

Lower Nazareth Township

Fall 2023



DOG'S DAY OUT II



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

September 30, 2023

(Rain Date: October 1, 2023)

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**FOOD
VENDORS**

VENDORS

**BASKET
GIVEAWAYS**

GIVEAWAYS

*First 150 furbabies

**PUP CUP
STATION**
Sponsored by
Lehigh Valley
Health Network



Turn to page 10 & 11 for photos
vendor and food information, and dunk tank details!!



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



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TOWNSHIP BOARDS & MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 623 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, NAZARETH

Meeting dates and location are subject to change.

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



LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman James Pennington
Vice-Chairman Martin Boucher
Supervisor Stephen Brown
Supervisor Robert Hoyer
Supervisor Amy Templeton

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

September 27th, October 25th, November 8th, December 13th

Check website for Zoom connection information

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

MEETING SCHEDULE - 6:30PM

September 18th, October 16th, November 20th, December 18th

Check website for Zoom connection information

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Stephen Nordahl, Michael Gaul, Brian Fenstermaker
& Manouel Changalis

MEETS ON DEMAND

Check website for Zoom connection information

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th

Check website for Zoom connection information

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Lori B. 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

November 7, 2023Election Day
November 23, 2023Thanksgiving
November 24, 2023Thanksgiving
December 22, 2023Christmas
December 25, 2023Christmas
December 29, 2023New Year's Eve
January 1, 2024New Year's Day

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.

NAZARETH HALLOWEEN PARADE

Come out to the 2023 Annual Nazareth Halloween parade on Saturday October 21st at 1PM. Lower Nazareth Township staff will be driving our trucks and tossing candy. Parade is rain or shine. Hope to see you there!!!!

The Parade is sponsored by the Vigilance Hose Company No. 1. Hot dogs and soda will be available for all parade participants following the parade at the Nazareth Senior High School.

TRICK-OR-TREAT!! HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31st - 6:00PM—8:00PM

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

SAFETY TIPS:



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

Have a safe and fun Halloween!

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



TURN CLOCKS BACK—SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH





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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Sign Up!

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th

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

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

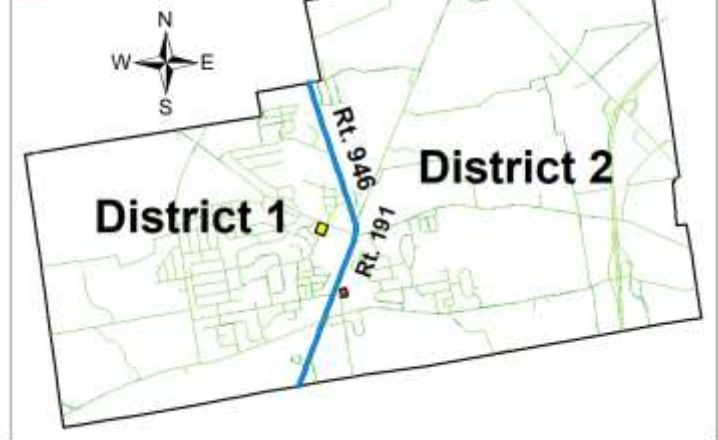
District #2 - East of Routes 946 and 191 –
Lower Nazareth Municipal Building, 306 Butztown Road

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

Polling Places

- Dryland Church, 4415 Newburg Rd
- Former Municipal Building, 306 Butztown Rd



BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

The Northampton County Elections Office has installed a secure ballot drop-off box in each of the County's four districts. The boxes will be available beginning sometime in October until 8:00PM on November 7, 2023. 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

GRANTS AWARDED FOR OUR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARMENTS

Northampton County awarded Hecktown Fire Company a grant in the amount of \$14,300 for the replacement of the HVAC units on their building. The project was put out to bid and awarded to McCloskey Mechanical. Work is expected to be completed by year end.

