

Lower Nazareth Township

Spring 2023

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP RECREATION 2023

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the world of Lower Nazareth Township Recreation! New park improvements and some awesome community events are in the works for 2023!



Newburg Park has two exciting features that will be constructed this year. In addition to the lights, signs, and security cameras that will be installed this year, the pickleball courts will be completed this Spring. The Township will offer four courts that will be located next to the dog park. We know our residents have been on pins and needles waiting for the courts to be completed and we are excited to have this great addition to Newburg Park. The cost of this park improvement is approximately \$125,000.

Also at Newburg Park, the long-awaited splash pad will start construction in August 2023. While we are sad that it won't be ready in time for this summer, we are at the mercy of waiting for the contractors. The splash pad will be 71' x 75' surrounded by a fence. The area will include a 500 sq. ft. maintenance shed and a pavilion located outside the fence. The Township has received a total of \$320,000 in grant money towards a project that is estimated to cost approximately \$800,000. All park improvements are being paid for with funding from the Recreation Fees account. These are fees paid by developers for recreation improvements.



Newburg Park is not the only park with improvements coming...the Recreation Committee worked to ensure the acquisition of a vacant parcel on Stafford Avenue totaling 2.34 acres at a cost of \$160,000. The purchase was made with funding from the Open Space EIT fund. This money is used for open space and farmland preservation in the Township. As part of the purchase, the Board of Supervisors agreed to deed restrictions that will prohibit any development of the property other than a walking path down the middle connecting to Surrey Glen Park. The remainder of the lot will remain wooded for in perpetuity.

The Township will be constructing a walking path connecting Stafford Avenue to Surrey Glen Park to improve walkability between the neighborhood and the park. Until the connecting path is done, the Township asks that people respect private property and not trespass on your neighbor's property to access the park. Engineering for the path has started and the Township has a \$50,000 grant for the path construction.

Park improvements aren't the only thing going on with the Recreation Committee. Turn to page 10 for details on upcoming events!!



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



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TOWNSHIP BOARDS & MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 623 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, NAZARETH

Meeting dates and location are subject to change.

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

Check website for Zoom connection information



LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman James Pennington,

Vice-Chairman Martin Boucher

Supervisor Stephen Brown

Supervisor Robert Hoyer

Supervisor Amy Templeton

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00pm

April 12th & 26th, May 10th & 24th, June 14th & 28th, July 12th & 26th,
August 9th & 23rd, September 13th & 27th, October 11th & 25th,
November 8th and December 13th

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

MEETING SCHEDULE - 6:30PM

April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, September 18th,
October 16th, November 20th, and December 18th

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Stephen Nordahl, Michael Gaul, Brian Fenstermaker
& Manouel Changalis

MEETS ON DEMAND

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Lynn Ratzell, Kay Brazinski, Don Capecci, Robert Pruznick, & Beverly Hoyer

MEETING SCHEDULE (see page 14) - 7:00PM

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

ADMINISTRATION

Lori Stauffer, Township Manager
Tammi Dravec, Secretary/Treasurer

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Lori Seese, Planning/Zoning Administrator
Tania Tishin, Zoning Clerk

TAX DEPARTMENT

Earned Income Tax Collector

Keystone Collections Group
see page 9 for earned income tax information

Local Services Tax Collector

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

Township Real Estate Tax Collector

Eric Mitcheltree
see page 8 for township real estate information

Nazareth Area School District Tax Collector

Berkheimer Associates
see page 8 for school real estate information

PARKS AND RECREATION

Lorie Gyarmaty, Parks & Recreation Coordinator

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

William Kocher, Director of Public Works

Township Solicitor

Gary Asteak, Esq.

Township Engineer

Albert Kortze, P.E.

Township Sewage Enforcement Officer

Christopher Noll

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

April 7 Good Friday
May 16 Primary Election Day
May 29 Memorial Day
July 4 Independence Day
September 4 Labor Day
November 7 Election Day
November 23 Thanksgiving
November 24 Thanksgiving
December 22 Christmas
December 25 Christmas
December 29 New Year's Eve

STAY INFORMED VISIT OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Our website, www.lowernazareth.com, keeps residents informed on programs and events in the township. The home page contains important announcements such as meeting cancellations and informative public announcements. Agendas, meeting minutes, reports, resolutions, and agreements are available for review under the Township Meetings header. In addition, permit applications, tax forms, and records requests are available. For your convenience, we've included helpful links to community, education, governmental, and health and welfare websites. There is even a link to email us your comments, questions, or concerns. We are interested in your comments about the site as our mission is to provide a user friendly and informative website for our constituents. In addition to our website, residents can stay informed through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/LowerNazarethTownship.

