

# Lower Nazareth Township

Spring 2026

## 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 overall estimated cost to repair the road is \$1.6 million. The costs of the project not covered by the grant shall be evenly shared by Lower Nazareth Township and East Allen Township.

As East Allen Township owns one side of the road and Lower Nazareth Township owns the other side, this project is a collaborative partnership between the two municipalities to improve the condition of this important collector road for the overall safety of the public. Both the East Allen and Lower Nazareth supervisors recognize the importance in fixing the poor condition of the road that currently exists and everyone is thrilled with the award of grant funding to make this happen. Without the necessary grant funding, this project would not happen.

Currently, the road exists as two inches of asphalt with no base. The reconstruction project will enhance the road to incorporate a proper foundation, base and wearing course. The project will be scheduled to go out to bid at the end of March 2026. Construction will likely commence in Summer 2026.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR STATE LEGISLATORS, SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA AND REPRESENTATIVE JOE EMRICK FOR CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE FOR LOWER NAZARETH!**



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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](http://www.lowernazareth.com) to confirm.

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



### LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairperson Amy Templeton

Vice-Chairman Martin Boucher

Supervisor Stephen Brown

Supervisor James Pennington

Supervisor Nancy Teague

**MEETING SCHEDULE - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm**

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Linda Crook, Hugh Harris, Tara Capecci,

Edward Dulac, & Bert Smalley

**MEETING SCHEDULE - 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm**

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

Stephen Nordahl, Michael Gaul,

David McGinnis, & Roberto Reyes

**MEETING SCHEDULE - 4th Thursdays at 6:30pm**

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Kay Brazinski, Don Capecci,

Darrell Crook, & Joan Garrett

**MEETING SCHEDULE - 2nd Mondays at 7:00pm**

## TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

**MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS**  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
7:30am - 4:00pm

### ADMINISTRATION

Lori Stauffer, Township Manager  
Tammi Dravec, Secretary/Treasurer  
Amy Kahler, Municipal Clerk

### ZONING DEPARTMENT

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

### TAX DEPARTMENT

**Earned Income Tax Collector**  
Keystone Collections Group  
*see page 11 for earned income tax information*

**Local Services Tax Collector**  
Lorie Gyarmaty  
*see page 11 for local services tax information*

**Township Real Estate Tax Collector**  
Eric Mitcheltree  
*see page 10 for township real estate information*

**Nazareth Area School District Tax Collector**  
Berkheimer Associates  
*see page 10 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 & FACEBOOK PAGE

[www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com)

[www.facebook.com/  
LowerNazarethTownship](http://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](http://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.



## SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST FORMS

In an emergency, residents with special needs may need assistance to exit their 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.



## **SPLASH PAD MONITORS**

Lower Nazareth Township is accepting applications for two seasonal part-time splash pad monitors. The responsibility of this position is to ensure the splash pad rules are followed. The position pays \$15 per hour. Average hours per week will be 20 hours. The position begins on May 25<sup>th</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup>. All interested parties should submit their application to the Township office at 623 Municipal Drive. Lower Nazareth Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Applications can be obtained in-person at the Township office or online at our website [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com)

## **ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER**

Lower Nazareth Township is seeking letters of interest for the vacancy of Zoning Hearing Board Member.

Letters of interest should be sent to:

Lower Nazareth Township  
Attention: Township Secretary  
623 Municipal Drive  
Nazareth, PA 18064

or

email to [TDravec@LowerNazareth.com](mailto:TDravec@LowerNazareth.com)

## **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](http://www.lowernazareth.com)

## **TOWNSHIP WIDE YARD SALE**

**Saturday, May 2nd**

This event is marked as a day for everyone to participate together and bring a sense of community into



Lower Nazareth. This event will be advertised in the Nazareth Key newspaper as the date gets closer.

Please Note:

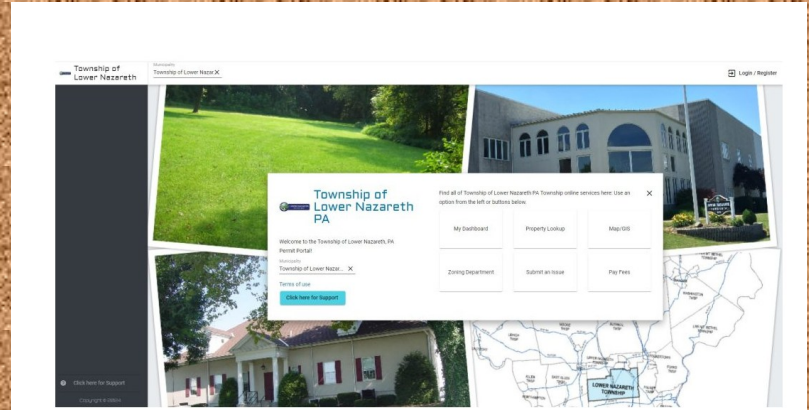
- ◆ Permits are not required for yard or garage sales.
- ◆ You may only hold a yard or garage sale for 3 days in any 6 consecutive month period.
- ◆ Holding a yard sale every week is not permitted.

## ONLINE PERMITTING NOW AVAILABLE!!

Lower Nazareth Township is finally walking into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! 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 their 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 look forward to the implementation of this new system which will increase transparency, efficiency, and service for constituents. Please visit the township's website, [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com), Services Options for access to this new system.



