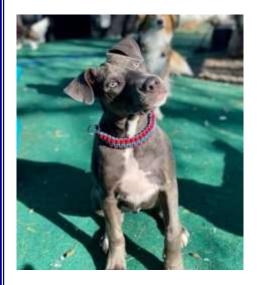
Lower Nazareth Township

Fall 2025







(Rain Date: September 14, 2025) 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



PUP CUP STATION Sponsored by LVHN



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

December 5, 2025 7:00 PM



Both events will be held at Newburg Park 4600 Newburg Road, Nazareth

(Entrance on Gremar Road)

Turn to pages 10 & 11 for more event details



623 Municipal Drive Nazareth, PA 18064 Phone: 610-759-7434 www.lowernazareth.com



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TOWNSHIP BOARDS & MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 623 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, NAZARETH

Meeting dates and location are subject to change.

Please contact the Township Office or www.lowernazareth.com to confirm.



LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman James Pennington Vice-Chairman Martin Boucher Supervisor Stephen Brown Supervisor Nancy Teague Supervisor Amy Templeton

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

September 10th & 24th, October 8th & 22nd, November 12th, December 10th

Check website for Zoom connection information

PLANNING COMMISSION

Linda Crook, Hugh Harris, Tara Capecci, Bert Smalley, & Edward Dulac

MEETING SCHEDULE - 6:30PM

September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, December 15th
Check website for Zoom connection information

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Stephen Nordahl, Michael Gaul, Brian Fenstermaker David McGinnis & Roberto Reyes

MEETS ON DEMAND

Check website for Zoom connection information

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Kay Brazinski, Don Capecci, Joan Garrett, & Beverly Hoyer

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th

Check website for Zoom connection information

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:30AM—4:00PM

ADMINISTRATION

Lori A. Stauffer, Township Manager Tammi M. Dravecz, Secretary/Treasurer

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Lori B. Seese, Planning/Zoning Administrator

TAX DEPARTMENT Earned Income Tax Collector

Keystone Collections Group see page 9 for earned income tax information

Local Services Tax Collector

Lorie L. Gyarmaty see page 9 for local services tax information

Township Real Estate Tax Collector

Eric Mitcheltree see page 8 for township real estate information

Nazareth Area School District Tax Collector

Berkheimer Associates see page 8 for school real estate information

PARKS AND RECREATION

Lorie Gyarmaty, Parks & Recreation Coordinator

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

William Kocher, Director of Public Works

Township Solicitor

Gary Asteak, Esq.

Township Engineer

Justin Coyle, P.E.

Township Sewage Enforcement Officer

Jacob Schray

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

www.lowernazareth.com

Township Staff has been busy working with our new website designer and host to make our website more user friendly and easier to find the information you are looking for.

We are aiming to go live with the new website later this Fall.

TOWNSHIP FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/LowerNazarethTownship.

TOWNSHIPS ALERTS, ADVISORIES, AND COMMUNITY MESSAGES THROUGH NIXLE

Lower Nazareth Township has partnered with other municipalities in the Nazareth Area Council of Government (NAZCOG) to provide this service FREE to our residents. Alerts will come via Text Messages and/or Email.

You can sign up on our website at: www.lowernazareth.com/policeemergency-services/nixle OR Text "LNTALERTS" to 888777

This service allows us to send out alerts with critically important information for events like police activity or advisories with need-to-know information for events such as road closures and detours.

We will also send out community messages to remind you of township events and community updates.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & EVENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL—SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Even if you don't have children in school, you play a crucial role in their safety. Here's what you need to know:

- Yellow Lights: Yellow flashing lights on a bus mean it's preparing to stop. Slow down and get ready to stop.
- Red Lights: Red flashing lights and a stop signal arm mean the bus has stopped to let children on or
 off. Stop your vehicle at least 10 feet before the bus and wait until the red lights stop flashing
 before proceeding.
- Fines and Penalties: Improperly passing a school bus can result in a \$250 fine, a 60-day driver's license suspension, and 5 points on your driving record.
- School Zones: Obey all posted speed limits, especially in school zones where penalties for speeding are higher.

NAZARETH HALLOWEEN PARADE

Come out to the 2025 Annual Nazareth Halloween parade on Saturday October 18th at 1:00PM. The Parade is sponsored by the Vigilance Hose Company No. 1. Parade is rain or shine.

Lower Nazareth Township staff will be driving our trucks and tossing candy. Hope to see you there!

TRICK-OR-TREAT!! HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! FRIDAY OCTOBER 31st - 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Township Public Works Staff, as well as, Hecktown Fire and Colonial Regional Police will be going around the Township giving out candy to children and promoting safety by reducing speeding throughout neighborhoods.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Walk Safely: Cross streets at corners. Carry glow sticks or flashlights to help to see and be seen by drivers.
- Trick-or-Treat with an Adult: Children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Keep Costumes Safe: Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Drive Extra Cautiously: Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods.
 Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

Have a safe and fun Halloween!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION & EVENTS

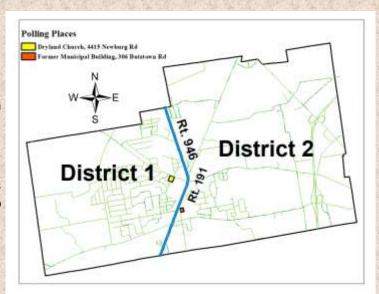
Election Day Tuesday, November 4th

Polls are open 7:00AM - 8:00PM

<u>District #1</u> - West of Routes 946 and 191 – Dryland United Church of Christ, 4415 Newburg Road

<u>District #2</u> - East of Routes 946 and 191 -Lower Nazareth Municipal Building, 306 Butztown Road

Please remember, if you are voting for the first time, you will have to provide proof of identification to election officials.



QUESTIONS?

Contact the Northampton County Board of Elections at 610-829-6260.

Office Hours: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

The Northampton County Elections Office has installed a secure ballot drop-off box in each of the County's four districts. The boxes will be available beginning sometime in October until 8:00PM on November 4, 2025. Accessing the drop-off boxes will not require going through security. Please check hours listed below.

- Northampton County Courthouse—669 Washington St, Easton—M-F 8:30AM—8:00PM
- ♦ Northampton County Human Service Bldg—2801 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem—M-F 8:30AM-7:00PM
- Northampton County 911 Center—100 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth—24/7
- Bethlehem City Hall—10 E Church Street, Bethlehem—M-F 8:00AM—4:00PM



TURN CLOCKS BACK—SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2nd



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CORNER

ONLINE PERMITTING NOW AVAILABLE!!

We are proud to launch an online permitting application system, available through the Township's website. Users will be able to apply for permits online, upload documents, pay fees, and track the status of your application. The online portal will also allow users to pay their permit fees with a credit card!



Do you have an issue you want to bring to the Township's attention? You will also have the ability to submit this issue online and provide documentation, pictures,

etc. The Township can then review the submission to determine the next steps, i.e. inspection, enforcement, etc.

We are looking forward to the implementation of this new system which will increase transparency, efficiency, and service for constituents.

NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS!!

You can now conveniently pay fees in person and online using your credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover). Please note that service and convenience fees apply.

In person, payments made by credit card are accessed a 2.99% convenience fee (minimum \$2.50 charged). Payments can still be made in cash and checks.

Online, payments can be made by credit card or ACH. Credit card charges are accessed a \$1.75 online service fee + 2.99% convenience fee (minimum \$2.50 charged). ACH charges are accessed a \$1.75 service fee + a flat \$2.50 convenience fee.

The online payment portal can be reached from our website www.lowernazareth.com under "Online Payments" or directly at https://pay.eb2gov.com/LowerNazarethPA.

REMINDER ABOUT ROADSIDE BASKETBALL HOOPS



A reminder to everyone that both portable and permanent basketball structures, along and within township roads and right-of-ways, are not permitted as it is promotes recrea-

tional activity in the street. This is a very dangerous practice. These structures are classified as accessory structures and while they are permitted on the same lot as the principal use, they are not allowed within the township right-of-way. Please abide by this restriction as we don't want anyone to get hurt.

ON DETENTION PONDS

It is a misconception that detention ponds are owned by the Township. The property owner is responsible for the maintenance of the detention pond that is on their property. At a minimum, maintenance includes mowing, clearing of debris, and sinkhole repair.

In addition, detention ponds are private property. They are meant to control stormwater runoff and are not for recreation/play. Please instruct your children to stay out of the detention ponds.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CORNER

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

For the protection, health, safety, and welfare of the community the Board adopted ordinance #238-05-21. The entire ordinance is available on our website www.lowernazareth.com. The ordinance addresses snow removal from sidewalks, private/non-public roads, the clearing of fire hydrants, and throwing, shoveling, or plowing snow onto roads, streets, and sidewalks.

