Summer 2026

FACO Flyer

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Community Calendar

Why Not Work Together?

One of my favorite folk tales is the story *Stone Soup*. Most variations have a stranger who comes to town and says they can make "magic" soup out of water and a stone. While tasting the cooking soup, the stranger suggests the soup would taste much better if community members donated a few carrots, then potatoes, seasoning, meat, etc. In the end, there is enough soup for the entire town and the community is united.

This parable reminds us of the amazing things that happen when we work together. On vacation last year, my family experienced the marvelous Durham (North Carolina) Central Park Children's Independence Day Parade. At a Maidencreek meeting months later, I discovered Maidencreek Parks and Rec. was planning a new family Independence Day event. I shared Durham pictures and my experience. It was a sign. By the end of the night, I knew that FACO was supposed to coordinate an community-wide, local America250 celebration!

I am continually amazed by this wonderful community. Throughout the America 250 planning process, so many organizations freely offered their time, money, and talents to make this America250 celebration happen. Breakfast Brothers & Grange donated prizes, Boy Scouts hosted a tribute, Legion sponsored a decorating contest, Historical Society supplied scavenger hunt clues, Fleetwood Library supplied programs & equitable non-internet access, FASD's Tailgate capitalized on "Stone Soup" concept, Flwd Rec sponsored concerts, Friends of the Flwd Park sponsored music, Rotary donated personnel, and Maidencreek Parks and Rec sponsored 3 events. Great things happen when we work together!

-Stacy Laucks, FACO President

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Fleetwood Rotary Celebrates 75 Years

2026 marks the 75th year of the founding of the Rotary Club of Fleetwood. The club was formed by a group of local businessmen and community leaders in 1951. For 75 years the Fleetwood Rotary Club has been supporting local, regional, national, and international charitable efforts by donating time, money and resources. As part of Rotary International, Fleetwood Rotary is one of over 30,000 Rotary clubs active in more than 160 countries. The motto of Rotary members is “service above self”.

Locally, our club supports the Interact Club at Fleetwood high school and recognizes Fleetwood and Oley students of the month. In addition, the youth exchange program gives local high school students the opportunity to travel and study abroad and for foreign students to come to Fleetwood for the school year. Our current Rotary exchange student is Consuelo Paolucci from Italy, and we will have an inbound student from Denmark next year. We are always looking for local students who are interested in traveling abroad as Rotary exchange students.

Fleetwood Rotary also supports local projects such as pollinator gardens in Maidencreek, Fleetwood, and Richmond. In addition, the club has installed benches in the Fleetwood Park as well as other park improvements including the walking trail and tree planting at Maidencreek Park.

Fleetwood Rotary helps with the World War II weekend, Fleetwood Community Carnival, and hosts an annual car show in the park which has had more than 400 cars on exhibit. This year’s car show is June 20 which is also the 20th year of the show. Other local supported causes include “Girls on the Run”, The Dolly Parton project (which provides books to young children in the Fleetwood, Kutztown and Brandywine school districts), Hope Rescue Mission, and the LightHouse Shelter for women and children. Internationally, Fleetwood Rotary supports and participates in global grants and projects that include the eradication of Polio and improving water availability and health in other countries.

The Fleetwood Rotary club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month at 7:30 AM at Moselem Golf Club and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month at the Grand Central Tap Room and Restaurant. Recently, the Rotary formed an Impact Club for individuals that cannot make regular meetings but would like to help with local initiatives and projects. Please see any Rotary Member for more information.





American Legion
Join Us in Service

The American Legion is more than a veteran's organization — it's a place where service, community, and patriotism come together. At American Legion Post 625, we proudly support veterans and their families, sponsor youth programs, honor first responders, and give back to our community through meaningful events and volunteer efforts.