## 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:

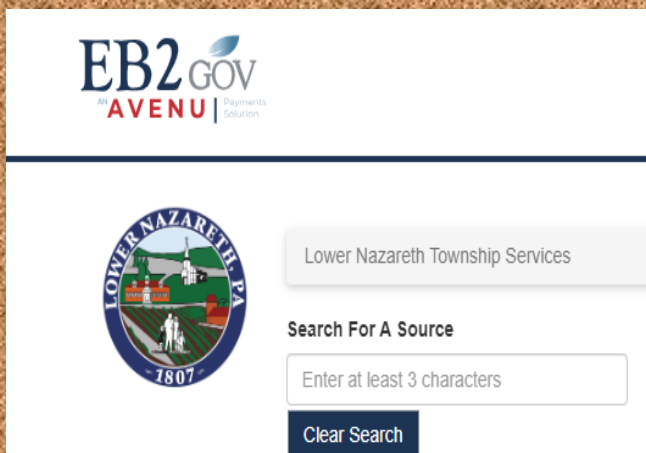
### IN-PERSON

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

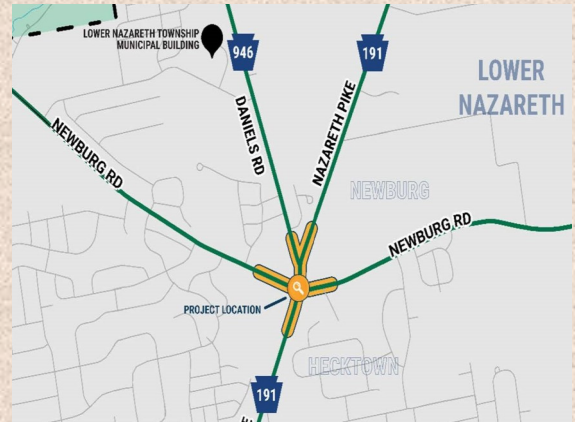
The online payment portal can be reached from our website [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com) under "Online Payments" or directly at <https://pay.eb2gov.com/LowerNazarethPA>.



## ROUTE 191 & NEWBURG ROAD INTERSECTION UPDATE

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 to procure the necessary right-of-way. The Township has 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.



## BUTZTOWN ROAD UPDATE

The realignment project was put on hold for the winter season; however, the contractor is now ready to dig back in and get this job done! The contractor is scheduling work to commence at the end of March or beginning of April. The initial focus will be on Route 191. This includes stormwater management work and addition of a turning lane. Be prepared for delays. It is estimated the completion of the project will be 6 to 8 weeks after construction starts. We are hoping Verizon will move the remaining poles soon!

We know many of you have been extremely patient with the closure of the road and the resulting detours and delays. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The final product will produce a much safer intersection for the traveling public!



## 2026 ROAD PROJECT

This year's proposed road paving bid represents a total of 5 roads for mill and overlay. The Township plans to award a paving contract for the following:

King George Drive    James Drive    Concord Road    Lexington Road    Brandywine Road

Depending on costs, Country Club Road from Newburg Road to Hollo Road will be included



The project went out to bid early March. Depending on the contractor's schedule, we plan for the project to commence late Spring / Early Summer.

## **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.



# ELECTION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

Pennsylvania's Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, May 19th**. If you want to vote, there are some important dates you need to remember.

**Register**

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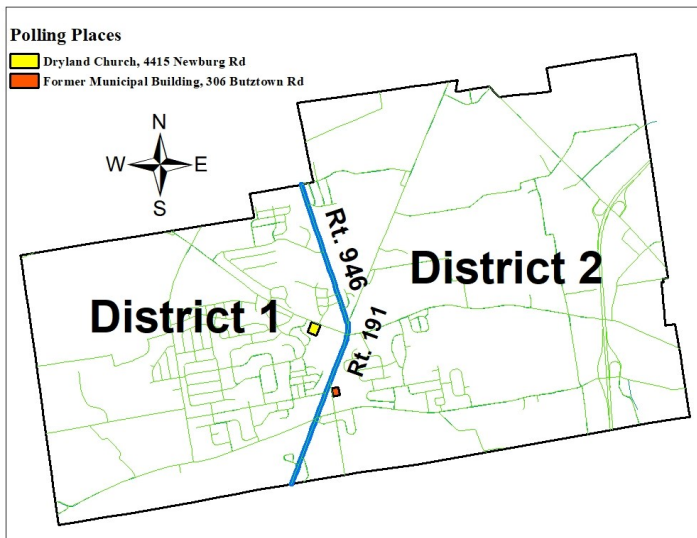
**VOTE**

Monday, May 4th	-	Last day to register to vote in the Primary
Tuesday, May 12th	-	Final day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
Tuesday, May 19th	-	Last day for the Northampton County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots

**GET OUT & VOTE!**  
**Primary Election Day is**  
**Tuesday, May 19th**

Last Election Day, many of you have expressed concern about your ability to access the polling location at Butztown Road. The road remains closed to through traffic until the project is completed.

Please be assured you will be able to access the polling location. Butztown Road will be opened for Election Day. Colonial Regional will be directing traffic. Signage will be in place that states "VOTING ACCESS ONLY."



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

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

District #2 - 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. 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

## Looking ahead...

The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 3rd.



## **CAT & DOG POPULATION CONTROL AND PET CARE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET & LOCAL CLINICS**

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.

**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 animals 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](http://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.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL AND 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.

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.

## **DOG LICENSES...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.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org). Dog licenses may also be purchased online at [www.padoglicense.com](http://www.padoglicense.com). For more information contact Northampton County Courthouse Revenue Office; 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Room 2132; 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042-7484 or call 610-829-6186 option 6.

## 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 58.23 mills. For example, a Township resident with a real estate valuation of \$100,000 in 2026 will pay a total of \$7,453.00 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 58.23	\$5,823.00



**\*\* 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](mailto: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, see page 18 or contact Representative Joe Emrick's district office at 610-746-5090 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.

For your convenience, The County of Northampton accepts payments at Revenue Locations, either in person or drop box: The Northampton County Government Center, 669 Washington Street, Easton & The Northampton County Human Services Building, 2801 Emerick Blvd, Bethlehem. In addition, payments can be made at any Fulton Bank location within Northampton County.

## 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 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](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com).

Keystone Collections Group's [e-file](#) is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2024 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](http://www.lowernazareth.com) for the Exemption Form. If you have any questions, please call 610-759-7434, ext. 1001.

## **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.

## **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.

## **REMINDER 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.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



### **EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

The Easter Bunny will be hopping into town to litter our fields with 8,000 chocolate filled eggs! This event will be at the Butztown Road Park. More detailed information is located on page 15.