SIDEWALKS - All snow, slush, and ice, along the full width of the sidewalk and across driveways shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of the storm.

PRIVATE / NONPUBLIC STREETS - No more than four inches (4") of snow or slush shall accumulate or ice shall accumulate to a degree that makes the street impassable or unsafe for travel.

THROWING, SHOVELING, PLOWING SNOW ONTO ROADS, STREETS, OR SIDEWALKS - No one shall throw, shovel, push, or plow snow into, across, or upon any roads, streets or sidewalks.

FIRE HYDRANTS - All snow, slush, and ice are to be cleared from fire hydrants within 24 hours after a storm or once in every 24 hours period during a storm.

Specifically, a three foot (3') wide path from the street to the fire hydrant and a three foot (3') wide circle around the fire hydrant shall be cleared for access by the fire department.

It is in everyone's best interest to keep hydrants accessible in the event of a fire. Please assist a neighbor that may need help removing snow from around a hydrant on their property.



ENFORCEMENT & PENALTIES - Anyone that violates any provision of the ordinance is subject to fines.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP'S FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Lower Nazareth Township has adopted an ordinance which strictly prohibits the ignition or discharge of fireworks except during certain dates and times.

Lower Nazareth Ordinance #231-01-19: Section 12B states that the ignition or discharge of Consumer Fireworks is strictly prohibited except during the following dates and times:



Memorial Day 4:00PM—11:00PM July 3rd 4:00PM—11:00PM July 4th 4:00PM—11:00PM July 5th 4:00PM—11:00PM Labor Day 4:00PM—11:00PM December 31st 4:00PM—11:00PM January 1st 12:00AM—12:30AM January 1st 4:00PM—11:00PM

The ordinance can be reviewed in its entirety on our website www.lowernazareth.com

FINANCIAL CORNER

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Township residents will receive *three* real estate tax bills each year. Lower Nazareth Township receives 5.50 mills of tax and Northampton County receives 10.80 mills levied on real estate in the Township. The Nazareth Area School District's real estate tax levy is 59.95 mills. For example, a Township resident with a real estate valuation of \$100,000 in 2025 will pay a total of \$7,625.00 in real estate taxes distributed as follows:

 Valuation
 Mills
 Amount

 Township
 \$100,000.00
 x 5.50
 \$550.00

 County
 \$100,000.00
 x 10.80
 \$1,080.00

 School
 \$100,000.00
 x 59.95
 \$5,995.00



** Please note that the Township Office cannot accept payments or answer questions regarding your real estate taxes. Please contact the tax collector directly at the phone number listed below. **

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Lower Nazareth Township Real Estate tax bills are issued each year in February and cover the calendar year (January through December).

Township resident, Eric Mitcheltree was elected to the position of Real Estate Tax Collector. As of July 2019, Mr. Mitcheltree is **ONLY** collecting the Lower Nazareth Township Real Estate Taxes. If you do not receive or misplace your tax bill, please contact Mr. Mitcheltree at 484-291-1546. Please mail all payments to the address on your tax bill. When mailing your payments, it is important that you provide your phone number on your check. If there is an issue with your payment, you can be contacted in order to correct the problem so that your payment is received on time. If you want a receipt, include both bill copies along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The Lower Nazareth Township Tax Collector's Office is available by appointment only. If you have any questions, please call 484-291-1546 and the tax collector will be able to assist you. You may also reach him by email at retaxcollector@lowernazareth.com.

NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Nazareth Area School District Real Estate tax bills are issued each year in July and are for the school's fiscal year (July of current year through following June). Berkheimer Associates is the collector for school taxes. Payments are made payable to HAB-MISC and can be mailed to PO Box 25144, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-5144. If you have any questions, please call 610-559-3143 for assistance.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF—Residents of the Nazareth Area School District may be eligible for a property tax rebate under programs administered by the district. For more information, please contact Representative Joe Emrick's district office at 717-772-9837 or Senator Lisa Boscola's district office at 610-868-8667. Staff will be happy to help you determine your eligibility and fill out the appropriate paperwork.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES

Northampton County Real Estate tax bills are issued each year in January and cover the calendar year (January through December). Northampton County collects their own taxes. Payments are made payable to County of Northampton and can be mailed to PO Box 25008, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-5008 or paid in person at Fulton Bank (previously Lafayette Bank).

FINANCIAL CORNER

EARNED INCOME TAXES & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

In the Primary Election in May 2019, residents voted in favor of a .25% increase to the Earned Income Tax for Open Space Preservation. In August 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to increase the earned income tax for that purpose. Therefore, as of January 2020, the earned income tax rate is 1.45%. The additional .25% collected will be segregated into a separate fund, which can be used only for open space preservation.

EARNED INCOME TAXES



One of Lower Nazareth Township's largest source of local revenue is our 1.45% earned income tax, which is split as .7% for the Nazareth Area School District, .25% Open Space Preservation, and .5% for the Township.

Local income tax in Pennsylvania is based upon where you live rather than where you work. Individuals who are self-employed or whose employer doesn't withhold the full 1.45% are required to pay it directly. Penalties will be added if not paid quarterly.

Lower Nazareth Township requires all persons moving into, out of, or within the Township to apply for a Moving Record. Securing a Moving Record allows the Township to document your moving date and forwarding address. This updated information makes processing your tax documents more convenient for you. The fee for a Moving Record is \$5 and may be secured at the Township Office during normal business hours.

Taxpayers with earned income in 2025 are required to file a Final Tax Return by **Wednesday April 15, 2026**. If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can *e-file* on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at **www.KeystoneCollects.com**.



Keystone Collections Group's *e-file* is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2025 tax return. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number, and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C)

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, visit Keystone's Frequently Asked Questions or call Keystone's **Taxpayer Helpline** at 1 866-539-1100 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions 24/7 to Taxpayer Support. Taxpayer Service Agents try to respond to all online inquiries within three business days.

The local Keystone Collections Group office for Northampton County is located at: Seidersville Hall; 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike; Suite A, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Phone number 888-519-3897. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 12:00PM & 12:30PM—4:00PM. Please note the office will be closed from 12PM-12:30PM.

LOCAL SERVICES TAX

Local Services Tax is collected at the Township Office. Residents that are self-employed and work out of their homes are required to pay the \$52.00 annual tax as long as they make \$12,000.00 or more. Self-employed residents that earn less than \$12,000.00 or have a full-time job outside of Lower Nazareth Township that is withholding the Local Services Tax is required to submit an Exemption Form on an annual basis. Please reference Lower Nazareth Township's website www.lowernazareth.com for the Exemption Form. If you have any questions, please call 610-759-7434, ext. 1001.

DOGS DAY OUT IV

We have some great vendors lined up for you! You are sure to find a little of everything!

A Charmed Goose

A Furry Tail Come True

Sherry Acevedo Nature Photography

Barkley's Bakery

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

Bizzle's Bites

Boyd's Cardinal Hollow Winery

C & C Productions

C & K Creative Creations Cindy Lou Dog Scarves

Color Street Shop DIYNAILS.COM

Comb & Collar
Crafts by Grammy

Cressman Pet Poo Pick-Up Dana's Craft N Creations

Em & Ko Company

Equality 3D

Grammy & Pappy's Craft

Hyper Pupper Dog Bakery LLC

Invisible Fence Brand

J&K and E&S Bracelets and More

Jdog Promotions

Judie's Custom Creations

Kardi Pet Stickers Kate's Portraits Keeley's Collars

Leader of the Pack Canine Institute

Lehigh Valley Health Network

Mary Kay Cosmetics

"Memorial Library of Nazareth

and Vicinity"

Nova's Creative Studio
Pampered Chef Ltd
Pathway Apothecary

Formerly The Ravens Nest

Peoples Security Bank & Trust

PetSmart

Prime Martials Arts

Pure Romance by Kayla Renewal by Anderson Rocco's Bake Shop

Scentsy

Sew & Tell

Snout & Style

Stitching Sisters

Tastefully Simple

The Collective Textile

The Distinguish Daniel

The Honey Bead

Thrifted Décor by Dee

Uncle Bobs Wood Shop

VCA AVH Animal Hospital

Valley Mosaics

"Weichert Realtors in partnership

with Furry Feet Rescue"

Now that you've seen our vendors, let's talk food! We have some awesome eats and treats for our human guests.

Sit a spell under the food tent and enjoy some great food from Kitchen Outlawz LLC Food Truck, Gerk's BBQ, Phil's French Fries. Pie's to Die For "Pie in a Cone", Horrormaster Production LLC, and We Squeeze to Please.

