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Drummers With Attitude, a group of student drummers with group advisor Kevin Travers (front row, middle), kick off the "Coldest Night of the Year," a family-friendly fundraising walk in Doylestown in support of four local nonprofit organizations. Standing in the back, from left, are: Guillaume Stewart, Executive Director, YWCA Bucks County; Erin Lukoss, CEO, Bucks County Opportunity Council; and Eric Clare, Executive Director, Bucks County Housing. See story on page 2.

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Walking for Warmth: Doylestown's "Coldest Night of the Year" Raises Awareness and Over \$40K for Those in Need

by June Portnoy
photos by Mimi Black

Although spring is finally here, it wasn't long ago that the frigid weather was upon us and, therefore, the "Coldest Night of the Year" (CNOY), an annual winter walk in Doylestown, was held at the end of February. This family-friendly event brought together the community to raise funds and awareness for people facing homelessness, hunger, and hardship.

CNOY, hosted by the Bucks County Opportunity Council, Bucks County Housing Group, Family Service Association of Bucks County, and YWCA Bucks County, offers participants the option of a 2K or 5K walk through town.

Originally launched in Canada in 2011, the CNOY event expanded to the United States, and three years ago, the Doylestown community joined the movement. Kelly Pasquarella, Director of Resource Development at YWCA Bucks County, recalls the early days when she got a call from a CNOY representative.

"When they called and asked us to participate, we immediately reached out to our partners, and they were ecstatic to collaborate."

Despite starting late in its inaugural year, the event raised an impressive \$22,000. By year two, the event surpassed its \$25,000 goal, raising \$28,000. This year, the community came together stronger than ever, exceeding \$40,000. "The overall goal of this event is to raise awareness and get more people involved in helping those who are unhoused. It doesn't just

have to be monetary; just volunteering your time to help makes a huge impact," Pasquarella emphasized.

The four nonprofits share proceeds from this event and collaborate at the Serving Bucks Together (SBT) center in Warm-inster, where they provide walk-in assistance. If one organization cannot meet a client's needs, they connect them with a partner nonprofit, ensuring access to essential services, especially for those in need of



Crowd of walkers are getting ready to start.



From left: Sofia Pucillo from Pipersville, Elaina Young from Doylestown, and Hailey Dolan from Doylestown, all Key Club members, volunteer as route marshals.

housing or food.

With 254 registered participants and many walk-in attendees, this year's event ultimately consisted of over 300 participants, the largest turnout yet. Before the walk began, the crowd held a solemn moment of silence for those lost to homelessness in 2024. "It was somber, which was what we as the planning committee were going for; we wanted everybody to feel the impact of what we were doing," said Pasquarella.

The walk kicked off at the

Bucks County Justice Center with an electrifying performance from Drummers With Attitude (DWA), a group of student drummers from Bristol Township School District. Their beats set the tone for the walk as confetti filled the air.

Several elected officials and nonprofit representatives gave speeches welcoming the widespread community support for tackling homelessness and hunger in Bucks County.

Erik Clare, Executive Director of the Bucks County Housing

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What is one difference between valuable and priceless? I

suggest that many more of us will, at some point, possess priceless furniture rather than extremely valuable furniture. Confused? Consider the following:

Recently, I have been tasked with restoring a broken rustic chair from a treasured family cabin, circa 1913. Separately, I am also restoring a failing finish on a modern desk that goes for the same price as a small car. Both pieces have value, but for differing reasons. Some pieces are extremely valuable simply because they are genuine period antiques or were crafted by famous furniture makers. However, furniture becomes priceless when infused with

memories and emotions.

Most will never possess an original Thomas Chippendale or Duncan Phyfe or need restoration on such genuine antique notables. Yet, I regularly am asked to restore furniture that is uniquely priceless in the eyes of my client and, nearly always, I enthusiastically agree

to help. These clients reminisce about their own experiences with this furniture when they were themselves young. They fondly tell me how they will be passing this furniture on to their children and grandchildren, how they want their family heirloom to be as beautiful as they remember, and for its continued happy memories in the family.

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Group, spoke on behalf of the nonprofits explaining that these organizations participated in this event because they wanted to show Bucks County what it's like to give back. He noted how these four nonprofits are not in competition with each other, but work together collaboratively to help this county.

Pasquarella echoed this sentiment: "The need is real, and it's right here in our own community. People don't always realize how many families and individuals in Bucks County are struggling. This event brings that reality to light while also showing that we have the power to help."

Kevin Travers, DWA's founder, noted that over the years, some of the DWA members had personally experienced homelessness, making the event

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Winter weather can take a toll on doors. Check for cracks, warping, or rust, especially on garage doors and storm doors. If you notice any significant damage, it may be time for repairs or a replacement.

2. Lubricate Moving Parts

Squeaky hinges or sluggish garage doors? A little lubrication goes a long way. Apply a silicone-based lubricant to rollers, tracks, and hinges to ensure smooth operation.

3. Check Weatherstripping

The changing seasons can weaken weatherstripping, allowing drafts and moisture inside. Examine the seals around your doors and replace any that appear worn or cracked.

4. Test Safety Features

For garage doors, test the auto-reverse function by placing an object under the

door. If it doesn't reverse upon contact, the sensors may need adjustment or cleaning.

5. Clean and Refresh

Give your doors a fresh start with a thorough cleaning. Wash off dirt and debris, repaint if needed, and consider adding a protective finish to keep them looking new.

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Local educator recognized by the Washington Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

The Washington Crossing Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) held its Washington's Birthday dinner meeting last month in Richboro. Mr. Mark I. McNutt was the guest speaker. The educator, historian and filmmaker researched the life and times of the Doan family in the late 1700s in Bucks County.

Mr. McNutt gave an interesting talk titled "The Doan Gang—America's Original Outlaws." The presentation was based on his research into the Doan family of Bucks County. The Doan gang were loyalists who committed crimes like

stealing horses and robbing the contents of the Bucks County Treasury to support the British during the Revolutionary War.

Mr. McNutt was honored by the chapter at the dinner meeting with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The medal and certificate awarded by Chapter President Steven Ware and First Vice President David Tweed were for Mark's research, scripted drama and documentary film promoting the historical story of the Doan Gang and other little-known stories from the revolutionary war period. His work supports

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the SAR's goals and objectives through his contributions to the community related to education and history. His work brings the story of the infamous Doan Gang to life. Mark contributed to the creation of the new major exhibition "The Doan

Gang Outlaws of the Revolution" currently on display at the Mercer Museum in Doylestown.

The chapter is grateful for his service to our community in perpetuating the story of Revolutionary War era events through his historical research and educational programs, two purposes of the SAR.



Chapter President Steven Ware and Vice President David Tweed presenting Mr. Mark I. McNutt with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate (Photo Credit: Chapter Veteran Committee Chairman Bill Hampton)



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Bucks County Opportunity Council celebrates arrival of new food truck

The Bucks County Opportunity Council recently unveiled the arrival of a new, refrigerated truck designed to increase the distribution efforts of their Food Program. "This truck came about as a partnership with the County of Bucks, utilizing grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) designated for COVID relief efforts to help alleviate food-insecurity in the County. After two years of delays, the need still exists and this new truck has arrived to help and expand and support the Retail Rescue food operations," said Elizabeth Zbinden, Food Program Manager. Commissioners Diane Ellis-Marseglia and Bob Harvie, along with key Bucks County and BCOC staff attended to celebrate this important occasion.

