

Lower Nazareth Township

Fall 2024



DOG'S DAY OUT III



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

September 28, 2024

(Rain Date: September 29, 2024)

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 pages 18 & 19 more event 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 Nancy Teague
- Supervisor Amy Templeton

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

September 25th, October 23rd, November 13th, December 11th
 Check website for Zoom connection information

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

MEETING SCHEDULE - 6:30PM

September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, December 16th
 Check website for Zoom connection information

ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

MEETS ON DEMAND

Check website for Zoom connection information

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

MEETING SCHEDULE - 7:00PM

September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th
 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 13 for earned income tax information

Local Services Tax Collector

Lorie L. Gyarmaty
see page 13 for local services tax information

Township Real Estate Tax Collector

Eric Mitcheltree
see page 12 for township real estate information

Nazareth Area School District Tax Collector

Berkheimer Associates
see page 12 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

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

November 5, 2024Election Day
November 28, 2024Thanksgiving
November 29, 2024Thanksgiving
December 24, 2024Christmas
December 25, 2024Christmas
December 31, 2024New Year's Eve
January 1, 2025New 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.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER OF THE YEAR



At this year's Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Mayors and Municipal Officials Reception, our own Township Manager, Lori Stauffer, was awarded the 2024 Township Manager of the Year award for her work and accomplishments in the field of local government! The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors was on hand to watch her receive this prestigious award.

Since starting with the Township in 2018, Lori has worked with the Board of Supervisors to implement park improvements, update critical planning documents, create partnerships with public agencies and local businesses,

and coordination of numerous public projects. Projects include, but not limited to, the senior center, development of Newburg Park, development of Surrey Glen Park, Newburg Rd/Rt. 191 intersection, recycling center improvements, road projects, and improvements to the township buildings. She is also responsible for the day-to-day management of the Township's staff of 15 people and oversight of the daily operation of Lower Nazareth.



She is responsible for obtaining \$3.1 million in grant funding for Lower Nazareth Township, including recently obtaining \$725,000 from Pennsylvania DCED to straighten the intersection at Butztown Road with Route 191, replace the existing stormwater pipes, and pave the road from Rt. 191 to the township line. The grants she has obtained have allowed Lower Nazareth Township to move forward with many beneficial projects to our residents. The grants have also greatly benefited Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company and Colonial Regional Police Department by providing funding for much needed equipment and vehicles. She also works to obtain funding through local businesses for projects and community events.

Lori also works with the Recreation Committee to organize and work at Township community events such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Trick-or-Treat, and Dog's Day Out. These events have been well-received by the community, serve hundreds of people, and continue to grow every year.

Lori has worked in local government for 25 years and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Cedar Crest College (graduating magna cum laude) and a law degree from Widener University Commonwealth Law School. She enjoys serving the Lower Nazareth community and looks forward to many more years of doing so!



ONLINE PERMITTING COMING THIS FALL!!

Lower Nazareth Township is finally walking into the 21st century! Coming in Fall 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, for access to this new system this Fall 2024.

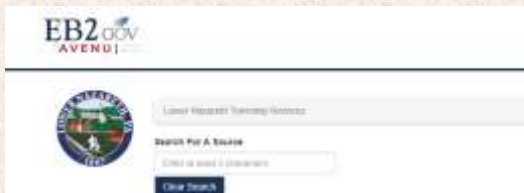
NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS!!

You can now conveniently pay fees in person and online using your credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover). Please note that service and convenience fees apply:

IN-PERSON - Payments made by credit card are assessed a 2.99% convenience fee (minimum \$2.50 charged)
Payments can still be made in cash and checks.

ONLINE - Payments can be made by credit card or ACH.

- * Credit card charges are assessed a \$1.75 online service fee + 2.99% convenience fee (minimum \$2.50 charged)
- * ACH charges are assessed a \$1.75 service fee + a flat \$2.50 convenience fee



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

NEWBURG PARK CORNER

SPLASH PAD OPENING

You've been patient...and it's finally here! The Newburg Park Splash pad opened on Saturday, August 24th. The kids had a great time, especially under the big bucket! Come out and join the fun.

