

# Lower Nazareth Township

Spring 2024

## NEWBURG PARK SPLASH PAD COMPLEX

You've been patiently waiting and it's finally going to be here! The latest addition to Newburg Park is a splash pad complex, which will be open this summer to help you beat the heat. The area includes a 71' x 75' splash pad and a pavilion. Lower Nazareth Township has acquired grants in the amount of \$200,000 from DCNR and \$120,000 from PA Department of Community and Economic Development to help offset the total cost.

The splash pad will be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., weather permitting. Accessing the splash pad will require an annual pass, which will need to be acquired from the Township office at a cost of \$20 per household. Access card applications will be available from the Township office starting at the end of April. The Township will hold extended hours one evening for annual pass signups. Watch our Facebook and website for date and times.

### SPLASH PAD RULES

- The maximum capacity of the splash pad is 75 people; do not overcrowd the splash pad.
- Must use access card to enter the splash park.
- All persons using the splash park do so at their own risk.
- All children under 14 must have adult supervision at all times.
- Do not drink the water, as the water in the splash park recirculates.
- Water shoes are strongly recommended.
- Small children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers to enter and play in the splash park.
- Please do not change diapers in the splash park.
- Evacuate the splash park immediately when severe weather conditions arise.
- No covering water fixtures or drains.
- No carrying dirt, mud, mulch, rocks and/or sand onto the splash pad.
- No climbing on splash park fixtures.
- No running or rough play.
- No animals.
- No food or beverages on the splash pad; no glass permitted.
- No bicycles, wheeled shoes, rollerblades, scooters, skates and/or skateboards.
- No electrical appliances, including, not limited to radios.
- No alcohol, drugs, smoking or vaping.
- The splash park is protected by video surveillance.
- Lower Nazareth Township is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
- Failure to adhere to the rules of use will result in loss of privileges with no refund for the annual permit.



We are looking forward to bringing this awesome recreational opportunity to our residents as we continue to develop Newburg Park! Please check the website and Facebook page for grand opening information and what to do to get your annual pass!



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## TOWNSHIP BOARDS & MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 623 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, NAZARETH

Meeting dates and location are subject to change.

Please contact the Township Office or [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com) to confirm.

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



### LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

#### MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00pm

March 13th & March 27th , April 10th & 24th, May 8th & 22nd,  
June 12th & 26th, July 10th & 24th, August 14th & 28th,  
September 11th & 25th, October 9th & 23rd,  
November 13th & December 11th

### PLANNING COMMISSION

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

#### MEETING SCHEDULE - 6:30PM

March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th, July 22nd, August 19th,  
September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, and December 16th

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

#### MEETS ON DEMAND

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

#### MEETING SCHEDULE (see page 15) - 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 11 for earned income tax information*

## Local Services Tax Collector

Lorie Gyarmaty  
*see page 11 for local services tax information*

## Township Real Estate Tax Collector

Eric Mitcheltree  
*see page 10 for township real estate information*

## Nazareth Area School District Tax Collector

Berkheimer Associates  
*see page 10 for school real estate information*

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Lorie Gyarmaty, Parks & Recreation Coordinator

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

William Kocher, Director of Public Works

## Township Solicitor

Gary Asteak, Esq.

## Township Engineer

Justin Coyle, P.E.

## Township Sewage Enforcement Officer

Brandon Broniszewski  
Kevin Beyer

# HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

March 29..... Good Friday  
April 23..... Primary Election Day  
May 27 ..... Memorial Day  
July 4 ..... Independence Day  
September 2 ..... Labor Day  
November 5 ..... Election Day  
November 28 ..... Thanksgiving  
November 29 ..... Thanksgiving  
December 24 ..... Christmas  
December 25 ..... Christmas  
December 31 ..... New Year's Eve

## STAY INFORMED VISIT OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Our website, [www.lowernazareth.com](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/LowerNazarethTownship).