Retail Rescue refers to the practice of recovering and redistributing surplus food that would otherwise be wasted from grocery stores and other retailers. The program is always looking to add more locations. This food is then distributed throughout the county to BCOC's network of pantry part-

ners, ensuring the food arrives while still fresh and shelf viable, available to residents in need daily. Heather Foor, Director of Client Services said, "We are expecting to be able to serve 20% more families with this additional truck."

The truck will also be utilized to support the HELP Center and aid in the safe and efficient distribution of food products. The HELP Center is not only a food distribution site for food pantries but also designed as a center where individuals and families who are food insecure can come and "shop" for desired food items which includes both shelf-stable and perishable foods. The need to transport food to the most vulnerable populations is a critical operational goal of the HELP

Center. The acquisition of an additional truck will allow for a more effective transfer of food resources between the HELP Center and the 75 emergency food providers the Opportunity

Council supports. "This truck is a game-changer for helping grow and enrich our pantry network distribution efforts," commented Rick Mayer, Retail

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In front of new food truck are: Commissioner Bob Harvie, Amy Fitzpatrick, Bucks County Solicitor, Ivone Kovalsky, Community Engagement Officer for the Human Services Division, Rachael Neff, Director of Human Services County of Bucks, Commissioner Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Elizabeth Zbinden, Food Program Manager BCOC, Heather Foor, Director of Client Services BCOC, Joseph Cuzzo, Development Director BCOC, Rick Mayer, Retail Rescue Coordinator BCOC.

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Pruning with Precision:

Begin the season by inspecting your trees for dead or damaged branches. Pruning during spring promotes healthy growth and enhances the tree's overall structure. However, it is essential to prune with precision, as improper cuts can lead to disease or pest infestations.

Mulching Matters: Applying a layer of organic mulch around the base of your trees helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil



Be sure to use proper mulching techniques to keep your trees healthy.

temperature. Be sure to keep the mulch away from the trunk to prevent rot and promote aeration. A well-mulched tree is better equipped to withstand the challenges of the upcoming summer months.

Fertilize Thoughtfully:

Assess your trees' nutritional needs and consider a balanced fertilizer to provide essential nutrients. Spring is an oppor-

tune time to replenish soil fertility, supporting robust growth and development. Consulting with a local arborist can help determine the specific requirements for your tree species.

Check for Pests and Diseases:

Inspect your trees for any signs of infestation, such as unusual spots on leaves or the presence of pests. Timely intervention can prevent the spread of diseases and protect the overall health of your trees.

Water Wisely: Adequate hydration is crucial for trees during the growing season. Monitor soil moisture levels and water accordingly, especially during dry spells. Proper watering ensures that your trees can absorb nutrients efficiently and thrive in the spring sunshine.

These spring tree care tips

can contribute to the well-being and longevity of your trees. A healthy tree canopy enhances the beauty of your surroundings while offering numerous environmental benefits for generations to come.

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Rescue Coordinator.

The truck is a 2024 Mack 24-foot refrigerated box truck. It can hold up to ten pallets of product or up to 15,000 pounds of food. In addition to the grant from the County of Bucks, St. Mary's Medical center provided funding to wrap the truck and to purchase a pallet jack for the truck.

BCOC is the lead anti-poverty, non-profit organization in Bucks County, dedicated to ending poverty by connecting people with the resources they need to thrive. BCOC has five major program areas: Housing, Food, Weatherization, Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (VITA) and the Economic Self-Sufficiency (ES) Program. Housing includes street outreach, rental and move in aid, and utility shut-off prevention. Food services supply food directly to families through a network of 75 food pantries and distribution sites. Weatherization services help families in reducing their energy costs. VITA provides free income tax preparation assistance. The ES Program assists individuals and families to leave poverty permanently through case management, education, and employment.

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Your essential guide to zebra shades

Zebra shades, also known as layered shades or zebra blinds, are in a class all their own. They don't just have a bold appearance; they're also highly functional. Just a quick adjustment of the alternating bands of opaque and sheer fabrics gives you complete privacy or a view to the outdoors.

Exploring Zebra Shades:

Zebra shades are all about options. They come in a huge range of fabrics—from traditional to contemporary. They also offer a range of lift options. There really is a color, fabric, and control combination for every home.

Each layer of fabric has alternating bands of opaque and sheer fabric. By adjusting the shade, you can control how the bands of opaque and sheer fabric overlap. It's incredibly simple—and effective.

When the sheer fabric of one layer is aligned with the sheer fabric of the other layer, light is allowed into the room. When



the layers are adjusted so that the opaque bands cover the sheer bands, you shut out the light and the view.

Benefits of Zebra Shades:

Zebra shades control light in a visually interesting way. The bands of darker fabric reduce the light while at the same time creating shadows. As the sun's position in the sky changes, the shadows and bands of light change. This everchanging pattern is one of the reasons why people choose layered and zebra shades.

Zebra stripes capture attention. That's why the zebra shade works so well as an amplifier of color and pattern. That striped design can really shout a design idea. If you're looking to set the tone of a room, start with a zebra shade.

The Bottom Line:

Zebra shades are popular with designers looking for something with a fresh and unique look. The bold striped design adds a modern touch. The simple, easy design of the roller mechanism makes

layered shades a cinch to open, close, and adjust.

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Adventures in spring gardening

Jennifer Finelli,
Bucks Beautiful

After a chilly winter, March has graced us with some warmer days. As a gardener, the warmer weather serves as a siren call to head back into the yard and begin preparing for the upcoming spring and summer. There are a few considerations you might want to make before diving right in, as March and early April can be a great time to take a pause for some solid planning.

Although it's tempting to start your spring clean-up as soon as the first warm day occurs, it can often be helpful to delay some of the cleaning

until a few weeks after the last frost. This way, you can be fairly certain that most pollinators have safely emerged from their winter habitats among your leaves and stems. We gain great value from having our native pollinators present. They are essential to the reproduction of most flowering plants and they significantly impact the yield of our garden, especially those of us trying to grow vegetables. Beyond the specific benefits they bring to our own gardens, they contribute to a balanced ecosystem- keep nuisance pests in check and feed our native birds.

While you're waiting for your spring clean-up window, some things to consider for

your vegetable gardens are some good companion plants. If you're trying to grow tomatoes, peppers, beans, herbs or carrots, companion plants can be a great way to enhance that crop. There are several resources available to guide you through the plant-pairing process. Some plants simply grow well together, but the addition of, say, nasturtium to tomato plants not only adds visual appeal, but also has an added benefit of pest control. This early spring window is a great opportunity to literally map out your planting blueprint so you can hit the soil running. A good pencil sketch can help keep track of your planting or there are some go-to apps for those who want to go more "high-tech."