The Township has been awarded a Monroe County LSA grant in the amount of \$119,669 for the purchase of new radios for Hecktown Fire Company. The new radios will replace the existing obsolete radios and will comply with new 911 parameters. The grant will help purchase six truck radios and 15 hand held radios. We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge Senator Lisa Boscola and Representative Joe Emrick in their consistent support of our Township!

The Township was also awarded a Northampton/Lehigh County LSA grant in the amount of \$114,178 for the radios. We were granted a change of scope of the project from radios to two police vehicles for Colonial Regional Police.

TOWNSHIP PROJECT UPDATES



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 Correire Road allowing for less congestion and smoother traffic flow. Lower Nazareth was the only municipality in the Lehigh Valley to receive this grant. Work will be completed during 2024.

The Township was awarded a grant through Northampton County in the amount of \$20,000 for a generator for the Municipal Building. The generator will power the entire building in the event of a power outage. The generator has been ordered and once received will be installed in conjunction with an electrician.

The Township will be replacing the stormwater pipes as well as the overlay of Butztown Road. The estimated cost of the project is \$565,000. The Township is also looking to realign Butztown Road at Route 191; including a turning lane on Route 191. Total cost of both projects is estimated to be \$1,170,148. The Township has applied for a Multi-Modal Transportation grant in the amount of \$819,103 for these projects. The realignment portion of the project is contingent on receiving this grant.



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CORNER

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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 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.

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 \$3,637.50 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. The **Lower Nazareth Township Tax Collector's Office** remains closed to the public due to the pandemic. Please mail all payments to the address on your tax bill. If you must pay in person please call to make arrangements. The Tax Collector's phone number is 484-291-1546.

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. 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 Ann Flood's district office at 610-746-2100 or Senator Mario Scavella's district office at 610-863-1200. 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 2023 are required to file a Final Tax Return by **Monday April 15, 2024**. 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 2023 tax return. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number, and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C)



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

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

LOCAL SERVICES TAX

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

DOGS DAY OUT II INFORMATION

Now that you've seen our vendors, let's talk food! We have some awesome eats and treats for our human guests. Sit a spell under the food tent and enjoy some great food from AB Catering & Food Cart, Gerk's BBQ, MommaBellyBuster and Sweet Scoops. Top it off with some tasty samples from Five Maidens Cider Company, Sleepy Cat Urban Winery, and Birthright Brewing.



American Heritage Girls Troop 0812 will be selling baked goods.

Dog's Day Out is proud to have Red Rock Rescue and The Center for Animal Health & Welfare at our event! Thinking of adding a fur baby to your pack? These are two great organizations that have great puppies and dogs for adoption. They both do a great job to promote animal welfare! Don't forget to stop by their tables and show some love and support



Colonial Regional Police Department will be on hand giving our dog bones to our furry friends. In addition, Chief DePalma has agreed to sit in a dunk tank to raise funds for their K9 officers! We hope to see everyone come out and try their hand at dunking the chief! All proceeds will benefit our K9 officers, Otto and Romeo!



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PROGRAMS



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY | RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION EVENT

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE

2023

Household Hazardous Waste

September 30 *rain or shine*



EVENT GUIDELINES

DROP-OFF IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

online pre-registration is required & opens August 30, on a first come, first served basis. Registration will close when timeslots are filled. Visit NorthamptonCounty.org for registration link & to learn more.

COLLECTION EVENTS ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTE

acceptable waste must be generated *within a home* in Northampton County and not affiliated with any commercial business, contractor, institution, nonprofit, organization, or out-of-county residence.