American Heritage Girls Troop 0812 will be selling baked goods.

Colonial Regional Police Department and Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company will be on hand giving our dog bones to our furry friends. Hecktown will have a bounce house for the kiddos.



Chief DePalma has agreed to sit in a dunk tank
to raise funds for their K9 officers!
We hope to see everyone come out and
try their hand at dunking the chief!
All proceeds will benefit our K9 officers, Romeo and Bane!





Newburg Park 4600 Newburg Road, Nazareth Saturday September 13th 11:00AM - 3:00PM

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Lower Nazareth will ring in the holidays with a festive tree lighting event for the whole family.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive from the North Pole on a horse drawn carriage!

Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company and Colonial Regional Police Department will escort Santa and Mrs. Claus to Newburg Park for this exciting event!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will sit in the gazebo for pictures with the children (even the fur kids). They will listen to everyone's Christmas wishes. Santa will be have a gift for each child.

There will be a special performance by Expression of Dance dancers.

Carriage rides will be offered to the public.

This will truly be a memorable event for your family!

Newburg Park 4600 Newburg Road, Nazareth Friday, December 5th at 7:00PM





PA STATE SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA



Hope everyone had a nice summer! As always, a reminder that my Bethlehem District Office, at 1 E. Broad St, Suite 120, is open Monday-Friday from 9:00AM - 5:00PM and my Easton office at 1701 Washington Blvd in Wilson is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM - 5:00PM. Please stop in or if you wish to set up an appointment, please call us at 610-868-8667 (Bethlehem) or 610-250-5627 (Easton). We always welcome the opportunity to assist you!

My office can assist with many state-related matters as well with other services to save you time and stress. These include, but are not limited to, **FREE** Notary Services (*CANNOT Notarize Title Work*); Unemployment Compensation Assistance, Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Assistance, PennDOT services (Drivers Licenses, Registration, Disability Placards and Plates, etc.), Birth and Death Certificate Applications, Annual Dog Licenses, Vote by Mail Applications.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update residents about an issue that frustrates many of you: reforming the property tax system in PA.

Calling for the elimination of property taxes remains my primary focus in Harrisburg and I have taken many steps to address this issue. Twice last session, which ended on November 30, 2024, I put forward my constitutional amendment calling for the elimination of property taxes for homeowners by the year 2026 and requiring the legislature to devise a replacement plan. Both times my Senate colleagues, many of whom claim to support the elimination of school property taxes for homeowners, used a procedural mechanism to avoid voting on the issue. I will continue to push this constitutional amendment this session.

While fully eliminating local school property taxes remains my priority, I have also introduced legislation providing property tax relief to senior citizens. This legislation would prohibit any political subdivision from imposing any increase in property taxes on residents that are 65 or older with some income limitations.

Additionally, soon, I will be re-introducing legislation to expand the Longtime Owner Occupant Program (LOOP) to provide property tax relief to more Pennsylvanians. This bill would be a constitutional amendment that would provide all counties the ability to opt-in to allow for property tax relief to homeowners who have lived in their homes for at least 10 years by exempting or deferring property tax increases, even if their home assessment values rise in the future.

Finally, additional legislation I am introducing would provide property tax relief for residents of counties, such as Northampton County, that have a high burden of property taxes. Pennsylvanians have long been plagued by high property taxes, driven largely by an over reliance on these taxes as a means of funding public education ensure school districts in the counties with the highest tax burden receive priority funding from the tax equity program. Note: Two counties in the top 5 of highest property tax burdens (Northampton being one) received no tax equity funding.

If you didn't know, Pennsylvania provides a partial rebate on property taxes paid, the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program. This program will be accepting applications until December 31, 2025 for rebates on 2024 taxes paid. The income limit for both homeowners and renters is \$46,520 - with a maximum rebate of \$1,000. It is important to note when calculating your income for this program, only half of Social Security benefits count towards that limit. All other income will then be added to determine financial eligibility. Pennsylvanians over 65, widows or widowers between the ages of 50-64, or individuals who are permanently disabled between the ages of 18-64 that meet the income eligibility can apply. My office can assist you in completing an application and submit it on your behalf.

Have a great fall and go Eagles!

PA STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE EMRICK



Representative Joe Emrick
137th Legislative District
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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SECURING GRANTS, PROTECTING TAXPAYERS

Our first responders make numerous sacrifices and put themselves at great risk to protect the residents they so faithfully serve. It is therefore vital that we provide them with the best equipment and technology possible. As your state representative, I've helped secure funding for such equipment, as well as for other projects important to Lower Nazareth Township.

Most of these funds come from casino-generated gaming revenues, not tax dollars, and are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of our communities.

Of the nearly \$2 million in grant money secured for the township during the past two years, more than half of that was for our first responders, including:

- More than \$521,000 for the Colonial Regional Police Department to upgrade its cardiac monitors and police radios.
- Four separate grants totaling nearly \$307,000 for the Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company to purchase necessary gear, including new radios, decontamination equipment, a breathing air compressor and training tower.
- Three separate grants totaling nearly \$240,000 to purchase vehicles for the Colonial Regional Police Department.
- Two grants totaling \$90,000 to equip the Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Department EMS (which also serves Lower Nazareth Township) with a new cardiac monitor and a power stretcher and loading system.
- A nearly \$28,000 grant to purchase desktop computers for the Colonial Regional Police Department.

The township also received a \$725,000 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for improvements to the Route 191 and Butztown Road intersection for new stormwater pipes, a new overlay and realignment of the road, including a left turning lane on Route 191.

I will always work hard on your behalf to secure grants, provide for the safety of our residents and protect you, the taxpayer.

Palmer Office:

301 Village at Stones Crossing Road, Easton, PA 18045 Phone: 484-544-0146

Nazareth Office:

134 South Main St., Nazareth, PA 18064 Phone: 610-746-5090

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

TOWNSHIP ROADSIDE TREE TRIMMING

As years go by many changes take place and we may or may not take notice to small things. One of these things is the maturity of trees located roadside. These trees can cause many issues such as limbs hanging out into the roadway and impaired sight distance when trying to pull out of intersections.

When wet or covered in snow and ice, branches can hang low causing traffic to drive around them into oncoming traffic or drive under them causing damage to vehicles, including township trucks. When township trucks are trying to remove snow from the road and branches are low, the branches cause damage to overhead lights, mirrors and the side of truck.

While a tree may be out of the township right-of-way, the branches are encroaching into the right-of-way and the roadway. Moving forward, as their schedule permits, the Public Works Department will be conducting roadside tree trimming to remove these obstructions. Public Works will trim back to the right-of-way at a height that is deemed safe for cars and trucks to pass safely. Again, there is no start or end date on this work. It will be done as their schedule permits. Roads done first will be chosen by severity of overgrowth. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 610-759-7434.



TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!

- · Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwaters—just six inches of moving water can knock you down.
- One foot of moving water is enough to sweep your vehicle away.



- Flooding can happen anywhere, not just near rivers or oceans. Many areas, both urban and suburban, are floodprone, so be aware of your surroundings.
- Remember: Don't risk it—if you encounter flooded roads or water, Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- Be extra cautious at night—flood dangers are harder to recognize.

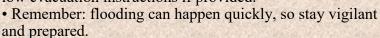
KNOW YOUR FLOOD TERMS

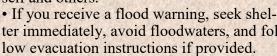
Flood Warning

• A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.

Immediate action is needed to protect yourself and others.

• If you receive a flood warning, seek shelter immediately, avoid floodwaters, and fol-







- A Flood Watch means conditions are favorable for flooding, but flooding has not yet occurred.
- A watch is issued to give you time to prepare—stay alert, monitor local news and weather, and be ready to act if flooding develops.
- Keep your emergency kit handy and have a plan in place for quick action.

Flood Advisory

- A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is expected to cause significant inconvenience but may not be lifethreatening.
- Although it's not an emergency, take precautions to minimize damage or risk, such as staying indoors during heavy rain or avoiding flooded roads.
- It's a reminder to remain cautious, as floodwaters can still pose risks to safety and property.



ROAD PROJECTS UPDATES

BUTZTOWN ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Lower Nazareth Township has been awarded \$725,000 from the Pennsylvania DCED Multi-Modal Transportation Grant Program for the Butztown Road Intersection Realignment and Road Rehabilitation project. Estimated cost is \$1.2 million. The project has been awarded to Grace Industries, Inc.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

- * Realign the existing intersection splitting into a "T" and a "Y"
- * Replace existing antiquated stormwater pips with new pipes
- * Add a left turning lane on Route 191
- * Guiderails around triangle property to prevent driving through
- * Mill and overlay of Butztown Road from Rt 191 to the Bethlehem Township line.

