Lower Nazareth Township

Fall 2026

CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF JAMES DEPALMA



After over 30 years of service to our community with the Colonial Regional Police Department, Chief James DePalma will retire on September 11, 2026.

Born in East Stroudsburg in 1961, he graduated from Bangor Senior High School in 1979 and Paul Smith College, NY in 1981. He served in the United States Army as a Military Police Officer from August 1984 to June 1987. He received his Act 120 Certification from Allentown Police Academy on December 6, 1987. In 1997, he graduated from the FBI National Academy.

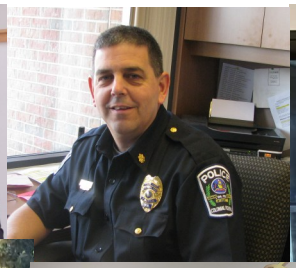
He began his municipal career with the Roseto Police Department. In December 1987, Chief DePalma joined the Nazareth Police Department and remained there until Colonial Regional Police Department was formed in October 1995.

He received numerous promotions over the years; Sergeant on February 3, 1997, Lieutenant on September 3, 2001; Deputy Chief on January 1, 2006, and Chief of Police in May 2021.

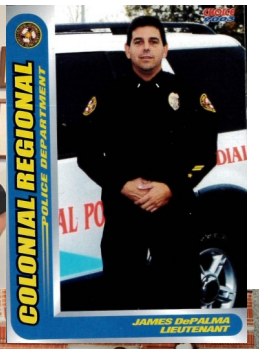
Chief was married to Deborah from August 1990 until her death in March 2011. Together they have four children; Anthony, Jenna, Jeffrey, and Tanner and three grandchildren; Oliver, Nathaniel, and James. Chief and his companion, Michele look forward to traveling during retirement. Perhaps he will still find time for his other love, golfing.

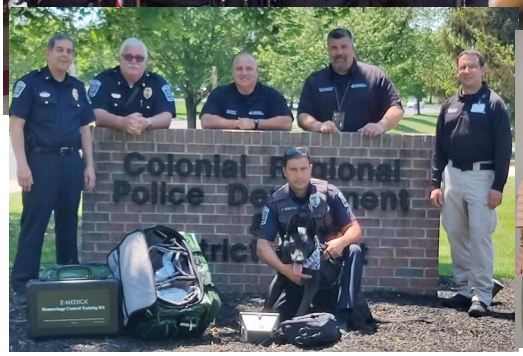
We wish Chief the best of luck in retirement and thank you for all you have done for our community!

















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

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

September 9th & 23rd, October 14th & 28th, November 11th, December 9th
****Check website for Zoom connection information****

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

MEETING SCHEDULE - 6:30PM

September 21st, October 19th, November 24th, December 22nd
****Check website for Zoom connection information****

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Stephen Nordahl, Michael Gaul, Roberto Reyes
David McGinnis & Darrell Crook

MEETS ON DEMAND

****Check website for Zoom connection information****

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Kay Brazinski, Don Capecci, and Joan Garrett
**** Looking for new members—see page 3 ****

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

October 12th, November 9th, December 14th
****Check website for Zoom connection information****

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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

www.lowernazareth.com

ADMINISTRATION
Lori Stauffer, Township Manager
Tammi Dravecz, Secretary/Treasurer

ZONING DEPARTMENT
Lori Seese, Planning/Zoning Administrator
Emily Fucci, Assistant 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 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

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Lower Nazareth Township is seeking letters of interest for vacancies on our Environmental Advisory Council.

Letters of interest should be sent to:
Lower Nazareth Township
Attention: Township Secretary
623 Municipal Drive
Nazareth, PA 18064

or

email to TDravecz@LowerNazareth.com

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.

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 2026 Annual Nazareth Halloween parade on Saturday October 17th 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!!

SATURDAY 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:

