

# BERNVILLE BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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<b>Borough Council Meetings</b>	1st Tuesday of the month	7:00 p.m. Borough Hall
<b>Planning Commission</b>	2nd Monday of the month	7:00 p.m. Borough Hall

## BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gene Weatherholtz Sr. - Mayor  
Danny Strunk, Sr., President – Sewer & Water  
Michael Rioux, VP – Buildings & Equipment  
Herbert Benzel, Jr. – Lights & Sanitation  
Jim Gabel – Finance  
Justin Kiebach – Streets  
Lisa Molinaro – Planning & Zoning  
Shawn Raup-Konsavage – Buildings & Equip.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Brenda Strunk - Secretary, Treasurer, Open Records Official

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Thomas Vanzin, Rufus Merkey, Dottie Merkey  
Wesley Raup-Konsavage

### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Thomas Vanzin, Marcella Shaver, Jacob Shultz

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

Steve Faust, Jeremy Lutz

## ***BORO NEWS TO KNOW***

- Garbage pickup – on Monday and Thursday – through the end of October. November through April – Thursdays only.
- Recycling remains every other Wednesday.
- Halloween Trick or Treating in boro: Tue., Oct 31, 6-9pm.
- Election Day is Tue, Nov 7. Vote at Boro Hall 7am-8 pm.
- Caroling at the Gazebo is Fri, Dec 15, 7 pm. See page 4.
- If a snow or ice emergency is declared by the Mayor, there is no parking on Main Street from Garfield Road to Shartlesville Road and no parking on Second and Third Streets from Main Street to Route 183.
- For snow emergency information, tune to radio stations 830 AM, 102 FM, and 105.1 FM or television station WFMZ, which is channel 69 on cable channel 9, and WGAL cable channel 8.

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## BOROUGH NEWS REPORT...

### Garbage and Recycling

From November 1st through April, the garbage will be picked up on Thursdays only. Until Nov. 1st, garbage pick-up is Monday and Thursday.



Recycling remains every other Wednesday. Dates for curbside recycling pick-ups are listed in the

Dates to Remember.

### Trick or Treating is October 31

Trick or Treating in the Borough: Tuesday, October 31, 6 to 9 p.m. Happy Halloween.



### Election Day November 7



Election Day is Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Borough residents vote at Borough Hall on Route 183 (across from Bernville Car & Pet Wash). Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Hospitality Booklet

The 2018 edition of the Bernville Hospitality Booklet (little yellow book) will be compiled starting in December. This booklet is free to the public and contains general information on items such as Bernville's elected officials, area businesses, key ordinances, local civic organizations, the library, and tax information. If currently listed in the business listing, you will be contacted to confirm the information. If not currently listed, and you wish to be listed, please submit a business card with contact name and phone number to the Borough Hall address (attn.: Planning Commission) by January 1, 2018. Someone will contact you to review your information. The borough reserves the right to exclude businesses from this free listing.

## County Recycling Events

There are two special county-wide recycling events this month which are free for county residents. The first is a Paper Shredding event, held October 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at a new site—the Berks County Ag Center (1238 Welfare Rd., Leesport). The second is a Household Hazardous Waste event, held October 21 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., also at the Berks County Ag Center. (Type of items accepted: turpentine, oil based paints, varnishes, stains, weed killers, asphalt and driveway sealants, herbicides, antifreeze, transmission & motor oils, oven & drain cleaners, fluorescent bulbs, button batteries, polishes, lithium & NiCad batteries. Some items are not accepted; the Solid Waste Authority's website provides more details.)

The county sponsors on-going electronics and tire recycling at their Bern Township location at 1316 Hilltop Rd., Leesport, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There is a fee to recycle tires. Many electronics are accepted. Visit the Berks County Solid Waste Authority's website for all the details, or call 610-478-6362.

## Community Day Thanks

Community Day was an enjoyable evening, with sunshine and comfortable temperatures. This event would not be possible without the involvement and support of the local civic, church, scouting organizations, and private citizens, as well as the excellent support provided by our local businesses. Special thanks are extended to American Legion Post 732 for sponsoring the Rajah Shrine Concert Band, the Bernville Heritage & Cultural Society/Bernville Library for sponsoring the musical duo, Maggie Spike, and DJ Shawn Naftzinger for his excellent sound equipment. We thank Boyer's Food Markets for sponsoring the popular Boyer's Basket Walks, and a major thanks goes to Bernville Borough and Redner's Markets for co-sponsoring the fireworks.