### TOWNSHIPS ALERTS, ADVISORIES, AND COMMUNITY MESSAGES THROUGH NIXLE

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



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

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

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

### LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP'S FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

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

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



Memorial Day 4:00PM—11:00PM

July 3rd 4:00PM—11:00PM

July 4th 4:00PM—11:00PM

July 5th 4:00PM—11:00PM

Labor Day 4:00PM—11:00PM

December 31st 4:00PM—11:00PM

January 1st 12:00AM—12:30AM

January 1st 4:00PM—11:00PM

The ordinance can be reviewed in its entirety on our website [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com)

### 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.

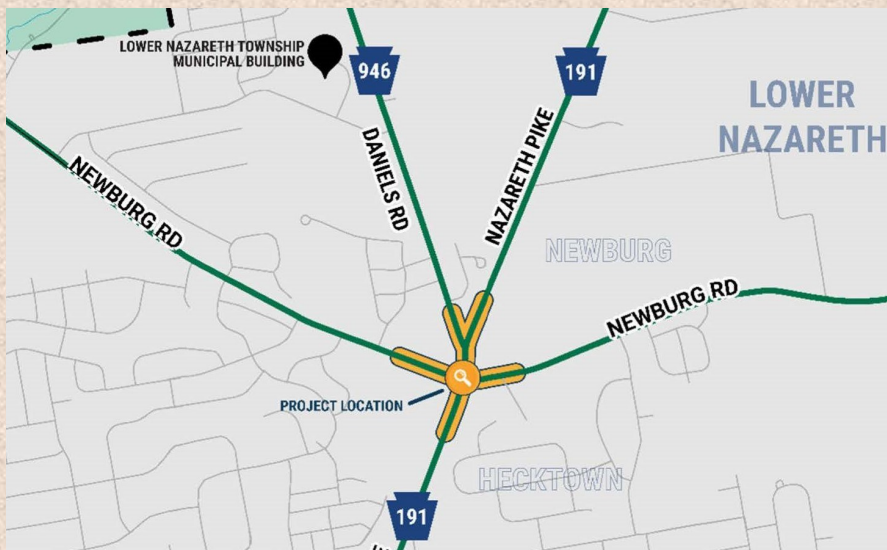


### ROUTE 191 & NEWBURG ROAD INTERSECTION UPDATE

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

PennDOT has extended the scope of the project to include the intersection of Route 191 and Route 946 (Daniels Road), which will include a traffic signal. The Township has an agreement of sale for the property at this intersection.

The right-of-way acquisition and building demolition is funded through traffic impact fees, which are fees charged to developers for land development in the Township.



PennDOT has requested to present the SR 0191-04S Intersection Improvements Project to the public during the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00pm. This will include a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting project details and time for Q&A. A comment response form to solicit input from the public will be available after the meeting and a display board will be onsite for review at the Township Building. Electronic versions of the display board and comment response forms will also be posted to the Township's website.

The Board is excited as this project continues to move forward as the widening and improvement of these intersections have been necessary for a long time!

### TOWNSHIP WIDE YARD SALE INFORMATION

The annual township wide yard sale will be observed on **Saturday, May 4th**. 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.





### MEET THE NEW TOWNSHIP ENGINEER & SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

In January 2024, the Township appointed Carroll Engineering as the new Township Engineer and Gilmore & Associates for Sewage Enforcement.

#### CARROLL ENGINEERING



**Justin Coyle, P.E. , Vice President**—Justin is a Vice President and Manager of the Structural Department as well as a Municipal Engineer. He has been with Carroll Engineering since 2016 and has over twenty-five years of diverse project experience in the civil engineering field. Justin serves as a Municipal Engineer for various municipalities in Northampton County. Justin has a team of talented engineers and administrative staff behind him to support the Township and its administrative needs.

#### GILMORE AND ASSOCIATES

**Brandon Broniszewski, G.I.T., S.E.O**— As a Staff Scientist in the Geotechnical department, Brandon is responsible for technical data collection and reporting. He enjoys collaborating with other staff to develop a well-rounded perspective of their processes and to view the data he provides from a different lens. His field responsibilities include coordinating and overseeing perc testing, reviewing the condition of existing on-lot systems, oversight of drilling and test pit investigations, review of on-lot sewage disposal planning modules, and stormwater infiltration reports for private and public clients. Brandon has experience in technical observation and documentation of a range of construction activities , including inspection of reinforced concrete and soil compaction.



**Kevin Beyer, E.I.T., S.E.O**— Kevin is a Civil Designer in the Water Resources department at G&A. He assists with wastewater projects including permitting, treatment standards compliance, and plant renovations for our municipal clients. He has experience as a water and wastewater treatment plant operator, including plant monitoring, sample collection, process adjustment, maintenance, plant shut-downs, start-up, and high flow/turbidity events.

Kevin is passionate about the effective utilization of wastewater treatment technologies in order to preserve and conserve our precious environment.

### 2024 ROAD PROJECT

This year's proposed road paving bid represents a total of 9 possible roads for mill and overlay. The Township plans to award a paving contract for as many of the following roads that the budget will allow.



