

# *Lower Mount Bethel Township*

## *Spring 2026 Newsletter*



### Tax Collection

The Lower Mount Bethel Township Tax Collector, Nicole Turcic, is available to assist residents with tax-related questions and payments. Correspondence can be mailed to P.O. Box 92, Martins Creek, PA, 18063. Nicole can be reached by phone at (917) 399-8422 or email: [taxcollectorlmbt@yahoo.com](mailto:taxcollectorlmbt@yahoo.com). For added convenience, a secure drop box is located in the lobby of the Township Office at 2004 Hutchison Avenue, Martins Creek. The lobby is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. excluding holidays. In person tax collection dates and times are listed on your tax bills and will take place in the lower level of the Centerfield Building, located at 6984 S. Delaware Dr. Martins Creek, PA, 18063.

### Garbage Assessments

Each Township residential unit in the Township will receive an annual invoice from Keystone Collections Group for garbage removal services. Bills are mailed mid February and are due mid April. Any sanitation assessment not paid by the due date will be subject to a 10% penalty. The 2026 annual sanitation assessment is \$415.00 per residential unit.

### ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Township Road Department continues to work diligently to maintain and improve our local roadways. Ongoing efforts include pothole repairs, roadside mowing, stormwater management, and general road maintenance to ensure safe travel throughout the Township.

As we move throughout the season, residents may notice crews performing drainage improvements, shoulder work, and other street repairs. Residents are encouraged to report potholes, drainage

concerns, damaged road signs or any other related issues to: [roadcrew@lowermtbethel.org](mailto:roadcrew@lowermtbethel.org) so they can be addresses properly. We ask for your patience when encountering work zones and remind motorists to slow down and use caution for the safety of our employees.

**Littering on Trails and Roads** - Our Township takes great pride in maintaining our beautiful trail system for everyone to enjoy. We kindly ask all residents and visitors to help keep these areas clean by properly disposing of trash. Please do not litter along the trails or roadways. Garbage receptacles are conveniently located at the entrance to our trails and parks for your use. Items such as televisions, tires, and other large debris must not be left along roadsides, as the Township is not equipped to dispose them.

**Parks** - Our Township parks are another valued community asset, and our Public Works team does an excellent job keeping them clean and well maintained. To help keep these spaces enjoyable for everyone, please remember to clean up after your pets. Dog waste bags are available throughout the parks for your convenience.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our parks clean and welcoming for all.



## ZONING DEPARTMENT NEWS

LMBT's Zoning Officer and Building Codes Official is Anthony DiSante, who holds office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Code Enforcement Officer Joe Masznik is available on Mondays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both can be reached at zoning@lowermtbethel.org or by calling 610-252-5074 ext. 3. Permit applications and fee schedule can be found on the township website: www.lowermtbethel.org

**Moving permits** - This is required for residents moving in and out of the township.

**Tenant Registration:** (Ordinance 2013-06) Every person owning property within the Township which is rented, in whole or in part, to one or more person shall register with the Township on or before January 31st of each year. **Short term lodging facilities:** (Ordinance 2022-02) Unless qualified as a hotel or bed and breakfast, short term lodging is prohibited except where permitted as conditional use, under certain circumstances which can be found in the Township code of Ordinances - reference Short -Term Lodging Facilities (Ordinance 2022-02).

Lower Mount Bethel Township Permit applications and Ordinances can be found on our website under the Zoning Dept./ Code of Ordinances.

## Martins Creek Belvidere Highway Walking Trail Reconstruction Project Update

### Exciting News!

The Martins Creek Belvidere Highway Walking Trail Reconstruction Project is nearing completion. This project was funded thru Pennsylvania's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant Program and Northampton County's Livable Landscapes Grant Program.





## GREETINGS FROM THE REC BOARD!

Hello! The Rec Board is excited to share a fantastic lineup of events with you through December!

In the month of May, we are bringing something new to town...Line Dancing! Come be part of the fun on May 9th from 6pm to 9pm and dance the night away! All proceeds from this event will benefit our Fire Company!

Our Spring Plant Sale & Market will be held on May 16th from 9am to 1pm at Centerfield. We will have home grown zinnias, vegetable plants, and many different vendors.

Community Day returns to the village at Pacchioli Field on June 13th (rain date June 14th) from 1pm to 5pm. We will have games, food, a band, our annual tricky tray and cakewalk, and so much more!

Looking ahead, we have our Fall Mum Sale & Market on September 13th and our Holiday Market on November 22nd. The year ends with the Township's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 5th.

Thank you all for your support!