ELECTION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

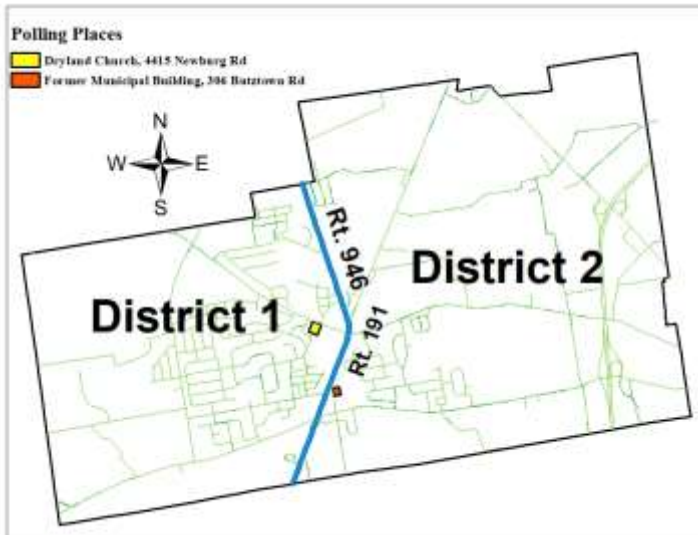
Pennsylvania's Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, May 16th**. If you want to vote, there are some important dates you need to remember.



Monday, May 1st	-	Last day to register to vote in the Primary
Tuesday, May 9th	-	Final day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
Tuesday, May 16th	-	Last day for the Northampton County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots

GET OUT & VOTE! **Primary Election Day is** **Tuesday, May 16th**

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 7th.



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

You can also read current and past messages on our website.

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.

Sign up for alerts from the Lower Nazareth Township

Mobile #	Public safety Text messages sent here
Home #	Public safety voice messages sent here
Voice Msgs	Do not send Voice Messages ▾
Email	Public safety email sent here
Zip Code	Selects messages for your location
Language	English ▾

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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

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.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

The Board of Supervisors is currently searching for a resident of Lower Nazareth Township to serve on the library board. The Board is looking for candidates who will support the mission of the library. The library's mission is "To inspire and enrich the lives of the residents in our supporting municipalities by offering valuable lifetime literacies and a community centric service approach."

If you have an interest to serve on the board, send a letter of interest to Township Secretary, Tammi Dravec at TDravec@LowerNazareth.com.

General Library Board Member: Primary Roles

- Attends and regular participation at library board meetings. (*Board meetings take place in the evening on the fourth Tuesday of the month.*)
- Is appointed to the board for a three-year term.
- Prepares for board meetings by reviewing reports ahead of time.
- Reports to the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors on important information such as library usage statistics and activities. Attends municipal meetings as needed.
- Works in partnership with the Library Director and other board members to create a budget each fiscal year.
- Maintains an awareness of the library mission statement and strategic plan.
- Advocates for the library in the community and offers a mechanism for feedback to help evaluate the effectiveness of library services.
- Reviews and assesses monthly financial reports.
- Works with the Director on existing policies and helps to create new policies when needed.
- Supports library functions and activities.
- Attends and volunteers at library functions as requested.
- Understands and abides by library bylaws.
- Assists the library board with the evolution of a capital campaign.

TOWNSHIP WIDE YARD \$ALE INFORMATION

The annual township wide yard sale will be observed on **Saturday, May 6th**. 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.



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.

PENNDOT BRIDGE PROJECT - COUNTRY CLUB ROAD CLOSURE

The H&K Group, Inc. has been contracted by PennDOT District 5-0 to replace **SR2031, Country Club Road over US 22**, in Northampton County.