As we experienced last summer, water can be unpredictable. We can find ourselves vacillating between excess water management and only weeks later, battling drought. As there's really no predicting Mother Nature, one thing we can try to be more cognizant of is using plants and trees that are more acclimated to our climate. Our native trees, shrubs and perennials tend to be less fussy and more able to handle longer periods of dry weather. If you're planning some new trees for shade,

privacy or overall ecological benefit, consider planting a native species. Many of our local nurseries in Bucks offer native tree options. It's also important to consider the soil and sun conditions. Is the area where you're planting often wet? Is it full sun or partial shade? Planting the right plant or tree in the right space can make a huge difference to the plant's longevity and the overall return you get on your investment.

Lastly, many folks are avid bird fans with a growing number of our Townships and Borough in Bucks becoming designated Bird Towns. The type of bird you're trying to attract may factor into your plant and tree selection. You also might want to consider birdhouses, and early spring is a great time to do so. It's always best to do a bit of research beforehand. Some birdhouses might be attractive to people, but are they functional and attractive to birds? Using an educational resource like your local extension website or a wildlife organization can give you research-backed information. If you're doing any research on trees, plants, or attracting wildlife, using a .edu or .org website is your best strategy. Happy spring gardening, Bucks County!

Bucks Beautiful is a grassroots non-profit that funds community garden projects, tree plantings, events and educational programs to develop sustainable and attractive landscapes fostering a healthier environment. To become a member, or contribute to the cause, please call 215-340-3639 or visit bucksbeautiful.org

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As you plan your spring garden, don't forget about your HVAC system! Thoughtful landscaping can improve your unit's efficiency, protect it from the elements, and enhance your yard's overall aesthetic. With the right approach, you can seamlessly blend function and beauty in your outdoor space. Here are four ways to landscape around your HVAC unit:

Incorporate Plant Life

Adding greenery around your HVAC unit can improve energy efficiency and create a more inviting outdoor space. Evergreen shrubs like cedar, cypress, spruce, or boxwood provide year-round coverage and require little maintenance. Be sure to

avoid thorny plants or flowers that attract bees, as they can be hazardous for both residents and HVAC technicians. To maintain proper airflow, keep at least three feet of space between the plants and the unit.

Enhance Privacy

If you'd like to conceal your HVAC system, a fence or trellis is a great option. A trellis with climbing vines such as clematis or jasmine adds a decorative touch, while a lattice fence provides partial coverage without restricting airflow. Just be sure to leave the top of the unit open for ventilation.

Protect Against the Elements

Strong winds, rain, and snow can take a toll on your HVAC system over time. Planting sturdy evergreen trees nearby can act as a natural shield, helping to protect your unit while maintaining proper



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airflow. This not only extends the life of your system, but also integrates it more naturally into your landscape.

Opt for Low-Maintenance Solutions

For a simple and stylish solution, consider a gravel garden around your HVAC unit. Gravel prevents weed growth, allows for proper drainage, and adds a sleek, modern touch to your yard. It's an easy way to keep

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Turf: Our seven-step program keeps lawns beautiful and weed-free. When was the last time you had your soil tested? Bucks County soil tends to be poor, if not treated. Testing allows us to know what is happening underground. Deficien-

cies in the soil affect proper turf growth and color. Micro-nutrients allow your turf to absorb all the needed components of the fertilizer. Proper pH levels are essential in helping your fertilizer work efficiently. Grass plants thrive within a very small pH range. Recent tests for new clients have mostly had low pH levels. Lime applications help us adjust the pH in your lawn and utilize the fertilizer to its maximum efficiency. Following turf science will make your lawn the envy of your neighbors.

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MABGA Junior Golf Program announces first outing on April 14th

Every year, The Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association's (MABGA) Junior Golf Program holds monthly outings and clinics for boys and girls ages 7-21 who are blind or visually impaired. All skill levels are welcome, and their clinics are free.

This year's first clinic will be held on Saturday April 14 at Makefield Highlands Golf Club in Yardley from 10-12am. The Junior Golf Program provides each player with a PGA teacher who will give lessons at a golf course near players' houses. They also provide golf clubs, golf balls and a golf bag free of charge.

"Our goal is to teach children

golf, but also to provide a fun-filled day for the entire family," says Mike Molloy, Program Director of the Junior Program. "Our success is measured in smiles."

The Junior golfers usually play for about two hours and then sit down to an informal meal together, where families have an invaluable opportunity to network.

Ed Gibson, Head PGA Professional, Spirit Golf looks forward to working with the MABGA annually and is excited again this year to host at Makefield Highlands Golf Club. Overall the Spirit Golf Team understands that golf is

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Walking for Warmth

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especially meaningful. "One of my goals for DWA is to practice inclusion. Everyone, regardless of their circumstance, should feel like they belong," Travers shared.

Pasquarella highlighted the importance of the event's growing impact: "We were the first in Pennsylvania to hold this event, and now it's expanding to other locations in the state. It's amazing to see how much more awareness we're bringing each year."

With warm drinks, snacks, and a celebratory meal at the end of the evening at the James Lorah Auditorium, the event is not just a fundraiser but a meaningful gathering for social change.

Throughout the night, conversations at resource tables helped educate attendees on the services offered by the event's four nonprofit hosts. Many attendees expressed newfound awareness and an

top: Kelly Pasquarella (second from right), YMCA Director of Resource Development, and Pete Pasquarella, YWCA Shared Housing Coordinator, (far right) stand with YWCA board volunteers (from left) Jerel Wohl, Seema Kazmi, Maureen Bell and Habeeba Laguins during the Doylestown walk.

bottom: Eric Clare, Executive Director, Bucks County Housing Group asks walkers to reflect on the purpose of the walk and applauds everyone present trying to make their community a better place.

eagerness to get more involved beyond the event, whether through donations or volunteering.

With each passing year, the Coldest Night of the Year grows in both participation and fundraising success. The organizers aim to expand outreach efforts, recruit more walkers, and surpass their fundraising goals in future years.

Despite temperatures dropping to 21 degrees by the



event's end, spirits remained high. Those who raised \$150 or more (\$75 for youth) proudly displayed their CNOY beanies as a symbol of their commitment to the cause. On the way home, Travers shared that the DWA students reflected on the speeches and recognized the importance of helping those less fortunate in Bucks County.

Pasquarella shared her vision for the future: "We want to make this even bigger next year. We're setting a \$40,000 goal, and we already have the date set so people can mark their calendars for February 28, 2026. The more people we bring in, the more impact we can have."

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Preventing scams, Harriet Tubman, Family-friendly improv, and Poetry at Doylestown Library

The Friends of the Doylestown Library will host three **free** upcoming programs at the Doylestown Library, located at 150 S. Pine St.

Black Out Poetry, Saturday, March 29, 1 to 3 pm: This form of "found poetry" allows you to select words that catch your interest from newspapers, books, or other printed texts, and construct your own poem by blacking out parts of the original material. The words left behind reveal your poem. Presented by local artist/educator Nancy Taylor, Black Out Poetry is appropriate for ages 14 and up. All supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Email friendsofdoylestownlibrary@gmail.com. This program supports basic literacy.

Getting a Good Night's Sleep, April 15, 1 to 2 pm: If sleep eludes you (especially as Tax Day approaches), this workshop is for you. Kellye Remshifski, director of community health and outreach with Doylestown Health, will present strategies and tips that you can start applying today for a more rested tomorrow. This program supports health literacy.