Grace Industries will commence work on September 8th. During construction, Butztown Road will be closed between Hecktown Road to the south and Route 191 (Nazareth Pike) to the north. A detour will be implemented utilizing Hecktown Road and Route 191 (Nazareth Pike).

Construction was originally estimated to last three months. Now with the anticipated break for winter weather (estimated November through March), the project will wrap up late Spring / early Summer.

While a road closure can be disruptive, it is the opinion of the Township and the Township Engineer that detouring Butztown Road is the safest and most efficient way to reconstruct the intersection and realigned roadway. The roadway closure will eliminate the need for the contractor to work around everyday traffic.

Residents living in this stretch of road will have access to their property during the closure. Please reach out to the Township if you experience any problems.

The Township may limit access to the nearby Township Park if needed to further facilitate the project.

Please check our website and Facebook for updates on this project.



ROUTE 191/NEWBURG ROAD & ROUTE 946/DANIELS ROAD PROJECT

As many of our residents are aware, Lower Nazareth Township has partnered with PennDOT for this project. Lower Nazareth agreed to procure the necessary right-of-way for the widening project. PennDOT is proposing left-turning lanes with signalized left-turn traffic lights. PennDOT will handle the actual construction. The Township worked diligently and secured the four corners at Newburg Road and Route 191 as well as at Daniels Road and Route 191.

The Board is excited as this project continues to move forward as the widening and improvement of these intersections have been necessary for a long time! This PADOT project is in the final design stage through Spring of 2026. Construction is estimated to begin in Summer 2026.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER

CAT & DOG POPULATION CONTROL & PET CARE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET



Spaying and neutering is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family, and your community. Not only are you controlling pet overpopulation, but spaying and neutering may also prevent medical and behavioral problems, allowing your pet to lead a longer, healthier, and happier life.

SPAY & NEUTER CLINICS—The Center for Animal Health and Welfare (CAHW) is

committed to helping to decrease the population of homeless pets in our area. The Center for Animal Health & Welfare offers a comprehensive spay/neuter program that allows for *low-cost surgeries for feral and stray cats*. In addition, low-income families are also welcome to use these services for their family pets. This program benefits all of the Center's animals since all animal are spayed or neutered before they are adopted from the shelter.

CAHW also offers low cost vaccinations for dogs and cats, heartworm and lyme testing for dogs, Felv/FIV testing for cats, microchip identification, and worm and flea treatments.

These services are by appointment only, and fees vary depending on the type and size of the animal. Please call 610-252-7722 Ext. 8 for scheduling and pricing information. Leave a detailed message with your contact information and the scheduler will return your call within 3 business days.

No Nonsense Neutering's (NNN) mission is to end over-population of cats and dogs by providing quality and affordable spay-neuter services. They offer spay-neuter for pet cats and dogs, spay-neuter for cat and dog rescues and shelters, and provide Trap Neuter Return resources throughout our service areas.

There are no income or residency requirements to use No Nonsense Neutering clinics. All healthy cats and dogs 12 weeks and older are eligible for surgery. Please visit their website www.nnnlv.org for additional details including the fee schedule. There is also detailed information on their Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) Program including renting humane traps, animal care, and release after surgery.

DOG LICENCES...IT'S THE LAW

State law requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed. Owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to fines up to \$300.00. Licenses are valid for the county in which the owner resides. Applications are available online at www.norcopa.gov under "Pay my Bill". Dog licenses may also be purchased online at www.padoglicense.com.

ANIMAL CONTROL & PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL

Pursuant to Township Ordinance #135, it is unlawful to allow dogs to run at large or allow your dog to habitually bark. Be considerate of your neighbors, keep control of your dog at all times. In addition, don't forget to clean up after your dog when you're on a walk. Please dispose of that waste in your private trash can and not your neighbors.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The Township's contract with Pibbles Paws is no longer in place. If you see a lost or stray dog, please contact Northampton County Non-Emergency at 610-759-2200. Do not call 911.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PROGRAMS



DROP-OFF IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!



Online Registration opens SEPTEMBER 4 at 8AM



ACCEPTED ITEMS

HOUSEHOLD QUANTITIES:

FROM THE GARAGE

Gasoline, Gas/Oil mix, Kerosene, Fuel additives, Oils, Antifreeze, Auto fluids, Waxes

FROM THE OUTDOORS

Fertilizers, Herbicides, Fungicides, Pesticides, Pool Chemicals, Propane tanks (20 lb. size)

FROM THE HOME

Adhesives, Glues, Caulking, Ammonia, Acids, Bleach, Caustics, Cleaners, Degreasers, Corrosives, Polishes, Aerosols (partial/full), Drain openers, Fire extinguishers, Poisons, Non PCB ballasts, CFLs, Fluorescent tubes, Oil-based paints, Non-alkaline batteries, Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats

FROM THE WORKSHOP

Epoxies, Resins, Turpentine, Finishers, Sealers, Shellacs, Lacquers, Varnishes, Polishes, Stains, Removers & Strippers, Thinners



EVENT GUIDELINES

You must arrive during your designated timeslot or you will be turned away.

Waste must NOT be affiliated with a business, contractor, institution, nonprofit, municipality, organization, or out-of-county residence.

Collection events are a service provided by the Recycling & Sustainability Fund & are intended

for Northampton County, PA households only.

Wastes will NOT be accepted from business or commercial vehicles.

Staff has the right to determine & refuse unauthorized & unacceptable material.

Maximum amount allowed is 50 gallons & 90 pounds of solid material. Containers larger than 5 gallons will NOT be accepted.

Proof of residency & registration are required at check-in.

X RESTRICTED MATERIALS

- Alkaline Batteries Electronics Empty Containers
- · Incandescent & LED Bulbs · Latex & Acrylic Paints
- Water-based Products Refrigerants/Freon SHARPS
- Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors Radioactive Waste
- Ammunition Explosives Fireworks Flares
- Compressed Gas Tanks (CO₂, oxygen, acetylene, helium)

Event will be monitored to ensure compliance with PADEP requirements.

Thank You for Funding & Partnership!









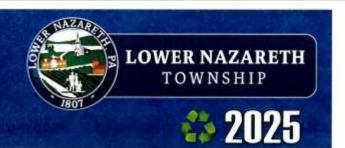






October 4th 10AM - 12PM rain or shine

shredding performed on site!



Free Document Shredding Event for Lower Nazareth Township Residents!

Lower Nazareth Twp. **Recycling Center** 4600 Newburg Road

Proof of residency is required!

What to Bring:

- ✓ Accounting Records
- ✓ Cancelled Checks
- √ Check Copies
- ✓ Credit Card Applications ✓ Personal Documents
- ✓ Employee Pay Stubs
- ✓ Financial Statements
- √ Investment Transactions
- √ Legal Documents
- ✓ Medical Records
- ✓ SSN Numbers
- √ Tax Forms & Records

Yes: Staples, paperclips, rubber bands, manila file folders.

No: 3-Ring binders, binder clips, fastener or hanging folders, ledger books, plastic covers.

What Not to Bring:

Newspaper, Junk Mail, Mags/Catalogs

CDs, Photos/Negatives, X-rays

Limit: Three (3) bags/boxes per vehicle. Capacity is limited, event must end when truck is full.

COVID Safety Precautions will be taken. Please follow current CDC Guidelines & Recommendations.

Questions? Please call Lower Nazareth Township Office: 610-759-7434



TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY

For Lower Nazareth Township Residents Only - Proof of Residency Required

The semi-annual Township Clean-Up Day will be held on <u>Saturday, October 11th</u> at the Township Recycling Facility at 4600 Newburg Road from **7:00AM to 12:45PM (rain or shine).** To find clean-up day activities on the property simply follow the <u>green "YARD WASTE" signs</u> on Gremar Road that mark the route.

Must be able to unload your vehicle without assistance from staff.

Please take note that yard waste will be accepted on this day.



PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TRIP LIMITS

Each household is limited to the following number of trips...

3 cars/SUVs <u>OR</u> 2 pick-up trucks <u>OR</u>

1 pick-up with attached trailer <u>OR</u>

1 box truck/stake body (up to 17 feet in length)

MATERIALS ACCEPTED ARE:

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD TRASH: METAL / WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES* WOOD MATERIALS

Furniture, mattresses, etc. TIRES—Car \$6/tire Truck \$20/tire Farm \$35/tire

(NO PERISHABLE GARBAGE) CAR/TRUCK BATTERIS—\$5/battery

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

ELECTRONICS (INCUDING TELEVISIONS), PAINT, CHEMICALS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Please see information on Household Hazardous Waste on page 17 & Electronics Recycling on page 21

» Important note about refrigerated units:

* All refrigerated appliances must be de-freonized by a certified technician and tagged accordingly.