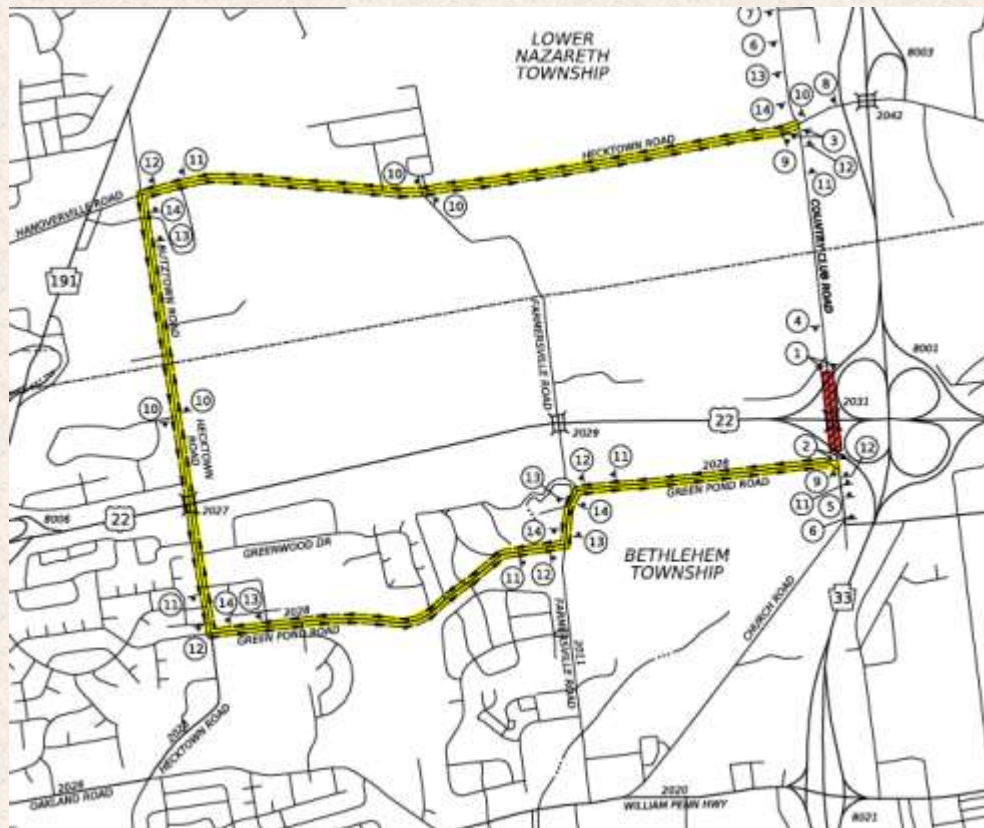
LONG TERM CLOSURE of COUNTRY CLUB ROAD **MONDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2024**

A Detour will be implemented between the intersections of:

- Southern Side of US22: Green Pond (SR2028) Road & Country Club Road (SR 2031)
- Northern Side of US22: Hecktown Road (SR2042) & Country Club Road (SR2031)

Access to the following will remain accessible from this intersection.

- ♦ Hopelock Kennels (4225 Country Club Road, Easton, PA)
- ♦ Oak Ridge Equestrian @ Hope Lock Farm (4231 Country Club Road, Easton, PA)
- ♦ Louise Moore County Park (151 Country Club Road, Easton, PA)
- ♦ Brown Daub Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram, Fiat (3903 Hecktown Road, Easton, PA)
- ♦ Residences will remain accessible from this intersection throughout construction



FINANCIAL CORNER

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Township residents will receive **three** real estate tax bills each year. Lower Nazareth Township receives 4.50 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 56.80 mills. For example, a Township resident with a real estate valuation of \$100,000 in 2023 will pay a total of \$7,210.00 in real estate taxes distributed as follows:

	Valuation	Mills	Amount
Township	\$100,000.00	x 4.50	\$450.00
County	\$100,000.00	x 10.80	\$1,080.00
School	\$100,000.00	x 56.80	\$5,680.00



**** 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 610-588-8011 or Senator Lisa Boscola's district office at 610-868-8667. Staff will be happy to help you determine your eligibility and fill out the appropriate paperwork.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES

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

FINANCIAL CORNER

EARNED INCOME TAXES & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

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

EARNED INCOME TAXES



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

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

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

Taxpayers with earned income in 2022 are required to file a Final Tax Return by **Tuesday April 18, 2023**. If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can [e-file](#) on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

Keystone Collections Group's [e-file](#) is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2022 tax return. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number, and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C)

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

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

LOCAL SERVICES TAX

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

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP RECREATION 2023

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM—June 26th—July 21st



After a three-year hiatus, the Lower Nazareth Township Summer Park Program is back! Details to sign up for this amazing program are on page 11.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 a.m.

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. More detailed information is located on pages 12 & 13. This event will be at the Butztown Road Park.



DOG'S DAY OUT II - Saturday, September 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Dog's Day Out II is on track to become another successful event. Last year'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 II. 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 1st at 7:00 p.m.



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!

Keep watching for updates!