If you have not already purchased your season pass you can stop in the Township Office, Monday through Friday from 7:30am-4:00pm to complete your form, make payment, and receive your access card. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents.

The water features do time out after a period of time. You just need to go to the back of the pad and hit the button!

As a reminder, the splash pad is for humans only.
No dogs allowed.

The splash pad will continue to operate this season as long as the weather is above 70 degrees!

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked through some challenges in getting this park feature up and running.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING - NEWBURG PARK **Friday, December 6th 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.

Carriage rides will be offered to the public.

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!



NEWBURG PARK TREE PLANTING

As many of our residents have seen, the Township parks have undergone significant improvements, including the start of development of Newburg Park. That momentum has continued with a project to plant 70 Pennsylvania native deciduous trees in Newburg Park. This project was a collaboration between the Recreation Committee and the Environmental Advisory Council. Members of the Environmental Advisory Council made a recommendation to expand the existing forest area in the park. The expansion of the forest area provides numerous benefits including expansion of bird and small mammal habitat, storm water control, reduction of carbon in the atmosphere and oxygen production. Based on the EAC's recommendation, the Recreation Committee began making plans to bring the project to reality.

Before any work on the project started, the township manager applied for and obtained two grants. Lehigh Valley Greenways awarded the Township a grant in the amount of \$13,000, and Northampton County Livable Landscapes awarded the Township a grant in the amount of \$29,343. This totals \$42,343 towards the project costs.

The project went out to bid in early August with the hope that the trees will be planted this fall or early spring. The trees include black cherry (or gum), dogwood, autumn blaze maple, shagbark hickory, maple, northern red oak, shadblow, tulip, and white oak.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CORNER

GRANTS AWARDED FOR OUR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARMENTS

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the Township has been awarded 3 grants that benefit Colonial Regional Police Department and Hecktown Volunteer Fire Department through the Commonwealth Financing Authority:

Colonial Regional Police Department

New Desktop Computers—\$27,096
New Police Vehicle—\$84,917

Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company

Breathing Air Compressor— \$66,899

We would be remiss if we did not profusely thank Representative Joe Emrick and Senator Lisa Boscola for their continued support of our community by advocating on behalf of our grant applications that have resulted in wonderful improvements to our Township and providing much needed equipment for our emergency services.

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

SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST FORMS



In an emergency, residents with special needs may need assistance to exit there home. In an effort to provide the best possible service, these individuals are encouraged to contact the Township at 610-759-7434. All information received will be shared with emergency services. The information involving your needs is vital in the event the Township experiences an emergency.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL—SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Even if you don't have children in school, you play a crucial role in their safety. Here's what you need to know:

- **Yellow Lights:** Yellow flashing lights on a bus mean it's preparing to stop. Slow down and get ready to stop.
- **Red Lights:** Red flashing lights and a stop signal arm mean the bus has stopped to let children on or off. Stop your vehicle at least 10 feet before the bus and wait until the red lights stop flashing before proceeding.
- **Fines and Penalties:** Improperly passing a school bus can result in a \$250 fine, a 60-day driver's license suspension, and 5 points on your driving record.
- **School Zones:** Obey all posted speed limits, especially in school zones where penalties for speeding are higher.

NAZARETH HALLOWEEN PARADE

Come out to the 2024 Annual Nazareth Halloween parade on Saturday October 19th at 1PM.
The Parade is sponsored by the Vigilance Hose Company No. 1.

Lower Nazareth Township staff will be driving our trucks and tossing candy. Parade is rain or shine.
Hope to see you there!!!!

TRICK-OR-TREAT!! HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! THURSDAY 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!