Improv Night: An Event for All Ages, Thursday, April 17 (rescheduled from March 27), 6:30 to 8 pm: Rick Horner and his troupe of local performers invite you to discover the world again through improvisational comedy. According to Horner, part of the magic that improv

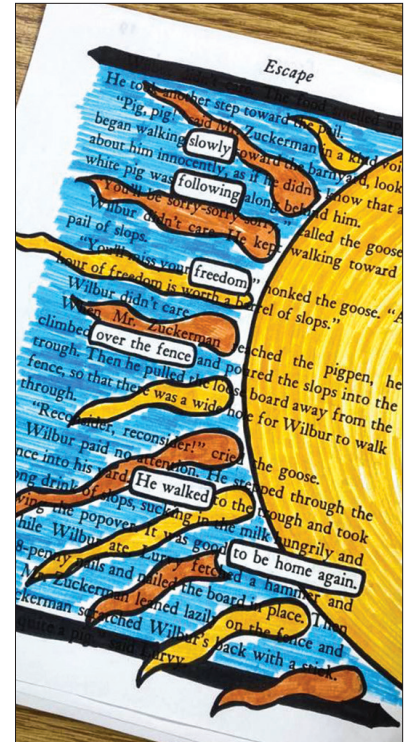
brings is when the entire room imagines a new world together for the first time. This program supports civic and social literacy.

These free programs are supported by Friends of the Doylestown Library fundraisers (cash, credit cards and Venmo accepted):

Second Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, Saturday, April 5, 10 am to 3 pm, at Lenape Valley Church, 321 W. Butler Ave., New Britain – 31 vendors, free admission and parking, purchased refreshments and raffle.

Spring Community Book Sale, Saturday, April 26, 9:15 am to 4:45 pm, and Sunday, April 27, 1:15 am to 4:45 pm: Gently-used books \$2 each; children's books two for a dollar.

The Friends of the Doylestown Library is a non-profit organization, supporting the Doylestown Library, which strives to align its programs to the five literacies of PA Forward, the Pennsylvania Library Association's 21st Century Literacies Initiative. Visit the Friends of the Doylestown Library online at friendsofdoylestownlibrary.org, on Facebook at Doylestown Library Friends, or on Instagram at Dtownfriends.



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Everyone told him it wasn't going to work. Even his friends said, "nobody is going to come see comedians they don't know."

Despite what others were saying, he opened his first comedy club in Wilmington, Delaware in November of 1980. The club was so successful that in April of 1987, he opened another comedy cabaret right here in Bucks County. For the past 38 years, over 500,000 people have laughed at his Bucks County



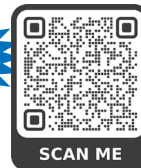
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The comedy club has also hosted over 1,000 Funny Fund-raisers for sports teams and civic groups. One question Scarpatti has been asked repeatedly over the years is "has anyone ever played here and become famous?" The answer is, YES! Jay Leno played in his Delaware comedy club in 1982. Kevin James of "King of Queens" and "Mall Cop" and Joe Rogan both performed in his Bucks County Comedy Cabaret in early 1990s.

Kevin James was nice enough to send Comedy Cabaret a video endorsement which you can see on the home page of their website.

Saturday, April 5 marks the 38th anniversary!! The Comedy Cabaret will be celebrating by having a special four comic headliner event. Please visit www.ComedyCabaret.com for ticket information.

Comedy Cabaret is located at 625 N. Main Street in Doylestown on the 2nd floor of Poco's Restaurant.

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Shadfest is a family-friendly festival focused on local artists and musicians, in honor of the traditional Shad harvest. Max's first anniversary party will feature vendor demo rides, cornhole, badminton, mini-pickleball, BBQ, and refreshments.

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Listed below are some general guidelines; however, each car is different. It is important to refer to your owner's manual to see the recommendation for your specific make and model.

Every 3,000 to 7,000 Miles:

The oil and oil filter should be replaced according to the manufacturer's recommenda-

tion. Furthermore, inspection of the transmission fluid level, coolant, power steering fluid, windshield washer fluid and wipers, tires and all exterior lights is also encouraged.

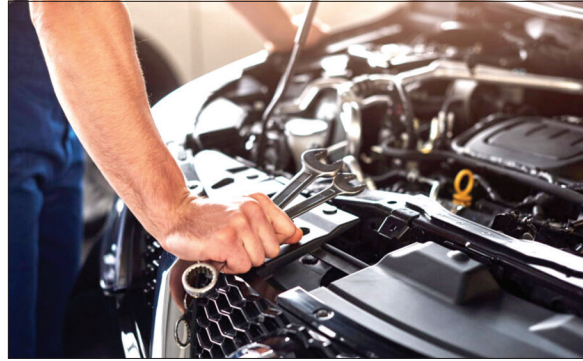
Interval Mileage Check Ups:

It is recommended that you get your car a preventative check-up at approximately 30,000, 60,000, 90,000 and 105,000.

Again, each car's make and model will have manufacturer recommendations. However, these are good approximate reference points.

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Youth receives scholarship to pursue karate passion

Eleven year old Odin from Fallsington met with the Plant a Seed (PAS) staff to request

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The PAS Foundation provides annual scholarships for children ages 10 to 18, to pursue passions and interests outside of school. They connect young people from low-income households to life-altering athletic, artistic, musical and creative activities led by positive role models. Based in Yardley, the PAS Foundation serves the greater Philadelphia region and South Jersey.

To learn more about the PAS Foundation, and how to apply for a scholarship, please visit our website at www.plantaseedfoundation.org.

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Bucks County Tennis Association

Tennis, the “world’s healthiest sport,” keeps growing

Several medical studies indicate tennis is the healthiest sport on Earth as it can extend lifespan by 10 years! This—along with other physical, mental, and social benefits—are factors contributing to why the lifetime sport is booming. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) has announced that tennis participation has grown for the fifth straight year. In 2024, 1 in 12 Americans played tennis, resulting in a historic 25.7 million total players.

The nonprofit Bucks County Tennis Association’s (BCTA) and the 24-plus county-wide public sites it programs have mirrored this growth with 2,200 registered participants in 2024—more than double its pre-Covid numbers. Other park and commercial programs in Bucks County have also seen increased demand for tennis.

To accommodate the sport’s growing demand, this year the USTA is offering a further \$10 million in grants for tennis facilities’ repair or expansion, and doubling down on its efforts to provide free workshops for recruiting and developing community tennis coaches. One such workshop, sponsored by the BCTA, will be held on Sunday, April 27, at Doylestown Tennis Club. Like other public park sports, the BCTA welcomes parents, teachers, senior high school and college students as well as existing coaches to attend and learn great group strategies that make playing tennis easy and fun. Register for the free workshop and see how to inspire your community to stay active and healthy.



Tennis play is growing

The BCTA will also celebrate “May Is National Tennis Month” on May 10 with a “Hit To Be Fit” event at Council Rock North tennis courts. The fun tennis activities will include novice through advanced players and those who have never before tried the sport, ages 14 and older. Bring family members and friends to join the BCTA in this tennis celebration that is part of tennis facilities and groups across the country simultaneously participating in tennis at the same time.

