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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

The Salvation Army Food Pantry Pen Argyl

The pantry is open Tuesdays from 10am until noon or by appointment for emergency food if needed; closed the 5th Tuesday of the month. Evening opportunity: The third Tuesday of every month pantry will be open 6-7pm. Contact the office at 610-863-6677 with any questions Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm. 301 Main Street, Pen Argyl PA 18072

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.

Mission of Love - And Hope Food Bank Outreach Center

Every Friday- 10am-12pm. All are invited. 5224 Milford Rd. East Stroudsburg Pa. 570-702-9958

Master Watershed Steward Program seeking new volunteers this spring

Lehigh Valley, Pa - What substance covers 71% of the earth? What vital substance is needed by every cell in all living things? What valuable resource is abused, wasted, and taken for granted every day? If you answered water, you are right. We cannot live without it. But fresh water is NOT an unlimited resource. Of all the water on the earth only 2.5% is fresh water. Of that, only about 0.3 % is usable by humans. As population increases and urbanization creeps out ever farther into rural areas, the need for water conservation grows. Lehigh Valley residents that want to learn more about the environment and get involved in local efforts to protect water can look to the Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Program. No previous experience is necessary – just a desire to give back. This program brings together university educators from varied disciplines, environmental professionals and local conservation agencies to deliver 40 hours of training to a select group of recruits who in turn volunteer to help protect the Lehigh Valley's most important valuable resource, water. Lessons in topics such as water quality, stream health and restoration, recreational

use, groundwater, and geology equip the trainees for many projects that benefit the community. Last year 65 volunteers spent nearly 1,300 hours teaching students about stream ecology, planting riparian buffers to filter run-off, installing rain gardens, helping municipalities meet state mandated storm water runoff requirements and delivering educational public workshops for homeowners on rain barrels, pollinator gardens and storm water management. The program launched in the Lehigh Valley in 2013, and due to its success, there are now Master Watershed Steward programs in seventeen of Pennsylvania's Counties, with almost 500 volunteers. Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Lehigh and Northampton training class. We are looking for enthusiastic people who want to preserve and improve the quality of life we enjoy in the Lehigh Valley.

The 2021 Master Watershed Steward virtual training program starts Wednesday, March 3 and continues through June on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. The course also includes three hands-on field trips to be scheduled COVID permitting. The fee for the program is \$125, which helps offset the costs for program materials and professional guest speakers. Scholarships are available for those with financial hardships. Three virtual Open Houses will be offered: Tuesday, December 1 - 6:00 to 7:30pm Wednesday, December 9 - 1:00 to 2:30pm Wednesday, December 16 - 6:00 to 7:30pm Register here: <https://extension.psu.edu/master-watershed-steward-open-house>

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, Spring 2021

Intensive Art Workshop for Teens Mondays & Wednesdays, April 12 through May 24 at 5:30-7:30pm excluding April 28

Learn different forms of fiber art from artist in residency Mallory Zondag, www.mallorymakes.com. The processes will focus on wool felting and natural dying. Participants will take part in environmental lessons, led by center educators, designed to inform and inspire their art. The resulting artwork will be a unique cavity nest for wild birds to be displayed outdoors at a public reception. This workshop is free for teens ages 13-18 and attendance is required at all 12 sessions. Sessions will be held outdoors and may be rescheduled in response to weather and changing COVID-19 guidelines. Updates regarding COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email.

Registration required.

Basic Boating Course

Saturday, April 17 at 9:00am to 5:00pm The PA Fish & Boat Commission's PA Basic Boating Course was developed to supply boaters with practical information, so they can make better informed decisions on the water. Students who successfully complete this course may apply for a Boating Safety Education

Certificate issued by the Commission. This course will be held indoors and will only take place if there is a change in the current COVID-19 guidelines. Registration required. Updates regarding COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email. For questions call Andy Desko at 215-968-3631.

Future Master Watershed Steward Camp Tuesday-Friday, June 15-18 at 9:00am to 12:00pm

Youth ages 13-18 are invited to join DCNR at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and Penn State This camp is Tuesday, June 15th, Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th from 9:00am - 12:00pm each day. Registration required.