STAFF HAS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE & REFUSE UNAUTHORIZED MATERIAL

MAX AMOUNT ALLOWED is 30 gallons & 80 pounds of **solid material**. Containers larger than five (5) gallons will **NOT** be accepted.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED AT CHECK-IN

Event will be monitored to ensure compliance with PADEP requirements.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

AUTOMOTIVE • OUTDOOR • HOME • WORKSHOP

Acids, Corrosives, Caustics, Solvents
Adhesives, Caulking, Glues, Sealers, Shellacs
Aerosols (partial/full)
Ballasts
Batteries (non-Alkaline)
CFLs & Fluorescent Tubes
Cleaners, Degreasers
Compounds, Oxidizers, Reactives
Drain Openers
Fertilizers
Finishers, Removers, Strippers
Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (20 lb. size)
Flammables
Fuels, Gasoline, Gas/Oil Mix, Kerosene
(Auto) Fluids, Fuel Additives, Oils
Herbicides, Weed Killers
Lacquers, Thinners, Turpentine, Varnishes
(Mercury) Thermometers & Thermostats
Oil-Based Paint & Sprays
Pesticides, Insecticides, Poisons
Polishes, Stains
Swimming Pool Chemicals

RESTRICTED MATERIALS

Alkaline Batteries • Ammunition, Explosives, Fireworks, Flares
Appliances, Electronics • C & D Material • Empty Containers
Compressed Gas Cylinders, Oxygen, Acetylene, Helium Tanks
Incandescent, LED Bulbs • Latex Paint • Medical Waste, SHARPS
Radioactive Material/Smoke Detectors • Refrigerants/Freon
Tires • Unidentified Wastes • Water-based Products



NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem 18020

Thank You Partners!





The 2023 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 14

Louise W. Moore Park- Easton, PA

11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**LIVE
MUSIC**

**RAIN
OR
SHINE!**

VENDORS

**FOOD
TRUCKS**

AWARDS

**FREE
ENTRY**

For more info: Debi@Fun-NominalEvents.com or 484-239-4925

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.

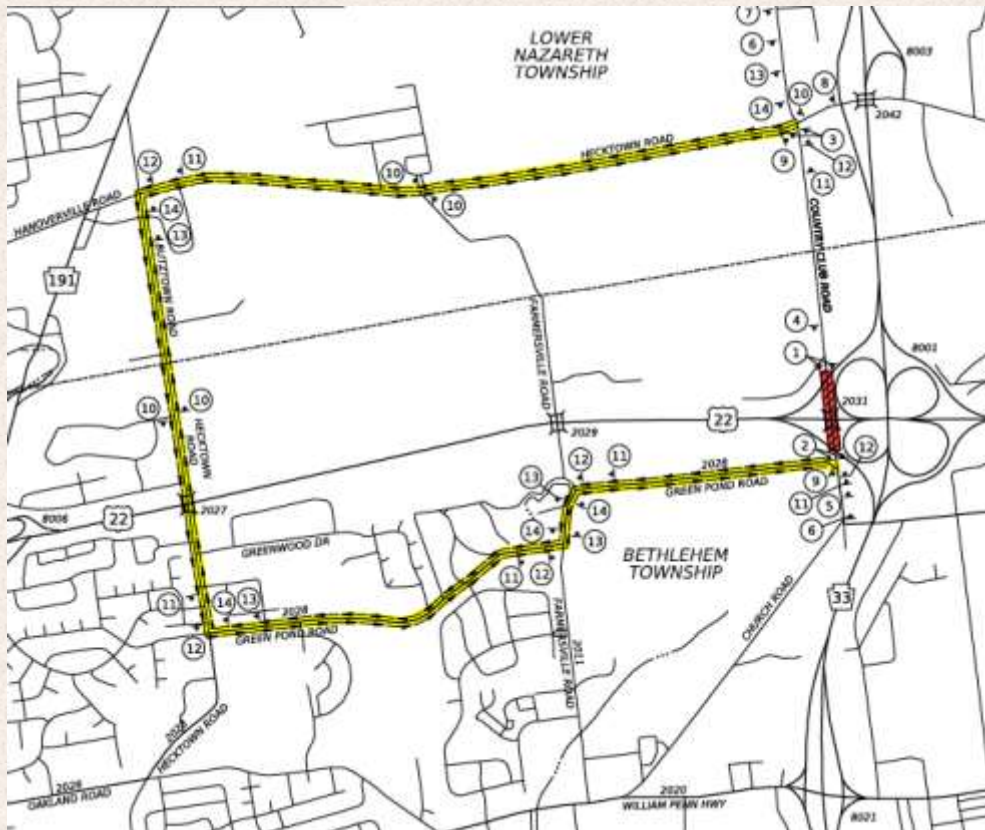
LONG TERM CLOSURE of COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
MONDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2024