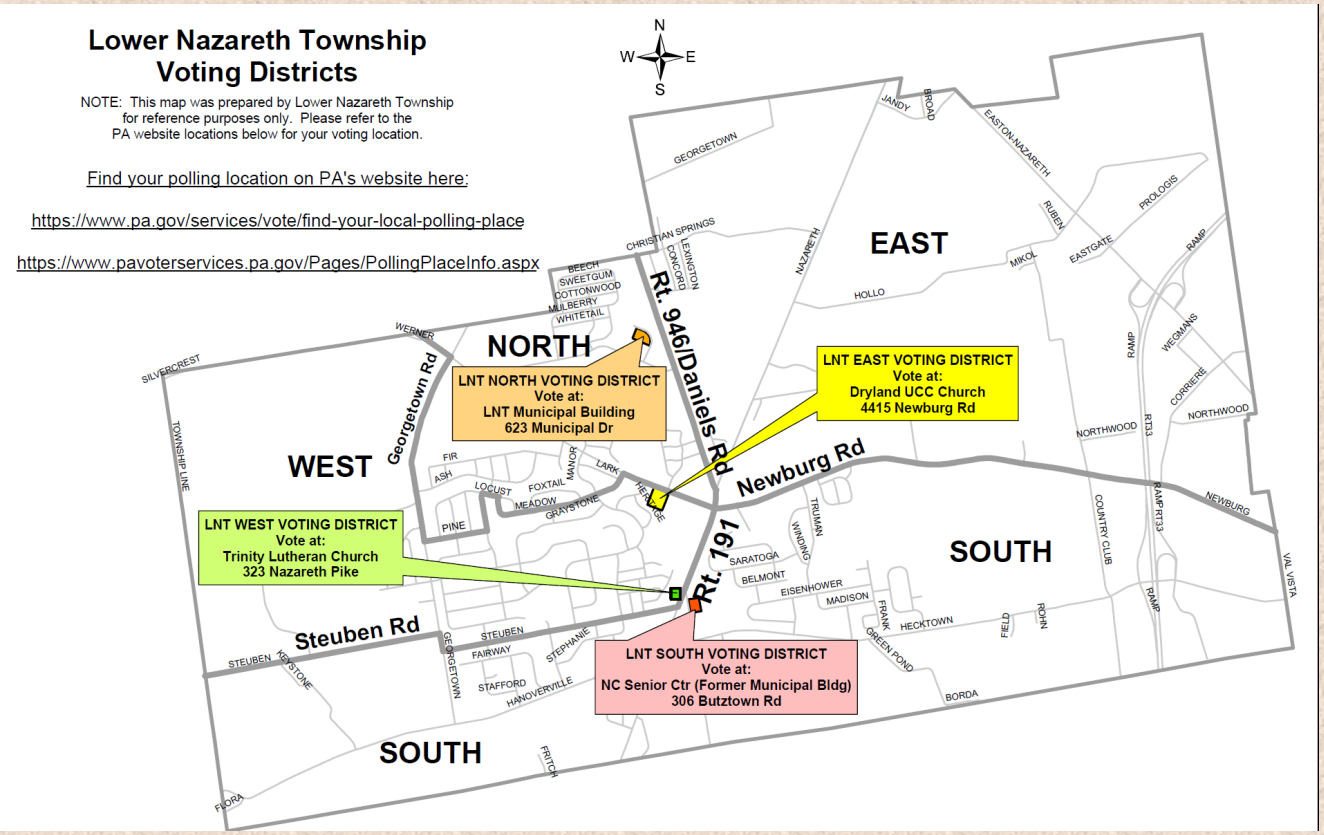
- ***Walk Safely:*** Cross streets at corners. Carry glow sticks or flashlights to help to see and be seen by drivers.
- ***Trick-or-Treat with an Adult:*** Children should always be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- ***Keep Costumes Safe:*** Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead 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!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd

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



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 3, 2026. 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 1st



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

PA STATE SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA & REPRESENTATIVE JOE



Hope everyone had a summer! The General Assembly passed a new state budget for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year at the beginning of the summer that runs until June 30, 2027. It was done through bipartisan negotiations between the Senate, House and Governor. The final budget agreement does not address every challenge facing the Commonwealth but represents a responsible compromise that delivers meaningful results for Pennsylvania families.

Families are already stretched by the rising cost of groceries, utilities, healthcare and housing. The last thing they need is Harrisburg asking them for more. I voted for this budget because it holds the line on state taxes and invests in priorities that make a real difference in our lives.

The Lehigh Valley school districts have been short-changed for decades by Harrisburg when it comes to school funding. The last few budgets have tried to right that wrong. This year's budget delivers approximately $8.87 million more than last year to school districts in the 18th Senatorial District. Since FY 2022-23, annual state education funding for our school districts has increased by more than 34%, or $53 million. The budget also maintains funding for Pennsylvania's community colleges and career and technical education programs.

As always, a reminder that my Bethlehem District Office, at 1 E. Broad St, Suite 120, is open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm and my Easton office at 1701 Washington Blvd in Wilson is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-5pm. 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). Or visit my online office at www.SenatorBoscola.com. 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.

Have a great fall!
Senator Lisa Boscola, 18th Senatorial District



I am honored to be your voice in Harrisburg and wanted to take this opportunity to share updates about two important issues on which we have been working in the state Capitol: providing critical financial relief to Pennsylvania families and addressing the rapid growth of data center development in our region.

Largest Tax Cut in PA History Advanced

At a time when people need financial relief the most, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives voted in June for the largest tax cut in Pennsylvania history. The bill would **eliminate the nearly 7% gross receipts tax on utility bills** and cut taxes by $1.7 billion to make life more affordable for Pennsylvanians. This affordability measure would immediately put more money in the pockets of hardworking families. The bill now awaits action by the state Senate.