Some highlights from Post 625:

- A Thanksgiving food drive supporting Keystone Military Families and another food drive for the Fleetwood Community Pantry
- Celebrating the 100th birthday of a World War II Legionnaire and honoring the life/service of another World War II veteran through a Celebration of Life
- Sponsoring an American Legion Oratorical Contest local high school senior, promoting youth leadership and a deeper understanding of the U.S. Constitution
- Taking part in the POW/MIA Flag Raising at Fleetwood High School

Eligible veterans are invited to join the American Legion, and family members can be involved as well. Sons and grandsons of eligible veterans may join the Sons of The American Legion, while spouses, daughters, and granddaughters may be eligible for the American Legion Auxiliary. We also offer social memberships for community members who want to support the Post and enjoy our activities and events.

Whether you're looking for camaraderie, community involvement, or a way to support veterans and youth programs, there's a place for you at the American Legion. You can also follow our Facebook page (Fleetwood Legion) to see upcoming events and activities. Stop in at the Post, 120 E. Arch St., to learn more.

Wreaths Across America: Sat. Dec. 19
Sponsor a $17 Veteran Grave Wreath



Save the Date: Berks Fiddle Fest
Sept 20, 2026 @Fleetwood Park



Fleetwood Community Tailgate Celebration Coming June 28!

Get ready to celebrate 250 years of American independence right here in Fleetwood! The Fleetwood Area School District, in partnership with the FACO, is hosting a FREE America250 Tailgate Celebration on Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on the Fleetwood Area Middle School Campus.

The event follows the America250 Parade — which starts and ends at Fleetwood Area High School — so plan to make a full afternoon of it! Think of it as a patriotic block party open to all ages, with a live DJ, games, community tables and trunks, and local business stands. It's Trunk-or-Treat, but make it red, white, and blue!

Local businesses, organizations, and residents are encouraged to get involved by setting up a table, trunk, or stand to share food, snacks, drinks, or activities with neighbors. Participation is welcome, but everything offered must be free — no selling permitted. Registration is required for all participants; complete the form at https://tinyurl.com/FW250tailgate.

Please note that alcohol is strictly prohibited on school property. Come out, connect with your neighbors, and celebrate this historic milestone together. We'll see you there!

Unearth a Story June 14-August 7 Free Family Programs

www.berkslibraries.org/tigersinpark

Reading Prizes - Grab & Grow Activities - Tween Program

Tigers in the PARK

Play - Activities - Reading - for Kids

REGISTRATION

Tigers in the PARK geared for Ages 3-10

Mondays 10am
Storytime at Locust St. Playground

Wednesdays 10am
Presenters & Stations at Fleetwood Park

Fridays 10am
Fleld Trips at Various Local Locations

2026 Tiger Camps

Scientific Tigers - 4 week camp (Tuesday 6pm)
Artistic Tigers - 4 week camp (Thursday 6pm)
Theatrical Tigers - 6 week camp (Saturday 10am)
FREE FOR 3RD - 6TH GRADERS REGISTRATION REQUIRED

New Pool Building Opens This Summer!

In 2024, Fleetwood Borough Council approved construction of a new restroom and shower facility for the Fleetwood pool. Construction began in November 2025 and is expected to be completed in May 2026.

Funding for the new building was provided through a 50% matching grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), along with Fleetwood Borough capital funds. The project includes a new block building with updated ADA accessible women's and men's restrooms, as well as a family restroom. As part of the design, rainwater from the roof will be directed into a simple rain garden located at one end of the building. In addition to the grant-funded work, several other improvements were completed as part of the overall project. These include a new perimeter fence, which was moved back to provide more lawn space for pool patrons, a new diving board, and renovation of the old restroom area. The former restroom space was gutted and will now serve as storage, with the potential to be expanded into office space in 2027. The building was designed by Laucks Architects, PC with BIA Engineering serving as project lead and handling the grounds design. DESCCO Construction was awarded the project through the competitive bidding process.