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



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.lnbaseball.com

Basketball—www.blueeaglesbasketball.com

Field Hockey—www.nazarethclippers.org

Football—www.nazarethclippers.org

Lacrosse—www.nazarethclippers.org

Soccer—www.nazarethsoccer.org

Wrestling / Cheering—www.nazarethmidgetwrestling.com

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.

The Center
for Animal Health & Welfare
Providing Humane Answers for Homeless Animals

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



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

DOG LICENCES...IT'S THE LAW

State law requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed. Owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to fines up to \$300.00. Licenses are valid for the county in which the owner resides. Applications are available online at www.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.

2023 SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

After a three-year hiatus, the Lower Nazareth Township Summer Park Program returned and the kids had a blast!

Special events included visits from Mad Science, Lehigh Valley Zoo, Action Karate, Memorial Library of Nazareth, Oo-gies Ice Cream Truck, and the Kona Ice Truck.

The kids met with Colonial Regional Police, Bethlehem Township EMS, and Hecktown Fire on Hero Day and were cooled down with a shower of water from the fire truck.

The program wrapped up with Carnival Day with games, face painting, a bounce house, and a show with Balloons the Clown!



SEE EVERYONE NEXT SUMMER !!!!!

NEWBURG PARK & SURREY GLEN PARK UPDATES

PARK SIGNAGE

The entrance sign and kiosk sign at Newburg Park have been installed. The kiosk sign is close to the parking lot. The sign contains a list of donors, a list of rules, a map of the park, and on the back three panels is a map of the entire Township.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

The pickleball courts opened earlier this summer. As a reminder of the rules - 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. Only Township staff can tell you to leave.

SPLASHPAD

The splash pad equipment has been delivered. Installation will begin before the end of 2023 and should be ready for the 2024 season.

SURREY GLEN PARK WALKING PATH

Earlier this year, the Township acquired 2.34 acres of land fronting on Stafford Avenue, adjoining Surrey Glen Park. The Township will create a walking path to connect Stafford Avenue to Surrey Glen Park. This improves access and walking ability to one of the Township parks. The remainder of the property will remain wooded. The Northampton County CDBG grant, in the amount of \$50,000, originally awarded for improvements to Hahn's Meadow has been repurposed for the Surrey Glen Park's walking path. The project will go out to bid soon. Construction will be in 2024.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING - NEWBURG PARK **Friday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m.**



The Township will ring in the holidays with a festive tree lighting.

Santa will arrive on a horse drawn carriage followed by pictures with Santa in the gazebo.

Santa will be have a gift for each child.

Lower Nazareth Township Elementary School Chorus will join us to sing holiday tunes

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

Hecktown Fire Company and Colonial Regional Police will be participating in the event.

This will truly be a memorable event for your family!



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.

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, October 7th** 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 BATTERIS—\$5/battery

WOOD MATERIALS

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

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

Please see information on Household Hazardous Waste on page 12 & Electronics Recycling on page 22

» 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

Listed below are residential and business drop-off locations. (*fee may apply*) Check the Township's website and FaceBook for information regarding our Spring 2024 event.

- 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

September 23rd

10AM - 12PM

rain or shine

shredding performed on site!



**LOWER NAZARETH
TOWNSHIP**



2023

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

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

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

What **Not** to Bring:

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

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



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

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



TOWNSHIP LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM



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

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



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

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

TOWNSHIP CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

This program is only for residents of Lower Nazareth Township.