### **CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S 250<sup>TH</sup> – Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Where did the time go? It has been 250 years since our founding fathers fought and won our independence from the tyrannical oppression of England's rule! So, let's celebrate this momentous occasion!

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors will be hosting a fireworks celebration to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our great nation's founding on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Rain date of Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>). The event will be held at Newburg Park and parking will be limited.

The splash pad will be open from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for everyone regardless of pass status. Food trucks will be there to provide snacks and desserts as you wait for the main event! Then as the sun goes down, get ready as Shooting Star Fireworks delivers a magnificent display sure to delight both sight and sound!

Still need more excitement?...don't forget that Nazareth Borough will keep the celebration rolling with their annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Kazoo Parade followed by a "Nazareth Celebrates America 250" festival from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Whitfield House with music, food, and vendors. A patriotic program will be held honoring community heroes and veterans at 10:00am.



### **DOG'S DAY OUT V - Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 3pm**

Dog's Day Out V is on track to become another successful event. 2022's dog park opening was so successful, many residents and vendors asked if we could make it an annual event. So, here at Lower Nazareth Township, we are dedicating another day to man's best friend and doing Dog's Day Out V. Many vendors have already signed up (pet and non-pet related)! There will be giveaways and lots of fun for your four-legged fur kids! We hope we'll see you there at Newburg Park.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm**



Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Newburg Park. The Township will ring in the holidays with a festive tree lighting. The Lower Nazareth Township Elementary School Chorus will join us to sing holiday tunes and Santa will be joining us for pictures. This will truly be a memorable event for your family!



All of our events include Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company and Colonial Regional Police Department. The Recreation Committee is proud to partner with both our volunteer firemen and our police officers to provide our residents with a good time!

Lower Nazareth Township's



# **DOG'S DAY OUT V**

**Newburg Park – 4600 Newburg Road, Nazareth, Pennsylvania**  
*(Entrance on Greomar Road)*

**September 12, 2026** (Rain Date: September 13, 2026)

**11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



For more information contact Lorie Gyarmaty at [LGyarmaty@LowerNazareth.com](mailto:LGyarmaty@LowerNazareth.com)

**LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 am — 306 Butztown Road Park**

*Rain Date is March 29th @ 1:00 p.m.*

**All children 0—12 are welcome to participate**

The Easter Bunny will be hopping into town to litter our fields with 8,000 chocolate filled eggs! We are hoping to have some helpers ages 0-12 to help clean our fields! Some eggs will have prize tags in them! Prizes are supplied from our local community partners! Last year we were able to hand out over 100 prizes across six age groups. We are on track to do the same this year.

The Easter Bunny will be on site with a special treat for all children and will be available for photos. Additionally, Colonial Regional Police and Hecktown Volunteer Fire Co. will be joining the festivities. Make sure you stop by to see them and get a special treat from both!

Butztown Road remains closed at Route 191. Access to the park will be via the Hecktown- Butztown Road Intersection. It is recommended to arrive early as traffic will be heavy and parking will be limited. Traffic control will be in place. The egg hunt starts promptly at the times listed.

**There are six age groups that will run at staggered times**

**One parent will be allowed to run with children ages 0 to 3.**

**No parents will be allowed on the field for older age groups.**

0-1 year olds	10:00am	Field #6
2-3 year olds	10:10am	Field #1
4-5 year olds	10:20am	Field #5
6-7 year olds	10:30am	Field #2
8-9 year olds	10:40am	Football Field
10-12 year olds	10:40am	Football Field

The Recreation Committee is deeply grateful to our local businesses for their donations to make this event extra awesome for our residents! Please remember to support the businesses that support you. To date the following have donated or pledged to make a contribution to this year’s event:

- \* A2M Auto Sales & Service
- \* AAA Northampton County
- \* Applebee’s
- \* Bill’s Service LLC
- \* Carroll Engineering
- \* Cherry Orthodontics
- \* Chick-Fil-A
- \* Faulkner Subaru
- \* Hecktown Service Center
- \* JG Petrucci Company
- \* Kelly Nissan
- \* Keystone Food Products
- \* Knecht’s Auto Sales & Service
- \* Koch Holdings
- \* People’s Security Bank & Trust
- \* Sam’s Club
- \* So Fun Yogurt
- \* TJ Wolf Insurance Agency Inc



### NEWBURG PARK SPLASH PAD 2026 SEASON PASSES

The Newburg Park Splash pad will open for the 2026 season on Friday May 22nd. Splash park passes will be available beginning Monday April 20th. Cost is \$20 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Forms can be found on our website. Forms and payment need to be brought to the Township Office. Payments can be made by cash, check, or credit card.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30am-4:00pm  
For questions, email Lorie at [LGyarmaty@LowerNazareth.com](mailto:LGyarmaty@LowerNazareth.com)

### SPLASH PAD RULES

The rules for the use of the splash pad are posted on the fence by the entrance and all passholders are required to sign a copy of the rules upon pass purchase.

Maximum capacity is 75 people. Use of the splash pad is at your own risk. Splash pad monitors are not lifeguards and will not render medical assistance other than to call 911. A first aid kit is available with supplies near the gate.

All children that are not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers. Do not change diapers in the splash pad or on the picnic tables under the pavilion. The bathroom is conveniently located near the splash pad.



No bicycles, wheeled shoes, rollerblades, scooters, skates, and/or skateboards. No running or horseplay.

The splash pad is protected by video surveillance.

One of the biggest issues last year involved eating and drinking inside the fenced area. The splash pad system is a delicate filtration system. Food particles can clog filters, which could lead to a shut down of the whole splash pad. There is no eating or drinking in the fenced area. Water is the only drink permitted. We kindly ask you to leave all food and beverages in the pavilion directly across from the splash pad.

Another issue that we received complaints about involved people sneaking in without a pass or others letting them in the gate. You must have a pass to enter. We will have splash pad monitors enforcing the rules. Failure to adhere to the rules will result in pass privileges being revoked without refund.