Data Center Moratorium Passes PA House

Given the rapid growth of data centers and their impact on our residents and communities, I've proposed and continue to fight for a two-year statewide moratorium on their development. Recently the House of Representatives passed House Bill 2496, which would allow a municipality to impose a six-month moratorium. House Bill 2496 would give communities more time to evaluate the potential effects of data centers. It received near-unanimous approval in the House in June and now awaits action in the state Senate. At this time, I believe a moratorium is more than appropriate.

My staff and I are dedicated to assisting our community to the best of our abilities. If you have any questions, need assistance or have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are always here to help and look forward to serving you! My Palmer Office is located at 301 Village at Stones Crossing Road, Easton, PA 18045; Phone: 484-544-0146 and my Nazareth Office is located at 134 South Main St., Nazareth, PA 18064; Phone: 610-746-5090

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 62.40 mills. For example, a Township resident with a real estate valuation of $100,000 in 2026 will pay a total of $7,870.00 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 62.40	$6,240.00

** 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).

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 2026 are required to file a Final Tax Return by **Thursday April 15, 2027**. 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®

Keystone Collections Group's *e-file* is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2026 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 12:00PM-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.

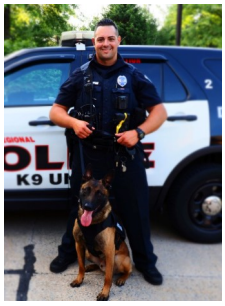
DOGS DAY OUT V
Saturday September 12th 11:00AM - 3:00PM

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

Sherry Acevedo Nature Photography
Art by Randy—Face Painting
Autistically Created
Bedazzles by Carol
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
Bizzle's Bites
Boyd's Cardinal Hollow Winery
C & C Productions
Candi & Carol Crafts
Cindy Lou Dog Scarves
Color Street Shop DIYNAILS.COM
Crafty Ladies
Cressman Pet Poo Pick-Up
Dana's Craft N Creations
Em & Ko Company
Equality 3D
Grammy & Pappy's Craft
Invisible Fence Brand
J&K and E&S Bracelets and More
Jdog Promotions
Kate's Portraits
Keeley's Collars
Colleen Kutzman
Lehigh Valley Health Network
Martees, formerly Stitching Sisters
Mary Kay Cosmetics
"Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity"
Pathway Apothecary
Formerly The Ravens Nest
Renewal by Anderson
Scentsy
Tastefully Simple
The Distinguish Daniel
The Honey Bead
Uncle Bobs Wood Shop
"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, Pie's to Die For "Pie in a Cone", Horrormaster Production LLC, and We Squeeze to Please.

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.



Colonial Regional Officers have 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

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
Friday, December 4th 7:00PM



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 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

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.

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 www.northamptoncounty.org for more information.



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.



BUTZTOWN ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT

The Board of Supervisors awarded a contract last year to Grace Industries and work began September 2025. The contractor completed the stormwater pipe replacement and the mill and overlay work on Butztown Road prior to the project shutting down for the winter. During the shutdown, the Township Engineer continued to press Verizon and PPL to come out to move their poles. After months of waiting, the poles and lines were finally all relocated.

The weather finally turned warm again in April to start work. Unfortunately, the contractor's schedule didn't allow work to start again until sometime in May 2026. Once work started along Route 191, another issue surfaced. The existing location of the water line conflicts with the relocation of the utility poles and the new storm sewer.

Easton Suburban Water has made the decision to relocate the water main to provide a greater distance between their line and the storm sewer and poles. This relocation requires a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit. Until the water line is moved, PennDOT has stated the contractor is not permitted to continue working. PennDOT finally issued the permit in early-August to authorize Easton Suburban Water Authority to move their main water line from it's existing location. Easton Suburban Water Authority's contractor commended work the week of August 17th.

Grace Industries is scheduled to be on-site on August 31st to resume the remaining work required to finish the realignment project. The contractor has of approximately six weeks of work left until completion.

As a reminder, PennDOT will not permit the Township to reopen the intersection until the work is complete

We want this project completed as much as you. We know the situation is hitting everyone's last nerve. We know many of you have been extremely patient with the closure the road and the resulting detours and delays. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The updated timeframe for completion is now end of summer.

The final product will produce a much safer intersection for the traveling public! 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 2026. According to PADOT's website, the project will be let in January 2027.

TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Lower Nazareth Township has been awarded a Multi-Modal Transportation grant in the amount of $1,250,000 for the reconstruction of Township Line Road from the Hanover Township border to the intersection of Silvercrest Road. The project was awarded to H&K Group for $1,168,981.50. The costs of the project not covered by the grant shall be evenly shared by Lower Nazareth Township and East Allen Township. Construction has begun and is scheduled to be complete by the end of September.