Fir Drive	Ash Drive	Tulip Lane	Schlegel Avenue	Hickory Lane
Hemlock Lane	Timothy Lane	Cedar Lane	Highland Street	

The project will go out to bid the end of February. Depending on the contractor's schedule, we plan for the project to commence late Spring / Early Summer.



### ONLINE PERMITTING COMING THIS SPRING!!

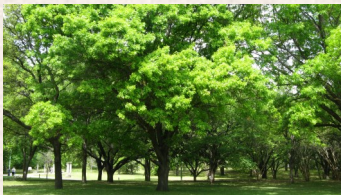
Lower Nazareth Township is finally walking into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Coming in Spring 2024, we are proud to launch an online permitting application system, available through the Township's website. Users will be able to apply for permits online, upload documents, pay fees, and track the status of your application. The online portal will also allow users to pay their permit fees with a credit card!



Do you have an issue you want to bring to the Township's attention? You will also have the ability to submit this issue online and provide documentation, pictures, etc. The Township can then review the submission to determine the next steps, i.e. inspection, enforcement, etc.

We are looking forward to the implementation of this new system which will increase transparency, efficiency, and service for constituents. Please watch the township's website, [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com), for access to this new system later this Spring 2024.

### 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.

### GRANTS AWARDED TO OUR FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Northampton County awarded Hecktown Fire Company a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for turnout gear and harnesses. The gear will give firefighters the ability to perform daily activities on emergency scenes, not requiring true structural gear, with greater ease and less fatigue. The harnesses will be used on ariel devices.

Northampton County awarded Colonial Regional Police Department a grant in the amount of \$12,800 for an upgraded drone. The drone will provide officers information which will be used for tactical decisions. This will enhance the officer safety in the performance of their duties.

## ELECTION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

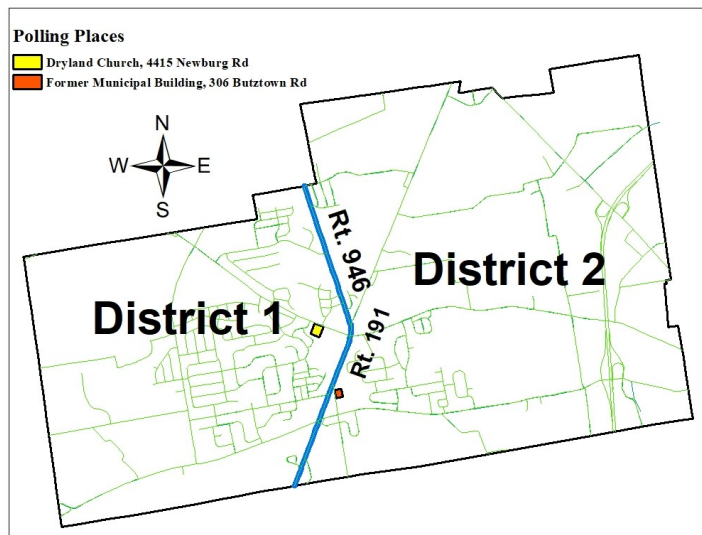
Pennsylvania's Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 23rd**. If you want to vote, there are some important dates you need to remember.



Monday, April 8th	-	Last day to register to vote in the Primary
Tuesday, April 16th	-	Final day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
Tuesday, April 23rd	-	Last day for the Northampton County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots

### **GET OUT & VOTE!** **Primary Election Day is** **Tuesday, April 23rd**

**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 5th.





### CAT & DOG POPULATION CONTROL AND PET CARE

#### SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET & LOCAL CLINICS

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

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

**The Center** 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.  
for Animal Health & Welfare  
Finding Forever Homes for Homeless Animals

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

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

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

### ANIMAL CONTROL AND PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL

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



#### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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

### DOG LICENSES...IT'S THE LAW



State law requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed. Owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to fines up to \$300.00. Licenses are valid for the county in which the owner resides. Applications are available online at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org). Dog licenses may also be purchased online at [www.padoglicense.com](http://www.padoglicense.com). For more information contact Northampton County Courthouse Revenue

Office; 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Room 2132; 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042-7484 or call 610-829-6186 option 6.

## FINANCIAL CORNER

### REAL ESTATE TAXES

Township residents will receive **three** real estate tax bills each year. Lower Nazareth Township receives 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 57.51 mills. For example, a Township resident with a real estate valuation of \$100,000 in 2024 will pay a total of \$7,281.00 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 57.51	\$5,751.00



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

### LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

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

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

### NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

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

**PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**—Residents of the Nazareth Area School District may be eligible for a property tax rebate under programs administered by the district. For more information, see page 17 or 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.