We look forward to another great season of fun and sun at the Newburg Park Splash Pad!

UPDATE TO PARK - Last summer the chemicals from the splash pad were rough on the grass. This Spring, the grass area within the fenced area surrounding the splash pad will be replaced with concrete.

## 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 to 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 to 2:30pm. An activities calendar for the Lower Nazareth location is available every month at [www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx](http://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx).

The Senior Community Center offers games, crafts, sing-a-longs, arthritis exercise classes, wellness check-ups, 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:lnrodandgunclub@gmail.com) for availability and reservations.

### YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Baseball / Softball—[www.nazarethbsa.org](http://www.nazarethbsa.org)

Basketball—[www.blueeaglesbasketball.com](http://www.blueeaglesbasketball.com)

Field Hockey—[www.nazarethclippers.org](http://www.nazarethclippers.org)

Football—[www.nazarethclippers.org](http://www.nazarethclippers.org)

Lacrosse—[www.nazarethclippers.org](http://www.nazarethclippers.org)

Soccer—[www.nazarethsoccer.org](http://www.nazarethsoccer.org)

Wrestling/Cheering—[www.nazarethmidgetwrestling.com](http://www.nazarethmidgetwrestling.com)

### NEWBURG PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

The Township courts are public courts that are first come, first serve.

If others are waiting to play, please limit your **matches** to 60 minutes.

You may not reserve courts. Leagues and tournaments are prohibited without the Township’s prior authorization.



**PA STATE SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA**

Happy Spring to all! That was a winter to remember!



As always, a reminder that my Bethlehem District Office at 1 E. Broad St., Suite 120 in Bethlehem is open M-F from 9 am – 5 pm. Please stop on in or if you wish to set up a specific time to come in, please call us at 610-868-8667. We are always welcoming the opportunity to assist you on state-related matters! You can also catch up on state issues or things going on throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> District, by checking out my website at [senatorboscola.com](http://senatorboscola.com) or on social media outlets.

One issue that has most Pennsylvanians attention is the proliferation of proposals to construct data centers not only here in the Lehigh Valley, but across the Commonwealth. And while there are real economic opportunities, these opportunities cannot come at the expense of families and small businesses. That is why I am introducing the Protecting Pennsylvanians' Power Act, a six bill legislative package to ensure these projects pay their fair share and communities have a voice.

PJM now projects that most of the region's expected load growth over the next decade will come from new data center demand. Governor Shapiro recently announced a twenty-billion-dollar AI infrastructure investment, and PPL has reported that its data center interconnection queue may reach fourteen gigawatts by 2034. These projects bring economic opportunity, but they also create significant pressures on our electric grid, local water systems, and community infrastructure.

This package provides a balanced, reasonable framework to ensure that data center development does not raise electric bills or overwhelm local communities. It protects ratepayers from cost shifting, directs financial benefits back to the middle-class households in the affected grid-zones, and gives municipalities and the PUC the tools they need to manage reliability, noise, land use, and water impacts.

The Municipal Protections for Data Center Development Act will strengthen local authority over large data center siting. It requires disclosure of projected water use and infrastructure impacts, allows municipalities to consider water capacity and affordability during review, classifies large data centers as industrial uses, authorizes enforceable noise standards including low-frequency sound, and confirms municipal authority to impose setbacks, buffering, visual mitigation, and site-specific conditions.

The other five bills within this package address the need to protect ratepayers by prohibiting utilities from charging residential or small business customers for grid upgrades caused by large data centers and requires PUC approval of all large-load service agreements; creating a per MWh impact fee on large data centers, returned as bill credits to customers within the affected electric distribution grid-zone; giving the PUC explicit authority to delay or phase in service to large new loads when immediate service would threaten reliability or impose unreasonable costs on other customers; requiring large data centers to participate in PUC-approved demand response programs or demonstrate equivalent onsite resources; and ensuring the PUC prevents utilities from passing above-market costs onto ratepayers when purchasing excess generation from co-located data center generators which produce excess electricity that is sold back to the grid.

Together, these proposals form a responsible path forward for data center growth in Pennsylvania. They help attract investment while ensuring that families and local communities are protected from the rising costs and infrastructure impacts associated with these large new loads.

Finally, I was proud to work together with Rep. Joe Emrick to secure a \$1,250,000 grant for Lower Nazareth for the much needed Township Line Road Rehabilitation project and a \$86,878 to allow the Colonial Regional to purchase a new Police Vehicle.

Have a great spring!  
Lisa

## DATA CENTERS

The newest land use coming to the Lehigh Valley...data centers. The mere mention of this use that has been surfacing in various municipalities in the Lehigh Valley has residents questioning their elected officials and demanding answers from developers.

### HOW IS THIS HAPPENING? WHY CAN'T WE JUST SAY NO!

The state law that frames what zoning and planning ordinances a municipality can implement is known as The Municipality Planning Code (MPC). This law was adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1968, and it hasn't been amended in a significant manner since it was adopted. This law has been the subject of numerous lawsuits between municipalities and developers, which typically has made life easier for developers.

One of the requirements of a zoning ordinance is each municipality must provide a place somewhere in the municipal borders for every type of use, including the ones that people don't want. Each municipality is required to take on their "fair share" of every type of use.

Currently, the government administration of Pennsylvania is supporting data center projects.