GEORGETOWN MANOR SEWER



Now that construction of the public sewer is complete, residents that reside on James Drive, Brandywine, Concord, Lexington, and King George are expected to connect to the public sewer no later than December 31, 2026. Connection to the public sewer requires the property owner to make application for a permit with the Township office prior to connection. Per the ordinance, all connection work must be done by a state-licensed contractor.

The requirement for connection to public sewer is mandated by Township ordinance. Failure to connect by December 31, 2026, will result in fines and legal action.

Information has been previously distributed to residents of the Georgetown Manor Sewer area for permitting, PennVest loans, and Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority.

Any questions can be directed to Lori Seese or Emily Fucci in the Planning and Zoning Department.

2026 ROAD PAVING PROJECT

This year's road project was awarded to H&K Group for $711,476.55 for the mill and overlay of the following roads:



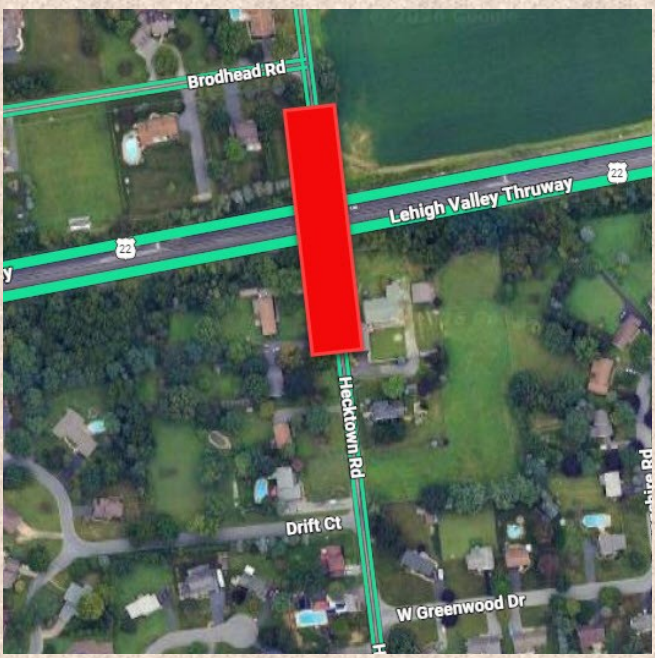
* King George Drive
* Concord Road
* Brandywine Road
* James Drive
* Lexington Road
* Country Club Road (Newburg to Hollo)

Construction is currently underway and should be complete by the end of September.

PADOT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT— HECKTOWN ROAD

On August 24, 2026, Hecktown Road over US 22 will be closed for a long-term Pennsylvania Department of Transportation construction project (bridge replacement). The closure will last until approximately December, 2027. See the image for the closure (highlighted in red).

Detours will be in place. The detour route utilizes Green Pond and Country Club Roads in Bethlehem Township and Hecktown Road in Lower Nazareth Township. If commuting to Northampton Community College, anticipate extended travel times, especially since Bethlehem Area School District starts their school year on the same date.



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 flood-prone, 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 follow evacuation instructions if provided.
• Remember: flooding can happen quickly, so stay vigilant and prepared.

Flood Watch

• 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 life-threatening.
• 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.

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.

Recycle Oil and Filters — Last Step, Last Drop.

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.

October 3rd
10AM - 12PM
rain or shine
shredding performed on site!

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
2026

SHRED EVENT

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
- ✓ Employee Pay Stubs
- ✓ Financial Statements
- ✓ Investment Transactions
- ✓ Legal Documents
- ✓ Medical Records
- ✓ Personal Documents
- ✓ SSN Numbers
- ✓ Tax Forms & Records

Yes: Staples, paperclips, rubber bands, manila filefolders.

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

What **Not** to Bring:

c") Newspaper, Junk Mail, Mags/Catalogs
iCDs, Photos/Negatives, X-rays

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

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

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

RICHTER

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, Pennsylvania

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

residential collection event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
Rain or shine

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3835 Green Pond Rd, Bethlehem 18020
Must enter from campus Main Entrance

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
Online registration opens Sept. 3, 8AM

REGISTRATION LINK
Visit NorCoPa.gov

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED TO DROP-OFF

ACCEPTED items

SOLVENTS
- MINERAL SPIRITS
- PAINT THINNER & STRIPPERS
- TURPENTINE
- VARNISHES & SHELLAC
- ACETONE & REMOVERS

FUELS
- GASOLINE*
- GAS/OIL MIX
- KEROSENE*
- FUEL ADDITIVES

HOME
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- NON PCB BALLASTS
- CFLS &FLUORESCENT TUBES
- BATTERIES *(non-Alkaline only)*
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS & THERMOSTATS