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

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

RECYCLING FACILITY DROP-OFF: Trees will be accepted at the 4600 Newburg Road

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

Tuesday January 2nd through Friday January 5th

9:00AM– 3:00PM NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Saturdays: January 6th, January 13th, January 20th, January 27th, & February 3rd

8:00AM - 1:00PM NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY



CURBSIDE PICKUP SCHEDULE:

Trees will be picked up curbside according to the following schedule.

East of and including Daniels Road (Route 946) and Route 191 ... see list below

Tuesday, Jan 2nd

Monday, Jan 8th and Tuesday, Jan 9th

Belmont Dr, Brandywine Rd, Bridle Path, Butztown Rd, Christian Springs Rd, Cobblestone Ln, Concord Rd, Country Club Rd, Daniels Rd, Derby Dr, Dolores Ln, E Mayfield Cir, Easton-Nazareth Hwy, Eisenhower Dr, English Way, Frank St, Georgetown Rd, Gradwohl Switch Rd, Green Pond Rd, Hartman Rd, Hecktown Rd, Hollo Rd, James Dr, Jefferson Pl, Jordan Ct, Kennedy Ct, King George Dr, Lexington Rd, Madison Dr, Midland Cir, Midland Rd, Mikol Ln, Mayfield Cir, Nazareth Pike, Newburg Rd, Old Nazareth Pike, Presidential Dr, Roosevelt Dr, Ruben Ct, Saddle Dr, Saratoga Dr, Schlegel Ave, Spur Ter, Sturbridge Dr, Timothy Ave, Truman Ln, Whitebriar Dr, Winding Way

West of and including Daniels Road (Route 946) and Route 191 ... see list below

Wed, Jan. 3rd, Thurs, Jan. 4th & Fri, Jan. 5th

Wed, Jan. 10th & Thurs, Jan 11th, & Fri, Jan. 12th

Ash Dr, Beech Dr, Birch Dr, Briarwood Dr, Carol Ann Way, Cedar Ln, Christine Ann Ln, Circle Dr, Cottonwood Dr, Dogwood Ln, Elm Dr, Elmwood Dr, Fairway Rd, Fieldstone Dr, Fir Dr, Flora Ln, Foxtail Dr, Gable Dr, Georgetown Rd, Graystone Dr, Hanoverville Rd, Hemlock Ln, Heritage Ln, Hickory Ln, High View Dr, Hillcrest Ave, Hilltop Cir, Hillview Dr, Homestead Dr, Keystone Dr, Kimberly Ct, Larch Ln, Lark St, Limestone Dr, Lisa Dr, Little Creek Dr, Locust Dr, Longwood Dr, Magnolia Ln, Manor Dr, Maple Dr, Maria Dr, Meadow Dr, Mikron Rd, Mountain View Rd, Mulberry Dr, Newburg Rd, Oakwood Ln, Park Ave, Peachtree Ln, Pine Dr, Redwood Ln, Rockbridge Rd, Sarah Beth Ln, Sarah Marie Ct, Schindler Dr, School House Rd, Silver Crest Rd, Southgate Cir, Spruce Ln, Stafford Ave, Stephanie Dr, Steuben Rd, Sweetgum Dr, Tall Oak Ln, Timberlea Dr, Township Line Rd, Troy Ct, Tulip Ln, Vista Dr, W Locust Ln, Werner Rd, Whitetail Dr, Willow Ln, Woodlawn Dr

As an alternative, Lower Nazareth Township residents may dispose of their Christmas trees at the First Regional Compost Authority (FRCA) facility. The FRCA facility is located at 6701 Weaversville Road, Northampton (East Allen Township). For more information contact FRCA directly at 610-262-1000 or visit their website at www.frcaweb.org.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY CORNER

MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

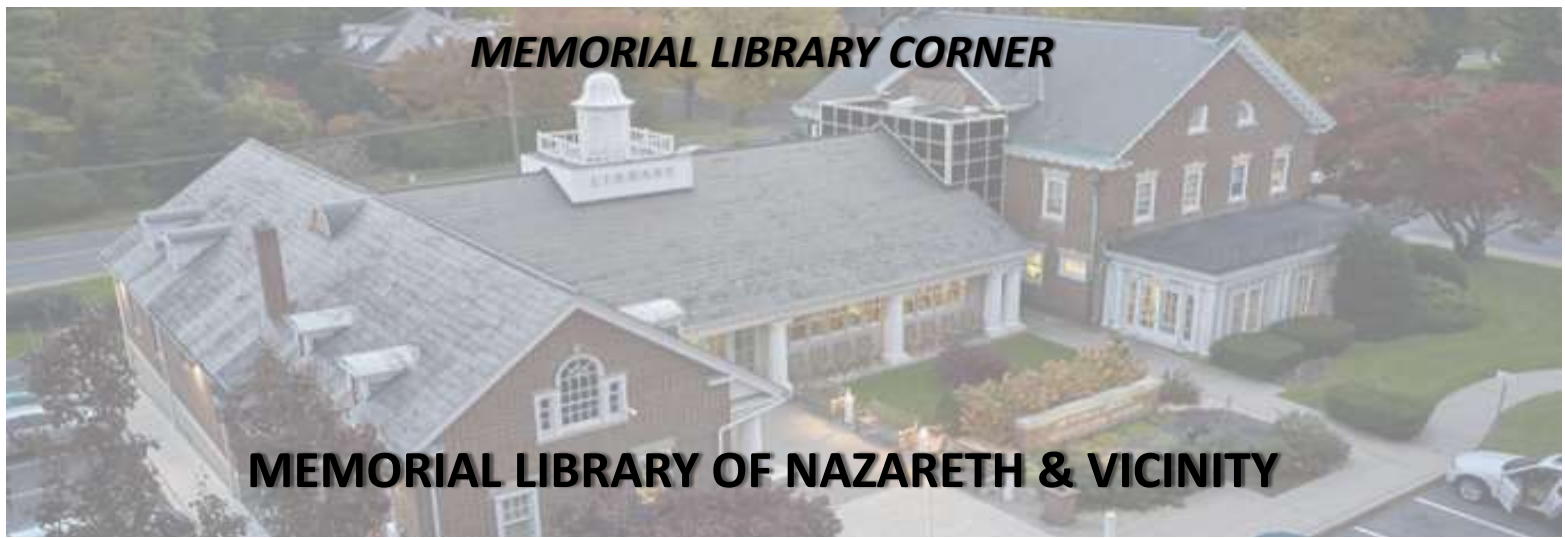
It was an amazing summer, as patrons of all ages learned about financial literacy and animals during the summer reading program, thanks to the FINRA Investor Education Foundation! Over six hundred children, as well as many teens and adults, registered for the library's summer reading programs.



(pictured above, clockwise from top left: Read to the Ponies, Ukulele Orchestra Meeting, Everbright Wall, Junior Friends at Abby Hanlon Event)

As “Animalia” has given way to back-to-school and chillier temperatures, the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff encourages area residents to stop in and check out items from our ever-expanding collection of best-sellers, educational resources, movies, board games, handheld magnifiers, hotspots, and magazines – plus ukuleles, made possible by a generous grant from the Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation. Stop in and try your hand at the Everbright Wall – a giant interactive, hands-on reimagining of the classic children's Lite-Brite toy, courtesy of the Trumbower Hospital Foundation. Also, mark your calendar for the fall and winter events and activities below:

- September is National Library Card Sign-up Month! If you don't have a library card, stop in today to get yours!
- The annual Touch-a-Truck Festival will take place rain-or-shine on Saturday, October 7th, beginning at 10am and ending at 2pm at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. This year, the Touch-a-Truck festival will feature amazing vehicles, including a helicopter (weather-permitting), and spotlight the community's first responders and businesses. Attendees will be able to view the cars, trucks, and equipment up close, and children are encouraged to climb up into the vehicles and talk with the drivers. Plus, this year's Festival will feature food trucks, karate demos, and a braiding bar. Tickets are available for purchase before and at the Festival. Thank you to all sponsors for this incredible event.
- Attend an author talk and book signing by Anne Supsic on October 12th and a presentation on local history by Dr. Scott Paul Gordon on November 2nd.
- Stock up on books, DVDs, and puzzles at the fall book sale, scheduled for October 25th-28th. See the library's website for times and details. Also, book donations will be accepted during library hours on September 21st-23rd and 28th-30th and October 12th-14th.