### SHARED ZONING

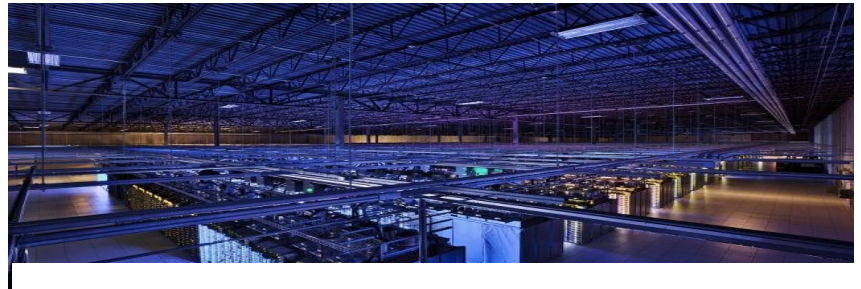
Up until 2023, the Lower Nazareth Township Zoning Ordinance made provisions for all types of uses. Once the Board adopted the 2023 updated ordinance, that all changed. Under the MPC, municipalities can engage in a shared zoning arrangement where the uses can be spread across all the participating municipalities as long as those municipalities participate in a shared comprehensive plan. With the adoption of the 2023 ordinance, Lower Nazareth began sharing uses with Upper Nazareth Township and Chapman Borough, since we all participate in the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

However, none of the recently adopted ordinances cite a location for data centers, which means one of the municipal zoning ordinances needs to be amended to include data centers by designating the appropriate zoning district and creating regulations regarding the use. The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors has repeatedly expressed their desire for Upper Nazareth Township to take the data center use as part of their ordinance.

Given the fact that if there are no provisions in any of the ordinances, a plan could be submitted that would have zero regulations guiding the use and its operations. That means this situation needs to be addressed now!

### WHAT ARE DATA CENTERS

Data centers are defined as facilities that house computing infrastructure – servers, storage systems, and networking equipment – that power essential digital services, including healthcare systems, banking, communications, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence. There are five different types of data centers:



Micro Data Center – processes a lot of data, typically for a close source. Generally, the size of a small shipping container.

Small Data Center – company owned data center for critical and production data. Generally, the size of a regulation play basketball court.

Medium Co-Location Data Center – provides data center space to multiple tenants. Generally, the size of a Manhattan city block or two football fields.

Large Co-Location Data Center – provides data center space to multiple tenants, multiple companies, and networks. Generally, the size of Windsor Castle or twelve football fields.

Hyperscale Data Center – Colocation computing capacity for global networks, social media, cloud providers, and CDN. Generally, the size of Vatican City or 57 football fields.

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors has expressed concerns over the significant draw on water and electricity, vibration, and noise data centers generate. The Board will simultaneously be working on our own zoning ordinance amendment to address data centers while still encouraging Upper Nazareth Township to take the use.

Come celebrate  
**USA's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
with Lower Nazareth Township



**NEWBURG PARK**

**4600 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA**

(Entrance on Greomar Road)

**Friday, July 3, 2026 (Rain Date: July 5, 2026)**

**Fireworks Show will start at 9 PM**

**Splash Park will be open from 5 PM to 9 PM**

**\*\*\* FREE to everyone \*\*\***

**Music and Food Trucks will also be at this event**

# Nazareth Celebrates America 1776 **250** 2026

JOIN US AFTER THE ANNUAL KAZOO PARADE  
FOR A FESTIVAL AT THE WHITEFIELD HOUSE

# July 4th

9:00 a.m.  
to  
3:00 p.m.

- ★ Patriotic Program
- ★ Nazareth Farmers Market
- ★ Live Entertainment

- ★ Colonial Demonstrations
- ★ Food Trucks
- ★ Craft Vendors



214 East Center Street | Nazareth, PA | [www.moravianhistory.org/america-250](http://www.moravianhistory.org/america-250)

## GRANTS CORNER

Through various grant programs, Lower Nazareth Township has been awarded \$5,441,083 in competitive grants since 2018. Let's break down where all that funding went!

**Bethlehem Township Ambulance** – BTVFC provides basic life support and advanced life support services to the residents of Lower Nazareth Township. Lower Nazareth Township provides a substation on Hanoverville Road for BTVFC for their operations. The Township has been able to obtain funding to replace the HVAC and roof on their station, as well as a new cardiac monitor and power stretcher. Total funding - \$136,000

**Colonial Regional Police** – CRPD is the law enforcement team that protects and serves Lower Nazareth Township. The Township has been able to obtain funding to replace several police cars, provide new updated radios, provide new computers and a server, and a new upgraded drone. Total funding - \$1,016,103

**Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company** – HVFC is the dedicated fire services response for Lower Nazareth Township. The Township has been able to obtain funding to purchase updated radios, replace the breathing air compressor, purchase air tanks, purchase turnout gear, purchase a training tower, and funding towards a new truck. Total funding - \$453,768

**Public Roads** – The safety of the public is a priority to the Board of Supervisors! Lower Nazareth has obtained funding to make improvements to the traffic lights along Rt. 248 from Jandy Blvd. to Corriere Rd., make improvements to the realignment of Butztown Road with Rt. 191, and our most recent award to reconstruct Township Line Road. Total funding - \$2,231,000



# GRANTS CORNER

**Recreation** – Our park system includes five parks and have they blossomed! Lower Nazareth has received funding to install new playgrounds at Newburg Park and Surrey Glen Park, walking trails, splash pad, tree planting, and a bathroom at Newburg Park. Total funding - \$965,961

**Recycling Center** – For our residents that frequent our yard waste facility, you’ve noticed some amazing changes over the last several years. Lower Nazareth obtained DEP funding for new leaf vac trucks, a new Bobcat, fencing, concrete material bins, paving the entrance road, paving in the interior area, and planting of arborvitaes. Total funding - \$451,006

**Planning** – Local municipalities are required to have various planning documents as required by state law. These planning documents can be quite costly to have a planner prepare them. Lower Nazareth has obtained funding for updates to our Recreation, Parks, and Open Space plan, Zoning Ordinance and Map, the Official Map, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and our Traffic Impact Capital Improvement Plan. Total funding - \$128,900

**Miscellaneous Township Projects** – Funding has also been provided to purchase safety gear for public works, upgrade the audio/visual in the meeting room, install a generator at the municipal office, reconstruct the parking lot for the senior center, and revitalize the old municipal office building for the senior center. Total funding - \$58,345

The Board of Supervisors is grateful to Northampton County and our state legislators for the continued support and commitment to the residents of Lower Nazareth Township. It is the commitment of the Board of Supervisors to their residents that we will continue to seek funding for the improvement of the community!