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



### 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](http://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](http://www.lowernazareth.com) for the Exemption Form. If you have any questions, please call 610-759-7434, ext. 1001.

# **LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP RECREATION 2024**

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 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 page 13. This event will be at the Butztown Road Park.

### **SUMMER PARK PROGRAM—June 24th—July 19th**

Lower Nazareth Township Staff is busy planning this year's Summer Park Program! Information will be posted to Facebook and [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com) soon!!



### **DOG'S DAY OUT III - Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



Dog's Day Out III is on track to become another successful event. 2022's dog park opening was so successful, many residents and vendors asked if we could make it an annual event. So, here at Lower Nazareth Township, we are dedicating another day to man's best friend and doing Dog's Day Out III. 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 6th 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 ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. — 306 Butztown Road Park**

*Rain Date is March 24th @ 1:00 p.m.*

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

Lower Nazareth Township is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at 306 Butztown Road. Rain date will be Sunday, March 24th at 1:00 p.m.

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

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



Recreation Committee Members filling eggs with chocolates: Left to right: Bert Smalley, Amy Templeton, and Steve Brown

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. To date the following have donated or pledged to make a contribution to this year's event:

- |                  |                     |                                |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| * Bills' Service | * Trammel Crow      | * Green Acres Outdoor Living   |
| * Crumbl Cookie  | * JG Petrucci       | * Fast Lane Towing & Transport |
| * Applebee's     | * Faulkner Subaru   |                                |
| * Great Clips    | * Heidelberg/Essroc |                                |
| * Kelly Nissan   | * Sam's Club        |                                |

## **PARKS & RECREATION CORNER**

### **ADULT ACTIVITIES GROUP LOWER NAZARETH ACES & SPADES**

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

### **NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

[www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx](http://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx).



The Senior Community Center offers games, crafts, sing-a-longs, arthritis exercise classes, wellness 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](mailto: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](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) for more information.



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

Please call 484-283-5398 and leave a message or email [lnrodandgunclub@gmail.com](mailto:lnrodandgunclub@gmail.com) for availability and reservations.



### **YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **LOWER NAZARETH ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**



Left to right: Beverly Hoyer, Joan Garrett, Kay Brazinski, Lynn Ratzell, and Don Capecci.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM**

March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 15th, August 12th,  
September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th

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

The Lower Nazareth Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) consists of five members who are appointed by the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors. The EAC is responsible for providing recommendations on land preservation to the Board of Supervisors. In order to accomplish this goal, they meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Land preservation is an important function in maintaining open space and supporting continued agricultural production within the Township. These are important components to promoting a great quality of life for residents of any community by providing natural balance against development. In 2019, the voters of Lower Nazareth Township voted by a 62% majority to implement an Open Space Earned Income Tax. This additional EIT is deposited into a separate fund and can only be used solely for the purpose of financing the acquisition of open space, acquiring agricultural conservation easements, acquiring property development rights, and acquiring park land. The recommendations made by the EAC are based on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2020. The goals established in the plan that are used by the EAC in their review of properties are as follows:

- \* Preserve the existing farmland and rural character of the Township
- \* Conserve open space within the Township
- \* Preserve water quality within the Township
- \* Maintain and enhance the Township's existing natural resources
- \* Create opportunities for additional recreational areas within the Township

The EAC also utilizes the Township's Official Map, which was also adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2020. This map designates certain properties within the Township as properties of interest for development rights acquisition.

If you are interested in preserving your property under the Open Space program, please contact the Township office. For active agricultural properties, you can also reach out to Northampton County Farmland Preservation at (610) 746-1993.

### Nazareth Area Intermediate School



Nazareth Area Intermediate School proudly welcomed Mrs. Jackie Bewick as the new Assistant Principal in August. Mrs. Bewick brings a wealth of experience to her role, having previously served as a 5th-grade English Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at the Intermediate School for eight years. She expanded her educational role by becoming a Pocono Mountain School District administrator before returning to Nazareth.

Returning to Nazareth, Mrs. Bewick is excited to collaborate with familiar faces and new students and their families. With a diverse background spanning over 15 years in education and various content areas, Mrs. Bewick places a strong emphasis on communication. She acknowledges the pivotal role that families play as students' first teachers and believes that learning extends beyond the confines of a classroom, persisting beyond the school day.