Find BCTA playing, coaching, and volunteering opportunities, including its Youth Leadership Development program, by logging onto playtennis.usta.com/buckscounty.com.

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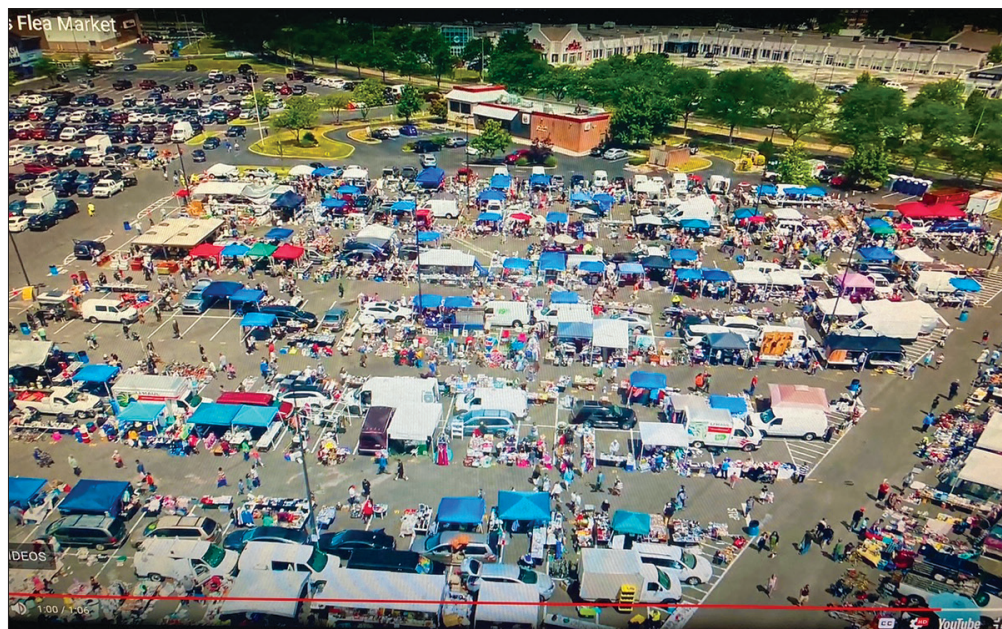
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Phila Flea Markets

Franklin Mills Flea Market & Phila Flea Markets – Your Sunday Treasure Hunt Awaits!

Exciting news for treasure hunters, vintage lovers, and bargain shoppers—Franklin Mills Flea Market is back! Open every Sunday from April through November at Liberty Plaza, 90 Franklin Mills Blvd., just off Knights Road, next to Burger King and CVS, this market is a must-visit destination for anyone searching for unique finds and unbeatable deals.

As part of the renowned Phila Flea Markets (AKA The Philly Flea), now celebrating 40 years since 1985, Franklin Mills Flea Market continues the long-standing tradition of bringing together some of the best vendors in the region. Each week, visitors can browse through a wide variety of goods, including antiques, vintage clothing, collectibles, handmade crafts, furniture,



home décor, records, jewelry, and much more.

What makes this flea market truly special is the ever-changing selection—no two Sundays are ever the same. Every visit offers a new opportunity to uncover rare and one-of-a-kind treasures. Whether you're a serious collector, a casual browser, or simply enjoy the thrill of the hunt, Franklin Mills Flea Market has something for everyone.

Beyond shopping, the flea market is an experience in itself. Visitors can interact with knowledgeable vendors, hear the stories behind their unique items, and immerse themselves in Philadelphia's vibrant flea market culture. Plus, shoppers can enjoy plenty of free parking and free admission for a stress-free experience. The market is open Sundays from 8 am to 4 pm, but early birds are always welcome!

With its welcoming atmosphere and endless variety, it's no wonder Phila Flea Markets has been a staple in the city for four decades. Don't miss your chance to explore one of the best flea markets in the region. Mark your calendar, bring your friends, and join the hunt for hidden treasures every Sunday!

For full details and vendor inquiries, visit philafleamarkets.org, email PhilaFleaMarkets@aol.com, or call 215-625-FLEA (3532).



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Tyler Park Center for the Arts



Earthday Birthday Crafts at Tyler Park Center for the Arts

With spring around the corner, Tyler Park Center for the Arts announces its Free Community Day on April 6 from 1–4 pm where families will find kid's crafts, Golden-Thread labyrinth walk, Ivy Hill Apiary honey bee demonstrations, and Friends of Tyler all joining in the celebration of Earth Day's 50th Anniversary with Earth Day Birthday.

The arts fill lives with purpose, encourages new pathways of creativity and brings meaning to daily life. Whether visiting shows or museums, attending a play or taking a new class, Bucks County and our

surrounding cities have it all. At Tyler Park Center for the Arts in Richboro there are a plethora of options to enhance life through the arts from workshops and classes in glass, pottery, sculpture, fiber, fine art, jewelry, and mosaic to upcoming spring and summer offerings for all ages.

Looking ahead to summer for ages 8 through 16 Creative Summer Camps offer Individual Art Intensive weeks for aspiring young artists and Mini Camps for Littles and Teens. Art Around The World, Under the Sea and Cooking and Crafts themed camps are ready for

enrollment.

Members of the art center enjoy perks like the opportunity to participate in the annual Members Art Show to be held June 6 through 8. Live music, appetizers, meet the artists, and awards for emerging and professional artist categories, charge the weekend with creative fun and welcome all to share in the celebration of creativity and skill.

Members also get discounts for TPCA workshops and free entrance to the annual Crafts in

the Meadow Fine Art and Craft Festival held on the 3rd weekend of October. This year, October 18 and 19 will be the 15th year for this beloved and highly juried event drawing music lovers, shoppers, families and creative souls to a magical and ever-evolving show held in the heart of Bucks County.

Details available at TylerParkArts.org, on Facebook and Instagram or call 267-218-0290 or email info@TylerParkArts.org

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Bucks County Community College hosts free Criminal Expungement Clinic

In an effort to help people overcome past mistakes that may block future success, Bucks County Community College is hosting a free Criminal Expungement Clinic from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday, April 26 at the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks County in Bristol.

Paralegal students, under the supervision of attorneys from Legal Aid of Southeast Pennsylvania, will help people determine if they are eligible to have certain prior arrests or convictions expunged or sealed from their record.

Greg Luce, Dean of the School of Business, Innovation, and Legal Studies, said it's the second year the college

has hosted the free Criminal Expungement Clinic. After last year's success at the Newtown Campus, the event is being offered at the College's Bristol location this year.

"The Expungement Clinic is a powerful example of experiential learning," noted Luce. "Our paralegal students are gaining invaluable practical experience while providing a potentially life-changing service to our community members. It's a win-win for both our students and the residents of Bucks County."

The clinic is for individuals who:

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leisure.

A dedicated staff of instructors, lifeguards, coaches, and managers, many of whom grew up coming to Fanny Chapman, work hard to provide a great environment for our members and guests, where they can unwind, connect, and make fond summer memories.