The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors welcomed County Executive

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## EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER



## COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



248 Brodhead Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017

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

[EMAIL](mailto:info@colonialregionalpd.org) 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**

## COFFEE WITH A COP



Come out to our Coffee with a Cop event on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8am – 10am. This is being held at the Lower Nazareth Township Municipal Building (623 Municipal Drive Nazareth Pa. 18064). There is no agenda, just conversations with a Colonial Regional Police Officer over coffee. Also in attendance will be Northampton County District Attorney Terry Houck. Feel free to stop by, say hello and stay for a bit. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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 -4:30pm. *(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

## EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

# HECKTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company had another busy year responding to over 600 emergencies in 2025. I want to thank the dedicated group of volunteers who take the time out of their busy lives to help protect Lower Nazareth Township and the surrounding communities. We continue to ensure our personnel participate in a variety of training. The training ranges from weekly drills to national certification courses. The continued training helps our dedicated group of volunteers be ready to respond to and handle different types of emergencies as well as calls to assist the public.

This winter has been one to remember. We had quite a wintry January with snow and sub-freezing temperatures for weeks on end. We would like to thank each of the residents and businesses who took the time to clear their fire hydrants. Unfortunately, local volunteers had responded to multiple house fires where the hydrants had to be cleared before being able to be utilized. Remember, during emergencies seconds count.

Remember to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. When you change your clocks, change your batteries. Many new styles of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors feature a 10-year lithium-ion battery that will last the life of the detector.

Please take the time to trim back trees and shrubbery from your driveways. This will ensure emergency vehicles can safely access the property in the event of an emergency.

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? If so, we are looking for volunteers. As Lower Nazareth Township continues to grow (both residential and commercial), the need for additional members grows as well. If you are interested in finding a way to get involved, please check our website or call our office at 610-759-2112 and leave a message. You may also stop by the fire station on Monday nights at 7 PM to speak to us about becoming a volunteer.

To see what we are up to please visit our website, [www.hecktownfire.org](http://www.hecktownfire.org), and follow us on Facebook. You can keep up with our responses, training, public relations events, fire prevention activities, and fundraisers. We also post information such as weather-related notices for the public.

Thank you for your generous donations and support in 2025. We look forward to your continued help and support in 2026.

Please note \*The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company is the only provider of fire and rescue services in Lower Nazareth Township. If you receive fundraising materials from other fire or rescue services (i.e. Nancy Run Fire Co.) please disregard them



## **Spring Brings Full Slate of Programs to Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity**

As the days grow longer and warmer, the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity is welcoming spring with a variety of programs designed to bring the community together through learning, creativity, and fun for all ages. From family photo opportunities to beloved annual traditions, there is something for everyone this season. This spring's featured events and programs include:

### **Spring Photo Sessions (March 13th & March 14th)**

Families are invited to capture a special seasonal memory with spring photo sessions featuring a friendly bunny. Each session is conducted by a professional photographer and includes five professionally edited digital images, which will be emailed within two weeks. Space is limited, and reservations may be made online or at the library.

### **Spring Cash Bingo (March 22nd at 12:00pm, Bushkill Township Fire Hall)**

Community members can enjoy an afternoon of fun, prizes, and fellowship. A \$250 door prize will be awarded. Tickets are available for purchase online or at the library.

### **Froggy Friend Craft for Teens (March 17th at 5:00pm)**

Amateur teen sewists can make a small plush frog! All materials provided, great for beginners! Ages 12-18, registration is online or at the library.

### **The Library Egg Hunt (April 1st 10:30am)**

Join us on the lawn for a library egg hunt! Children should bring their own baskets. For children in kindergarten and younger. Registration is recommended but not required.

### **Titanic Escape Room (April 17th 3:30pm – 4:30pm)**

Escape the sinking Titanic as a third-class passenger trying to unlock first-class boarding passes and disguises to secure your spot on a lifeboat! For teens ages 12-18, register online or at the library.

### **Annual Pet Parade (May 30th at 10:00am)**

A cherished spring tradition, the Pet Parade begins at the library and invites residents to showcase their furry companions. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories, and the event will conclude with a vendor fair featuring local businesses and organizations.



### **Free Comic Book Day (10:00am – 2:00pm May 2nd)**

Free Comic Book Day is the first Saturday in May! Join us for free comic books, free raffles for pop culture giveaways, crafts for all, and meet the characters from Star Wars courtesy of Garrison Carida! Fun for all ages!

### **New! - Walking Club**

Grab your sneakers and head to the library for our monthly Wednesday Walking Club! We will gather on the first Wednesday of each month outside the library and head out on a walk around historic Nazareth Borough. We will try a new route each month. Please note that we will not walk if there is precipitation.

### **Summer Reading 2026 (June-August)**

MLNV's Summer Reading Program featuring seven weeks of programs exploring dinosaurs, crystals, fossils, earth science, active outdoor play, storytelling, a celebration of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and much more! Signups: Mon, June 1st - Sat, June, 13th Programming: Mon, June 15th - Sat, Aug 1st

### **250th Anniversary Celebration**

Watch our website and social media channels for exciting updates coming soon!

### **Loaner Laptops**

The library now circulates laptops for patron use within the library. Stop by the circulation desk to learn more.

### **Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale**

The Friends of the Library will also host a Spring Book Sale. Watch our website and social media channels for more information.

In addition to these special events and programs, the Memorial Library continues to serve as a vibrant community hub offering book clubs, discussion groups, educational workshops, family programs, and seasonal activities throughout the year.

Residents are encouraged to visit the library's website or stop by in person for registration details and a complete calendar of upcoming programs. With books, bingo, bunnies, beloved pets, a new walking club, summer reading, the upcoming 250th Anniversary Celebration, loaner laptops, Free Comic Book Day, and the Library Egg Hunt, the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity is ready to make this spring one to remember.