Mrs. Bewick passionately advocates for a collaborative approach, urging NAIS staff and families to work together. Her philosophy centers on the idea that learning knows no bounds, and she encourages everyone to join forces and support students in achieving their fullest potential for a successful school year ahead.



### Nazareth Area High School First Semester Highlights



Nazareth Area High School recently completed the first semester, which was packed with student activities, events, games, and concerts. In August, new administrators Scott Breidinger, Principal, and Jessica Babbitt, Assistant Principal, joined Assistant Principal Matthew Wehr to welcome the Blue Eagle classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027.

In November, the Varsity Football team reclaimed the District 11 6A Championship title by defeating the Parkland Trojans 24-17. Also, the Nazareth Theatre Troupe presented Choose Your Own Oz in the fall, an interactive stage production for Nazareth students, families, and community members.

The Troupe is currently preparing for the spring musical The Little Mermaid. Nazareth Area High School singers and musicians performed at their annual concert and several community events for the holidays. Blue Eagle clubs and organizations collected generous donations for local charities in the spirit of the holiday season. On January 25th, we began the spring semester with many more events planned for the Blue Eagles.



Please join us for the Class of 2024 Graduation Commencement Ceremony starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4th, at Andrew S. Leh Stadium.

For information on all future high school events, please visit our web page at [www.nazarethasd.k12.pa.us/nahs](http://www.nazarethasd.k12.pa.us/nahs).



### 2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration

As of Thursday, February 1, 2024, NASD residents can begin the Kindergarten registration process. Students are Kindergarten eligible for the 2024-2025 school year if they turn five (5) years old before September 1, 2024.



To complete the registration process, parents/guardians should go to the Nazareth Area School District website <https://www.nazarethasd.k12.pa.us/> and click on **REGISTER STUDENTS**. Parents/Guardians can enter their child's information along with their own. The following documents are required to complete the process: Birth Certificate, Immunization record, Parent/Guardian ID, and two (2) proofs of residency. Additional information can be found on the NASD website, each elementary school's website, and NASD social media. Having the required documents ready when completing the registration is helpful, and the entire process can be completed in approximately 20 minutes. Parents/Guardians must complete the entire registration process and provide all required documents for the student to be enrolled.

### Nazareth Area School District - Property Tax Rebate Program

The Nazareth Area School District is offering a property tax rebate program. The maximum rebate this year is \$650.00. The rebate will run from July 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

#### WHO MAY QUALIFY:

1. You have owned and occupied your home during the period for which you are claiming a rebate. (Rebates are granted for your **primary residence** only); **and**
2. (a) you or your spouse (if living with you) were 65 years or older as of December 31, 2022; or  
(b) You were a widow or widower during all or part of 2022 and were 50 years old or older as of December 31, 2022; or  
(c) You were permanently disabled during all or part of 2022, and you were unable to work because of your medically determined physical or mental disability which is expected to continue indefinitely; **and**
3. Your total annual income, including the income of a spouse residing with you was \$35,000 or less in 2022. **and**
4. Property taxes for 2022-23 were paid on your home.
5. Only one member of your household may file a claim even if more than one person is qualified to receive a rebate.
6. Delinquent taxes **DO NOT QUALIFY**.

**A COPY OF YOUR STATE REFUND CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION ALONG WITH  
A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR 2022 PA-1000 PAID SCHOOL REAL ESTATE FOR THE 2022-2023  
TRCF 1000 form 2023**

Application packets are available at the following offices: Representative Joe Emrick, Representative Ann Flood, and your local real estate tax collector. Or visit our website: [www.nazarethasd.org](http://www.nazarethasd.org).



The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff is planning a fabulous spring and amazing summer!

- Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> is National Library Week – plus April 8<sup>th</sup> is a total solar eclipse! Stop in for special festivities!
- Staff will offer an introduction to MyHeritage genealogy tools on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Join author Teresa Messineo in-person on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to hear about her historical fiction novels *What We May Become* and *The Fire by Night*.

- **The Pet Parade will take place on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at nearby Veterans' Field.**



You can register with a pet or stuffed animal to participate or come out and watch the parade to show your support. Those who register by April 26<sup>th</sup> receive a free T-shirt. All proceeds benefit the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity. Sponsors are needed for this event. Scan here for more information



- For the 2024 Summer Reading Program “Come Out and Play!”, children are invited to eight incredible weeks of sports- and wellness-themed activities, educational programs, weekly crafts, and field trips. Registration opens on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and programming spans June 17<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup>. A special outdoor kick-off event is planned for Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The MLNV is grateful for the financial support of an Iron Pigs Charities Community Grant for SRP 2024.