Community Day Crowd



Rajah Concert Band

## Community Day cont.



Boyer's Basket Walk

Basket Winners

A note of appreciation is extended to all the local businesses, civic and church organizations, and individuals who supported the annual Silent Auction. Funds from this event help to pay for some of the musical entertainment at Community Day and support both the library and Heritage & Cultural Society's objectives. The organizers of the Silent Auction express their appreciation for the generosity of all those who provided items for the auction:

A Friend  
 Align Your Life  
 ASCP Computers  
 BACL Crochet Club  
 BB&T  
 Bernville Post Office (P. Bachman)  
 Beissel Automotive  
 Bernville Auto Parts  
 Bernville Borough  
 Bernville Car & Pet Wash  
 Bernville Community Fire Company  
 Bernville Family Hair Salon  
 Bernville Grange  
 Bernville Pool  
 Bernville Veterinary Clinic  
 Bernville's Mane Attraction  
 Blanche Schlappich  
 Blue Marsh Market  
 Blue Marsh Outdoors  
 Blue Marsh Restaurant  
 Blue Mountain Massage  
 Boyer's Food Markets  
 Calvaresi Winery  
 Cindy's Country Shears  
 Davis Family  
 De Antiek Winkel  
 Dental Arts of Bernville  
 Dove Song Dairy  
 Dutch Apple Dinner Theater  
 Friedens Church  
 Goodfellas Granite

Green Acres Golf Course  
 Heidelberg Country Club  
 Jefferson Java  
 John Kramer's Fabrications  
 Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque  
 Kim Shultz  
 Koziar's Christmas Village  
 Library Crochet Club  
 L. Shultz, Bernville Iron Works  
 M.N. Hardick Plumbing/Heating/AC  
 Main St Tax & Accounting Services  
 Mario's Pizzeria  
 Met-Ed  
 Nosegay Florist  
 Over Home Alpacas  
 Ozzy's Family Fun Center  
 Pines Dinner Theater  
 Plum Creek Farms  
 Reifsnyder's Ag Center  
 Roy Bubbenmoyer  
 Ruth LaFollette  
 St. Thomas Church  
 Wade Phillips  
 Way-Har Farm Market LLC  
 You Name It-Print On Demand

A few local businesses made direct financial contributions to the Silent Auction, and we are grateful for their generosity as well: Allstate Insurance Agency (Toni Vanhorn LLC), George H. Longenecker & Sons, Kirkhoff's Funeral Home, Stork's Automotive, and Wagner-Greene Allstate Agency.

Our apologies to anyone who donated to the auction whose name we may have omitted.

Your support of these local businesses is appreciated.

Annual planning for next year's Community Day will start early next year, so please consider joining us to help plan next year's event. Notice for the meeting date and time will be posted on the borough's outdoor marquee.



<Maggie Spike

Silent Auction



## Community Day Baking Contest

Thanks are extended to all participants in the baking contest sponsored by the Bernville Grange at this year's Community Day. Results of this year's contests—winners of the Fruited Muffin contest: 1<sup>st</sup> - Carol Kantner, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Juliet Snyder, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gaye Frisk, and the winners of the Apple Pie contest: 1<sup>st</sup> – Joyce Zerbe, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carol Kantner, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jason Wenrich. Thanks to the judges as well! photo above.



## Emerald Ash Borer Update

White ash trees continue to be removed from Umbenhauer Park because of the presence of the Emerald Ash borer. A significant number of ash trees may be removed later this year or early next year by a contractor; this could necessitate a brief closing of the park for safety reasons. Your cooperation will be appreciated at that time. Until then, individual trees may be removed on a periodic basis, so the borough asks for your continued cooperation when using the park to avoid any limbs, brush, or logs that are on the ground.