OUTDOORS
- FERTILIZERS
- PESTICIDES/POISONS
- POOL CHEMICALS
- PROPANE TANKS *(20 lb. size)*

GARAGE
- ANTIFREEZE
- AUTO FLUIDS
- OILS
- WAXES

OIL-BASED PAINTS
- STAINS
- SPRAYS/AEROSOLS
- FINISHERS
- SEALERS

HOBBY
- ADHESIVES
- CAULKING
- ACIDS/CAUSTICS
- CORROSIVES
- FLAMMABLES
- OXIDIZERS

CLEANERS
- DEGREASERS
- AMMONIA
- BLEACH
- DRAIN OPENERS

**Containers returned upon request.*

EVENT GUIDELINES

- Waste must be generated from a home in Northampton County and NOT affiliated with any business, contractor, institution, municipality, nonprofit, organization, or out-of-county residence.
- You must arrive during your designated timeslot or you will be turned away.
- Wastes will NOT be accepted from business or commercial vehicles.
- Staff has the right to determine & refuse unauthorized & unacceptable material.
- Proof of residency & registration must match registered name at check-in.

RESTRICTED items

- Alkaline & Electric Vehicle Batteries
- Incandescent & LED Bulbs
- Empty Containers/Bottles/Aerosols
- Latex, Acrylic or Water-based products
- Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- SHARPS, Medical Waste, Prescriptions
- Electronics & Appliances
- Refrigerants/Freon
- CO2, Oxygen, Acetylene & Helium tanks
- Ammunition, Explosives, Fireworks, Flares

Events are monitored to ensure compliance with PADEP requirements.

LIMIT OF 50 GALLONS & 90 POUNDS OF SOLID MATERIAL.
CONTAINERS LARGER THAN 5 GALLONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Thank You for Your Partnership!

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 2026 event.

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 **Saturday, October 10th** 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 **green "YARD WASTE" signs** 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 **OR** 2 pick-up trucks **OR**
1 pick-up with attached trailer **OR**
1 box truck/stake body (up to 17 feet in length)

MATERIALS ACCEPTED ARE:

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD TRASH:
WOOD MATERIALS

Furniture, mattresses, etc.

(*NO PERISHABLE GARBAGE)*

METAL / WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES*

TIRES—Car $6/tire Truck $20/tire Farm $35/tire

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!

RECYCLING CORNER

YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM



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.

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 upon 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 2nd

January 9th

January 16th

January 23rd

January 30th

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Monday January 4th - Friday January 15th

Township crews will begin circling the township to collect Christmas trees on Monday January 4th. Trees will be picked up Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

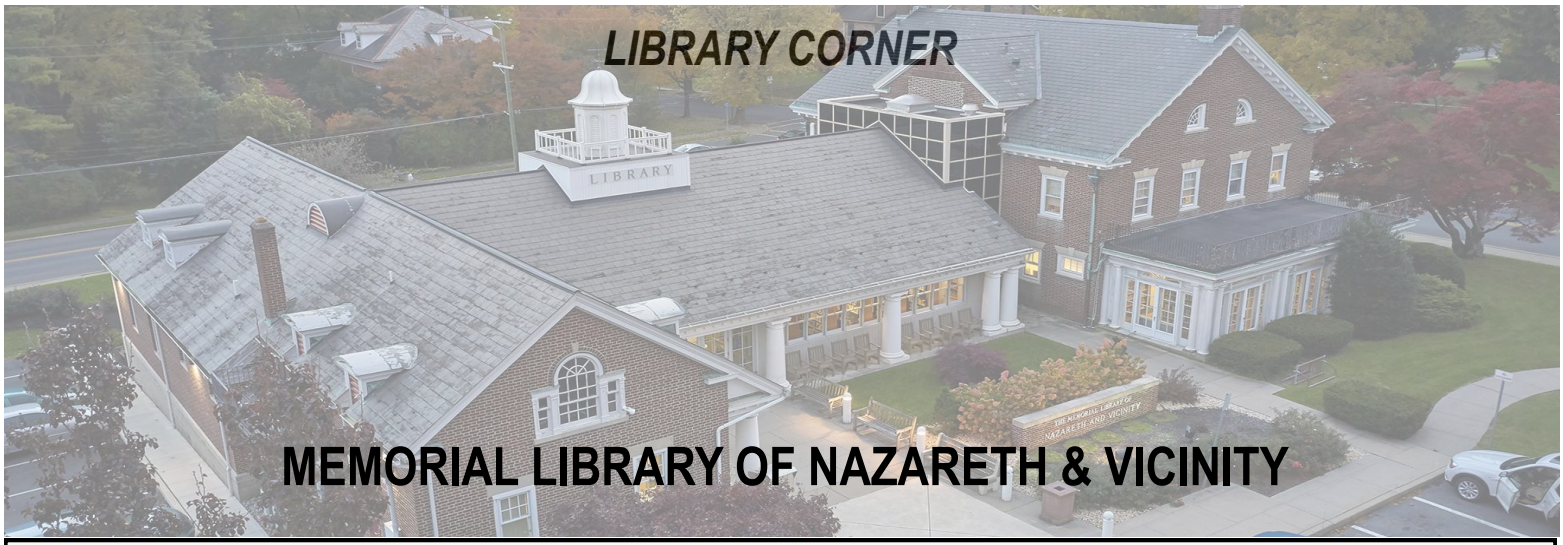
Please have your trees to the curb no later than Thursday January 14th. Trees placed after this date may be missed.