Lower Nazareth Township Summer Park Program

Open to children ages 5–10 (limited to 100 participants)

Lower Nazareth Township Municipal Park - 306 Butztown Road

2023 Program Dates



June 26th - July 21st
(Four Week Program)



Monday – Friday 9 am – 12 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING SUMMER PARK PROGRAM:

MAD SCIENCE, LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO,
CARNIVAL DAY, HERO DAY, ACTION KARATE, MEMORIAL
LIBRARY OF NAZARETH WITH VISITS FROM
OOGIES ICE CREAM TRUCK AND KONA ICE TRUCK.



Registration is OPEN



Registration Form and the following for **EACH child
(Health Form, Township Waiver Form, & Action Karate Waiver Form)
and check payment need to be mailed or dropped off at:**

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
Summer Park Registration
623 Municipal Drive, Suite 200
Nazareth, PA 18064

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 AM–4:00 PM

Forms are available at www.lowernazareth.com

FOUR WEEK PROGRAM FEES:

Regular Fee:

\$250 per child
\$225 for EACH additional child

Lower Nazareth Resident Fee:

\$225 per child
\$200 for EACH additional child

PAYMENT BY CHECK ONLY!

Make check payable to: LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 a.m. — 306 Butztown Road Park

Rain Date is April 2nd @ 11:00 a.m.

All children 0—12 are welcome to participate

Lower Nazareth Township is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at 306 Butztown Road. Rain date will be Sunday, April 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Last year's egg hunt was a bit chaotic, so the Recreation Committee has implemented some changes.

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

(0-1) and (2-3)	11:00 a.m.	(Basketball Court and Tennis Courts)
(4-5)	11:10 a.m.	(Field # 2)
(6-7)	11:20 a.m.	(Field # 5)
(8-9) and (10-12)	11:30 a.m.	(Football Field)



LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 a.m. — 306 Butztown Road Park

Rain Date is April 2nd @ 11:00 a.m.

All children 0—12 are welcome to participate

It is recommended to arrive early as Route 191 was backed up last year and parking will be limited. The egg hunt starts promptly at the times listed.

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.

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!

Last year, our community partners made it possible to hand out over 100 amazing prizes! Our community partners are fabulous and have stepped up to support the community once again! 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:

JG Petrucci

WaWa

Target

Sam's Club

FastLane Towing

Kelly Nissan of Route 33

Koch Toyota

Iron Pigs

Prime Martial Arts

Trammel Crow / Clarion Realty

Bill's Service Center

A2M Auto Sales & Service

Atul K. Amin MD PC

Lehigh Valley Hospital Network

Dugan's Heat Pump & A/C

Keystone Food Products

Applebee's

Buza's Greenhouse

Mark's Automotive

Phillips Feed Service

Snyder's-Lance Inc.

Top Star, Inc.

Fulton Bank

Faulkner Subaru

Sweetly Smitten Cookies

Crumbl Cookies

Expression of Dance

We hope you will join us on April 1st!!

LOWER NAZARETH ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Left to right, Robert Pruznuck, Beverly Hoyer, Kay Brazinski, and Don Capecci. Missing from photo is Lynn Ratzell.

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th,
September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th

Meetings will be held in person and virtually.
Members of the public are invited to join via Zoom.
Connection information is available on our website & Facebook

The Lower Nazareth Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) has provided several recommendations to the Board of Supervisors during 2022. Much of that work is still under review and discussion. However, the following activities are either completed or soon to be completed.

Several properties have been evaluated for preservation through the purchase of development rights. These properties either possess unique environmental qualities or are suitable for farmland preservation.

One property, the Lower Nazareth Rod and Gun Club, has accepted the developments rights offer. That means, while the property remains the private property of the Rod and Gun Club, the property can never be developed. As a result, a stretch of the Monocacy Creek is protected indefinitely.

The purchase of land along Stafford Avenue, with money from the development rights fund, will extend the Surrey Glen Park to the local residential streets, allowing families in the nearby residential areas to access Surrey Glen Park without driving or walking Georgetown Road. This is important now with wonderful improvements made to the park by the Township Recreation Committee.

Managing storm water runoff is not only a good idea, it is also a state requirement placed on all municipalities. EAC works with the township engineers to help come up with an effective plan for storm water management. Please remember whatever runs onto our streets ends up in the local streams. If you would like any information on storm water management, please contact the Township Office

One goal of the EAC is to seek ways for residents to move about the township without having to hop into cars. As a result, pathways are an important part of future township planning. Our hope for the future is that pathways in the township will connect to regional trails.