Some of these include passing the deep-water test, trying out the three-meter, high



dive, participating in Fanny Fun Day, Fanny Fest, Float Nights, the ice cream truck, and Fido Float.

One of Fanny Chapman's primary missions is to teach the community to swim.

The swim lesson program typically registers 700 young swimmers annually in its swim lesson program, which includes 50 instructors, many of whom learned to swim at FC in their younger years.

The program includes multiple levels for those just learning at the age of four, to programs for older youth practicing their more advanced strokes and diving for hopeful participation with the competitive swim and dive team, as well as for future employment as instructors and lifeguards at the pool where it all started for them.

The competitive swim and dive team is one of the largest

summer teams in the area, boasting over 300 swimmers and divers ages 6-18.

Carrying that passion forward into adulthood, Fanny Chapman is proud to continue with the third season of its US Masters Swim program.

US Masters Swimming is a national program that provides organized workouts and competitions for adults.

As the community looks ahead to its 98th season at Fanny Chapman Memorial Pool starting on Saturday, May 24, the Fanny Chapman Pool Board is committed to maintaining the great legacy and growing that tradition forward for generations to come.

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Criminal Expungement Clinic

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tions; or have misdemeanor convictions, without new convictions, over 10 years old; or are over 70 years old, and their conviction is at least 10 years old; or passed away at least 3 years ago, and a posthumous expungement is sought.

Some convictions cannot be expunged, but may be sealed so that they are not of public record. Individuals must have paid all due fines and completed any probation to qualify for expungement. The clinic may need to refer some individuals to other legal organizations due to the location of

their criminal records, such as Philadelphia or outside of Pennsylvania.

All information shared with attorneys and paralegals is confidential. Paralegals may not practice law or otherwise provide legal services directly to the public except as permitted by law.

The Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks is located at 1304 Veterans Highway in Bristol, where there is ample free parking. Advance registration is preferred. **The registration deadline is April 4.** To register for the clinic, visit www.bucks.edu/expunge. For more information, email legalstudies@bucks.edu or call 215-968-8227.

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BCCC Kids on Campus

Bucks offers a variety of week-long specialty summer camps

Bucks County Community College's Kids on Campus program provides an exciting selection of specialized summer camps, with new options available each week. Campers can explore their interests by choosing from a wide range of engaging camps. The flexible weekly schedule allows parents and guardians to select the sessions that best fit their summer plans. Offerings include arts

and crafts, science and STEAM, theatre, sports, and more—each led by certified teachers or highly skilled professionals in their respective fields.

Kids on Campus runs from June 16 to August 8, with camps held Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Please note that the weeks of June 16 and July 4 will have four-day sessions.

For teens ages 13-15, the Teens on Campus program offers exciting opportunities for adventure, hands-on experiences, and memorable activities.

To view the full camp schedule and additional details,



CAMPS & EDUCATION

BCCC floral design program exhibit featured in Philadelphia Flower Show for the first time in program history

For the first time in the program's history, an exhibition crafted by floral design students at Bucks County Community College (BCCC) was featured in this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, marking a significant milestone for the program and its students. The exhibition, titled "Florists of the Future," took visitors on a journey to the year 3025, where flowers and design transcend tradition and push the boundaries of what is possible.

The 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show theme, "Gardens of Tomorrow," invited exhibitors to explore the future of gardening, design, and sustainability. In alignment with this forward-thinking theme, BCCC's

"Florists of the Future" exhibit showcased the innovative ideas and groundbreaking concepts of the next generation of floral designers. Approximately 40 students and alumni from BCCC's floral design program as well as the program's four instructors collaborated to create avant-garde floral compositions that reimagine the future of floristry.

The students explored ideas such as breeding floral materials for futuristic aesthetics, developing revolutionary mechanics to enhance designs, and integrating sustainability into every aspect of floristry. Their work also delved into how flowers might be grown,

visit bucks.edu/kidsoncampus. Enrollment is limited, and registration remains open until each camp reaches capacity. Sign up online or call 215-968-8409 to secure a spot.

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McCaffrey's Food Market

Getting to know Kreider Farms: Eggs and Milk 101

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on how the farm operates to bring fresh eggs and milk to your kitchen table. Learn about the nutritional aspects of eggs and milk and gain insight on how to maximize product freshness. As always, enjoy great conversation and delicious samples.

The program will be held on: Thursday, April 3 at 10 am at the McCaffrey's Market in Blue Bell, located at 1301 Skippack



Pike from 10 – 11 am in the Beer Garden area.

Thursday April 3 at 1:30 - 2:30 pm at the McCaffrey's Market in Gladwyne, located

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PrimoHoagies Doylestown

PrimoHoagies in Doylestown is the perfect spot to grab a delicious sandwich, especially as the weather warms up and picnics become the ideal way to spend a sunny day. With spring just around the corner, the area's mild temperatures invite people to head outdoors, and PrimoHoagies makes it easy to enjoy a quality meal while soaking in the sunshine. Whether you're heading to a local park or hosting a backyard get-together, their fresh,

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1 lb. Seven Fruit Charoset
Flourless Chocolate Cake

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½ Brisket Dinner *Serves 4*

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6 ct. *Passover Friendly* Potato Latkes
1 lb. Applesauce
1 lb. Carrot Tzimmes
2- 30 oz. containers Matzah Ball Soup
1 lb. Seven Fruit Charoset

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A La Carte Menu items available in Prepared Foods: 4/4-4/20/2025

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cumstances. This personalized approach can save time and reduce stress, allowing families to focus on what truly matters: the well-being of their loved ones.

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In conclusion, utilizing a placement service when considering senior living options is a wise choice. With personalized guidance, insider knowledge,

emotional support, and no financial burden, families can confidently navigate the complexities of senior living, ensuring their loved ones receive the care and environment they deserve.

Call Randy Reardon today at 267-938-4530 for an initial consultation.

County of Bucks and United Way of Bucks County declare March as ALICE Awareness Month

The County of Bucks, in partnership with United Way of Bucks County, has once again proclaimed March as ALICE Awareness Month. This effort shines a light on the hardworking yet financially strained households that fall into the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) category.

"In so doing, we commend United Way of Bucks County and the work they do to ensure the security and well-being of our residents. We hope that this recognition sparks greater community involvement and encourages collective action to

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address the obstacles faced by ALICE residents in our county,” the proclamation, signed by the Bucks County Commissioners, states.

According to United Way, 27% of Bucks County residents are ALICE. They earn more than the Federal Poverty Level yet struggle to afford the basic cost

of living. These families often live paycheck to paycheck, making too much to qualify for most assistance, but too little to weather a financial crisis.

“Too many essential workers in Bucks County are working full-time—sometimes juggling multiple jobs—yet still struggling to afford the basics,” said Marissa Christie, President and CEO at United Way of Bucks County. “ALICE

households are typically our frontline workers, powering our community. When they are unable to remain stable and stably employed, it’s a community-wide challenge. We’re grateful to our County Commissioners for recognizing this.”

United Way of Bucks County serves thousands of ALICE families, 36% of whom are health-care workers. ALICE includes the frontline workers our

community depends on every day paramedics answering 911 calls, teacher’s aides helping children learn, and social workers assisting older residents through difficult times.