Warmly,

Nicole Palmeri, Chair of the Rec Board



## Donations Wanted for Community Day!

**THE REC BOARD IS IN NEED OF BASKETS FOR  
OUR TRICKY TRAY AND BAKED GOODS FOR OUR  
CAKE WALK!**

**THEMED BASKETS AND BAKED GOODS WITHOUT  
PEANUTS ARE APPRECIATED!**

**BASKETS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE  
TOWNSHIP OFFICE ANYTIME AND BAKED  
GOODS BY FRIDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> DURING THE  
HOURS OF 8AM - 4PM!**

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



As your representative in Congress, nothing is more important to me than making sure our communities have the resources they need to stay safe, grow, and succeed. That's why my team and I work every day to bring federal dollars back home and deliver real results for the people of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos. Through this year's appropriations process, we secured over \$12 million for local projects across our region, along with tens of millions of dollars in additional programmatic funding to support jobs, public safety, and economic growth.



A priority has been supporting our first responders. We secured over \$1.6 million for a new firehouse in Albutis, replacing an aging building that can no longer support modern equipment and helping firefighters do their jobs safely and effectively. We also made investments in law enforcement and emergency services, including \$700,000 for Bethlehem Police Department upgrades, \$60,000 for the Carbon County Sheriff's Office, and over \$2 million for a new Carbon County emergency radio system to improve communication during emergencies.

We also worked to support jobs and manufacturing right here in our region. The Lehigh Valley has a proud manufacturing tradition, including Mack Trucks, and through the appropriations process we secured \$47 million in programmatic funding for Mack Defense, supporting continued production and helping sustain high-skilled jobs locally.

In addition, we're investing in projects that improve daily life for residents and support future growth. We secured \$2 million for improvements at Lehigh Valley International Airport, including new escalators and elevators to improve access and keep up with record passenger growth. We also supported projects that improve accessibility and transportation across our communities, including local bridge repairs and ADA-access improvements to ensure public spaces are accessible to everyone.

These investments reflect what I hear from people across our region: support for first responders and practical improvements that make a difference in everyday life. If you have questions, thoughts, or need assistance with a federal agency, my team is here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our district offices. For more information, visit [mackenzie.house.gov](https://mackenzie.house.gov) or call (484) 781-6000.

## **Voice your Opinion - LMBT Environmental Opinion Survey**

Sponsored by the LMBT Environmental Advisory Council

Please complete your survey by May 31st 2026.

Access yours by scanning the QR Code

or typing in the following web address: <https://forms.gle/KGh6WJ9ubbkj5g3K8>

Results from this survey will be anonymously compiled and

Discussed by our Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

As we advocate for topics with the Board of Supervisors.

Survey is only for LMBT residents or landowners.

How do you enjoy our township's resources? Are there any issues that you feel concerned about? Share them with us. Data Center , Air Quality ,Open Space Storm-water & Flooding & more!



## Your Event, Your Community, Your Space Explore Township Rental Facilities Available!

**Centerfield School** offers a variety of daily rental options while guests can also enjoy on-site amenities, including a playground, basketball court, tennis and pickleball courts. Alcohol is not permitted.

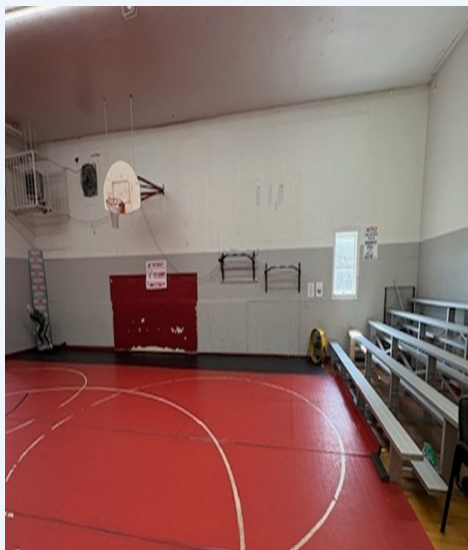
**Upstairs Meeting Rooms**– Resident Rate-\$40; Non-Resident Rate \$60

**Lower Level Rental**—The lower level, complete with a newly renovated commercial kitchen, is available to rent and accommodates up to 75 guests. A refundable \$300 security deposit is required. **Resident Rate**- Lower Level with kitchen, no stove \$150, with use of stove \$200; **Non-Resident Rate**-Lower Level with kitchen, no stove \$200, with use of stove \$300.



### **Pavilion Rental**

**Resident Rate**- \$50  
**Non-Resident Rate**- \$100



### **Gym Rental**

**Resident Rate**- \$20  
**Non-Resident Rate**-\$60

## Lower Mount Bethel Township Park Rentals

**The Bryan Kiefer Ball Field**– Resident Rate- \$40; Non-Resident Rate-\$50  
The pavilion may be rented for \$50 for residents and \$100 for non-resident.



### **Pavilion Rental**

**Resident Rate-** \$50

**Non-Resident Rate-** \$100



### **Riverton Ball Fields**

The fields are located at 7701 Martins Creek-Belvidere Highway and are mainly used for baseball and softball games.