Appliances without tags will not be accepted. Examples of appliances containing refrigerant are refrigerators, coolers, de-humidifiers and air conditioners.

Some tips on preparing your material for disposal:

- separate any plastic and metal parts from toys, household items, etc.
- remove glass from storm doors and windows
- clean all wood products of foreign material (nails, drywall, etc.)

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to a successful Clean-up Day!



The Township offers several organic waste recycling programs to our residents. These programs provide an outlet for our residents to dispose of their organic waste and in return reap the benefits of the programs by utilizing the mulch and compost derived from the recycling process. The programs are outlined below. OPEN MARCH-NOVEMBER

YARD WASTE RECYCLING

Where: 4600 Newburg Road, west of Route 191, approximately 1.5 miles, right on Gremar Road, (look for the green signs)

Phone: Please call 610-759-7434 with any questions or comments.

Program hours:

Mondays: 7:30AM – 3:00PM **Fridays:** 7:30AM – 3:00PM **1st Saturday / Month:** 8:00AM – 1:00PM

3rd Saturday / Month: 8:00AM – 1:00PM

Holiday Schedule: If a holiday falls on a Monday, the facility will be open on Tuesday

If a holiday falls on a Friday, the facility will be open on Thursday

We will not accept material from any commercial services or business.

All persons participating in the program will be required to provide identification at the time of disposal or pick up.

Acceptable Material: BRUSH AND COMPOST ITEMS SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE.

Brush (natural/untreated): 8-inch diameter max and no longer than 8 feet; bushes – No Roots Please!

Compost Items: Hedge trimmings, garden residue & leaves – loose or in brown paper bags. NO PLASTIC BAGS!

Unacceptable Material: Grass clippings*, ornamental grass, sod, soil, straw or hay, and plastic bags!

*Lower Nazareth Township supports the position of the State Department of Environmental Protection and strongly recommends recycling your grass clippings by using a mulching mower. Please visit the DEP website for more information on this topic.

Special Instructions: All material must be thoroughly checked for any foreign objects (nails, wire, stones, etc.). Material with debris will not be accepted as it may harm the processing equipment!

BY-PRODUCTS / MULCH AND COMPOST

When available, a supply of the mulch and compost products derived from the FRCA recycling process will be on hand. We strongly encourage our residents to utilize these products.

First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA) – In addition to our local program, a secondary drop off site known as the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA) is available for Township Residents to utilize.

The facility is located at 6701 Weaversville Road, Northampton, PA 18067. The FRCA operates under its own schedule. Current hours are listed on their website www.frcauthority.org. Hours are subject to change. Please call 610-262-1000 to confirm hours and for any questions.

MANDATORY CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling collection is mandatory for all residential properties and commercial establishments throughout the Township. Lower Nazareth Township has notified known trash haulers of the recycling requirements. If you are uncertain if your hauler collects recyclables, please contact them directly. Source separation and preparation for recycling of the materials is up to the hauler. The recycled materials shall be separated from regular trash and placed at the curb or prescribed area for collection.

The Township ordinance establishes a minimum list of required recyclables. Those items are:



- Clear, brown and green glass
- Aluminum and bi-metal (tin cans) containers
- Plastic containers:

Pet no. 1: soft drink, water, salad dressing containers, etc.

HDPE no. 2: milk jugs, juice bottles, detergent, motor oil containers, etc.

Newspapers, corrugated paper (boxes), cardboard (cereal box, etc.), and magazines

Although our ordinance does not mandate recycling of plastic numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 it is your option to recycle those items if your hauler accepts them. Some examples are:

- ♦ V(vinyl) or pvc no. 3: window cleaner, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles
- ◆ LDPE(low density polyethylene) no. 4: squeezable bottles; bread, frozen food, and shopping bags
- ◆ PP (polypropylene) no. 5: yogurt containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, caps, straws, medicine bottles
- PS (polystyrene) no. 6: disposable plates and cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers,
- ♦ Miscellaneous no. 7: three and five-gallon water bottles, and certain food containers

RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Every residential property is entitled to (2) recycling containers. A majority received their containers in the initial distribution in 2010. If you have not received your container, you may pick one up at the Township Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30AM and 3:30PM. Second containers are available and may be picked up during the same times. Please note: recycling containers are issued for the residence. When you move, containers are to be left for the new home owners.

It is not mandatory to use a Township provided recycling container. The only requirement is that any container used for recycling shall be clearly marked 'RECYCLABLES' with letters being at least 4" high and the font be at least ½" wide. This is so the hauler can easily identify the recycling container.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Best Buy currently offers electronics and appliances recycling (fee may apply). Please visit www.bestbuy.com and search under Support & Services and then Haul Away & Recycling for a list of accepted items.

You can also find the list on our website www.lowernazareth.com under Electronics Recycling.

Check the Township's website and FaceBook for information regarding our Spring 2025 event.

TOWNSHIP LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM



The program will begin on demand sometime between the middle of October and the middle of November. Actual collection will commence when a sufficient amount of leaves have fallen to warrant dispatching the collection equipment. The program will continue through December as conditions warrant. Residents of Lower Nazareth Township are required to abide by the following regulations governing leaf collections.

Leaves are to be recycled through the Township's collection program. Residents must place their leaves along the edge of the street or curb for the Township to collect. It is the responsibility of the residents to protect their leaves along the street so they do not blow throughout the neighborhood. Leaves will not be collected on private property. In addition, collection crews will not rake piles of leaves out from between or under parked cars. Collection crews will not empty plastic bags or containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, grass clippings, shrubbery, garbage and building material will not be collected. These items will be left behind, and are the responsibility of the resident. Please do not use bricks, rocks, etc. to hold tarps on top of your leaf pile. They may inadvertently get mixed into the pile and subsequently vacuumed into the machine. These objects will severely damage the machine and may cause catastrophic failure of the equipment.





With the increasing number of maturing trees each year in various areas of the Township, it is impossible to guarantee a specific pick-up day for any one location. If the leaves are not in place when the crew goes by, they will be picked up on the next rotation. This schedule is subject to inclement weather, mechanical breakdown, and Township emergencies, requiring Public Works Department personnel and equipment to be reassigned. Your area could be skipped at any time should these situations occur.

Please call the Municipal Office at 610-759-7434 with questions regarding leaf collections between the hours of 7:30AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday.

TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

This program is only for residents of Lower Nazareth Township.

All persons participating in the program will be required to provide identification at the time of disposal.

Special Instructions: Please remove any ornaments, tinsel and tree bags when disposing the trees to prevent potential damage to the chipping equipment.

RECYCLING FACILITY DROP-OFF

Trees will be accepted at the yard waste facility located at 4600 Newburg Road

In the event of a snow or ice storm there will be NO drop off



The following Saturdays 8:00AM - 1:00PM

NO APPOINTMENT NECCESSARY

January 3rd

January 10th

January 17th

January 24th

January 31st

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Monday January 5th - Friday January 16th

Township crews will begin circling the township to collect Christmas trees on Monday January 5th. Trees will be picked up Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

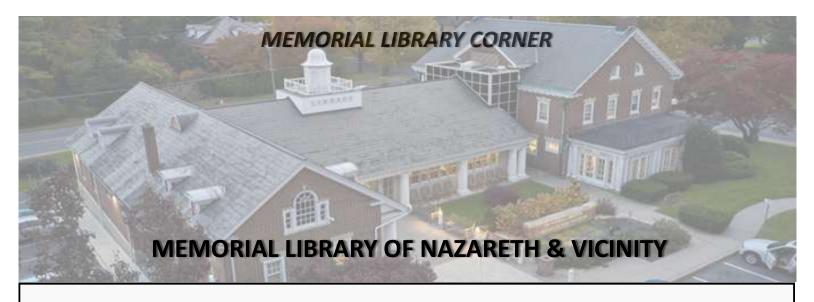
Please have your trees to the curb no later than Thursday January 15th. Trees placed after this date may be missed.



As an alternative, Lower Nazareth Township residents may dispose of their Christmas trees at the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA) facility.

The FRCA facility is located at 6701 Weaversville Road, Northampton.

For more information contact FRCA directly at 610-262-1000 or visit their website at www.frcauthority.org.