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Residents and businesses can learn more, donate, or sign up for events at www.uwbucks.org/ALICEmonth.



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28, Games:
June 5-12*

"Oh, the games people play" has a whole new meaning in June at the Bucks County Senior Games!

With the kick-off on May 28, the Bucks County Senior Games' competitions begin on June 5, and end on June 12.

Open to adults 50+, the Senior Games encourage county-wide friendly competition and camaraderie. The Bucks County Area Agency on Aging and our partners—Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation, Bucks County Community College and Bucks County Foundation for Aging—as well as many county volunteers, are bringing back participants' favorite events. This includes bocce, billiards, darts, chess, track & field, golf and more. The games are all levels of skill: You can be experienced or try something brand new.



You may even win a medal! Oh, what fun they will be this year!!

Be sure to attend the Senior Games Kick-off Event on May 28. The Kick-off will feature games, live demonstrations, a free lunch (while supplies last) with friends, generously donated by Independence Blue Cross, and more. Meet our other Senior Games sponsors and discover Bucks County's best active adult resources and activities.

The Kick-off Event is free and open to the public.

Details:

Registration: March 17, 8:30 am to May 15, 11:59 pm

Registration is \$10 to play unlimited games. (Note: Bowling and golf have an additional fee). Please also register for the free Kick-off Event.

Kick-off Event: May 28, 11 am-1 pm

Links Pavilion, Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA 18940.

Free and open to all.

Senior Games: June 5 through June 12.

Events take place throughout the county.

Guide, registration information and link to the registration site can be found at: www.buckscounty.gov/seniorgames. Be sure to visit www.buckscounty.gov/seniorgames and www.facebook.com/bcaging for updates. You may also call 267-880-5700 #6 or email srgames@buckscounty.org for more information.



The 42nd Annual Bucks County PA

Senior Games June 5-12, 2025

Registration: March 17 - May 15

Kick-off event: May 28, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.



BCCC Floral

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transported, and transformed into striking, imaginative structures, bringing the “Gardens of Tomorrow” theme to life through floral artistry.

“The students poured their creativity and expertise into this project, and it’s truly a reflection of their visionary ideas about how floristry will evolve in the future,” said Renee Tucci, floral design instructor at Bucks County Community College and president-elect of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD). “While this has been a team effort, I want to especially acknowledge the design guidance and leadership provided by my fellow instructors, including Ron Mulray, whose expertise has been instrumental in shaping the students’ work. We’re incredibly excited to be a part of such an iconic event and to share our work with flower

lovers and industry professionals from across the region.”

The Philadelphia Flower Show is known for showcasing the next generation of floral artists, and BCCC’s participation in this year’s show was a testament to the talent and ambition of the students who are being trained to become leaders in the floral industry.

The Philadelphia Flower Show, the oldest and largest indoor flower show in the world, took place from March 1 to March 9 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. BCCC’s “Florists of the Future” exhibit offered a glimpse into the bold and imaginative future of floristry, and how floral design can be an integral part of tomorrow’s gardens and consumer experiences.

The BCCC Floral Design Program, which offers both certificate and degree options, is known for providing students



BCCC Floral Design Program alumna, NuRocha Hines, CFD, finalizes her portion of the “Florists of the Future” exhibit, on the final day of installation, Thursday, February 27.

with hands-on experience and a solid foundation in the art of floristry. As an Educational Partner with the AIFD, BCCC’s program equips students with the skills necessary to pursue careers in event design, floral retail, and more. Students have the opportunity to become a

Certified Floral Designer (CFD) by completing the comprehensive curriculum.

For more information about the Floral Design Program at Bucks County Community College, visit bucks.edu/floraldesign.



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Wednesday, March 26, 8 am to 4:30 pm, the Penn State Extension will offer a course to help produce growers meet food safety rules as outlined in the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), administered by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It will be held at the Penn State Extension Bucks County office, 576 Penns Park Rd. in Newtown. Participants of this "Food Safety Modernization Act: Produce Grower Certification Training" will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials that verifies they have completed the training. The cost of the course is \$40. For details and registration, visit extension.psu.edu/fsma-grower-training or call 877-345-0691.

Friday, March 28, 7 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, 752 Big Oak Rd. in Morrisville, Monaghan Music presents "The Word: A Gospel Opera", in concert. Admission to this family-friendly concert is free. General seating will be available, and all ages are welcome. Celebrate the 30th anniversary with original cast members and composer Bill Monaghan. Enjoying more than 70 performances over ten years and a film, the rock opera is back

once again in an intimate evening of song and Scripture. For more information, email Willie.Monaghan@gmail.com and visit www.MonaghanMusic.com. For more information about the "The Word: A Gospel Opera", visit thewordagospelopera.com.

Saturday, March 29, 10 am to noon, Bucks County Community College Hosts "A Nakashima Morning," a family-friendly celebration of art, literature, and legacy, taking place in the Orangery on the Newtown Campus. This program, sponsored by the Volta Center for Writing Arts and Bucks County Community College Libraries, is designed for all ages, offering families and community members an opportunity to explore the artistry and philosophy of the renowned woodworker George Nakashima through storytelling, poetry, and hands-on activities. The event will feature a discussion with Mira Nakashima, daughter of George Nakashima and a distinguished designer. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email library@bucks.edu.

Saturday, March 29, noon till 4:30 pm, American Legion 960 will hold its Basket Raffle at 1537 Woodbourne Rd. in Levittown in the lower level. Sheets of 10 chances for \$5. The drawing will take place at 7 pm during the Cash Bash Event. No need to be present to win. For more information, call 215-813-0957.

Sunday, March 30, the Doylestown Lion Club presents a Spring Bingo Bonanza at the American Legion Hall, 315 North Street in Doylestown. Doors open at noon; the first game is at 1 pm. It will feature Longaberger® Baskets and a variety of Coach® bags plus a special silent auction. Tickets cost \$30 at the door. All proceeds support local charities. For ticket information, contact Myra at 215-348-5019. Also, visit doylestownlions@aol.com.

Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6, 10 am–12 pm, Art in the Park is back. Visit us in a beautiful country setting down a long country lane in The Carriage House in Tamanend Park, 1255 Second Street Pike in Southampton. Local artists present original artwork, unique gifts, hand painted cards and more. Start your art collection today. Free admission to the show. Cash or checks required for any purchases. Presented by The Carriage House Artists. For more information, contact 215-840-6519.

Saturday, April 5, 2–3 pm, the Friends of the Yardley Makefield Library will hold a community program, "Don't Leave a Mess Behind" at the Yardley-Makefield Library, 1080 Edgewood Rd. in Yardley. This presentation, given by Susan Hoskins, offers practical information that will help you be better prepared for the time when someone else will take charge of what you leave behind. This event is free, but seating is limited. For more information, visit www.ymfriends.org or email yardleyfriends@yahoo.com.

Saturday, April 12, 10 am at the LMT administrative building, 1100 Edgewood Road, opposite the library in Yardley, the Lower Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council will present a lecture on Rain Gardens. Geoff Goll, Chief Officer of the highly regarded Environmental Engineering firm, Princeton Hydro, will discuss the environmental benefits of a rain garden and how you can create one on your own property. For more information, contact Dominique Mitchell at eachucks@gmail.com.