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.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5th

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

District #1 - West of Routes 946 and 191 –

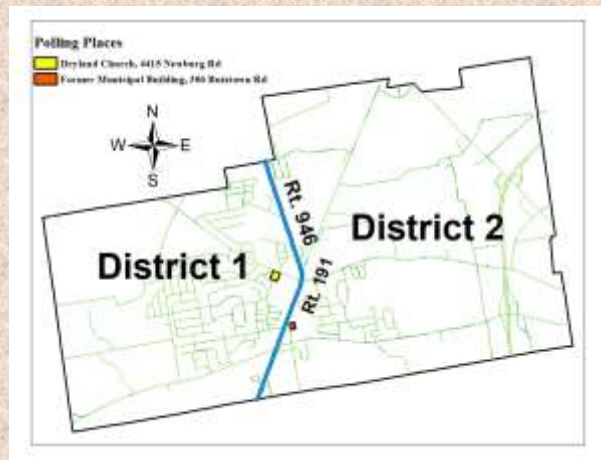
Dryland United Church of Christ, 4415 Newburg Road

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. The boxes will be available beginning sometime in October until 8:00PM on November 5, 2024. Accessing the drop-off boxes will not require going through security. Please check hours listed below.

- ◆ Northampton County Courthouse—669 Washington St, Easton—M-F 8:30AM—8:00PM
- ◆ Northampton County Human Service Bldg—2801 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem—M-F 8:30AM-7:00PM
- ◆ Northampton County 911 Center—100 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth—24/7
- ◆ Bethlehem City Hall—10 E Church Street, Bethlehem—M-F 8:00AM—4:00PM



TURN CLOCKS BACK—SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3rd



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.

NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

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

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF—Residents of the Nazareth Area School District may be eligible for a property tax rebate under programs administered by the district. For more information, please contact Representative Joe Emrick's district office at 717-772-9837 or Senator Lisa Boscola's district office at 610-868-8667. Staff will be happy to help you determine your eligibility and fill out the appropriate paperwork.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES

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

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 2024 are required to file a Final Tax Return by **Monday April 15, 2025**. 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 2024 tax return. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number, and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C)



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

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

LOCAL SERVICES TAX

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

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



BUTZTOWN ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Amazing news!! Lower Nazareth Township has been awarded \$725,000 from the Pennsylvania DCED Multi-Modal Transportation Grant Program for the Butztown Road Intersection Realignment and Road Rehabilitation project.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

- * Realign the existing intersection from a “Y” to a “T”
- * Replace existing antiquated stormwater pipes with new pipes
- * Add a left turning lane on Route 191
- * Guiderails around triangle property to prevent driving through
- * Mill and overlay of Butztown Road from Rt 191 to the Bethlehem Township line.

Estimated cost is \$1.2 million. Work will go to bid in December / January with work estimated to start in Spring 2025. Please note access to Butztown Park will be limited during construction.

ROUTE 248 TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS

In 2022, Lower Nazareth Township was awarded \$256,000 by PennDOT for upgrading the traffic lights along the Rt. 248 corridor. This congested corridor is consistently buzzing with traffic.

The upgrade to the lights will include new controller components and it will provide PennDOT with remote access, which can adjust the light cycles based on traffic flow as well as emergency conditions.

The grant is for the six lights in Lower Nazareth from the intersection of Jandy Blvd to the intersection with Corriere Road.

Currently, the Township Engineer is working with PennDOT for their approval on the design and permitting of the project. Once this is achieved (hopefully by October 2024), the Township can proceed with the project. The project must be completed, and all grant paperwork submitted no later than May 2025.



Lower Nazareth Township was the only municipality in the Lehigh Valley to get awarded funding under this grant program and we are thrilled PennDOT saw the value in this project!

Route 191 at Newburg Road & Route 946/Daniels Road Project Update

Demolition of the final property at the Route 191 and Daniels Road split is scheduled to begin shortly after Labor Day. This PADOT project is in the final design stage through Spring of 2026. Construction is estimated to begin in Summer 2026.

CAT & DOG POPULATION CONTROL & PET CARE



SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET

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

SPAY & NEUTER CLINICS—The Center for Animal Health and Welfare (CAHW) is

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

CAHW also offers low cost vaccinations for dogs and cats, heartworm and lyme testing for dogs, Felv/FIV testing for cats, microchip identification, and worm and flea treatments.

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

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

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

DOG LICENCES...IT'S THE LAW

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

Nazareth Area Intermediate School

Celebrating Dr. Joseph Yanek's Retirement and Welcoming Mr. John Fidelibus by Jackie Bewick

After 37 years of dedicated service in education, Dr. Joseph Yanek, our beloved principal, is retiring. Dr. Yanek's commitment to fostering a positive and enriching educational environment has profoundly impacted both the educational community and the Nazareth community at large. His leadership, compassion, and dedication have touched the lives of countless students, families, and staff members, creating a legacy that will be remembered for years to come.