**Resident Rate-** \$40

**Non-Resident Rate-** \$60

### **Riverton Pavilion**

**Resident Rate-** \$50; **Non-Resident Rate-** \$100

For additional information and reservations, contact Melissa at the Township municipal office at 610-252-5074 ext. 1. All renters must fill out the Lower Mount Bethel Township Reservation Application and Rental Agreement which can be found on the township website [www.lowermtbethel.org](http://www.lowermtbethel.org).

# MAY DAY FIREFIGHTER

## PICNIC AND RAFFLE

**LIVE PERFORMANCE**  
 DUSTIN FLYTE @ 3:00-5:00  
 TIMEWHYS @ 5:30-8:30

**MAY 16TH @ 3:00PM**

**✓ CHECK OUT FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE FOR UPDATES**

- 🍷 FOOD FOR PURCHASE
- 🍷 BEER FOR PURCHASE
- 🍷 SPECIALTY RAFFLE
- 🍷 MEAT RAFFLES
- 🍷 RAFFLES
- 🍷 BOUNCE HOUSE
- 🍷 CHILDREN ACTIVITIES
- 🍷 VENDORS
- 🍷 FIREWORKS
- 🍷 BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR
- 🍷 HAY RIDE

**FOOD**  
 BURGERS • HOT DOGS • FRIES

7701 MARTINS CREEK  
 BELVIDERE HWY  
 BANGOR, PA 18013

**DRAWINGS ALL AFTERNOON FOLLOWED BY FIREWORKS AT DUSK**

LOWER MT. BETHEL SANDT'S EDDY FIRE COMPANY  
 9TH ANNUAL 2026  
**CAR, TRUCK  
 & TRACTOR  
 SHOW**

**HALLOWEEN CARS & COSTUMES**

**PLEASE BRING A BAG OF CANDY**

**SUNDAY  
 OCTOBER 18TH**  
 GATES OPEN 8AM SHOW 10AM - 3PM  
 7701 MARTINS CREEK BELVIDERE HWY  
 BANGOR PA

FOR MORE DETAILS CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT  
**WWW.LMBTFIRE.ORG**

# 2026 FIRE COMPANY APPRECIATION DINNER



## What is a Sojourn?

Sojourns are guided paddling and camping trips, combining on-water experiences and educational learning opportunities. They are suited for folks of all skill levels; equipment is provided, and river guides teach basic instruction and help keep paddlers safe while on the water. Folks can join for a day, several or the whole thing, making sojourns the perfect first experience with paddling.

Since 1995, the Delaware River Sojourn has been bringing paddlers of all ages & experience levels on the Delaware River, promoting safe, responsible river recreation and creating new stewards of this precious resource. Getting out on the river provides a direct connection to & appreciation for the water, and to do so in a safe, welcoming and fun environment helps foster that feeling for a lifetime.

Thursday, June 19: Driftstone, Mount Bethel, Pa. to Talen Boat Launch, Pa. (camp at Driftstone) -- **June 17 Update! Our planned paddle stretch for Thursday, June 19, has changed. We will paddle from Kittatinny Point to Driftstone (rather than Driftstone to Talen/Martins Creek).**

Friday, June 20: Talen Boat Launch to Phillipsburg, N.J. (no camping, Sojourn over)



**SAVE THE DATES**  
**JUNE 20 - 26, 2026**  
**Our Nation's River**

**PADDLING + CAMPING + EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

- JOIN A DAILY PADDLE OR THE WHOLE TRIP
- ALL AGES & EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME
- SAFETY GUIDES & RIVER EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
- MEALS & DAILY SHUTTLING INCLUDED

**DELAWARE RIVER SOJOURN**  
 delawariversojourn.com

**Delaware River Sojourn**



**SPRING & SUMMER:**

- Maintain the grass height in your yard at 3 inches or more. Longer grass is healthier and requires less fertilizer.
- If using fertilizers or pesticides, always follow the directions and never apply immediately before a rain storm.