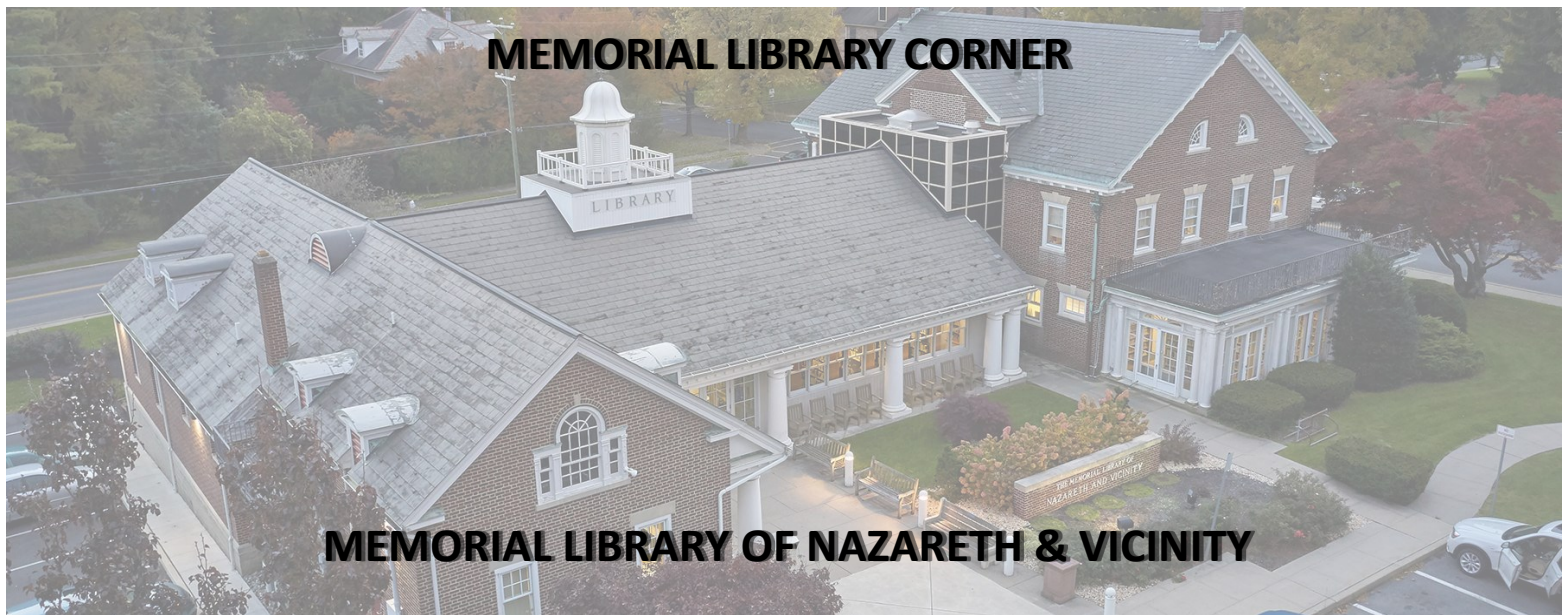


- Adult and teens can earn small prizes and chances to win prize baskets as they complete reading challenges during the teen and adult Summer Reading Program, “Spirit of Adventure.”

- Mark your calendar for the annual Touch-a-Truck Festival, which will take place rain-or-shine on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10am and ending at 2pm at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. Attendees can see cars, trucks, and equipment up close, and children are encouraged to climb up into the vehicles and talk with the drivers. This year’s Festival will feature food trucks and activities for children. Tickets are available for purchase before and at the Festival. Sponsors are needed for this event.







- 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 attend craft programs and storytimes for adults and to join the Cookery and Conversation Club to share homemade treats and library cookbook reviews.
- Check out a ukulele, learn to play, and participate in the Ukulele Orchestra!
- See our free magazine swap, free puzzle swap, and free houseplant swap – take an item, leave an item.
- Stop in for ongoing children's storytimes and Shake-and-Boogie sessions (at the library as well as off-site locations), as well as monthly scavenger hunts and special children's activities and events. Make a design with our interactive Everbright Wall and play with our puppets, Lego wall, and light tables.
- Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at [awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org](mailto:awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org) for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board. The group meets weekly and is planning a Titanic murder mystery game.
- The Friends of the Library meet 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, volunteers, program presenters and attendees...the list could go on and on!