## Caroling at the Gazebo on December 15



Join us on Friday evening, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. for the borough's annual Caroling at the Gazebo, in Clay Park, where we start the evening singing carols while awaiting Santa's arrival. The Bernville Community Fire Company will escort Santa to ensure his safe arrival and departure from the gazebo. Everyone is invited; singing talent is not required. Free hot chocolate and warming fires are provided.

## Drop-Off Box for U.S. Flags

There is a red, white, and blue drop-off box for old, faded, or torn U.S. flags located beside the police office at Bernville Borough Hall. The box will be there year-round. This box has been graciously donated by the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Washington Camp 113; these men will ensure that your worn flag will be properly retired.



## COMMUNITY NEWS...

### Bernville Community Fire Company

6701 Bernville Road  
Engine House 610-488-6592  
Fire Chief 610-488-6687



### Upcoming Events

#### **October 28-** Dinner & Comedy Show

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

\$30 pp in advance \$35.00 at the door

Dinner - Baked Ziti, meatballs, pulled pork, baked beans and salad

Over 21 event BYOB

Comedians- Steven Sacramome AKA Nipsey from 105.7 morning show, Jesse Blanco, Jennifer Hartman Espenshade, Regina DeCicco

See any fire company member to purchase tickets or purchase online at [www.bernvillefire.com](http://www.bernvillefire.com)

#### **November 18 -** Craft Show

9 a.m. -2 p.m.

2 floors of over 50 crafters and vendors

Breakfast and lunch available

Raffles

Free admission

#### **December 1 -** Annual Holiday Ticket Drawing

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Must be 21 to attend

\$5.00 ticket gets you in the door, lunch and a chance to win \$500.00

Lots of raffles

See any fire company member to purchase tickets or purchase online at [www.bernvillefire.com](http://www.bernvillefire.com)

Unfortunately Bernville Community Fire Company will not be having Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner New Year's Day.

For upcoming events please visit [www.facebook.com/bernvillecommunityfirecompany](http://www.facebook.com/bernvillecommunityfirecompany)

Thank you for your continued support of Bernville Community Fire Company.

## Bernville Area Community Library

4<sup>th</sup> Street at Fox Alley  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Redner's Quick Shoppe  
P.O. Box 580, Bernville, PA 19506  
Phone: 610-488-1302  
Fax: 1-270-479-1302  
E-mail: [bernvilleacl@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:bernvilleacl@berks.lib.pa.us)  
Website: <http://www.berks.lib.pa.us/bernvilleacl>



### LIBRARY HOURS:

M-Th 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Sunday 2-5 p.m.  
Closed Fridays.

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, @ 2:30pm, Eddy Ray, Magician Extraordinaire, will be here to entertain us. Please come and be amazed!

**Eddy Ray**



The first Sunday of every month, we have a Therapy Dog from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m. for you to read to.



The last Sunday of every month we play a DVD for our Movie Matinee, beginning @2:15 sharp!

Our Lego Club meets the second Monday of every month, @ 5:30pm. Please sign up at the library - so that we have enough Legos!

October 12, @5:30pm we have Science Night with Miss Alicea, and on October 26th, @ 5:30pm a Mystery Night with Miss Alicea. Similar events will be scheduled in November and December; just check with the library for dates and times.

The last Monday of each month our Crochet Club meets @5:30 p.m.; bring any handwork or needlework and join the conversation.

We are still running our Adult Coloring program, but we've changed the meetings in October to every Wednesday (instead of Thursdays) @ 5:00 p.m. Future dates are pending.



Story Time Mondays @ 11:15 a.m. with Miss Debe; Story Time Thursdays @ 11:15 with our Story Rider, Miss Kim.

Both events offer stories and games, song and crafts; bring your preschooler and join us for the activities.

We've also begun a Baby Lapsit program for infants; it is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, once in the morning @ 11:00 a.m. and then again @ 6:00 p.m.

The following Tuesdays, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and also December 5<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> are Baby Lapsit classes, scheduled for 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Mark your calendar and bring your young child; older siblings may join in, and they can bring a stuffed animal with them to sing to and play along.

Events and programs are being scheduled for November and December, so please check at the library or on our website, <http://www.berks.lib.pa.us/sbv> for notification and updates on all these and other activities here at *your* library.