News from the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity

Wishing you a fabulous autumn, now that the busyness of the 2025 summer reading program, "Color Our World," for all ages has concluded! Thank you especially to IronPigs Charities, C.F. Martin & Co., Kathy Dildine, Steve and Cindy Lou Franke, and the Nazareth Women's Club for their financial support of this year's SRP, as well as Naz-O-Nut and Angry Dumpling for their generosity in providing incentives to juvenile participants. Thank you as well to a host of program partners and prize donors







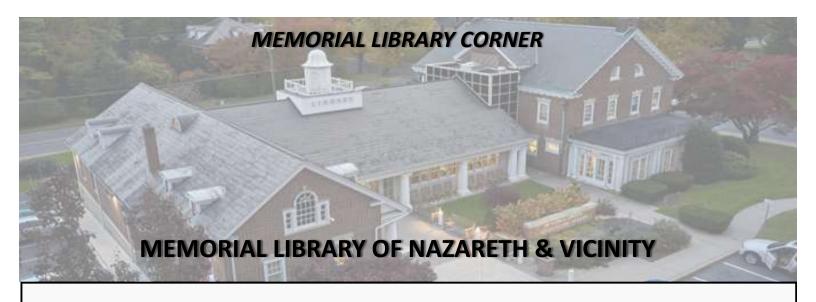


SRP art and artists

"Eyes of the Wild" presentation during SRP

During the fall and winter months, the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff encourages area residents to stop by to design with the Everbright Wall, read the newspaper, pick up free magazines, swap puzzles, build in the Lego room, and check out items from our ever-expanding collection of books, museum passes, board and card games, educational resources, DVDs, CDs, handheld magnifiers, hotspots, periodicals, and ukuleles. Also, please plan to stop by for the fall, winter, and ongoing events and activities for all ages that are already on the calendar—and many more will be added:

- September is <u>National Library Card Sign-up Month</u>. If you don't have a library card, stop in today to get yours!
- The annual <u>Touch-a-Truck Festival</u> will take place rain-or-shine on Saturday, October 4th at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. Tickets are available now at the library and online. Thank you to all our generous sponsors.
- The children's department is excited to announce that the Zoellner Center for the Arts will present a special Mo Willems "The Pigeon" program on Thursday, October 23rd.
- November will include a pumpkin decorating contest, Halloween parade, and DINOvember!-themed crafts and activities.



- For <u>Veterans Day</u>, the library will honor all of our brave men and women who have served in branches of America's armed services. Plan to attend a special collaborative ceremony between Gracedale Nursing Home and the library, to be held at Gracedale on Thursday, November 6th at 7:00PM.
- Test your luck at the second <u>Cash Bingo</u> event on Sunday, November 9th at Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company! This event will feature both regular and special games for fabulous prizes.
- Participate in our annual <u>Holiday Basket Raffle</u> from mid-November through Christmas in Nazareth on Saturday, December 13th.

In the new year, our young patrons can celebrate at our Lunar New Year Celebration and Valentine's Day with the return of our "Magic Mailbox" and Valentine's Day Tea. Then in early spring, enjoy Dr. Seuss's Birthday Bash and an egg hunt on the library lawn.

Join one of our many book and audiobook groups, Cookery and Conversation Club, Knitting Together, and Chronicles of Yarnia.

Stop in for ongoing children's storytimes and Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as special children's activities and events and monthly passive programming.

Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about the Teen Advisory Board.

The Friends of the Library meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00PM. New members are welcome to participate.

Thank you to all patrons and community organizations who support the library: the library's four municipalities, readers, donors, lottery calendar purchasers, volunteers, community partners, and program presenters and attendees!

These are just a few of the upcoming highlights of the fall and winter calendar. Call the library at 610-759-4932 or see the library's vestibule posters, website (www.nazarethlibrary.org), and social media outlets for updates, additions, changes, and registration details.

We are always updating our collection and planning more opportunities for all ages.

Thank you to Lower Nazareth Township leaders and residents. See you at the library!



The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company has kept busy thus far, responding to over 400 calls for service while striving to maintain our training and recruitment efforts. In the closing months of the year, we are looking forward to our annual open house as well as our Santa's Toy Run.

This year we will host our annual open house on October 13, 2025, starting at 6:30PM and lasting until 8:00PM. This is an excellent opportunity to come out and meet our firefighters, see all of the apparatus and learn more about our all-volunteer operation. There will be opportunities for everyone to learn more about fire safety and participate in some hands-on learning activities. Refreshments will be provided, and we look forward to meeting you on October 13th!

Our annual Santa's Toy Run fundraiser will take place on December 13, 2025. Santa will be visiting homes in Lower Nazareth Township starting at 10:00AM. Additional information will be provided via our Social Media accounts. The drop off/sign up dates for this will be December 1st and 8th from 6:30PM until 8:00PM. We will also be posting signs around the township as a reminder.

The Fire Company posts information about recent calls and events that we have participated in on our website, www.hecktownfire.org, as well as on Facebook. You can refer to these sites to keep up with our responses and for information about our public relations events, fire prevention activities, and fundraisers.

As always, we are seeking new members who would like to contribute their time as volunteers with our organization. As a volunteer, you can make a difference in your community when your friends and neighbors are most in need. Please check out our website or call our office at 610-759-2112 for more information about becoming a volunteer.

Be on the lookout for our 2025 fund drive letter which will be mailed sometime in the fall. Thank you for your

generous support in 2024 and we look forward to your continued help and support in 2025. Lower Nazareth Township provides the majority of the funding for the Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company. The funds raised by the fire company supplement our budget and allow us to purchase additional equipment and continue to update and maintain our building. Please note *The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company is the only provider of fire and rescue services in Lower Nazareth Township. Our local EMS provider is Bethlehem Township Fire Company EMS. They do their own fund drive each year. Funds are not shared between the two organizations. We hope that you can continue to support both entities in 2025 and beyond. If you receive fundraising materials from other fire or rescue services (i.e. Nancy Run Fire Co.) please disregard them.

Lower Nazareth Township is growing rapidly, please remember to keep your house number visible on your mailbox and on the front of your home. Having the number displayed prominently in a contrasting color will help fire and EMS crews quickly locate your home or business in the event of an emergency. Please remember to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. Any units over 10 years old should be replaced. New models are available with 10 year lithium ion batteries that last for the entire life of the smoke or carbon monoxide detector.

As we continue to experience severe weather events, please take time to make sure that you have an adequate supply of food and water stored for your family. If you know that your home is prone to flooding, a sump pump is an important tool in reducing damage and protecting your investment. Home generators are also becoming more popular. Please remember to install and use them in compliance with the manufacturers directions and have them installed and serviced by a licensed contractor. Never operate a generator inside your home, garage, or on an enclosed patio.



COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



248 Brodhead Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017

(FAX) 610-861-4829

Administrative Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM

EMAIL info@colonialregionalpd.org

(STATION) 610-861-4820

NON-EMERGENCY

For situations that require an officer's assistance: Please contact:
Northampton County Communications Center (610) 759-2200

EMERGENCY

For situations that require an immediate response: **DIAL 911**

SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST FORMS



In an emergency, residents with special needs may need assistance to exit there home. In an effort to provide the best possible service, these individuals are encouraged to contact the Township at 610-759-7434. All information received will be shared with emergency services. The information involving your needs is vital in the event the Township experiences an emergency.

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

The box is located in the lobby of the Police Department, 248 Brodhead Road. Bethlehem and is available for free, anonymous drop-offs Monday - Friday, 8:30AM - 4:00PM. (NO LIQUID DRUGS OR NEEDLES ACCEPTED)

PARKING OF VEHICLES ON THE STREET



Construction vehicles, dumpsters, trailers, or any other commercial vehicle shall not be parked, placed, or stored on the public street. In addition, no personal vehicles shall be stored or parked in one place on a public street continuously for more than 48 hours. Please report all violations to Colonial Regional Police Department at the non-emergency number 610-759-2200



Preparing for Fall and Winter: Essential Tips for Health and Safety

As the vibrant colors of fall begin to blanket our community and the chill of winter approaches, it's crucial to prepare for the changes in weather and the health challenges they can bring. We want to ensure that you and your family stay safe and healthy throughout the colder months. Here are some essential tips to help you prepare for fall and winter weather:

Weatherizing Your Home

- Heating Systems: Before you turn on your heat for the first time, have your heating system inspected and serviced by a professional. Replace or clean filters to ensure efficient operation and reduce fire hazards.
- Fireplace Safety: If you use a fireplace, have it inspected and cleaned annually. Keep flammable materials away from the fireplace and always use a screen to prevent sparks from escaping.
- Insulation and Drafts: Check windows and doors for drafts and seal any leaks. Adding weather stripping or caulking can help keep your home warm and reduce heating costs.