These are just a few of the upcoming highlights of the spring and summer 2024 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.

Anytime, area residents are encouraged to stop in and check out items from our ever-expanding collection of books – especially due to a new partnership with Easton Area Public Library! Details are coming soon. For more information about the library, scan here.



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

## RECYCLING CORNER



[www.responsiblerecyclingservices.com](http://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

Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 - 3pm-6pm

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

**WE ASK THAT YOU REMAIN IN YOUR CAR FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY!**

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

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| ♻️ 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:

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| ♻️ Washer or Dryer-\$20.00  | ♻️ Air Conditioner - \$25             |
| ♻️ Stove \$20.00  | ♻️ Dehumidifier - \$25                |
| ♻️ Dishwasher-\$20.00   | ♻️ Refrigerator - \$35                |
| ♻️ Computer Monitor-\$20  | ♻️ Floor Freezer - \$35               |
| ♻️ TV under 42" - CRT or Flat Screen - \$40   | ♻️ Floor Copier-\$20                  |
| ♻️ TV over 42" - Flat screen, in a wooden console, projection type or TV Tube Only or Broken Screen TV - \$58 | ♻️ Console Stereo (in cabinet) \$35   |
|   | ♻️ Water Cooler or 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\*\***



**October 26th**

**10AM - 12PM**

rain or shine



**LOWER NAZARETH  
TOWNSHIP**



**2024**

# SHRED EVENT

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

Proof of residency is required!

shredding performed on site!



## 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

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

**Free Document Shredding Event for Lower Nazareth Township Residents!**



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

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



## RECYCLING CORNER

### YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM



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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday / Month:** 8:00AM – 1:00PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **BY-PRODUCTS / MULCH AND COMPOST**

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

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

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



### 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 22nd** and run until **Friday May 3rd**. 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 2nd**. Materials placed by the curb on May 3rd may be missed.

We will be utilizing our leaf vacuum machines for this operation. Acceptable material will consist of leaves and garden residue.

**No animal feces, sticks, or dirt.**

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

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

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

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

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

A tentative date for the 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for Saturday September 28th.

More information will be made available once details are confirmed. Pre-registration will be mandatory for participation in drop-off.

Please check our website and Facebook page for updates.



## 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 11th** 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 (INCUDING 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)*

- \* Best Buys in PA are currently accepting TVs: fees apply. Customers will receive a \$30 Best Buy gift card reimbursement of the store drop-off fee. Fee is \$29. No larger than 49" for flat screens and no larger than 31" for tube TVs. Direct questions to Best Buy Bethlehem 610-250-2689.
- DRC Technologies—2005 Main Street, Northampton, PA 18067 Phone: 610-502-0854
- Clean Earth—2330 SW 26th Street, Allentown, PA 18103 Phone: 866-477-5177
- GER Solutions—795 Roble Road, Allentown, PA 18109 Phone: 610-443-1776

## EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

### HECKTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



The Hecktown Fire Company had its busiest year to date, responding to a record 392 emergencies in 2023. With continuing to participate in a variety of training ranging from national certification in the Firefighter I program, Vehicle Rescue certification, as well as recertification in the hazardous materials operations program, our members are staying extremely active, while making sure to respond to calls.

Please visit our website, [www.hecktownfire.org](http://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.

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 7PM to speak to us about becoming a volunteer.

As the seasons change, we'd like to encourage our residents with any trees or shrubbery that overhang the driveways, to keep them trimmed back. If you were to have an emergency, our apparatus requires ample room and clearance to reach some of our residents. One of our many jobs is to pre plan and know our coverage area to the best of our abilities. When we are doing this, we see many residences that would be difficult to access should the need arise.

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

2024. 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 2024 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



### COFFEE WITH A COP



Come out to our Coffee with a Cop event on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 2024. The program runs for 11 consecutive weeks, starting Wednesday, August 28, 2024 and ending Wednesday, November 6, 2024. 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](http://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

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

#### 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

## EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

### **BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AMBULANCE SERVICES**

The Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company first started responding to ambulance calls in 1956. We respond to a wide variety of requests, and amongst the most prevalent category is cardiac related calls. In 2023 we received the American Heart Association Mission Lifeline: Gold award for emergency cardiac care. Our team of over 75 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Advance Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMTs), Paramedics, and Pre-Hospital Registered (PHRNs) responded to nearly 10,000 calls last year. We are very fortunate to have a gifted group of clinicians who are able to use their skills, compassion and experience to care for the citizens and visitors to our community.