Throughout his career, Dr. Yanek has been a pillar of support and inspiration. His innovative approach to education, unwavering support for his staff, and genuine care for every student have made a significant difference in our community. As we bid him farewell, we extend our deepest gratitude for all that he has shared with us. While we will miss him terribly, we are excited for him as he embarks on a new chapter, enjoying well-deserved time with his family, especially with his grandchildren.



As we look to the future, we are delighted to welcome Mr. John Fidelibus as the new Intermediate School Principal this fall. Mr. Fidelibus, who has served as the Middle School Assistant Principal and a wrestling coach, brings a wealth of experience and a deep connection to our community. Having worked closely with many families and students, he is well-prepared to continue the legacy of excellence. We are confident that Mr. Fidelibus will lead with the same dedication and passion, ensuring a bright future for our school.

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Yanek's remarkable career and welcoming Mr. Fidelibus to his new role. Together, we will continue to build a strong and supportive educational community.

DOGS DAY OUT III INFORMATION

We have some great vendors lined up for you!

You are sure to find a little of everything!

As I C It Photography
B Comfee / Grooming Hands
Barkley's Bakery
C & C Production
Cindy Lou Dog Scarves
Color Street Shop
DIYNAILS.COM
Crafts by Grammy
Cressman Pet Poo Pick-Up
Cruising for K9s
Dana's Craft N Creations
"E&S Bracelets and More/
J&K Company"
Em & Ko Company
Empyrean Candle LLC
Equality 3D
Five Maidens Cider Company
Grammy & Pappy's Craft
Head in the Clouds Face
Painting
Invisible Fence Brand
Jdog Promotions
Kardi Pet Stickers

Kate's Portraits
Keeley's Collars
Colleen Kutzman
Lehigh Valley Bin Cleaning
"Lehigh Valley County Animal
Response Team
(LVCART)"
Lehigh Valley Health Network
M & J Creationz
Mary Kay Cosmetics
"Memorial Library of Nazareth
and Vicinity"
Mighty Pawz
One Family's Treasures
PA VFW District 20
Pampered Chef Ltd
Peoples Security Bank & Trust
PetSmart
Pure Romance by Kayla
Renewal by Anderson
Rescued and Co

Rocco's Bake Shop
S.L.R.'s Stained Glass Studio
Sasha & Me - Cooper
Makes Three
Scentsy
Sleep Cat Urban Winery
Carol Snyder
Starlight Crafts
Stone Lake Winery
Tania's Crafts
Tastefully Simple
Tay and Cae Wellness Co
The Bath Soap Company
The Birches of Lehigh Valley
The Collective Textile
The Ravens Nest
The Windy Owl LLC
Thrivent - Dana Vlasics
Uncle Bobs Wood Shop
VCA AVH Animal Hospital
"Weichert Realtors in partnership
with Furry Feet Rescue"

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 Bane!



DOGS DAY OUT III 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 Gerk's BBQ, MommaBellyBuster, Paul & Charlie's Italian Sausage, and Pie's to Die For "Pie in a Cone". Top it off with some tasty samples from Five Maidens Cider Company, Sleepy Cat Urban Winery, and Stone Lake Winery.



American Heritage Girls Troop 0812 will be selling baked goods.

Dog's Day Out is proud to have 3Husketeers Rescue, Freedom First Rescue, Red Rock Rescue, and The Center for Animal Health & Welfare at our event!

Thinking of adding a fur baby to your pack? These are great organizations that have great puppies and dogs for adoption. They do a great job to promote animal welfare! Don't forget to stop by their tables and show some love and support



DOG'S DAY OUT III

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

September 28, 2024 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

PA STATE SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA



Greetings! I hope everyone had a nice summer. A reminder that my Bethlehem District Office at 1 E. Broad St., Suite 120 in Bethlehem is open M-F from 9 am – 5 pm. Please stop at any time. If you want to set up an appointment, please call us at 610-868-8667. The Property Tax and Rent Rebate program's deadline has been extended until December 31, 2024. The income limit for both homeowners and renters is now \$45,000 with a maximum rebate of \$1,000. Pennsylvanians over 65, widows or widowers between the ages of 50-64, or individuals who are permanently disabled between the ages of 18-64 that meet the income eligibility can apply. My District Offices have the applications, and my staff can assist in completing them for you.

