



# *Our Town*



## *We are Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected!*

In 2012, initially, as a block watch group, BARC became Bowmanstown's brand new organization. As it turns out, our townspeople weren't all that interested in hiding behind bushes with binoculars, but that's what brought us together. As we continued to meet, we evolved, as organizations do. We began to believe that building a cohesive community was the best way to protect residents. Our membership has changed over time, but the commitment to our community has not.

We have learned that collaboration with other organizations is so important. It was the Bowmanstown-Parryville Lion's Club that had faith in our mission and donated the funding to acquire our 501c4 status. Our partnership with the Delaware Lehigh National Heritage corridor has brought many benefits. They helped us to fund a chalk wall in our largest playground, a message board and 2 bike racks, and this year, the first

installation of a mural in our once-scary, graffiti-ridden tunnel under route 248 that connects us to part of our town and the D&L Trail. The Bowmanstown Area Fire Company has provided many safety talks and demonstrations and is always ready to lend a hand and coordinate with our events.

We have donated two Blessing boxes (built by a resident who wishes to remain anonymous) to our local churches Trinity Lutheran and Emmanuel UCC, providing food to residents in need. We have also built and maintained two Little Libraries to provide convenient reading options for all of our residents. These are located in front of the borough hall and on Oak Street in Meadowcrest.

Please feel free to *take what you need, and give what you can*. The Little Libraries and the Blessing Boxes are there for all of us.



## *BARC (con't)*

Every year on Trick or Treat night, you will see us at our little table handing out treats to the spooky residents. This year we moved our location from the Borough Hall to the Fire Company and gave our signature cups full of goodies to over 100 kids.

Our Helping Hands program was designed to provide our residents with the opportunity to connect with kids willing to shovel snow or help in various ways, but we began getting calls from shut-ins and others with different needs for which we were grateful to be able to assist. This year with the snow, when things were posted on our page, an interesting thing happened. Often we didn't need to go out. When residents saw a neighbor in need, they went out to help first. Neighbors helping neighbors. That is what community is about, and we are proud of the people who live here. If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a "helping hand," please reach out to us.

We organize the "Monday Mile" walk that happens... you guessed it! Every Monday night at 6:00, weather permitting. Join us in front of the Borough Hall for a nice stroll and lively conversation. As always, all are welcome.

The Annual Yard Sale occurs on the 4th Saturday of April every year, with over 40 households participating. We sell perennials that we share from our own gardens, and some donated from our generous neighbors, and we coordinate a curbside pickup through Greendrop for registered residents who wish to donate items they didn't sell. The Green Drop donations benefit the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), a Congressionally-chartered veteran's organization made up of combat-wounded veterans who provide valuable resources, programs, and support dedicated to helping all veterans and their families. We are proud to support this cause.

We also host our annual dog show every fall. But more on that later!

Through the years, we have had many successful events and programs, and some that fell flat on their face. Approaching our 10 year anniversary, our goal is to offer and create amenities and opportunities for all of our residents that make them proud and happy to live here, create a cohesive neighborhood, and make our town a healthy, vibrant rural community. We hope you will join us!





# BARC BACK!

## 8th Annual Community Dog Show



Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected (BARC) held its eighth annual dog show on Saturday, October 2nd at the Oliver Solt Pavilion beside the Bowmanstown fire company, complete with a basket raffle, and silent auction.

This was a dog show to rival Westminster, with individual dogs boasting many pedigrees. There were a total of 10 contest categories into which dog lovers could enter their best friends.

The categories included: best dog costume won by Max, best dog trick won by Joe, best tail wagging won by Abby, liveliest dog won by Moonshine, fluffiest dog won by Buckeye, cutest dog won by Darius, manliest dog won by Onyx, girliest dog won by Kaydee, most expressive eyes won by Ember, and best dog/owner look-alike won by Garnet.

Prizes were awarded for first, second and third place. Three judges represented the Palmerton Library, the local Post Office, and the Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and Palmerton's Kids for the Community were our extra hands on deck to help the event run seamlessly.