One effort you might have noticed is an asphalt path along Hanoverville Road. While this path is privately funded by the landowners, it should be noted that it is the direct result of the township's initiative to incorporate pathways into its infrastructure.

Last year EAC conducted a cleanup and tree planting at Surrey Glen Park in conjunction with Earth Day . We hope to do something similar this year. Please stay tuned to the Township website for information.

Article contribution made by Lynn Ratzell

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.



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

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

PLANNING A PICNIC OR A PARTY?

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

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

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.



YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Baseball / Softball—www.nazarethbsa.org

Basketball—www.blueeaglesbasketball.com

Field Hockey—www.nazarethclippers.org

Football—www.nazarethclippers.org

Lacrosse—www.nazarethclippers.org

Soccer—www.nazarethsoccer.org

TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECT



This year's road project will be the mill and overlay of Hanoverville Road from Route 191 to the bridge. The project will go out to bid this Spring and construction is scheduled to begin this summer or early fall.

BUTZTOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



The Township Manager has applied for a grant for the replacement of the stormwater pipes as well as the overlay of Butztown Road. The estimated cost of the project is \$565,000. We hope to have this work completed by mid-2024.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS



The Township Manager procured a Traffic Signal Technologies grant in the amount of \$256,000. This grant will allow us to upgrade the six (6) traffic signals along Route 248 from Jandy Boulevard to Corriere Road allowing for less congestion and smoother traffic flow. Lower Nazareth was the only municipality in the Lehigh Valley to receive this grant.

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.

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

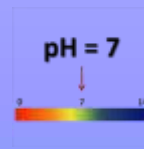
1. Do not rinse or clean filters into the street, paved driveways, or a street drain. Do not drain backwash into streets or stormwater drains.
2. Rinse cartridge filters into a container and allow the waste to settle out. Dispose of residue by bagging and placing it in the trash after it dries out.

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.

CAT & DOG POPULATION CONTROL AND 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 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. Dog licenses may also be purchased online at www.padoglicense.com. For more information contact Northampton County Courthouse Revenue Office; 2nd floor Room 2132; 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042-7484 or call 610-829-6186 option 6.



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.



PIBBLES PAWS SAFE HAVEN

Lower Nazareth Township is pleased to announce our participation in the Nazareth Area Council of Governments Animal Control Program. As of January 1, 2019, Pibbles Paws Safe Haven serves as our Animal Control Officer. The animal control program will only cover dogs at this time.

Pibbles Paws Safe Haven is located in Moore Township and is a state-licensed facility that currently works to rescue adult dogs and puppies in need of a forever family. The Facebook page for the animal control officer is "Pibbles Paws Safe Haven ACO Stray Intakes". Pictures of lost or stray dogs will be posted on this page as well as other important information.

If you see a lost or stray dog, please contact Northampton County Non-Emergency at 610-759-2200. Do not call 911. Your local police department will determine if the Animal Control Officer will need to respond.

Pibbles Paws Safe Haven is always in need of foster families for both puppies and adult dogs. If you would like to open your heart and your home to a pup in need, please contact Pibbles Paws directly through Facebook.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture reports that this BadBug has been running all over town. Name: Spotted Lanternfly

Description: Suspect appears to be an adult, approximately 1" long and 1/2" wide at rest, grey in color with contrasting red and black wings with black spots.

Suspect was last seen destroying trees, vineyards, crops, and more across Pennsylvania. If you see em', squash em' if you can!

For more information or to report sightings please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at <https://buff.ly/2KBn1ph>

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.

RECYCLING CORNER



www.responsiblerecyclingservices.com

Be Environmentally Friendly!

Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated electronics and appliances.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!!!

Lower Nazareth Township

Lower Nazareth Recycling Facility

4600 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064

Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 - 3pm-6pm

*****Lower Nazareth Township Residents Only with ID****

NON CONTACT!! YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR!