**JOIN US FOR AN  
ELECTRONICS  
RECYCLING EVENT**



**Be Environmentally Friendly!  
Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated  
electronics and appliances.**

**WHERE & WHEN:**

**Lower Nazareth Township  
Lower Nazareth Recycling  
4600 Newberg Road  
Nazareth PA 18064**

**Thursday, May 7, 2026 - 3pm-6pm**



**IF YOU CAN PLUG IT IN, WE CAN RECYCLE IT!**

**✓ Items that can be recycled FREE of charge:**

- Desktop Computers (fee for monitors)
- Printers/Fax Machines
- Keyboards and Mice
- Cables, Cords & Chargers
- Laptops & Tablets
- Calculators & Adding Machines
- UPS Battery Backups
- Home and Office Telephones
- Cell Phones
- Ink Cartridges
- DVD Players & VCR's
- Gaming Systems
- Microwaves & Small Appliances
- Metal Items & Water Heaters
- Exercise Equipment
- Car Batteries (sealed lead acid)
- Filing Cabinets
- Grills and Lawn Mowers (drain all fluid)

**✓ Items that can be recycled with a fee:**

- Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers & Stoves - \$20
- Computer Monitors - \$20
- Televisions under 42" (CRT or Flat Screens) - \$40
- TVs over 42" (Flat screens, consoles, projection, tube, broken screen) - \$60
- Water Coolers or Mini Fridges - \$25
- Toner Cartridges - \$5
- Air Conditioners - \$25
- Dehumidifiers - \$25
- Refrigerators - \$35
- Floor Freezers - \$35
- Floor Copiers - \$20
- Console Stereos (in cabinet) - \$35

**DESTRUCTION SERVICES**

- Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive
- Document Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per standard paper size box

**\*\*Cash or Checks ONLY\*\***

**\*\*Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS\*\***

**RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING SERVICES LLC**  
**responsiblerecyclingservices.com | 484-641-5156**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

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 file folders.

**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.



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

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



## RECYCLING CORNER

# YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM



### YARD WASTE RECYCLING

**OPEN MARCH-NOVEMBER**

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

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

**Program hours:**

**Mondays :** 7:30AM – 3:00PM

**1st Saturday / Month:** 8:00AM – 1:00PM

**Fridays:** 7:30AM – 3:00PM

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.frcaweb.org](http://www.frcaweb.org). Hours are subject to change. Please call 610-262-1000 to confirm hours and for any questions.

## RECYCLING CORNER

### CURBSIDE ORGANIC WASTE REMOVAL PROGRAM

Lower Nazareth Township will again be providing a curbside organic waste removal program. The Township will run this program for two weeks in the spring so that residents have a way of cleaning up their yard and providing an easy means of disposal for yard waste.



The program will begin on **Monday April 20th** and run until **Friday May 1st**. Crews will cycle through the Township numerous times during this two-week time period. Please place materials at the curb no later than **Thursday April 30th**. Materials placed by the curb on May 1st may be missed.

We will be utilizing our leaf vacuum machines for this operation. Acceptable material will consist of leaves and garden residue. **No animal feces, sticks, or dirt.**

**Organic bulk waste removal** is offered (during two-week period only) as a "call in" program. Residents wishing to use this service will need to call the Township at **610-759-7434** to arrange pickup. We will not accept items such as tree stumps, grass clippings, roots, or dirt.

Bulk items must be set to curb using one of the following methods:

- Place in any open container
- Bundled with cotton or hemp twine. Bundles shall be no larger than 3'x3'x3' & weigh no more than 40lbs
- Placed in compostable paper bags

Please visit [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com) for more updates dealing with this program, and as always please feel free to contact us with any additional questions.



### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Northampton County is planning the  
2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Details are being finalized ... stay tuned for more information

## RECYCLING CORNER

### 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, May 9th 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 Greomar 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:  
Furniture, mattresses, etc.

METAL / WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES\*

WOOD MATERIALS

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

(NO PUTRESCIBLE GARBAGE)

CAR/TRUCK BATTERIES—\$5/battery

#### **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:**

**ELECTRONICS (INCLUDING TELEVISIONS), PAINT, CHEMICALS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

Please see information on Electronics Recycling on page 28

» *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!**

## 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

See page 28 for information on the Township's May 7th event. Also, listed below are residential and business drop-off locations. *(fee may apply)*

- \* Best Buys in PA are currently accepting TVs: fees apply. Customers will receive a \$30 Best Buy gift card reimbursement of the store drop-off fee. Fee is \$29. No larger than 49" for flat screens and no larger than 31" for tube TVs. Direct questions to Best Buy Bethlehem 610-250-2689.
- DRC Technologies—2005 Main Street, Northampton, PA 18067  
Phone: 610-502-0854
- Clean Earth—2330 SW 26th Street, Allentown, PA 18103  
Phone: 866-477-5177
- GER Solutions—795 Roble Road, Allentown, PA 18109

# MAKE YOUR HOME THE SOLUTION FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION!

## Swimming Pools and Stormwater



Love your pool? *Read on!* We all enjoy a fresh dip in the pool but did you know that the chemicals used to treat your pool to make it clean and safe can have the exact opposite effect on the quality of water in our streams and rivers?

As we head into Spring, it's important to follow these important steps when you open your pool for Summer:

### Filter Maintenance

1. Do not rinse or clean filters into the street, paved driveways, or a street drain. Do not drain backwash into streets or stormwater drains.
2. Rinse cartridge filters into a container and allow the waste to settle out. Dispose of residue by bagging and placing it in the trash after it dries out.

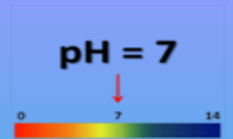


### Draining Pools and Hot Tubs:

If you must drain your pool, follow the tips listed below:

Prior to draining, shut off the chlorination system or do not add any chlorine for a minimum of 3 days to allow chlorine to dissipate. Sunlight will help to naturally dissipate the chlorine.

Test the pH of the pool water to ensure it is close to neutral before draining. Adjust pH as necessary.



Remove excess sediment and leaves from the water.