## Bernville Grange #1887

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
37 Shartlesville Road  
610-488-1381



The Grange is again making sandwiches. We make ham-on-roll, turkey-on-roll, and Italian sandwiches, all for \$5 each. Sale dates are October 11 and November 15, and December 13 (December is weather permitting).



The sandwiches can be picked up at the Grange Hall between 7 and 9 a.m. on the day of the sale or other arrangements can be made. To order, call 610-488-

1493 at least 5 days before the sale.

To rent the Grange Hall for parties or other gatherings, call 610-488-7518.

The lower floor has a kitchen and a large dining area with tables. The upper floor has a stage and a large open area. Both floors have pianos.



## Bernville Pool

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day  
610-488-0624 (summers)  
bernvillepool@gmail.com



We would like to thank everyone for your support and understanding as we worked through the summer. We continue to face many challenges in trying to keep the community pool open. This year we once again discovered a problem after the pool was filled and water continued to leak out. This caused us a delay in opening and many more bills. We also have a challenge hiring certified lifeguards as do other area pools. There are very few lifeguards available and most are involved in school sports which limits their availability and therefore we had several days we were unable to open. If anyone is interested in becoming certified lifeguard, please let us know and we can help get you scheduled in a class prior to next summer.

We continue to make repairs and look forward to next year when we will be celebrating our 60 year anniversary. We continue to ask for your support and help. We NEED board members to help run the pool. We are also in need of financial support as we know of another major repair to the pump motor that must occur. We would like to have a celebration next year, but need someone to organize it. If you have pictures of the pool, we would love to borrow them to copy and display next year! Contact Board President Karen Alton 610-488-8694 for ways that you can help or to make donations.

Our annual Chicken Barbeque is Thursday, October 12, 2017 at St Thomas Church. Tickets are available from Board members. \$7.50 for 1/2 chicken, baked potato and roll. Baked Goods will be available. Extras will be available on a first come basis. Call 610-488-8694 for tickets.

Thank You to Blankenbiller Electric, Schaeffer Plumbing, Wanda Keener, Main Street Accounting, Larry Groff, and the volunteers who donated time to make repairs, working the snack bar, cleaning the pool, managing the chemicals, painting, and cleaning restrooms. Thanks to Girl Scout Krista Wickel for repairing and building new picnic tables for us. Thanks to our customers for supporting us and for the donations to the snack bar!

## Bernville Young at Heart

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1 p.m.  
At the Bernville Grange

Senior  
Citizens

### Meetings:

- October 18 – Banjo Bob Balthaser
- November 15 – Kim Kostival –Antique Christmas Ornaments
- December 20 – Christmas party with music



### 2017 Young at Heart Bus Trip Schedule:

- **Monday to Friday, October 9-13.** Trip to Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Information on a separate sheet. Depart from St. Thomas
- **Tuesday, November 14.** Sight & Sound - Miracle of Christmas  
Show at 11:00 a.m., Lunch at Hershey Farms at 1:45 p.m. Payment due 10/13/17 -\$87.00  
Depart St. Thomas at 9:00 a.m. – Return 4:45 p.m.
- **Friday, December 15.** American Music Theatre Christmas Show  
Lunch at Eden Resort – 12:30 p.m. Show at 3 p.m.  
Payment due 11/18/17 - \$75.00.  
Depart St. Thomas at 11:15 a.m. Return at 6:30 p.m.

Bernville Young at Heart trip reservations and further information – Contact Earl & Millie Graeff, 610-488-6898.

## Boy Scout Troop 422

Meets every Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
in St. Thomas Church basement.

Scout Master: Brad Folk  
Phone: 610-488-8058

E-mail: folkfamily548@comcast.net



The boy scouts are collecting aluminum cans. There are bins at the following locations: Boyer's Market, Bernville Beverage, and Blue Marsh Canteen. The bins are for aluminum cans only, no trash, plastic, or glass please.

Boy scouts meet Tuesday evenings 6:45 p.m. at St. Thomas Church.

## Cub Scout Pack 422

Cub Master: Tim Adam  
tadam2003@comcast.net



Flag Etiquette: When an American flag becomes discolored, weathered, torn, ripped, etc., then it is time to properly retire the flag. To honorably retire an old flag, contact the Cub Scouts. They will retire the flag for you – in the correct manner.