E-bikes and Similar Vehicles

The increased use of e-bikes, electric scooters, and other personal motorized vehicles has created concerns for local government, law enforcement, and residents. Their use has led to safety issues, traffic conflicts, and challenges surrounding enforcement of state laws and local ordinances. Regulations are often unclear, many riders are underage, and there is often difficulty distinguishing between legal e-bikes and those that come with additional rules surrounding their use. Riders often operate these vehicles at unsafe speeds while ignoring traffic laws and traffic control devices like stop signs and traffic lights. The police department is tasked with the need to protect public safety while also ensuring that those who are legally allowed to operate such vehicles maintain that right while doing so in a manner and location that is legal and appropriate.

Consult the included graphic to learn more about the laws and guidelines of bikes, scooters, etc. We request residents follow all rules, safety regulations, and operational guidelines. We ask parents/guardians to make sure juveniles only have access to, and operate, legal transportation based upon their age, vehicle type, etc. Also follow additional rules such as required helmets or proper lighting.

The police department does have the authority to issue citations for non-compliance with local and/or state ordinances/ laws.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

PA MICROMOBILITY INFORMATION SHEET

Description	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	RIDE ON BIKE LANE	POSSIBLE DUI	PA VEHICLE CODE
Electric Scooter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	§ 102, § 3802, § 1547
	Meets the PA Vehicle Code definition of a motor vehicle. It is a device with two in-line wheels, handlebars, a floorboard to stand on, and an electric motor, with or without a seat. Electric scooters cannot be legally operated on public roadways and may be used only on private property.											
Motorized Pedalcycle	16	Class C	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 3525, § 3802, § 1547
	Meets the PA Vehicle Code definition of both a motor vehicle and a motorized pedalcycle. It has operable pedals, a design speed of no more than 25 mph, and an automatic transmission. If gas-powered, it is equipped with a motor rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower and a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters. If electric-powered, it is powered by an electric battery or a battery-pack-powered electric motor.											
Motor Scooter	16	Class M if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525, § 3802, § 1547, § 1504
	Defined as a "motor-driven cycle." Motor cannot exceed five brake horsepower.											
Segway	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c), § 3802, §1547
	Defined as an "electric personal assistive mobility device." It is excluded from the definition of a motor vehicle. It is an electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is permitted on sidewalks unless prohibited by a municipality.											
E-Bike	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514, § 3802, § 1547
	Defined as a "pedalcycle with electric assist." It weighs less than 100 pounds and has a motor rated at no more than 750 watts (1 brake horsepower). It has operable pedals and is not capable of exceeding 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor alone. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.											
Bicycle	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547
	Defined as a "pedalcycle." Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.											

For more information, visit www.pa.gov/penndot.
PUB 944 (2-26)

★★★ Fleetwood Area ★★★

America250 Weekend

Don't forget the Concert in the Park after the Tailgate - 6/28





6/26-27

6/28









Scan to learn more

& multiple America250 Activities throughout the Summer!







Fltwd American Legion Open House Sat. 8/15

Lets celebrate with Patriotic Pride!



Maidencreek Township
Pennsylvania

Summer Reminders

As we jump into summer always remember…SPEED LIMITS on most Township Roads are 25 M.P.H. Please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians. STOP signs were put in place for a reason. Please obey all traffic signs. PERMITS are required for most building project such as fences, sheds, decks, and pools. Please contact the Township office or go online to www.maidencreek.net for permit applications. PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS open ½ hour before sunrise and close ½ hour after sunset. The parks and playgrounds are provided through your tax dollars and are here for everyone's enjoyment. If you see vandalism occurring, please call 911.



Maidencreek Veterans Memorial

Maidencreek Township Parks & Recreation is currently in the early stages of planning a Veterans Memorial at Community Park. As part of this meaningful project, we're seeking community members who may be interested in donating a commemorative brick — a special way to honor a loved one by having their name engraved as part of the memorial. At this time, we are only gauging interest and do not have monetary figures available yet. If you're interested in being part of this project, please fill out the form on our web page https://maidencreek.net/.

August is National Water Quality Month

National Water Quality Month –Protect Your Water: Wash your car at a car wash. Pick up after your pet. Don't hose down your driveway, use a broom or blower. Don't use fertilizer made with phosphorus. Don't flush expired or unwanted medication down the toilet. Take used oil or antifreeze to a service station or recycling center. Avoid using antibacterial soaps/cleaning products in your drain as they are toxic to marine life.