Earlier this summer the General Assembly completed work on the state budget. As part of the budget, we made much needed investments to improve Pennsylvania's economic future and workforce development programs. The Lehigh Valley is well positioned to take advantage of these investments to bring more family sustaining jobs to our region. This budget underscores our commitment to fostering economic growth while investing in our workforce. By supporting businesses and educational opportunities, we are laying a foundation for sustainable prosperity for the Lehigh Valley.

STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

The Streamlining Permits for Economic Expansion and Development Program (SPEED) will expedite business projects through enhanced permitting processes, supported by additional staff and third-party reviews. The net-operating-loss (NOL) carry forward increase from 40% to 80% over four years provides critical financial stability for start-up businesses, encouraging innovation and growth.

Additionally, the expansion of the Historic Preservation Incentive Tax Credit and the infusion of \$500 million through the PA SITES program will improve infrastructure readiness, positioning Pennsylvania as a prime location for business expansion. Additionally, the budget contains a focus on workforce development, initiatives such as the Employer Child Care Contribution Tax Credit, which offers businesses a tax credit for childcare expenses paid towards an employee's eligible childcare costs. Additionally, the Grow Pennsylvania Scholarship Grant Program supports students who stay and work in PA with grants up to \$5,000 annually.

PUBLIC EDUCATION:

This budget also makes important investments in public education. School districts in the 18th Senatorial District received nearly \$19 million in increased funding, with over \$2.3 million of that being reimbursement for district's Cyber Charter payment obligations. Our career and technical schools play a crucial role in workforce development and the grant program to provide needed equipment received a 22% increase.

As Co-Chair of the Community College Caucus, I was also pleased to see a 6% increase in funding to our community colleges, which play a critical role in workforce development along with being an affordable launching pad for many students as they begin their pathway to a career.

As a longtime advocate for school property tax reform, however, I am disappointed this budget missed out on providing significant property tax relief for homeowners. I will continue my push for property tax reform and offer amendments on the floor to make progress on this much needed initiative.

Have a great fall! Lisa



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New Complaint Form Available for Pennsylvania Consumers with Airline Issues, Says Emrick

HARRISBURG – A new, online complaint form for Pennsylvania consumers encountering hardships with airline travel, ranging from flight delays and cancellations to boarding problems, is now available, according to Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Northampton).

The form is available on the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General website, at www.attorneygeneral.gov, by clicking the “Submit a Complaint” tab at the top of the page. A printable version of the form is also available.

According to the attorney general’s office, the form was created in response to a nationwide uptick in consumer complaints regarding air travel and is the product of a partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation to better assist Pennsylvania travelers.

Consumers may file complaints whether they purchased tickets directly, or through an agent or third party. Residents of Pennsylvania or those who faced airline issues in Pennsylvania are eligible to use the new complaint form.

The forms require information, such as a ticket number, flight itinerary, flight date, date of ticket purchase, ticket price and form of payment. The forms also require specifics on what issues were encountered by the traveler. This information will be useful when reviewing and resolving complaints.

The U.S. Department of Transportation expects to launch a modernized system for handling air travel service complaints later this year. This system is intended to improve the customer experience for the tens of thousands of consumers who file air travel service complaints with the department each year. The attorney general’s office will provide information on how to submit complaints directly to the department in the future.

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 Greinar 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.

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 2025 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

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 12th** 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 25 & Electronics Recycling on page 23

» 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!

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PROGRAMS



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO DROP-OFF!

SEPT.
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ANNUAL ONE-DAY EVENT!

HOUSEHOLD

HAZARDOUS! WASTE

2024 RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION EVENT

Online Pre-registration opens August 28, 8AM. Visit NorCoPA.gov for registration link.