A basket raffle set out an array of prizes that included everything from large bags of dry dog food and trays of canned food, to hand-crafted accessories and children's games. A silent auction raffled off generous gifts from local merchants. All of the proceeds earned through the dog show will be directed to funding projects and events to improve the Bowmanstown community.



## Holiday Light Contest

Rodney and Marcy Reeser organized BARC's 2nd Annual Holiday Lights contest and, as we go to print, we are loving the way our town is lighting up! The prizes are \$50 for 1st place, \$30 for 2nd place, \$20 for 3rd place, and \$15 for 4th place, AND the top four finishers each receive a "Gourdament" from R&M's Gourds and More! We plan to host this event annually with more involvement from the community every year. Way to lift the holiday spirit in our town, Rodney and Marcy!

## *Fall Fun Day*

We are grateful for our collaboration with the Palmerton area Library. Rachel DiMicco, the Library Programs Administrator, has rolled up her sleeves for our kids, starting with a weekly summer reading program in 2019, followed by Kidsfest full of games and activities. 2020 kept us all at home, but this year she organized our well attended Fall Fun Fest on October 16th, with funding from B.A.R.C. and the Lion's Club. Rachel read stories and provided art projects and educational activities, the Lion's Club made cotton candy, B.A.R.C. gave away hotdogs, the Bowmanstown Volunteer Fire company drove up with their fire truck to demonstrate their equipment and teach fire safety to eager kids. Our volunteer firefighters let them handle the equipment and gave them a "tour" of the fire truck. Each child received a "goody bag" with a book and activity kits they could make at home.



## *Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church*

500 Ore Street, Bowmanstown | 610-852-2202  
Services: Sunday Mornings at 10:45 AM



Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church has been part of our organization since our humble beginnings, offering us a place to meet, hosting events in their lovely community room, and supporting our outreach. On Veterans' Day, they offered a well-attended free community meal. Well done, Trinity!

*Project Tuesday meets weekly from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Bring a lunch and help make hand-crafted items for community members and shut-ins.*





## *Underground Art Comes to Bowmanstown*

### Mural Installed in Pedestrian Tunnel Under Route 248

BARC is excited to announce that the first installment of a mural in the pedestrian tunnel under Rte 248 was completed on October 20th. Before the mural was installed, Bowmanstown residents were invited to add their talent to the effort at a community paint day at Trinity Lutheran Church. They became part of the mural's creation and local history as they laid the color foundations on oversized portraits of local endangered species, overseen and finalized by the artist, Carrie Kingsbury. These now accompany the 30-foot installation depicting a compilation of local flora and fauna along the Lehigh River.

Carrie Kingsbury, the owner of Promiseland Murals, painted the mural on parachute material in her studio, then brought it to Bowmanstown for the community paint day. Carrie has been a full-time mural painter since 1999 and has many large commercial, community, and residential projects in her portfolio.

This project, developed through a partnership between BARC and the D&L National Heritage Corridor, has been funded through combined

grants from the Pocono Forests & Waters Conservation Landscape, through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the National Park Service.

We have two more panels we are fundraising for to complete this project at a cost of approximately \$8,000. The final concept includes a QR code embedded in the art where tunnel travellers can tap into information about the endangered species portrayed in the artwork and get information about BARC, the Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Lehigh Gap Nature Center, which also has plans for a mural that will be coordinated with ours.



## *Thank You to Our Community Supporters!*

A deep note of appreciation to the following local businesses and organizations who supported our events and our mission. We hope you will take a few minutes to read this list and remember them when you shop and dine locally. Despite the hardships of the past year, they still went to bat for our local community projects and we are grateful for their support.