**FALL:**

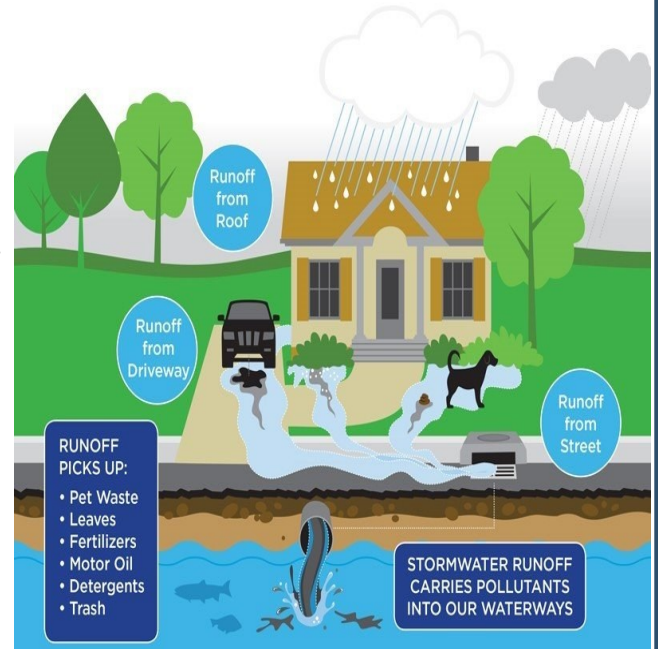
- If draining your pool, allow your pool to de-chlorinate first by keeping it uncovered and waiting ten (10) days after its last chlorination to allow the chlorine to dissipate in the air.
- Do not discard leaves onto the street, into the storm drains, streams or other waterways.

**WINTER:**

- Avoid using sodium chloride as a deicer. Commonly used road salts like sodium chloride (also known as halite) can kill plants, break down concrete, and stain carpets. More environmentally friendly alternatives to sodium chloride are acetates, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.
- Do not pile snow on your rain garden. Though your plants are dormant, heavy snow loads, upon melting, could saturate your garden for long enough to potentially hurt your plants. Normal snow accumulation does not pose a problem, though, so there is no need to shovel the garden! Pile your snow from elsewhere on the uphill side of the rain garden instead so that when it melts your rain garden can do its thing.
- Go pervious. Replacing your walkway or driveway with river stone, pervious pavers, or other porous materials will allow water to soak into the ground instead of becoming runoff. These surfaces not only help reduce polluted stormwater runoff and erosion, they also “breathe” more than impervious surfaces like asphalt and concrete, so they take longer to ice over.

**YEAR-ROUND:**

- Do not dump any chemicals, oils or other automotive fluids, grease, pet waste, grass clippings or other yard debris, fertilizers, etc. into storm inlets, catch basins, roadside ditches or directly into stream channels. This can lead to endangerment of the health of fish and other aquatic life, decrease in recreational opportunities and impairment of drinking water. Do not litter or illegally dump. Always dispose of any trash in its proper location and recycle whenever possible.
- Car batteries can be turned in at most automotive parts stores. Used motor oil and worn tires can be turned in at most service shops. Properly dispose of other hazardous household chemicals.
- Clean up after your pet. Don't let pet wastes get washed into the street or down the storm drain.
- Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash or if washing at home, wash your vehicle in a grassy or gravel area (or divert your wash water into the grass or gravel area).
- Have your car or truck serviced regularly and eliminate any leaks in your vehicle.





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P.O. Box 257  
Martins Creek, PA, 18063

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**Board of Supervisors**

Christopher Cook, Chairman      Term expires Jan. 2030  
Jeffrey Keifer, Vice-Chairman    Term expires Jan. 2032  
David Ascani                              Term expires Jan. 2030  
Michael DeBerardinis              Term expires Jan. 2028  
Robert Siegfried                      Term expires Jan. 2032

**Township Staff**

Office phone (610) 252-5074

Megan Hart, Manager / Treasurer / EMC  
Melissa Mastrogiovanni, Asst. Man./ Secretary /Plan. Admin.  
Mark Hess, Public Works Road Foreman  
Shannon Parsons, Public Works  
Grant Hanby, Public Works  
Anthony DiSante, Zoning / Building Codes Official  
Joe Masznic, Property Maintenance  
Rodney Rothrock, Custodian  
Justin Coyle, Township Engineer  
Joseph Zator, Township Solicitor  
Anthony Giovannini, ZHB Solicitor  
Ryan Engler, Sewage Enforcement Officer

**Important Phone numbers**

PA State Police: 610-759-6106  
LMB/Sandts Eddy Fire Company: 484-548-8630  
PENNDOT: (1-800) FIX - ROAD  
Game Commission: (610) 926-3136  
Waste Management: 610-440-3700  
BASD Bus Transportation: 610-588-3590  
Easton SD Bus Transportation  
Tax Collector Nicole Turcic (917) 399-8422.  
Fire Chief George Russo (484) 548-8630



Register Now For **CodeRED**  
Emergency Notification System

**CodeRED** is a FREE emergency notification service available to all residents and businesses. The system will notify you of emergency information through phone calls, text messages, social media and the CodeRED Mobile Alert App.

To sign up for **CodeRED**, please visit  
[www.lowermtbethel.org](http://www.lowermtbethel.org)



**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Polls will be open from  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Centerfield School Municipal Complex  
6984 S. Delaware Drive  
Martins Creek, PA, 18063

**Spring / Summer Holidays**

Good Friday - April 3rd  
Memorial Day—May 25th  
Independence Day—July 3rd  
Labor Day - September 1st