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

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| ♻ Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors) | ♻ DVD Players & VCR's |
| ♻ Keyboards & Mice | ♻ Gaming Systems |
| ♻ Printers/Fax Machines | ♻ String Christmas Lights |
| ♻ Cables & Cords | ♻ Microwaves & Small Appliances |
| ♻ Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries | ♻ Metal Items & Water Heaters |
| ♻ Laptops | ♻ Exercise Equipment |
| ♻ UPS Battery Backups | ♻ Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) |
| ♻ Toner & Ink Cartridges | ♻ Bed Frames & Rain spouting |
| ♻ Audio Visual Equipment | ♻ Filing Cabinets |
| ♻ Telephones & Cell Phones* | |

*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

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|--|--|
| ♻ Washers & Dryers-\$20.00 | ♻ Air Conditioners - \$25.00 |
| ♻ Stoves \$20.00 | ♻ Dehumidifiers - \$25.00 |
| ♻ Dishwashers-\$20.00 | ♻ Refrigerators - \$35.00 |
| ♻ Computer Monitors \$20 | ♻ Floor Freezers - \$35.00 |
| ♻ Televisions under 42" - \$40.00 ALL Types | ♻ Floor Copiers-\$20.00 |
| ♻ TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs)) \$58.00 | ♻ Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00 |
| | ♻ Water Coolers & Dorm Fridge - \$25 |

Destruction Services for a Fee:

- ♻ Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- ♻ Document Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

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

Please have exact change or check prepared.

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



**LOWER NAZARETH
TOWNSHIP**

September 23rd

Time : TBD

2023

SHRED EVENT

shredding performed on site!

Free Document Shredding Event for Lower Nazareth Township Residents!

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:

- 🗑 Newspaper, Junk Mail, Mags/Catalogs
- 🗑 CDs, Photos/Negatives, X-rays

Proof of residency is required!

Lower Nazareth Twp.
Recycling Center
4600 Newburg Road

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.

RICHTER
MOBILE SHREDDING



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

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.

YARD WASTE RECYCLING

OPEN MARCH-NOVEMBER

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.frcaweb.org. Hours are subject to change. Please call 610-262-1000 to confirm hours and for any questions.

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 24th** and run until **Friday May 5th**. Crews will cycle through the Township numerous times during this two-week time period. Please place materials at the curb no later than **Thursday May 4th**. Materials placed by the curb on May 4th 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 at this time 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 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's Household Hazardous Waste Event
is in the works for this Fall.

More details will be available in August.
Please check our website and Facebook page for more details at that time.



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 13th** 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.

(NO PUTRESCIBLE GARBAGE)

METAL / WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES*

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

CAR/TRUCK BATTERIES—\$5/battery

WOOD MATERIALS

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

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

Please see information on Electronics Recycling found on page 20 & 25

» 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 20 for information on the Township's April 11th event. Also, listed below are residential and business drop-off locations. *(fee may apply)*

- 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 Phone: 610-443-1776

EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

HECKTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company had its busiest year to date, responding to a record 364 emergencies in 2022. With continuing to participate in a variety of training ranging from national certification in the Fire-fighter I program, Vehicle Rescue certification, as well as recertification in the hazardous materials operations program, our members are staying extremely active.

Please visit our website, www.hecktownfire.org, and follow us on Facebook, to keep up with our responses to emergencies, training, and for information about our public relations events, fire prevention activities, and fundraisers.

2023 welcomes a new regime of leadership as Fire Chief Jeffrey Seip has retired. The members of Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company can not begin to thank Jeff enough for his 27 years of Service and dedication to Lower Nazareth as Chief. Jeff oversaw the purchases of every current piece of apparatus in service, including the 2022 Rescue/Engine that was put into service last year, and has left the fire company in the best position to succeed for many years to come.

As always, we are looking for as much help as we can get! As the township continues to expand, so do the requirements of the Fire Company. If you are interested in finding out how you can get involved in our organization, please check out 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.

Remember to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. You may also want to consider replacing your

detectors if they are over 10 years old. Many new detectors feature a 10 year lithium ion battery that will last the entire life of the detector itself.

Thank you for your generous support in 2022 and we look forward to your continued help and support in 2023.

Please note *The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company is the only provider of fire and rescue services in Lower Nazareth Township. Our local EMS provider is Bethlehem Township Fire Company EMS. They do their own fund drive each year. Funds are not shared between the two organizations. We hope that you can continue to support both entities in 2023 and beyond. If you receive fundraising materials from other fire or rescue services (i.e. Nancy Run Fire Co.) please disregard them.

Lower Nazareth Township is growing rapidly, please remember to keep your house number visible on your mailbox and on the front of your home. Having the number displayed prominently in a contrasting color will help fire and EMS crews quickly locate your home or business in the event of an emergency.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office: 610 861-4820

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 610 759-2200

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

In 2022, the Colonial Regional Police Department responded to approximately 8,793 calls for service. Of those, 242 were thefts or attempted thefts in Lower Nazareth Township. Most were thefts from unlocked motor vehicles which were parked outside of the owner's residence, and the majority of these thefts happened in the nighttime hours. Other theft reports were thefts of packages from porches and mailboxes. Also reported were several victims scammed by phone calls.