## Evangelical Lutheran Friedens Church

Main & Washington  
Streets, P.O. Box 201,  
Bernville, PA 19506

Church Office  
Telephone  
610-488-6260  
Church Building  
Telephone 610-488-0206



E-mail at Friedens\_bernville@verizon.net  
Web Site: lutheranchurchberks.com  
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
(Holiday weeks and/or other hours by appointment)

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

**“Everyone Is Welcome”**

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & PROGRAMS:

**Thursdays, 7 p.m.** AA meeting in social room.

**Saturday, October 14: Friedens Annual Craft Bazaar, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Once again Friedens is holding our annual Jubilee Workshop and Craft Bazaar where you can find the latest in handmade crafts and good home-made eats. In addition to baked goods and prepared frozen meals to take home you can buy breakfast & lunch to eat in or take out.

**Mondays, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11: Free Soup & Bread Lunch, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

You are invited to a free community *Soup and Bread Lunch*. We hope you will join us for soup, bread, and fellowship. Questions? Call Luanne at 610-589-4258 or the church at 610-488-6260.

**Wednesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service**

Call church for details.

**Saturday, December 9:** Cookie Sale, 8 a.m. to noon. A variety of homemade delicious cookies will be available. Come early for best selection.

**Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, 7:00 p.m.**

## St. Thomas Church

536 N. Main Street  
Bernville, PA  
19506



Rev. Dr. Daniel  
Lute  
Youth Pastor Joel Jackson  
Phone: 610-488-6702  
Fax: 610-488-0962

e-mail: stchurchbv@verizon.net  
visit us at stthomasbernville.org

Contemporary Worship Service 8:00 a.m.  
Eat and Greet 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 a.m.  
Traditional Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

### S.O.F.A. Food Distribution

(Share Our Food Always)  
3rd Thursday of each month  
from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Contact Youth Pastor

Joel Jackson for more information.

### Youth Group

(Grades 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### The ROCK

(Grades K thru 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Thursday 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Sunday, October 8**

Sunday School Rally Day - 9:15 a.m.  
Program by Piercing Word

## St. Thomas Church (cont.)

### Thursday, October 12

Bernville Pool Chicken BBQ - 3 to 6 p.m.  
Pick-up at lower parking lot.

### Thursday, October 19

S.O.F.A. Food Distribution - 5 to 6 p.m.

### Saturday, October 28

Youth Pancake Breakfast - 8 to 10 a.m.  
All proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trip 2018.

### Sunday, November 12 thru Monday, November 20



#### Shoebbox Collection

Call the church office for collection days and times.

### Thursday, November 16

S.O.F.A. Food Distribution - 5 to 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 22

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service  
at Salem Lutheran Church in Bethel

### Saturday, December 2 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### Sunday, December 17 - 7:00 p.m.



### Thursday, December 21

S.O.F.A. Food Distribution - 5 to 6 p.m.

### Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services - 7 & 11 p.m.

## BOROUGH CALENDAR...

### Dates To Remember

## October

- 3 - Borough Council Meeting
- 9 - Planning Commission Meeting
- 11 - Recycling Pick-up
- 25 - Recycling Pick-up
- 31 - Trick or Treating in the borough, 6-9 p.m.

## November

- 7 - Election Day
- 8 - Borough Council Meeting (Wednesday)
- 8 - Recycling Pick-up
- 13 - Planning Commission Meeting
- 22 - Recycling Pick-up

## December

- 5 - Borough Council Meeting
- 6 - Recycling Pick-up
- 11 - Planning Commission Meeting
- 15 - Caroling at the Gazebo
- 20 - Recycling Pick-up

## BERNVILLE NEWSLETTER

The Bernville Planning Commission publishes this Newsletter four times per year on behalf of the borough. Articles may be submitted to P.O. Box 40, Bernville, PA 19506 or via e-mail to [bernvillenews@gmail.com](mailto:bernvillenews@gmail.com). Deadline for the January-February-March Newsletter is December 5th. **Please submit articles in Microsoft Word via e-mail wherever possible.** Extra copies of the Newsletter are distributed at the Bernville Library, Bernville Post Office, Borough Hall, and Mario's Pizzeria.