When you call 911 in Northampton County, it is answered by the highly trained dispatchers at the Northampton County 911 Center in Nazareth. Those dispatchers will ask a series of questions that will not only begin the process of sending the most appropriate help to you, but also obtaining information that will help you and the responders begin to care for you or your loved ones. In some cases the dispatchers may provide instructions to take an aspirin, lay down, open an airway, deliver a baby or perform CPR. They are a critical part of the work that we do caring for our community.

You play a very important role in our success. There are a few steps you can take to help EMS help you:

- \* Please make sure that your house number is clearly marked and visible so we can find you. House numbers are critical to helping us find your home when you call 911.
- \* Make sure that you have a list of your medications and medical conditions available. We understand that the hospital may have a list of your medications in their electronic medical record, but it can take time to access those records, and we may need to give you medications that can interact with your other medications. Having that list is extremely helpful.
- ◆ Let us know what hospital you prefer. We will do our best to honor your request as best we can, but sometimes your condition requires us to transport you to a hospital that may have services that are not available where you normally receive care. This frequently can occur with fall victims who need to go to a trauma center or patients who may be having a heart attack.

We frequently are contacted by patients and family members with questions about services that were provided and bills that they may have received. The entire process can be very confusing. Please feel free to contact the billing office at 844-800-8628 with any questions. Additionally, our administrative staff is here to assist you with your questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to us at 610-694-0062 so that we can assist you.



## EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

### BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AMBULANCE SERVICES

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first proclamation declaring February American Heart Month. Each year, this is a time to spotlight heart disease, by bringing awareness and sharing how to take steps to prevent this deadly disease. The emergence of COVID-19 and the resulting pandemic and quarantines forced us to change the way we live, resulting in routines that were less active and more isolated. Some of these new routines no longer include regular exercise or healthy eating habits, which are top contributors to heart disease.

February is  
American Heart Month



According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is a leading cause of death in the United States for both men and women and is among the highest call types that we receive. They also offer a few tips on action items you take to prevent heart disease:

- **Know your risk.** Knowing your risk can help you make lifestyle changes.
- **Eat a healthy diet.** Start making healthy choices that include daily vegetables and less processed foods.
- **Be physically active.** Move more – it's one of the best ways to stay healthy, prevent disease, and age well.
- **Watch your weight.** Stay at a healthy weight for you.
- **Check your blood pressure and cholesterol.** These are two main risk factors that could lead to heart disease.



Raising awareness is important not only in the month of February but year-round too. It's the awareness that can ultimately save a life and on the first Friday of February, the nation celebrates National Wear Red Day to bring greater attention to heart disease as a leading cause of death for Americans.

We also believe that it's also important to take training on how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to help save lives. Cardiac arrest claims thousands of lives every year. We strongly encourage everyone to take a CPR class, as it can save lives.

## 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.



# 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

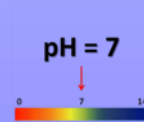
1. Do not rinse or clean filters into the street, paved driveways, or a street drain. Do not drain backwash into streets or stormwater drains.
2. Rinse cartridge filters into a container and allow the waste to settle out. Dispose of residue by bagging and placing it in the trash after it dries out.

### 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.



## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

### DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR ... ?

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 \$75.00. 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.

**ONLINE PERMITTING COMING THIS SPRING!!**

**See our article on page 7 for more details.**

### 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.

## LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP

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## LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

### ***IN THIS ISSUE:***

- ◆ Splash Pad Opens!
- ◆ Newburg Intersection Improvements
- ◆ Meet the New Township Engineer & SEOs
- ◆ Online Permitting Coming Soon!
- ◆ Election Day—Get out and vote!
- ◆ Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ Electronics Recycling Event
- ◆ Township Document Shredding Event
- ◆ Curbside Yard Waste Removal
- ◆ Township Clean-Up Day
- ◆ Do I need a permit? Q&A on permits
- ◆ ...and much more!!!!

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

Saturday March 23rd	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday April 22nd— Friday May 3rd	Curbside Yard Waste
Wednesday May 1st	Electronics Recycling
Saturday May 4th	Yard Sale
Saturday May 11th	Spring Clean-Up Day
Tuesday April 23rd	Primary Election Day
Saturday October 26th	Shredding Event

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

<b>Friday March 29th</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Tuesday April 23rd</b>	<b>Primary Election Day</b>
<b>Monday May 27th</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>Thursday July 4th</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>
<b>Monday September 2nd</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>