There are simple ways to avoid being the victim of these "crimes of opportunity". Keep your car doors locked when your car is parked in your driveway or at a store. Most thieves will bypass a vehicle when they find the doors locked. Never leave anything of value in your vehicle like laptops, purses, or wallets. Especially don't leave them in plain sight. If you're expecting a package to be delivered to your home, make sure you track it.

When it's delivered, immediately have it removed. If you are not at home to remove it yourself, ask a neighbor or a family member to do it for you. Thefts of packages from porches happen at all times during the year, but the frequency increases during the holidays. As for phone scams, never provide any personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, or credit card numbers to someone on any unsolicited phone call. The IRS will only contact you by mail, and no legitimate agency will ask you to pay for something or pay a fine by having you purchase any type of gift card and reading the card numbers to them over the phone. Some of the more common phone scams are the scammers calling and telling you there is a warrant out for your arrest or that a family member has been arrested and they need bail money. Another scam is that you won money and that you must pay the taxes before they can send you your winnings. Remember the adage, "if it's too good to be true, it probably is".

Keep yourself safe by taking a few easy steps. Let your family or neighbors know when you're expecting deliveries or when you are having work done on or around your property. If you are going away for an extended period, make sure your house is locked up, lights are on timers and your mail is stopped or being picked up by a friend or family member. Be aware of your surroundings. If something is suspicious or out of place in your neighborhood, it should be reported to the police by calling the Northampton County 911 Center's non-emergency number, 610-759-2200, or by simply dialing 911.



COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

COFFEE WITH A COP



Come out to our Coffee with a Cop event on Tuesday, April 11th, from 8 AM – 10 AM. 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!

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The CRPD plans on holding another Citizen's Police Academy in 2023. The program runs for 12 consecutive weeks, starting the end of August. The academy covers topics such as crash investigations, crime scene investigations, Northampton County Drug Task Force information, and a mock trial at the local district court, just to name a few. If you are interested in attending the academy this year, please check the CRPD website (colonialregionalpd.org) and/or our Facebook page at the end of June for sign up information. If you have any questions, please contact the station at 610-861-4820 and ask for Wanda Stackhouse.

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

NO LIQUID DRUGS OR NEEDLES ACCEPTED

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.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

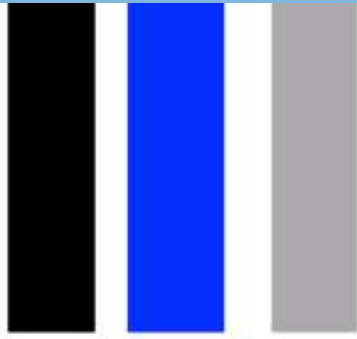
- ◆ Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.
- ◆ Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.
- ◆ The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.
- ◆ The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends—and the home medicine cabinet.

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



JENNIFER D. HENDERSHOT MEMORIAL



5K RUN

3K DOG WALK



A RACE TO BENEFIT THE
FAMILY OF JANNA KEISER &
CHILDREN OF JENNIFER
HENDERSHOT

SATURDAY
4/29/2023

HANOVER COMMUNITY PARK

3660 JACKSONVILLE RD
BETHLEHEM PA 18017

5K Run (\$35) - 8:00AM
3K Walk (\$25) - 8:15AM



TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT:
bit.ly/jenhendershot5k

Hosted by the Colonial Regional Police Auxiliary

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
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MEMORIAL LIBRARY CORNER

MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity is excited to announce an abundance of wonderful happenings for spring and summer 2023!

Participate in the Windows to the Future Campaign! The library is seeking funding to replace its original 1927 boiler and windows. This effort is focused on ensuring the functionality and maintenance of the heating in the building while at the same time increasing efficiency so that the library can reduce operating costs. The total cost to replace the boiler and windows is estimated to be \$800,000. Please consider making a donation to this campaign through our website, www.nazarethlibrary.org, or sending a donation to the library at 295 E. Center St., Nazareth, PA with "Windows to the Future Campaign" in the memo line.

Do you love the library? Do you like to have fun? The library is looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer their time to help run book sales, promote the use of the library and the love of books, and make friends at the same time! If you are interested in joining a newly forming Friends of the Library group, please contact Holly Bennett at hbennett@nazarethlibrary.org.