EVENT GUIDELINES

- Wastes will NOT be accepted from commercial vehicles.
- Collection events are for RESIDENTIAL WASTES. Acceptable waste must be generated within a home in Northampton County & not affiliated with any business, contractor, nonprofit, organization, institution, municipal government or out-of-county residence.
- Staff has the right to determine and refuse unauthorized and unacceptable material.
- **Maximum amount allowed is 50 gallons and 90 pounds** of solid material. Containers larger than 5 gallons will NOT be accepted.
- Proof of residency & registration are required at check-in.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

AUTOMOTIVE • OUTDOOR • HOME • WORKSHOP
Acids, Ammonia, Bleach, Caustics, Solvents, Turpentine
Pool chemicals, Degreasers, Drain openers, Cleaners
Corrosives, Disinfectants, Aerosols (partial/full)
Automotive fluids, Oils, Polishes, Waxes, Sealers, Finishers
Gasoline, Gasoline/Oil mix, Fuel additives, Kerosene
Adhesives, Caulking, Glues, Epoxies, Resins, Shellacs
Lacquers, Varnishes, Stains, Removers, Strippers, Thinners
Fire extinguishers, Propane tanks (20 lb. size only)
Non PCB ballasts, CFLs & Fluorescent tubes
Non-alkaline batteries (Lithium, NiCad, Ni-MH, Lead acid)
Fertilizers, Pesticides, Weed killers, Fungicides, Herbicides
Insecticides, Poisons, Mothballs
(Mercury) Thermometers & Thermostats
Oil-Based paint & sprays

RESTRICTED MATERIALS

Non-hazardous Wastes • Unknown or Unidentified Wastes • Empty Containers
Carbon Monoxide Detectors • Alkaline Batteries • Incandescent & LED Bulbs
Latex & Acrylic Paints • Water-based Products • Electronics • Appliances • Tires
Refrigerants/Freon • Medical Waste • SHARPS • Radioactive Waste • Smoke Alarms
Construction Debris • Compressed Gas Tanks (CO₂, oxygen, acetylene, helium)
Ammunition • Explosives • Fireworks • Flares • Electric Vehicle & Bike Batteries

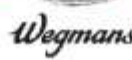
Event will be monitored to ensure compliance with PADEP requirements.



NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3835 Green Pond Rd, Bethlehem 18020



Thank You for Funding and Partnership!



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

Thursday January 2nd through Friday January 3rd

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

Saturdays: January 4th, January 11th, January 18th, January 25th, & February 1st

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

Thursday, Jan 2nd

Monday, Jan 6th and Tuesday, Jan 7th

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

Fri, Jan. 3rd

Wed, Jan. 8th & Thurs, Jan 9th, & Fri, Jan. 11th

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

The flurry and fun of the 2024 summer reading programs, “Come Out and Play!” for children and “Spirit of Adventure” for young adults and adults, has come to a close—but there’s so much more excitement on the horizon! Over seven hundred patrons were involved in SRP this year. Thank you especially to the IronPigs Charitable Foundation for their financial support of this year’s SRP.



Ferrous from the Iron Pigs (left) and Lolly Hopwood Concert and Fun on the Library Lawn (right)

During the fall and winter months, the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff encourages area residents to stop by for items from our ever-growing collection of bestsellers, museum passes, games, educational resources, DVDs, CDs, handheld magnifiers, hotspots, magazines, newspapers, and ukuleles. Also, please mark your calendar for the fall, winter, and ongoing events and activities for all ages:

September is **National Library Card Sign-up Month**. If you don’t have a library card, stop in today to get yours and enter a **special raffle** for doing so! It’s also an opportunity to attend **Family Place workshops** each Thursday at 10 am. Children 1-3 years old and their parent or caregiver can join weekly for a story, song, and presentation by a child development specialist.

Due to a new **partnership with Easton Area Public Library**, you now have access to the items in their collection as well as the MLNV’s via daily (weekday) couriers!

The annual **Touch-a-Truck Festival** will take place rain-or-shine on Saturday, October 5th at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. Tickets are available now at the library and online. Thank you to all our sponsors.