The Blue Mountain Community Library is sponsoring a MR. PASTIE FUNDRAISER. Tickets will be able to purchase beginning March 1 through April 17, 2021. The choices available are: Beef with Onion, Beef without Onion, Chicken and Veggie. The price per Pastie is \$6.00. Call the library at 610-863-3029 to place an order. Payment must be received by cash or check, and tickets will be mailed to you or available to pick up at the Library, 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Each ticket is good for 1 pastie (Frozen or Freshly Baked). Tickets will be able to be redeemed beginning Sat., May 1 through Sat., July 31, 2021 at Mr. Pastie, 10 Bell Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Visit our website at www.bmcl.org or our Facebook page for more information. Please consider supporting YOUR Library by participating in this fundraiser and helping a local business as well.

FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS:

Mark your calendar -

Saturday, May 29

Book Nook Sale

June 7th - June 26th!

Silent Auction

Saturday, April 24th

Small Business Fair

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will offer a "Fourth Monday Book Study" (April through July) discussing Gordon MacDonald's novel, "Who Stole My Church: What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century". The book can be purchased through booksellers such as: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Cokesbury. Please read Chapters 1-4 in preparation for the first session, April 26th, which will be on Zoom from 7-8 p.m. Go to www.ebumc.org for Zoom log-in information. (Pastor Dave Goss, 610-588-4453)

Belfast Wesley United Methodist Church

Rummage/ Bake Sale

Belfast Wesley United Methodist Church 607 School Road Nazareth, Pa. Will be having our annual Spring Rummage/Bake Sale on Saturday May 15th, 2021 from 8:00am to 12:00pm, Something for everyone! Please come out and join us! For more information please call Teddy at 1-908-235-8811.

Masks are required to enter

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, May 2021

Weekly Weeders

Thursday, May 6 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Thursday, May 13 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Thursday, May 20 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Thursday, May 27 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask in order to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request. Please register all members of your party as space for this program is limited to 4 attendees total each day.

Avian Gems of Jacobsburg

Saturday, May 8 at 8:00am to 10:00am Join us on a two-hour search for spring migrants passing through the area and returning summer breeding birds of Jacobsburg! Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring binoculars, your preferred field guide, water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Please note that the park will not provide binoculars or field guides. This program is best for ages 8 and up. Registration is required. Registrants will be contacted with the meeting location prior to the event. All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 15 attendees total.

Virtual: Bird-Window Collision Prevention

Saturday, May 8 at 2:00pm to 2:45pm This program will be hosted online. Our windows are killing birds. Annually up to one billion birds die from colliding with windows. Learn why it's not big cities and high-rise buildings, but our homes, shopping centers, corporate and college campuses causing the most harm. The presentation will include instructions, so you'll be able to create materials designed to reduce bird-window collisions. This program is best for ages 16 & up. Registration is required. After registering, you will receive an email with the link to join the program. This presentation is best viewed on a desktop or larger tablet. Please note: this program contains images of dead birds which may make some people uncomfortable.

Bug Hunt

Saturday, May 22 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm Join us while we take a closer look at bugs or more scientifically, arthropods. We will then try and catch some of these creatures for an up-close encounter. Registration is required. Registrants will be contacted with the meeting location prior to the event. All participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask to participate. All participants are required to maintain a safe social distance at all times during the program. Our written health and safety plan is available upon request. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 15 attendees total.

Future Master Watershed Steward Day Camp - Afternoon Session

Tuesday-Friday, June 15-18 at 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Youth ages 13-18 are invited to join DCNR at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Volunteers for the Future Master Watershed Steward Day Camp program! Youth will learn about the environment, water resources management, and complete a stream-side service project along the Bushkill Creek. Youth will participate in science-based activities that focus on local watersheds and waterways with plenty of opportunities to get hands-on and participate in field investigations. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate and are eligible for 2 hours of service toward High School community service requirements. This free program will be held outdoors and will only take place if there is a change in the current COVID-19 guidelines. Updates regarding COVID-19 guidelines will be provided to registered participants via email. This camp is Tuesday, June 15th, Wednesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 17th, and Friday, June 18th from 1:30pm - 4:30pm each day. Registration 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.



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