Did you know that with your library card you have a wealth of FREE amazing electronic resources at your fingertips? Via the "Collections" then "eBooks & Audiobooks" tab or the "Research" tab on the library website, you have access to THOUSANDS of ebooks, audiobooks, comic books, movies, TV shows, magazines, music, puzzles, games, and research tools like genealogy resources, homework helps, language learning, maps, newspapers, and scholarly databases.

Celebrate special events! It's National Library Week April 23-29. Learn how to properly care for and preserve books, photos, and documents during Preservation Week in May, and unleash your inner artist with Star Wars character impersonators at Free Comic Book Day on May 6.

Share your opinions with the Audiobook Lovers' Book Group, Daytime Book Group, Wednesday Night Book Group, and Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group. Call the library for a current schedule and details about a new Historical Fiction Recommendations discussion group. All are welcome – especially first time attendees!

Children are invited to meetings of the Junior Friends of the Library on every third Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm and can contact Ms. Berry Steiner at bsteiner@nazarethlibrary.org for more information.

Stop in for ongoing infant and toddler story times and toddler Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as a host of special children's activities and events, at the library as well as in Bushkill Township and Lower Nazareth.

Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board, and its regular meetings. Exciting spring events for teens include the IditaREAD challenge, a "Lost and Found Art Gallery," movie trivia night, "MLNV Makes" Teen Makerspace, and community yard sale.

Get ready for a jam-packed Summer Reading 2023 program, which will focus on animals and financial literacy! Children can look forward to a piggy bank pageant, events with live animals, an author visit, kids' concert, and much, much more! Registration opens on May 31.

Mark your calendar NOW for the 2023 Touch-a-Truck Festival on October 7.

Thank you to all patrons and many community organizations who support the library: the library's four municipalities, readers, donors, volunteers, and event presenters and attendees. Together, we can achieve our mission.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

What about a **Driveway Permit**? Yes, Driveway Permits are required. Any time you repair, repave (overlay), or reconstruct your driveway, you must apply for a Driveway Permit. Conformity with the Zoning Ordinance will be checked and we will 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? Working from home has become more common. Lower Nazareth Township requires a **Zoning Permit** for a Home Office. Home Offices are permitted in most zoning districts. A Home Office use would be limited to persons who are permanent residents of the dwelling, visitors limited to less than 5 per day, no parking or use of trucks on the lot or street, 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 Office is a one-time fee of \$50.00. The application form can be found on our website.



In general, **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 typically only issued for agricultural operations.

These days a lot of people have **outdoor kitchens, fireplaces or firepits**. We want to stress the following points when we talk about fire safety:

- * Your neighbors may not enjoy the smoke blowing into their yard or they may have asthma which makes it harder for them to breathe. Please always 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.
- * Before lighting an outdoor fire, check the weather forecast. 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.
- * Picking up leaves and other combustible materials, around the pit is important to ensure the fire doesn't accidentally spread.
- * Always have a container of water nearby and a garden hose on standby before starting the fire.



New Alarm System? – Yes, you need a permit for that, too. *Why?* **Alarm Permits** are necessary to register systems to the homeowner. In the event that there is a call to 911, Police and Emergency Services will respond. Sometimes, it is a false alarm. If no one is home, we need to know who to contact. Police and Emergency resources are often wasted by alarm systems that are not functioning properly or simply human error. Excessive false alarms are a waste of valuable resources and tax dollars. The Township's Alarm Ordinance does provide for the ability to issue fines for false alarms; however, everyone's time would be better served by making sure your systems are functioning properly. The Alarm Permit application can be obtained in the Township Office or on the Township's website. The cost of the permit is a one-time fee of \$10.00.

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 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. 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 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?

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.
- ✓ 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.)

PLANNING SPRING LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS?

The Importance of Swale Maintenance

Many residents in the Township 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. ***Please note!*** If those areas need to be accessed by the township, PADOT or a utility company in the future, your sprinkler system or invisible fence will be disturbed and it will be your responsibility to fix it since it should not be there.

PLANNING SPRING LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS?

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.

SINKHOLE REPAIR TIPS



As many of our residents already know, Lower Nazareth Township is located in a very sink-hole 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.

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LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday April 1st	Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday April 11th	Electronics Recycling
Saturday May 6th	Yard Sale
Saturday May 13th	Spring Clean-Up Day
Tuesday May 16th	Primary Election Day
Saturday September 23rd	Shred Event

The Municipal Office will be closed:

Friday April 7th	Good Friday
Tuesday May 16th	Primary Election Day
Monday May 29th	Memorial Day
Tuesday July 4th	Independence Day
Monday September 4th	Labor Day