- For Veterans Day, the library will honor all who have served in America's armed services and share its history as a "living memorial" for the country's brave soldiers. Stay tuned for details about this Wednesday, November 8th celebration. The library will also honor veterans residing at Gracedale Nursing Home on November 9th.
- As snow appears and the temperature drops, spread holiday cheer by participating in the annual winter basket raffle. Stop by in mid-November to purchase your chances to win amazing baskets and gift certificates donated by local businesses and library partners.
- Join the library's festivities at Christmas in Nazareth on Saturday, December 9th from 10am-3pm.
- Join the Audiobook Lovers' Book, Daytime Book Group, Wednesday Night Book Group, and Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group. Call the library for a current schedule and book selections. Adults are also invited to join the Cookery and Conversation Club to share homemade treats and library cookbook reviews and the Rogue Crocheters to chat while crocheting, knitting, and doing other fiber arts.
- Participate in Cube Club, the ukulele orchestra, scavenger hunts, and puzzle-making.
- Check out our free magazine swap, free seed exchange, and free houseplant swap.
- Stop in for ongoing children's storytimes and Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as special children's activities and events. In DINOvember, we will be digging deep and focusing our November programming on these prehistoric beasts. We will offer speakers, crafts, scavenger hunts, special storytimes, and more. Plans for a Halloween party and parade around the library, as well as a holiday singalong, are being made. Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board. The group is planning a cyberchase escape virtual escape room, wine cork pumpkin craft, hack that painting teen art competition, and medieval yuletide fete in the upcoming months.
- The Friends of the Library meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm. New members are welcome to participate.

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

These are just a few of the upcoming highlights of the fall and winter calendar. Call the library at 610-759-4932 or see the library's vestibule posters, website, and social media outlets for updates, additions, changes, and registration details. We are always updating our collection and planning more opportunities for all ages.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

HECKTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company has kept busy thus far, responding to over 200 calls for service while striving to maintain our training and recruitment efforts. In the closing months of the year, we are looking forward to our annual open house as well as our Santa's Toy Run.

This year we will host our annual open house on October 16, 2023, starting at 6:30 PM and lasting until 8 PM. This is an excellent opportunity to come out and meet our firefighters, see all of the apparatus and learn more about our all-volunteer operation. There will be opportunities for everyone to learn more about fire safety and participate in some hands-on learning activities. Refreshments will be provided, and we look forward to meeting you on October 16th!

Our annual Santa's Toy Run fundraiser will take place on December 9, 2023. Santa will be visiting homes in Lower Nazareth Township starting at 10 AM. Additional information will be provided via our Social Media accounts. We will also be posting signs around the township as a reminder.

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

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

Be on the lookout for our 2023 fund drive letter which will be mailed sometime in the fall. Thank you for your

generous support in 2022 and we look forward to your continued help and support in 2023. Lower Nazareth Township provides the majority of the funding for the Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company. The funds raised by the fire company supplement our budget and allow us to purchase additional equipment and continue to update and maintain our building. Please note *The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company is the only provider of fire and rescue services in Lower Nazareth Township. Our local EMS provider is Bethlehem Township Fire Company EMS. They do their own fund drive each year. Funds are not shared between the two organizations. We hope that you can continue to support both entities in 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. Please remember to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. Any units over 10 years old should be replaced. New models are available with 10 year lithium ion batteries that last for the entire life of the smoke or carbon monoxide detector.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office: 610 861-4820

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 610 759-2200

OPIOID EPIDEMIC & RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

The Colonial Regional Police Department recognizes that the misuse of Opioids in the United States is of epidemic proportions. Opioid misuse and addiction in some way affects every household in America. The members of the Colonial Regional Police Department have partnered with the Bethlehem Health Bureau to take an active and compassionate role in helping people deal with opioid and other drug addictions.