Now through Sunday, April 13, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm, the New Hope Colony Foundation for the Arts presents the "Janet Marsh Hunt's Creative Family Tree" exhibition at 2594 River Rd. in New Hope. Janet Marsh Hunt, a painter and gifted printmaker, was a gallerist and friend to artists for decades before her passing in 2023. As the managing partner at the Coryell Gallery in Lambertville, she mentored hundreds of artists. She was also descended from generations of prominent poets, painters, printmakers, and influential teachers at celebrated art schools. For more information about this exhibition, visit www.newhopecolony.org.

Sunday, April 13, 9 am–noon, the Jesse W. Soby American Legion Post #148 will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 115 West Richardson Ave. in Langhorne. Enjoy eggs, pancakes, sausage,

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Tuesday, April 15, at 7 pm at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Rd. in Bensalem, the Trevoise Horticultural Society's monthly meeting will feature the topic, "Managing Garden and Landscape Weeds". Guest speaker, Scott Guiser, will explain the difference in native and introduced weeds, their threat to crop production, rights-of-way and aesthetic interest. He will also describe how non-chemical control is best approached in an Integrated pest management manner and consideration of preventative, biological, mechanical, cultural and chemical options. All meetings are open to the public; a donation of \$5 is requested from non-members. For further information, please contact 856-866-9163, visit www.trevoisegardeners.org or visit them on Facebook.

Friday, April 25, 5–8:30 pm, the Northampton Township Senior Center will host its Spring Fling Shopping Event at its senior center, 165 Township Rd. in Richboro. Come shop from local vendors and crafters offering a wide variety of handcrafted jewelry, accessories, gourmet foods, candles, home decor and much more! Admission is free. For more information call 215-357-8199. Vendors are wanted. Email nhsc@nhtwp.org for an application.

Saturday, April 26 at 9 am, the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust's 7th Annual Earth Day Trail Race will be held at 2955 Edge Hill Rd. in Huntingdon Valley. The whole family can celebrate Earth Day Weekend on a scenic, mixed terrain course, choosing to run 10K, or walk or run 5K or 1 mile. This year, with the help of the Southampton Library, the 1-mile course will be converted into a Tale Trail, housing a Story Stroll featuring "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", which will be fun for kids and adults alike. All proceeds will benefit the Pennypack Trust's mission to protect open space and habitat. Register at runsignup.com/Race/PA/HuntingdonValley/PERT5KTrailRunWalk.

Saturday, April 26 at 2 pm, Monaghan Music presents "My Life: The Struggles, Successes, & Songs of Billy Joel", performed by local musician Bill Monaghan and his band, Some Assembly Required, at Archbishop Wood High School in the Sophia A Friedman Auditorium, 655 York Road in Warminster. Suggested Donation \$15; general seating, and all ages are welcome. All proceeds to benefit the Michael S Monaghan Scholarship Fund at Archbishop Wood High School. For more information, email Willie.Monaghan@gmail.com and visit out www.MonaghanMusic.com. For more information about the Michael S Monaghan Scholarship, visit www.monaghanmusic.com/Scholarship.html.

Tuesday, April 29, 7 to 9 pm, the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, 2955 Edge Hill Rd. in Huntingdon Valley, will be showing all the photo contest entries from 2024 in its Visitor's Center and announcing the winning photos, which will be available for viewing and purchase later this year. Come celebrate images of PERT and meet the photographers. This event is free to the public. To register, visit app.etapestry.com/cart/PennypackEcologicalRestorati/

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Friday, May 2, 1–3 pm, join the Bucks County Community College's 18th Annual Salute to Mothers Scholarship at the Tyler Formal Gardens, Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Rd. in Newtown. Attendees are encouraged to wear their best Kentucky Derby themed hats; the more fanciful, the better! To order tickets or to make a donation in support of the Salute to Mothers Scholarship, visit interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E15010&id=251

Saturday, May 10, 1 pm, Middletown Senior Citizens Association holds its Cash Bingo fundraiser at Middletown Senior Center, 2142 Trenton Rd. in Levittown. Doors open at noon. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door if available. Limited to 100 players. Fee includes 10 games of Bingo (3 cards per sheet) and 4 specials. Extra cards on sale. Cash prizes, raffle baskets, 50/50 tickets, and beverages and snacks will also be available. Tickets on sale now. For more information, call 215-945-2920.

Saturday, May 17, come see the World Famous Mark Reno "Elvis", two-time national champion, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Hall, 89 Pinewood Dr. in Levittown. Doors open at 6 pm; dinner begins at 6:30 pm; and the show starts at 7:30 pm. The \$35 cost includes dinner. For ticket information, call 267-980-9336.

Bucks IU celebrates school social workers during National Social Work Month

Story submitted by Joan Hellyer, Bucks IU Paraeducator.

March is National Social Work Month, a time to highlight the commitment of these professionals working to create a stable and supportive learning environment. The Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Bucks IU) is taking this opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions of social workers in supporting Bucks IU students and their families.

"Our Bucks IU social workers step up when students and families need support the most, often in ways that are not

seen by others," said Dr. Mark Hoffman, Bucks IU Executive Director. "Their work makes a lasting impact in the lives of others and fills a critical piece of the continuum of support offered to our students and families."

School social workers assist students facing social, emotional, and academic challenges, according to the National Association of Social Workers. They connect students with resources both within schools and throughout local communities, helping to remove barriers to academic

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success.

According to Amy Snyder-Dietz, Bucks IU's Lead School Social Worker and IDEA Interagency Coordinator, the organization employs fourteen school social workers. Some work directly with students at Bucks IU learning centers, while others serve students in classrooms across Bucks County.

The role of a school social worker varies based on their assignment, explained veteran Bucks IU Social Worker Chris Killcoyne, who has supported special needs students and

their families for 27 years.

Killcoyne provides individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals for students in multiple Bucks County school districts. She also helps families access community resources, including behavioral health services and in-home care. Additionally, she assists families with medical, child welfare, and socioeconomic issues and guides students 18 and older in securing job-related community resources.

Bucks IU school social workers collaborate with other agency staff to achieve the best outcomes for students, said

Marci Cianni, a school social worker based at Bucks IU at Samuel Everitt in Levittown.

Cianni, who has been with Bucks IU for 21 years, supports students in the Bucks IU's Emotional Support and Inspire Partial Hospitalization programs, as well as those in Bucks IU's Brain Injury classroom. She finds great fulfillment in seeing her students "succeed and thrive" in school.

Throughout March, there have been several opportunities to honor Bucks IU school social workers, including National School Social Work Week at the beginning of the month

and World Social Work Day on March 19.

"Their dedication to promoting the academic, social, and emotional well-being of students is truly worth celebrating," said Dr. Lenny Greaney, Assistant to the Bucks IU Executive Director. "School social workers have a unique ability to support our staff in understanding the social-emotional development of our learners, strengthening a positive school climate. Bucks IU school social workers are essential in creating the robust programs we provide throughout Bucks County."

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