Winter Driving Tips

- Vehicle Maintenance: Ensure your vehicle is winter-ready by checking tire tread depth, battery condition, and antifreeze levels. Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid fuel line freeze-up.
- Emergency Kit: Equip your car with an emergency kit that includes items like blankets, a flashlight, water, non-perishable food, and a first-aid kit. Consider adding sand or kitty litter for added traction if you get stuck.
- Safe Driving Practices: Reduce your speed in icy or snowy conditions and increase your following distance. Clear all snow and ice from your vehicle before driving to ensure full visibility.

Health and Safety Precautions

• Flu Shots: The flu season is upon us, and getting your flu shot is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others. Contact your healthcare provider or local

pharmacy to schedule your vaccination.

- Winter Skin Care: Cold, dry air can lead to dry skin and chapped lips. Use moisturizers regularly and protect your skin from the elements by wearing gloves, hats, and scarves.
- Preventing Falls: Ice and snow can create slippery conditions. Keep walkways clear of ice and snow, use salt or sand to improve traction, and wear non-slip footwear to reduce the risk of falls.
- Carbon Monoxide Safety: With more people using heaters and fireplaces, the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning increases. Install a CO detector in your home and check it regularly to ensure it is working properly. Never use gas ovens or portable heaters to heat your home.

Preparing for Emergencies

- Emergency Contacts: Update your list of emergency contacts and ensure that everyone in your household knows how to reach each other in case of an emergency.
- Emergency Plan: Review and practice your family emergency plan. Make sure everyone knows what to do in case of a fire, severe weather, or power outage.
- Power Outages: Have a supply of batteries, flashlights, and other essentials in case of a power outage. Consider a portable generator if you have medical equipment that requires electricity.

By taking these proactive steps, you can help ensure a safe and healthy transition into the fall and winter seasons. Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company EMS is here to support you. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to us. Stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy the beautiful seasons ahead!

The Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company EMS Team

PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

ADULT ACTIVITIES GROUP LOWER NAZARETH ACES & SPADES

Visit the Lower Nazareth Adult Activities Group for a pleasant way to pass the afternoon playing pinochle. This group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30PM - 4:00PM at the Township Building located at 306 Butztown Road, Bethlehem (entrance is the solid maroon door in the back of the building). There is no membership fee and no dues. For more information, call Charlie Mallon at 610-759-7122.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Northampton County has a Senior Community Center that they run in our Township Building located at 306 Butztown Road, Bethlehem (entrance is the glass door in the back of the building) Monday through Friday from 9:00AM - 2:30PM. An activities calendar for the Lower Nazareth location is available every month on our website.



The Senior Community Center offers games, crafts, sing-a-longs, arthritis exercise classes, wellness checkups, lunch, and fellowship with other seniors. Meals can be reserved by calling 610-297-3464 by 10:30AM the day before. Donations are accepted to offset the cost of lunches.

If you have any questions, please contact the Center Manager, Lyn Watson at lwatson@northamptoncounty.org or call 610-297-3464.

PLANNING A PICNIC OR A PARTY?

Please note that Lower Nazareth does not reserve or rent the pavilion located at our Municipal Park outside of the "permitted use" allowed by the sports organizations during their seasons.

If you are looking for other facilities in Lower Nazareth Township, Louise Moore Park is within our boundaries; however it is a County run facility. You must contact Northampton County directly for pavilion rentals. Visit





Facilities are also available at the Lower Nazareth Rod and Gun Club, located on Georgetown Road. This club is privately owned.

Please call 484-283-5398 and leave a message or email lnrodandgunclub@gmail.com for availability and reservations.

YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Baseball / Softball—www.lnbaseball.com

Basketball—www.blueeaglesbasketball.com

Field Hockey—www.nazarethclippers.org

Football—www.nazarethclippers.org

Lacrosse—www.nazarethclippers.org

Soccer—www.nazarethsoccer.org

Wrestling / Cheering—www.nazarethmidgetwrestling.com

MAKE YOUR HOME THE SOLUTION FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION!

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!



VEHICLES & GARAGE:

- Wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain & eventually into your local waterbody.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, & other machinery & equipment for leaks & spills. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, & don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain.

LAWN & GARDEN:

- Set your mower height to 3 inches or higher. Taller grass slows the runoff and produces a deeper and denser root system, which absorbs more water and prevents erosion. Deeper roots also reduce the need for watering during droughts and suppress weeds from growing up around them.
- Use pesticides & fertilizers sparingly.
- Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream. Keeping this distance will help keep chemicals out of waterways.

HOME REPAIR & IMPROVEMENT:

Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste program.

PET CARE:

• When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste & dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best method.

SWIMMING POOL & SPA

Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.

SEPTIC SYSTEM USE & MAINTENANCE

 Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years, & have the septic tank pumped as necessary.

STORM DRAINS CONNECT TO WATERBODIES!!!



If you change your own motor oil in your car or lawn mower, make sure the oil gets disposed of properly. You can drop used oil off for free at AutoZone on Nazareth Pike. Used oil and used filters are accepted at Advance Auto Parts and Wal-Mart; both are located on Nazareth Road, Easton.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR ...?

Driveway Permits are <u>required</u>. Any time you create a new driveway, make repairs, repave, resurface, overlay, or reconstruct your driveway, you must apply for a Driveway Permit. Why you ask? So the Township can verify your driveway conforms with the Zoning Ordinance. We also make sure that roadside swales and drainage are maintained. Many times homeowners want to eliminate the swale in their driveway; however, those swales help the water get where it needs to go.





Working from home?

Lower Nazareth Township requires a **Zoning Permit** for a <u>Home-Based Business</u>. This use is limited to persons who are permanent residents of the dwelling, along with a few other requirements such as using less than 25% of their dwelling, and no sign identifying the business. Anything more than this is considered a <u>Home Occupation</u>, which requires Special Exception approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. The cost of the Zoning Permit for a Home-Based Business is a one-time fee of \$75.00. The application form can be found on our website.

<u>Open Burning is prohibited in Lower Nazareth Township</u>, which includes burn piles, burning barrels, etc. Burning is generally only allowed for:

Solely for Cooking Food Agricultural Operations Prevention of a Hazard Firefighter Training Disease or Pest Control Ceremonial Purposes

Burning Permits are only issued for agricultural operations.

If you have an **outdoor kitchen**, **fireplaces or firepit**, we want to stress the following points when we talk about fire safety:

- * Your neighbors may not enjoy smoke blowing into their yard or they may have asthma making it harder for them to breathe. Please <u>be considerate of your neighbors</u> and <u>keep your fire small</u>. The bigger the fire, the greater the potential for disaster.
- * Always keep your fire pit at least 10 feet away from any structure or combustible surface. Pick up leaves and other combustible materials around the pit is important to ensure the fire doesn't accidentally spread.
- * Check the weather forecast before lighting an outdoor fire. Avoid windy conditions that can blow embers.
- * Stay up to date on any burn bans that might be in effect at different times during the year.
- * Always have a container of water nearby and a garden hose on standby before starting the fire.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

KNOX BOXES FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES



In Lower Nazareth Township, most commercial buildings are equipped with Knox Boxes as required by Ordinance. A Knox Box is a small, wall-mounted safe that holds building keys for firefighters and EMT's to retrieve in emergencies. The Knox Boxes are linked via radio to the dispatch station, where the dispatcher can release the keys with DTMF tones allowing emergency response personnel to quickly enter a building without having to force entry. Knox Boxes cut fire losses for building owners since firefighters can enter buildings without

breaking doors or windows.

In Lower Nazareth Township, residential properties are not required to have a Knox Box; however, they are available. If you are frequently out of town or unavailable for an emergency at your home, a Knox Box allows emergency personnel access your property. If you are interested in a residential Knox Box, please contact the Township Office.

DISPLAY YOUR HOUSE NUMBER

Where is your house? I can't find it!

When you look at your home from the street, the most important item you should see is your house number. The delivery man or the person delivering your dinner are not the only people that need to find your house easily. In the event of an emergency, Police, Fire and Ambulance services must be able to find your house quickly, day and night. Your house number should be prominently displayed on your house — not just your mailbox. The numbers should also be reflective or backlit in order to be seen clearly at night. Reflective numbers can be purchased for a few dollars at any home improvement store. Please make sure your house number is visible from the street — It might save your life! (Zoning Ordinance Article 16, Section 1614)

MOVING RECORDS



What is a Moving Record and why do I need one? A Moving Record is really a record of who is living at a particular property. We collect the names of all individuals 18 years or older moving in, out or within Lower Nazareth Township for earned income tax collection purposes. The Moving Record can be obtained in person at the Lower Nazareth Township Municipal Building. The cost of the Moving Record is five dollars (\$5). At the time a Moving

Record is completed, new residents will also receive a "New Resident Packet" which provides lots of helpful information about living in Lower Nazareth Township. In addition, you may also pick up two recycling cans if they haven't been distributed yet for that property.