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, June 12th

Join us for an exciting evening under the stars!
Location: Maidencreek Community Park
Movie: Zootopia 2 at 8:45 PM
Bring blankets, lawn chairs, family, & friends.



Food Trucks Begin Serving: 7:00 PM
Philly Pretzel Factory | Buns on the Go
Pops Malt Shoppe | Sweet Wildflowers

Mark your calendar:
End of Summer Movie Night Fri. Aug 21

****BLANDON LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CAR SHOW****

Come and Join us for a fun Car show and to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary



Goodie Bags & Dash Plaques to the first 70 Cars
Door Prizes

50/50 Raffle
Duck Races
Chinese Auctions

*****Rain or Shine*****

****Sunday - June 14, 2026****

LOCATION – MAIERS GROVE – BLANDON

REGISTRATION - 8AM - 10AM

10am to 2pm SHOW

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED

FOOD & Refreshments available starting at 8am

EARLY REGISTRATION $12.00 / $15.00 DAY OF THE EVENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR BLANDON LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE

Richmond Township
Berks County, PA



Community Supports Walnuttown Fire Company

Thoughts, prayers, and assistance were in abundance as the community came together to support the Walnuttown Volunteer Fire Company after the tragic deaths of Chief Jeff Buck and Assistant Chief Robert Shick. The Fleetwood Area High School parking lot was lined with fire apparatus and personnel at their joint funeral on April 11th. Many local businesses and organizations volunteered time, money, and facilities to support the Fire Company and families. Our volunteer fire companies are an important part of our community. Please continue this support throughout the summer.







Bridge Replacement - Eagle Road

During the March Board of Supervisors meeting, Alan Piper from the Berks County Planning Commission discussed plans to replace the Moselem Springs bridge on Eagle Road. Draft drawings of the project and intended road closures can be found on the Richmond Township website. The bridge will be closed during construction.

The bridge will be the same length, just wider, allowing for 2 lanes of travel. Benesch engineers hope to bid the project in the fall/winter and have construction start in the spring. Construction should take about 8 months and they are hoping to finish before the RT 222 construction starts.

Richmond - Rich in History

When Berks County was formed, Richmond became one of its first townships, named for a place in England by Quakers who were attracted by William Penn's promise of opportunity. Other early settlers came from Germany, France and Switzerland. Richmond became known for some of the finest farms in the county and it contained utilitarian mills. But iron ore figured most prominently in the township's development. The Moselem, Rothermel and Heffner mines were among the most productive of the 18th century.



Find this article & more on our website: https://www.richmond-township.org/

FLEETWOOD REC BOARD
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

MAY 31 - *Fabulous Greaseband*
JUNE 7 - *Junior's Grades Band*
JUNE 14 - *Mission Impossible Band*
JUNE 21 - *Cody Tyler*
JUNE 28 - *Dave Mell Band*
JULY 5 - *Ringgold Band*

CONCERTS START AT 6 PM
CONCESSION STAND OPENS AT 5 PM
RAINDATE: MONDAY NIGHT



4pm to 7pm
(10% of sales go to Parks & Rec)
June 5, 19, & 26 and Aug 28
Food Trucks also available at
Movie nights on June 12 & Aug 21

Check out our
FACO Community Calendar!
Scan QR or visit our website

ATTENTION: THE 2026 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) IS POSTPONED
EVENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 2027
NORTHERN BERKS COUNTY
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
FOR 2026, NOW MOVED TO AUGUST 2027
BERKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Fleetwood Community Carnival