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



MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

Summer of 2026 was filled with many exciting programs at The Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity. Our Summer Reading Program, "Unearth a Story," brought together children, teens, and adults alike. Our children's summer reading program officially began with the Summer Reading Kick-Off Cookout. Many exciting programs followed throughout the summer where children had opportunities to learn from experts, participate in hands-on activities, and discover the wonders of the natural world. Special highlights included opportunities to learn about fossils from a paleontologist, participate in dinosaur-themed activities and trivia, meet reptiles from the Lehigh Valley Zoo, and much more.



Patrons enjoyed the Summer Reading Cookout



The Lehigh Valley Zoo visited the library!

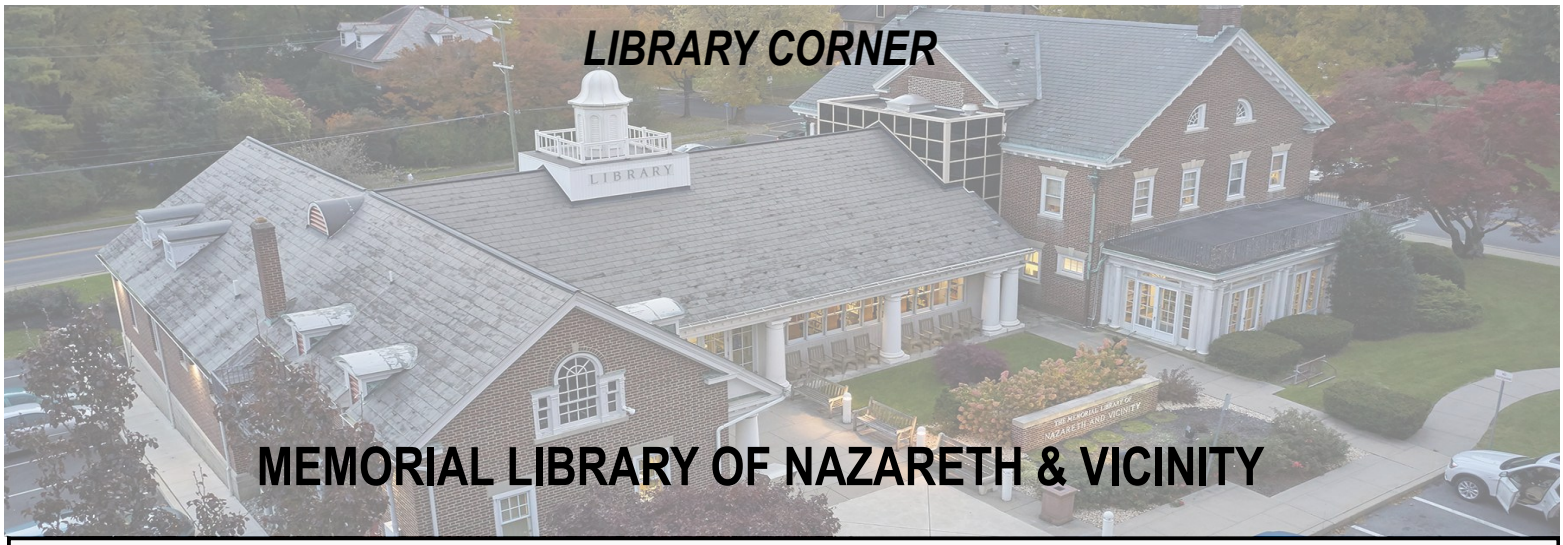
Teen participants enjoyed a series of hands-on programs throughout the summer, such as Dino Egg Bath Bombs, Extinction Slime, Cyanotype Fabric Printing, and Traditional Cave Painting. To conclude, Summer Reading 2026 teens gathered for a Cultural Potluck celebration.

In celebration of America's 250th birthday, we welcomed Betsy Ross and George and Martha Washington whose captivating performances brought their stories to life. We also enjoyed an energetic USO-themed performance by The Swing Time Dolls.

Looking ahead, The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity has a variety of exciting children's programs coming up that you won't want to miss. This September, the library will host a Family Place Workshop each Wednesday from 11:30AM – 12:30PM. Children ages birth to four will be free to play with developmentally appropriate toys while early childhood specialists visit informally with caretakers and offer helpful information. Families are able to sign up by visiting the library's website.

