before serving you hot chocolate and delectable cookies by dancing chefs. Passengers listen to the classic children's book, The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg. Santa and his helpers greet passengers, and each guest is given the first gift of Christmas—a silver sleigh bell. During the trip, there is plenty of entertainment, from our magical juggling chefs to our singing hobos! Each guest will take home a keepsake sleigh bell in addition to the wonderful memories made on this magical trip. Phillipsburg Area Historical Society: 540 Warren St., Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865. 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Step back in history at one of the oldest homesteads in Phillipsburg. The Roseberry House will hold their annual "Days of Yule." Get into the holiday spirit with local author and expert Jeff Finnigan as he discusses "Washington in December." There is no admission fee, musical entertainment, or light refreshments. Phillipsburg Farmers Market: 165 South Main St., Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865. WINTER FARMERS MARKET Sunday's 10 a.m. -1 p.m. 12 p.m.–6 p.m. will hold an elf workshop for children. Children make and take crafts for gifts, ornaments, and decor. Stop by before or after attending Operation Toy Train! Hosted by Phillipsburg Farmers Market and Firth Youth Center staff.



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