Delaware & Lehigh National  
Heritage Corridor, Easton  
Little Gap Animal Hospital, Palmerton  
Walck's 4-Wheel Drive, Bowmanstown  
St Luke's University Health Network  
Mountain Valley Spay, Neuter,  
& Vaccine Clinic, Lehighton  
Lehighton Outdoor Center, Lehighton  
Wine and More on 1st Street, Lehighton  
Bonnie and Clyde's Pub & Grill, Lehighton  
Lorenzo's Pizza Kitchen, Lehighton  
Relly's Deli, Bowmanstown  
Bowmanstown Diner, Bowmanstown  
Highland Animal Hospital, Slatington  
Cherryville Animal Hospital, Cherryville  
Phoenix Fire Photography, Jim Thorpe  
Walmart, Lehighton  
Palmerton Pub, Palmerton  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bowmanstown  
Bowmanstown-Parryville Lions Club  
Bowmanstown Volunteer Fire Company,  
Bowmanstown  
Country Harvest, Palmerton  
Fisher Insurance Agency, Lehighton  
Hearn Enterprises, Bowmanstown  
Barb Eastland, Bowmanstown

The Dolon House, Jim Thorpe  
Palmerton Area Library, Palmerton  
Insurrection Distillery, Lehighton  
Love for Arts Studio, Palmerton  
Blue Mountain Animal Rescue, Palmerton  
Halls of Horror, Palmerton  
Rainbow's End, Jim Thorpe  
The Artsy Olive, Jim Thorpe  
Mulligan's Unique Toys & Gifts, Jim Thorpe  
Photography by Lynn, Palmerton  
3 Brothers Pizza, Bowmanstown  
Tractor Supply, Lehighton  
Massage Therapy by Roxi, Bowmanstown  
Reiki by Frank Neri, Bowmanstown  
Carbon Builders Association, Bowmanstown  
R&M Gourds and More, Bowmanstown  
Christine Ruzicka's 31 products, Bowmanstown  
Green Drop  
GIANT Food Stores, Lehighton  
Kids for the Community, Palmerton  
Carbon County Community Foundation  
Shea's Hardware, Palmerton  
Hair Designs by Linda Pereira, Palmerton  
Donna Crum, Palmerton  
Joey B's, Palmerton  
Ben Price, Bowmanstown





## *Support our Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected Fund!*

The Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected Fund was established at the Carbon County Community Foundation to support improvement projects and programs in Bowmanstown. We empower the residents of our community through increased awareness and communication.

Here are a few easy ways you can get involved with Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected:

- Make a gift to the BARC Fund using the form below or donate online. Contact us for info on alternate gifts, like stock or property. All donations are tax-deductible.
- Volunteer to serve on the BARC committee. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran.
- Support our events through attendance and sponsorship.
- Name the BARC Fund as beneficiary of an insurance policy, annuity, or your will/estate plan.

Whether it's through your time, talents, or treasure, we are so grateful for your support of the Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected Fund. Thank you!

### **Yes! I'll make a gift to the Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected Fund.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:**

☐ \$50   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$250   ☐ \$500   ☐ \$1000   ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a memorial or named gift, please indicate:

☐ In Honor Of      ☐ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me or send me more information about:

☐ Volunteering with BARC to help serve my community

☐ Naming the BARC Fund as a beneficiary in my insurance policy, annuity, or will/estate plan

☐ Establishing my own fund with the Carbon County Community Foundation

Mail completed form and check made payable to "Carbon County Community Foundation" to:

BARC Fund c/o CCCF

PO Box 243

Lehighon PA 18235

Or donate online at [www.cccfoundpa.org/barc-fund/](http://www.cccfoundpa.org/barc-fund/)



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## *Mark Your Calendars for Our Upcoming Events*

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, at Trinity Lutheran (the entrance in the back of the building) All are welcome!

**Kids Movie Night:** 1/29/22 6-8:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church- FREE movie and popcorn!

**Pysanki Egg Decorating:** 3/26/22 - limited space! \$20.00/person

10:00am -12:00 pm- 10 available spots

1:00 pm -3:00 pm- 10 available spots

**Annual Yard Sale:** 4/23/22