The MLNV Children's Department organizes several seasonal special events, including a variety of art programs, author visits, and opportunities to visit with therapy dogs. Families should check the library website to learn about the dates for the MLNV's annual Halloween Party and Costume Parade, Hogwarts Halloween Party, Holiday Sing Along with the MLNV Ukulele Orchestra and Visit with Santa, our Sensitive Santa program (designed for young people with sensory processing issues).

Save the date! On October 3rd, we're hosting our annual Touch-a-Truck Festival. Bring the whole family for a day packed with trucks, food, fun, and hands-on experiences.



MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

Celebrate the holiday season with us! Our annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser will take place from mid-November through mid-December, bringing plenty of holiday excitement. Be sure to keep an eye out for Pictures with Santa dates, where families can create special holiday memories and enjoy a stress-free photo session with a professional photographer. Space is limited for these photo sessions, watch our website for announced dates and registration details.

We'll also be joining the community festivities as we participate in the annual Christmas in Nazareth event. Christmas in Nazareth will be the final day to purchase basket raffle tickets and take a chance on winning one of our exciting raffle baskets, making it the perfect opportunity to join the holiday fun and support the library.

Commemorative challenge coins are here! These distinctive coins commemorate the library's veteran-founded roots and enduring legacy. Challenge coins are available for $20 each and can be purchased online or at the library. All proceeds will be used to help fund a new Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the library.



In 2027, the library will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Trumbower Estate, by hosting a year-long series of special events honoring both the building and the community it serves. Events include: a Murder Mystery Night, Teen Herbarium, Ice Cream Social, 1920s Speakeasy, and Halloween Festivities. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming event dates and exciting updates

As part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration, a commemorative book will be released in January 2027. Reserve your pre-sale copy today by visiting our website.

In addition to events, the library is also excited to offer a new Technology Center, providing patrons with access to modern equipment and digital resources. Whether you need to create documents, work on a project, access online services, or learn new technology skills, the Technology Center is designed to support your needs. You can also now print from anywhere with any device, all you need is email! Attach your PDFs or image files to an email to **bw@nazarethlibrary.org** to print in black and white, or **color@nazarethlibrary.org** to print in color. Then you can come in, enter your unique code, pay with cash, card, or mobile wallet, and your prints will be released. It's that easy! (Print jobs are held for 24 hours)

We extend our deepest thanks to our supporting municipalities, generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and valued program partners for helping our library thrive. For the latest news and upcoming events, visit our website, subscribe to our monthly newsletter, or follow us on social media. See you at the library!



COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



248 Brodhead Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017

(STATION) 610-861-4820 (FAX) 610-861-4829

EMAIL **info@colonialregionalpd.org**

Administrative Office Hours

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

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



Standing Behind Those Who Wear the Badge

SUPPORTING SAFETY

STRENGHTHENING COMMUNITY

We are committed to building a strong, positive partnership between our police department and the community we proudly serve.

WHO WE ARE

The Colonial Regional Police Foundation is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Colonial Regional Police Department and to helping ensure our municipalities remain among the safest in the region. Together, we're building a safer, stronger, and more connected region.

OUR MISSION

The Colonial Regional Police Foundation strengthens police-community relations, supports crime prevention efforts, and enhances public safety by funding critical needs that receive limited municipal resources.

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE

Equipment that improves officer and community safety

Training that prepares officers for evolving challenges

Technology that increases efficiency and responsiveness

Programs that foster trust, engagement, and collaboration

Donate To CRPF

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Your generosity directly strengthens the safety and well-being of our community. Every contribution makes a meaningful difference. Contributions can be made securely online using the QR code or checks mailed to:

Colonial Regional Police Foundation
248 Brodhead Road; Suite 1
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EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

HECKTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company has kept busy thus far, responding to over 280 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 5, 2026, 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. Refreshments will be provided, and we look forward to meeting you on October 5th!

Our annual Santa's Toy Run fundraiser will take place on December 12, 2026. 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 event will be November 30th and December 7th from 6:30PM until 8:00PM. We will also be posting signs around the township as a reminder.

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

We continue to seek new members who would like to contribute their time as a volunteer 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 volunteering.

Be on the lookout for our 2026 fund drive letter which will be mailed sometime in the fall. **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. Thank you for your generous support in 2026 and we look forward to your continued help and support in 2027. 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. If you receive fundraising materials from other fire or rescue services *(i.e. Nancy Run Fire Co. or Palmer Municipal Fire Department)* please disregard them.