Adults, you are invited to attend in-person talks with writers and experts: **“Robberies and Forgeries”** on October 15th at 6pm; **“Laughter Is the Best Medicine”** on October 16th at 2 pm; and a talk with **Kate Brandes** about her new novel *Stone Creek* on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30 pm.

The children’s department has exciting fall plans for a **pumpkin decorating contest**, **Halloween parade** and special storytime, and **DINovember!**-themed crafts and activities.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY CORNER

MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

For **Veterans Day**, the library will honor all of our brave men and women who have served in America's armed services. Plan to attend the library's ceremony on Thursday, November 7th at 6 pm. For the second year in a row, the library will also honor veterans residing at Gracedale Nursing Home, on Monday, November 11th at 2 pm.

Be a part of our annual **holiday basket raffle** from mid-November through **Christmas in Nazareth** on Saturday, December 14th.

In the new year, our young patrons can celebrate at our **Lunar New Year Celebration** and Valentine's Day with the return of our "**Magic Mailbox**" and **Valentine's Day Tea**. Then in early spring, enjoy **Dr. Seuss's Birthday Bash** and an **egg hunt** on the library lawn.

Join one of our many **book groups, Cookery and Conversation Club, Chronicles of Yarnia, Storytime for Adults**, as well as trivia contest nights and craft events. And participate in the **Ukulele Orchestra**, scavenger hunts, coloring, and puzzle-making.

Stop in for ongoing children's **storytimes**, including Pajama Storytime, and Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as special children's activities and events.

Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about the **Teen Advisory Board**, which is hard at work on a new pollinator garden.

The **Friends of the Library** meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm. 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, community partners, and program presenters and attendees!

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 (www.nazarethlibrary.org), 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 400 calls for service while striving to maintain our training and recruitment efforts.

This year we will host our annual open house on October 14, 2024, 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 14th!

Our annual Santa's Toy Run fundraiser will take place on December 14, 2024. Santa will be visiting homes in Lower Nazareth Township starting at 10 AM. Additional information will be provided via our Social Media accounts. The drop off/sign up dates for this will be December 2nd and 9th from 6:30 pm until 8 pm. 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 2024 fund drive letter which will be mailed sometime in the fall. Thank you for your generous support in 2023 and we look forward to your

continued help and support in 2024. 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 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.

COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office: 610 861-4820

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 610 759-2200



There's A New K-9 In Town....Meet K9 Bane

Sgt. Cody Hendershot has been a K9 handler for many years with his partner, Otto, who some members of Colonial Regional Police affectionately described as a grumpy old man. Otto was a seven-year old Dutch Shepherd who served the community for six years. Sgt. Hendershot described him as a partner who went to work everyday and loved doing his job. Sadly, Otto passed away on April 19, 2024, due to lymphoma.

Sgt. Hendershot remembered his partner, "I'm grateful for the lessons that he taught me, the time that I got to spend with him and for the experiences we shared. He gave me everything that he had each and every day right up until the very end. He was my Night Fury and a true guardian of the night."

For those that attended last year's Dog's Day Out, you got to witness the true connection between these partners. Otto demonstrated his drug sniffing skills as well as demonstrating how to take down a perpetrator as Sgt. Hendershot fielded spectator questions. It was a truly inspiring demonstration.



Otto will be missed by all. Rest in peace, Otto. Thank you for your service and protecting our community.



While mourning Otto's loss, Sgt. Hendershot felt a need to continue as a K9 handler and Colonial Regional Police Chief knew the department needed two K-9 officers to feel complete. They began the search for their newest partner and found this young pup, Bane! Bane is a 13-month-old Belgian Malinois. His name was chosen because one of its meanings is "glorious defender."

He has a deep pedigree filled with highly trained dogs. He was selected because of his environment stability, socialization, and potential. Bane did not come with any training. Sgt. Hendershot has already begun working with him and he has plans to have him certified through the National Police Canine Association (NPCA) in narcotics, patrol, and tracking by the fall. Bane looks forward to serving the communities in the near future!

Welcome Bane!



BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AMBULANCE SERVICES

Preparing for Fall and Winter: Essential Tips for Health and Safety

As the vibrant colors of fall begin to blanket our community and the chill of winter approaches, it's crucial to prepare for the changes in weather and the health challenges they can bring. We want to ensure that you and your family stay safe and healthy throughout the colder months. Here are some essential tips to help you prepare for fall and winter weather:

Weatherizing Your Home

- **Heating Systems:** Before you turn on your heat for the first time, have your heating system inspected and serviced by a professional. Replace or clean filters to ensure efficient operation and reduce fire hazards.
- **Fireplace Safety:** If you use a fireplace, have it inspected and cleaned annually. Keep flammable materials away from the fireplace and always use a screen to prevent sparks from escaping.
- **Insulation and Drafts:** Check windows and doors for drafts and seal any leaks. Adding weather stripping or caulking can help keep your home warm and reduce heating costs.

Winter Driving Tips

- **Vehicle Maintenance:** Ensure your vehicle is winter-ready by checking tire tread depth, battery condition, and antifreeze levels. Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid fuel line freeze-up.
- **Emergency Kit:** Equip your car with an emergency kit that includes items like blankets, a flashlight, water, non-perishable food, and a first-aid kit. Consider adding sand or kitty litter for added traction if you get stuck.
- **Safe Driving Practices:** Reduce your speed in icy or snowy conditions and increase your following distance. Clear all snow and ice from your vehicle before driving to ensure full visibility.

Health and Safety Precautions

- **Flu Shots:** The flu season is upon us, and getting your flu shot is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others. Contact your healthcare provider or local

pharmacy to schedule your vaccination.

- **Winter Skin Care:** Cold, dry air can lead to dry skin and chapped lips. Use moisturizers regularly and protect your skin from the elements by wearing gloves, hats, and scarves.
- **Preventing Falls:** Ice and snow can create slippery conditions. Keep walkways clear of ice and snow, use salt or sand to improve traction, and wear non-slip footwear to reduce the risk of falls.
- **Carbon Monoxide Safety:** With more people using heaters and fireplaces, the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning increases. Install a CO detector in your home and check it regularly to ensure it is working properly. Never use gas ovens or portable heaters to heat your home.

Preparing for Emergencies

- **Emergency Contacts:** Update your list of emergency contacts and ensure that everyone in your household knows how to reach each other in case of an emergency.
- **Emergency Plan:** Review and practice your family emergency plan. Make sure everyone knows what to do in case of a fire, severe weather, or power outage.
- **Power Outages:** Have a supply of batteries, flashlights, and other essentials in case of a power outage. Consider a portable generator if you have medical equipment that requires electricity.

By taking these proactive steps, you can help ensure a safe and healthy transition into the fall and winter seasons. Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company EMS is here to support you. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to us. Stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy the beautiful seasons ahead!

The Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company
EMS Team

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

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	Firefighter Training
Agricultural Operations	Disease or Pest Control
Prevention of a Hazard	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 FALL!!

See our article on page 5 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 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.

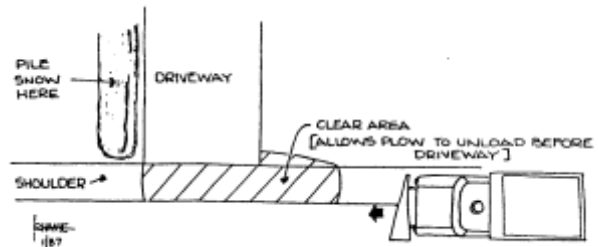
It is the Township's policy to first plow the main roads and then the secondary or development roads. This procedure helps to facilitate the flow of higher volumes of traffic and allows emergency vehicles access to the entire Township as quickly as possible. During larger storms the department may only 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.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP

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LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday September 28 th	Household Hazardous Waste
Saturday September 28 th	Dog's Day Out III
Saturday October 12 th	Fall Clean-Up Day
Saturday October 26 th	Township Shred Event
Tuesday October 31 st	Halloween
Tuesday November 5 th	Election Day
Friday December 6 th	Christmas Tree Lighting

The Municipal Office will be closed:

Tuesday November 5th	Election Day
Thursday November 28th	Thanksgiving
Friday November 29th	Thanksgiving
Friday December 24th	Christmas Eve
Monday December 25th	Christmas Day
Friday December 31st	New Years Eve
Monday January 1st	New Year's Day