July 14-18, 2026 **Fleetwood Park**

- **Ride-All-Nite Wristband - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**
- **Food/Drink Stands and Rides open at 5:00pm**
- **Nightly Cash Bingo under the pavilion**
- **Community group games of skill and/or informational stands**
- **Entertainment - 6:30pm to 9:30pm**
  - **Tuesday: The New Individuals (Variety/Oldies)**
  - **Wednesday: Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods (50/60s Rock-n-Roll)**
  - **Thursday: Erich Cawalla & The Uptown Band (Jazz, Pop, Rock)**
  - **Friday: Stephanie Grace Band (Country/Pop)**
  - **Saturday:The Mudflaps (Old Time Rock and Roll)**

Fireworks
Friday, July 17th
(Rain date Saturday)



Proceeds from the carnival benefit multiple non-profit community organizations
Contact FltwdCommCarnival@ptd.net or Fleetwood Community Carnival on Facebook

'Thank You' to our sponsors and our Diamond sponsor Weaver's Ace Hardware.

Fleetwood Police News

Welcome to spring! The mile high mountain of dirty snow in the Fleetwood Park has completely melted, which means it is the (un)official start of the new season! As we celebrate the arrival of warmer weather, we wish to remind you of some things to keep in mind in order to stay safe.

Seasonal Weather Related Incidents- Potholes in Pennsylvania are as common as scrapple on breakfast plates. Heavy spring rain, varing temperatures, and melting snow create hazardous driving conditions leading to disabled vehicles and motor vehicle accidents.

Warmer temperatures lead to an increase in animals (e.g., raccoons, fox, deer, birds, etc) crossing paths with humans. This can lead to property damage or safety concerns. Nocturnal animals out during the day (skunk, raccoon, fox, etc.) does not necessarily mean the animal has rabies! This time of year, mothers head out to search for food for their young at all times of the day. Also, Rabies and Distemper have symptoms that mirror each other. If you come across an animal in need, never pick it up. Do your best to contain it in a box without handling it. If you absolutely must touch it, be sure to wear thick gloves and use a blanket or thick towel to gently scoop or push the animal into a box. This is important to prevent the unnecessary death of the animal for testing and endangering your own health. There are several local wildlife rehabilitation facilities that can assist in providing expert advice. Please utilize these resources, as police officers are not trained in animal/wildlife matters. The following is a list of local resources:

- Red Creek Wildlife Center
- Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center
- Cricket Wildlife Center.

Property and Theft Crimes- This time of year, residents look to clean out, the housing market picks up speed, and home renovations are more likely. An increase in vehicle activity can also lead to more auto thefts and thefts from vehicles. We remind residents to always lock their homes/vehicles, including all doors and windows. Secure items of value in areas that are out of sight. Criminals are often looking for access that is quick and easy. Do not assume, “Nothing ever happens where I live” Crime can, and does, happen everywhere! Be cautious, be mindful, and don’t let your guard down.

Stay Connected-
Call 911 forEmergency - immediate response from police, fire, and/or ambulance
Call Berks Co. Non- Emergency 610-655-4911 for non-emergency - police response that does NOT need to occur right away.
You may also call our office at 610-944-7011.

Lastly, we wish to announce the hiring of additional officers. Officer Karol Wilczynski will be with us full-time, and Officers Bryan Sockel and Callan Cress will be providing part-time assistance. All three have years of experience and will be a welcome addition to the Fleetwood Police Department.

We appreciate your support of our department and hope this summer finds you happy and healthy!

- Corporal Angela Arndt



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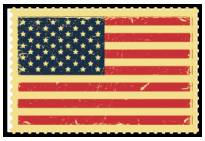



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Fleetwood American Legion Post #625	*https://sites.google.com/view/fleetwoodlegion/home*
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Fleetwood Area Public Library	*https://www.berkslibraries.org/branch/fleetwood/*
Fleetwood Area School District	*https://www.fleetwoodasd.org/*
Fleetwood Community Carnival	
Fleetwood Community Theater	*https://fleetwoodcommunitytheatre.com/*
Fleetwood Grange #1839	
Fleetwood Lions Club	*https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/fleetwood/*
Fleetwood Recreation Board	*https://www.fleetwoodboro.com/parks-recreation/*
Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company	*http://fleetwoodfire.com/*
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