SELLING YOUR HOME?

Lower Nazareth Township has not adopted a property maintenance code; therefore, the Township <u>does not</u> require a new Certificate of Occupancy for the <u>resale of existing residential property</u> or for a <u>change in</u> tenancy. However, please remember to complete a Moving Record!

RENTAL DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE



If you own real estate and you currently rent your property or plan to do so in the future, please be aware that every real estate owner who rents or leases all or part of their property is required to provide the Township with a list of all adults who have rented from them for the prior 6 months. It is important for property owners to follow through with providing this information to insure fair and impartial collection of earned income taxes.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

18045, 18020, 18064 - I'm confused -Am I Lower Nazareth Township resident?

Yes, you are! Many people who move to Lower Nazareth Township get confused about where they live just because of their zip code, and that is understandable. It can be unclear with so many municipalities having similar names. In some larger cities or towns it is common for the municipality to have its own zip code. However, in Lower Nazareth Township we do not have our own zip code. Mail delivery in Lower Nazareth is routed and delivered from (3) different zip codes: Easton, 18045; Bethlehem, 18020; and Nazareth,18064. Even though you have one of these zip codes, you are still a resident of Lower Nazareth Township.

<u>Does Lower Nazareth Township enforce covenants or deed restrictions?</u>

No, Lower Nazareth Township only enforces its own laws and ordinances. Covenants or deed restrictions are enforced by the property owners in a subdivision or a Homeowner's Association (HOA). We always suggest you review your deed or consult your HOA whenever you are considering an improvement to your property. The Township may approve a permit for fence or shed; however, your HOA may restrict that improvement in another way, such as color, placement or aesthetics.

I'm doing renovations and I need to get a dumpster – Can I store it on the street?

We <u>do not</u> allow dumpsters or storage pods to be stored on the streets in Lower Nazareth Township. You must store them on your own property, outside the public right-of-way.

POPULAR NEW PET – BACKYARD CHICKENS

These days, it seems everyone wants to have chickens to get their own eggs. Fowl permitted in the Township are: chickens, ducks, geese or similar birds. Limitations are as follows:

Property Less than (2) acres: ONLY (2) birds

Property More than (2) acres: No more than (6) birds.

In all cases, they must be kept on your own property at all times. If you have more than (3) they must be kept a minimum of 75 feet from your neighbor's dwelling.



HELPFUL TIPS FROM THE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

For some residents, they are familiar with what needs to be done to maintain their septic system; however, for others septic maintenance is new to them. On-lot septic systems present considerable operation and maintenance responsibilities. We ask that you are kind to your system and remember the following tips:



- ✓ Protect the primary septic area and the replacement absorption area from earth disturbance.
- √ Keep traffic, equipment, sheds, pools, etc. off your septic tanks and drain fields.
- √ Have your system checked bi-annually by a competent septic system contractor.
- √ Have your tank pumped every 2-3 years, or as needed.
- √ Conserve water and avoid heavy peak loads to the system.
- \checkmark Space laundry loads out over a few days if possible.
- √ Do not dispose of any paper, cloth or fibrous products into your system (cigarettes, diapers, etc.)

WINTER WEATHER CORNER



At the very beginning of a snowfall it is the departments policy to start with salting and cindering of all roads as to keep the snow from bonding to the road and allows the plows to better scrape the road surface. When it is necessary the department will begin plowing.

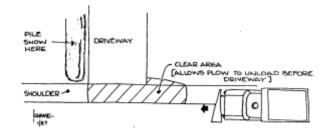
It is the Township's policy to first plow the main roads and then the secondary or development roads. This procedure helps to facilitate the flow of higher volumes of traffic and allows emergency vehicles access to the entire Township as quickly as possible. During larger storms the department may only make 2 passes (one in each direction in center of road) in developments to allow emergency vehicles access as main roads may require more attention. The department will return after the storm is over to push the snow back to the curb, grass, driveways on main roads and developments. Please keep in mind that if you live on Route 191, Route 248, Route 946 or Newburg Road these are roads that are maintained and plowed by the state.

Your patience is greatly appreciated

Snow removal is a tedious and time-consuming process. Our crews work long hours, in adverse conditions and under stress to keep our roads safe for you and the public. It is never the operator's intentions to damage a mailbox or hit your yard. It is impossible for the operator to avoid pushing snow into your driveway, if you must clear your driveway prior to the completion of snow plowing keep in mind that you will have to clear your driveway again. Our operators while plowing attempt to maintain speeds of no more than 20mph. The force of snow being thrown from a plow at this speed creates an illusion that the truck is going faster than what it is. Please refrain from calling asking about when your street is going to be plowed. We will get to every location as quickly as possible. Each operator is assigned a route and typically starts that route at the same point every storm. Barring no breakdowns or staff shortages the department can have ALL township roads plowed curb to curb in approximately 6-7 hours after the snow is done falling. A wave or a thumbs up to the passing operator goes a long way. After hours of plowing they too will most likely have to go home, and shovel or snow blow their own driveway out from a passing plow.

Shoveling Tips

When clearing your driveway, place the shoveled snow on the side of your driveway opposite the direction of the plow. If possible, try to clear an area next to the road, before your driveway. This will provide an area for the snow from the plow to pile up so it does not fall in your driveway.



*Note: Please do not shovel, snow blow, plow snow back into a plowed road. If it doesn't melt it turns to ice and creates a hazard for not only yourself but your neighbors and the public. A citation from the police could be given.

Yard Damage

Unfortunately, yard damage from the plows happens. It is never intentional but depending on the conditions it is hard to tell where the road stops and the grass starts. During the winter if possible, we will repair the yard the best we can, we may need to come back in the spring and add topsoil and seed if needed.

WINTER WEATHER CORNER

Mailbox Damage



Snow removal during the past few winter seasons was challenging to say the least. Although our staff did a tremendous job, it is not to say that there were not a few pitfalls. One such pitfall that occurs every winter season and was somewhat amplified this season was damage to residents' mailboxes. Our staff makes every effort to avoid such damage, however it does occasionally happen. More often than not, mailbox damage occurs when the heavy snow is discharged from the plow and strikes a mailbox. The deeper the snowfall, the more likely that will happen. It is very rare for the plow to actually strike the mailbox.

One might ask what can be done to avoid the damage. Relative to this topic is the trend in the use of plastic mailboxes. Our experience over the years is that plastic mailboxes, especially in the very cold weather, are not as durable as those made of metal or masonry. The Township certainly is not recommending one type of mailbox over the other but is trying to provide our residents with as much information as possible when making a decision on a new mailbox. We are doing so since it is the policy of the township to only provide a reimbursement, up to \$25, for those mailboxes actually struck by the truck or plow, with no reimbursement for damage from plow discharge. Hopefully this information will be helpful to our residents.

Safety Tips

Do not allow children to play in or near the streets any time during or after a winter storm. Children in forts or just standing along the road may not be visible to the plow operator or other vehicles. Also, do not allow anyone to throw snow or other objects at the plows or other vehicles as it may cause an accident.



ATV / Snowmobiles



It is mandatory for all ATV and snowmobile owners to register their vehicles. In addition, both ATV and snowmobile owners must carry liability insurance, except for those used solely on the owner's property for farming or business use. Please respect your neighbor's property and only ride on the lands in which you have permission to ride. Keep in mind that ATVs and snowmobiles are noisy and may be disturbing to your neighbors. Please respect those around you and operate these vehicles at reasonable hours.

Snow Emergency Ordinance #122

This ordinance makes it unlawful to park, or leave unattended, any vehicle anywhere along a street or highway within the Township; blow or deposit snow in or on any roadway within the Township during a declared Snow Emergency. Although this ordinance applies only during a declared Snow Emergency, the restrictions contained within the ordinance are to be adhered to during any winter storm. By doing so, it will allow the Public Works Department to expedite the task of snow removal and therefore, benefit the residents of Lower Nazareth Township.



Look for snow emergency declaration through WFMZ-69 at www.wfmz.com. We will also post information on our website, Facebook, and Nixle.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday September 13th Dog's Day Out IV
Saturday October 4th Township Shred Event
Saturday October 4th Household Hazardous Waste
Saturday October 11th Fall Clean-Up Day
Friday October 31st Halloween
Tuesday November 4th Election Day
Friday December 5th Christmas Tree Lighting

The Municipal Office will be closed:

Tuesday November 4th Election Day
Thursday November 27th Thanksgiving
Friday November 28th Thanksgiving
Wednesday December 24th Christmas Eve
Thursday December 31st New Years Eve
Thursday January 1st New Year's Day