Drain water onto a landscaped area of your property away from your septic system and away from storm drains. Pool water should not be drained directly into a storm drain or stream.

When draining be considerate of your neighbor by keeping all water on your property. Use sand bags or berms, if necessary, to keep water from leaving your property.

Do not drain if there has been recent application of herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers on your lawn.



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.

### 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  
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 **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.

Residential properties are not required to have a Knox Box in Lower Nazareth Township; 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 6, Section 610)

### SELLING YOUR HOME?



Lower Nazareth Township does not require a Certificate of Occupancy for the resale of existing residential property or for a change in tenancy. The inspection requirement is between the seller and buyer, not the Township. However, please remember to complete a Moving Record!

### MOVING RECORDS

What is a **Moving Record** and why do I need one? We use a Moving Record to document 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.

### RENTAL DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE



If you own real estate and you currently rent your property or plan to do so in the future, 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 –Do I live in Lower Nazareth Township?**

Yes, you do! Many people who move to Lower Nazareth Township get confused about where they live just because of their zip code, and that is understandable. 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.

#### **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?**

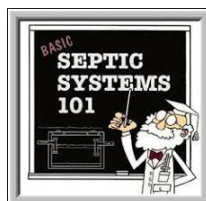
No, we do not allow dumpsters or storage pods to be stored on the streets in Lower Nazareth Township. You must store them on your own property, outside the public right-of-way.



### HELPFUL TIPS FROM THE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Not everyone is familiar with what needs to be done to maintain their septic system. 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.
- ✓ 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.)



# PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

## The Importance of Swale Maintenance

Residential property owners are familiar with the swales along their front yards and along the streets of residential developments in Lower Nazareth Township. These drainage swales perform a critical function by channeling stormwater runoff from streets and individual properties. Removing stormwater from the township's streets achieves two benefits:

**A primary benefit is increased safety.** The swales permit water to flow off the streets and on to their destined drainage basin or water course. This function is extremely important during periods of excessive rainfall and during winter.

**The swales help to prevent pavement failure.**

Standing water or poor drainage severely impacts the longevity of pavement life.

The most important factor in the long-term success of drainage swales is proper maintenance by individual homeowners.

- Drainage swales must be maintained in a grassed condition, kept free of all obstructions, including but not limited to fill, structures and landscaping materials. Installation of landscaping materials such as decorative rocks, mulch, or plants prevents water from flowing through the swales and could potentially ruin your driveway if the water does not move along to its destination.
- Driveways are designed to accommodate drainage swales as well. Filling in the swaled portion of your driveway blocks stormwater flow and is prohibited by Township ordinances.

Residents should inspect their swales regularly for proper function and remove any impediments that may disrupt the flow of water through them. Any resident with questions about drainage swales should contact the Township Office.



## Keep Your Drainage and Utility Easements Free Of Obstructions

Many of the properties in the Township have easements of some sort. Drainage and utility easements, which in many cases run the entire perimeter of the lot, are set aside for drainage and future utility infrastructure installment. Homeowners should be aware that covenants on most recorded subdivision plans prohibit the placement of any obstructions, including but not limited to: fill, temporary or permanent structures, and landscaping materials within these easements.

Please make sure you or your landscaper are aware of any easements on your property prior to placement of any landscaping materials.

What about sprinkler systems or invisible fences in the Road Right-of-Way or an Easement? Because these systems are buried in the ground, many people don't think there is any harm in installing them within an easement or the road right-of-way.

# PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

## Landscaping Q & A

Many people call the township office and ask about regulations for landscaping. The township does not issue permits/regulate landscaping, except where it involves the installation of a patio, retaining wall, re-grading of your property, etc. These items could trigger zoning, building or grading permits.

Several important items to note:



- ◆ Don't plant anything that could cause a visibility problem for someone entering or exiting your driveway.
- ◆ Technically, you can plant something right up to a property/easement line. However, common sense should always prevail. When that plant or tree grows over the property line, your neighbor has the right to trim back whatever hangs over the property line (a vertical line up from the property line). Always allow for maturity and growth when you plant so you will be able to maintain your plants and trees yourself.
- ◆ If you are unsure if you have an easement, please check your deed or contact the Township directly.

These tips are mostly common sense, but need repeating now and again. If you have any particular questions, please feel free to contact the Township Office.

## Sinkhole Repair Tips

As many of our residents already know, Lower Nazareth Township is located in a very sinkhole prone area. This area is prone to sinkholes due primarily to the types of soils and the local geology. Lower Nazareth Township would like to pass along how to address sinkholes you may notice on your property or in the street.



- If you see a sinkhole in the street or directly adjacent to the street, contact the Township Office at your earliest convenience.
- If you think the sinkhole may be a hazard to motorists or pedestrians, and it is not during regular business hours at the Township Office, please contact the police. If it is necessary to contact the police, please use the non-emergency number, [610-759-2200](tel:610-759-2200).

**\*\*\* If at all possible, try to secure the location of the sinkhole until our crew arrives. \*\*\***

The township will only service those sinkholes which are located within the township road or the township right-of-way. Any sinkhole outside of those areas is the responsibility of the respective property owner(s). If the sinkhole is determined to be on private property, the property owner will need to take corrective action. That could involve hiring a contractor. To repair a sinkhole, do not put loose soil or course aggregate in the hole. These types of fill will continue to allow water to infiltrate the hole and aggravate the situation. It is best to consult a professional regarding sinkhole repair.

## LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP

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## LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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### ***DATES TO REMEMBER:***

Saturday March 28th	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday April 20th— Friday May 1st	Curbside Yard Waste
Saturday May 2nd	Yard Sale
Thursday May 7th	Electronics Recycling
Saturday May 9th	Spring Clean-Up Day
Tuesday May 19h	Primary Election Day
Saturday October 3rd	Shredding Event

### **The Municipal Office will be closed:**

<b>Friday April 3rd</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Tuesday May 19th</b>	<b>Primary Election Day</b>
<b>Monday May 25th</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>Friday July 3rd</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>
<b>Monday September 7th</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>