A couple important tips:

- Lower Nazareth Township is growing rapidly, please remember to keep your house number visible on your mailbox or on the front of your home. Contrasting colors make it easier to see.
- 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.
- If you have a long driveway on your property, please take the time to trim back the branches so fire apparatus can easily access your property if needed.
- Burning permits are only granted for agriculture/farm properties to burn brush. In general, open burning is prohibited in Lower Nazareth Township. Questions can be directed to the township zoning office
- Please take time to clear snow from fire hydrants. It's the responsibility of homeowners and business owners to clear snow from fire hydrants. Precious seconds do matter during an emergency.
- During severe weather, home generators are often utilized. Please remember to install and use them in compliance with the manufacturers directions. Never operate a generator inside your home, garage, or on an enclosed patio. The exhaust can be deadly.

Please don't hesitate to call 911 to have the fire company come check something for you. If you are contemplating calling for fire/rescue services, please make the call. We are here to help. - Kevin C. Lambert - Fire Chief Hecktown Volunteer Fire Co. #1



BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AMBULANCE SERVICES

Since 2014 Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company EMS has provided continuous emergency medical services coverage to the residents of Lower Nazareth Township. Our Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances are staffed by a paramedic and an emergency medical technician.

Today, Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company EMS provides ALS coverage to Bethlehem Township, Lower Nazareth Township, Bath Borough, and Freemansburg Borough. Our organization employes a total of 74 staff members, including full and part time staff. These employees are committed to providing the highest quality of care to the communities we serve.

Our ambulances carry a wide assortment of specialized medical equipment, including cardiac monitors, IV pumps, LUCAS mechanical CPR devices, and medications used to stabilize critically ill and injured patients before and during transport to local area hospitals. These tools allow us to bring the highest level of care directly to the patients we serve.

Purchasing and maintaining modern medical and communication equipment has become increasingly challenging in today's economy. Lower Nazareth Township continues to generously support our organization. Recently, Lower Nazareth Township obtained three Local Share Account Grants to help us purchase new equipment, including cardiac monitors, CP monitoring devices for employees, and new radios. These devices will assist us in continuing to provide a high level of care in the field and also in maintaining crew safety and awareness. Lower Nazareth Township's continued support is instrumental to our success and our ability to provide high-quality patient care.

On Monday, October 5, 2026, we will host an open house at our Main Station, 1919 8th Street, Bethlehem, PA 18020, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. We encourage anyone interested in learning more about the care we provide, the equipment we carry, or meeting the staff to stop by. Hot dogs and soft drinks will also be served at no cost. We hope to see you there!



ONLINE PERMITTING NOW AVAILABLE!!



We are proud to have 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 promotes recreational 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION 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.

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR … ?

Driveway Permits are **required**. 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 Home-Based Business. 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 Home Occupation, 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.

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

Solely for Cooking Food	Firefighter Training
Agricultural Operations	Disease or Pest Control
Prevention of a Hazard	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 be considerate of your neighbors and keep your fire small. 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.

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 does not require a new Certificate of Occupancy for the resale of existing residential property or for a change in 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.

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 Nazreth,18064.

Even though you have one of these zip codes, you are still a resident of Lower Nazareth Township.

Does Lower Nazareth Township enforce covenants or deed restrictions?

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 do not 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



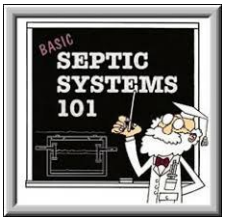
These days, it seems everyone wants to have chickens to get their own eggs.

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.

WINTER WEATHER CORNER



Snow Removal Policy and Practice

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.

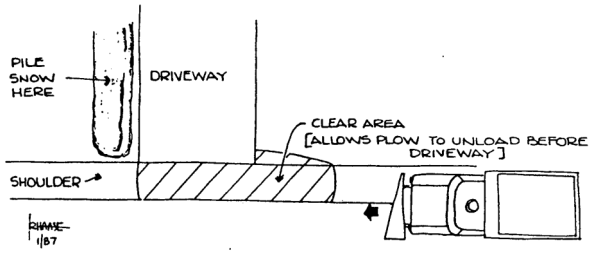
Please keep in mind that if you live on Route 191, Route 248, Route 946 or Newburg Road these are roads that are maintained and plowed by the state.

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.



Important 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 $75, 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 web-site, Facebook, and Nixle.

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LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday September 12th	Dog's Day Out V
Saturday October 3rd	Township Shred Event
Saturday October 3rd	Household Hazardous Waste
Saturday October 10th	Fall Clean-Up Day
Saturday October 31st	Halloween
Tuesday November 3rd	Election Day
Friday December 4th	Christmas Tree Lighting

The Municipal Office will be closed:

Tuesday November 3rd	**Election Day**
Thursday November 26th	**Thanksgiving**
Friday November 27th	**Thanksgiving**
Thursday December 24th	**Christmas Eve**
Friday December 25th	**Christmas Day**
Thursday December 31st	**New Years Eve**
Friday January 1st 2027	**New Year's Day**