The Colonial Regional Police Department is the latest police department in Northampton County to offer a program that connects heroin and opioid addicts to treatment. CPAIR (Colonial Police Assisting in Recovery) is modeled after the ANGEL program developed by the Gloucester Police Department. This program is unique in that it brings law enforcement, drug and alcohol treatment providers and individuals seeking treatment together in an effort to reduce heroin and opioid use. Funding for the program was provided by a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

CPAIR allows an individual struggling with a drug addiction to walk into the Colonial Regional Police Department between 8:00AM-12midnight and ask for assistance. The police department will then arrange for a professional to complete a drug and alcohol intake assessment and assist with finding a treatment facility. A peer recovery support specialist will also be provided to support the individual during the recovery process.

If you or someone you know is struggling with drug addictions please reach out to any officer of the Colonial Regional Police Department for help. Contact the Chief of Police personally at: Chief James DePalma chief@colonialregionalpd.org

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.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

Do you know about 988? 988 is the new hotline that you can call or text if you or someone you know is in crisis and needs help. This new number makes it easy to get in touch with a trained counselor who can help 24/7/365.

More info can be found at the link below. Please remember that help is always available for anyone who needs it.

<https://988lifeline.org/>

MAKE YOUR HOME THE SOLUTION FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION!

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



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

VEHICLES & GARAGE:

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

LAWN & GARDEN:

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

HOME REPAIR & IMPROVEMENT:

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

PET CARE:

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

SWIMMING POOL & SPA

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

SEPTIC SYSTEM USE & MAINTENANCE

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

STORM DRAINS CONNECT TO WATERBODIES!!!



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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

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? In the past year, 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 has not adopted a property maintenance code; therefore, the Township does not require a new Certificate of Occupancy for the resale of existing residential property or for a change in tenancy. However, please remember to complete a Moving Record!

RENTAL DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE



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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

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

WINTER WEATHER CORNER



Snow Removal Policy and Practice

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

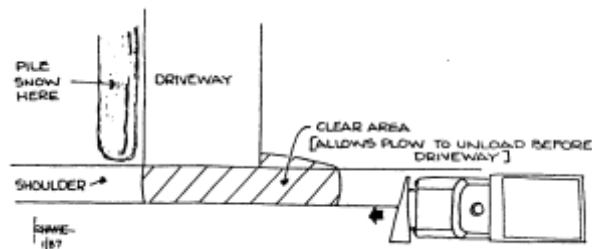
It is the Township's policy to first plow the main roads and then the secondary or development roads. This procedure helps to facilitate the flow of higher volumes of traffic and allows emergency vehicles access to the entire Township as quickly as possible. During larger storms the department may only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

Your patience is greatly appreciated

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

Shoveling Tips

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



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

Yard Damage

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

Mailbox Damage



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

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

Safety Tips

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



ATV / Snowmobiles



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

Snow Emergency Ordinance #122

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



Look for snow emergency declaration through WFMZ-69 at www.wfmz.com. We will also post information on our website, Facebook, and Nixle. For information on registering for Nixle alerts turn to page 5.

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LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday September 23 rd	Township Shred Event
Saturday September 30 th	Household Hazardous Waste
Saturday September 30 th	Dog's Day Out II
Saturday October 7 th	Fall Clean-Up Day
Tuesday October 31 st	Halloween
Tuesday November 7 th	Election Day
Friday December 1 st	Christmas Tree Lighting

The Municipal Office will be closed:

Tuesday November 7 th	Election Day
Thursday November 23 rd	Thanksgiving
Friday November 24 th	Thanksgiving
Friday December 22 nd	Christmas Eve
Monday December 25 th	Christmas Day
Friday December 29 th	New Years Eve
Monday January 1 st	New Year's Day