

# Lower Nazareth Township

Spring 2025

## BUTZTOWN ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT

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.

Bids have been received for this project and are under review to be awarded in March. Estimated cost is \$1.2 million. Work is estimated to start in the Spring.

### SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

- \* Realign the existing intersection splitting into a “T” and a “Y”
- \* 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.

Butztown Road will be closed between Hecktown Road to the south and Route 191 (Nazareth Pike) to the north for approximately two-three months. A detour will be implemented utilizing Hecktown Road and Route 191 (Nazareth Pike).

While a road closure can be disruptive, it is the opinion of the Township and the Township Engineer that detouring Butztown Road is the safest and most efficient way to reconstruct the intersection and realigned roadway. The roadway closure will eliminate the need for the contractor to work around everyday traffic .

It should be noted that there is an existing truck restriction on Hecktown Road. It is the Township’s intention to suspend this restriction for the duration of the detour.

The Township may limit access to the nearby Township Park if needed to further facilitate the project.



Please check our website and Facebook for updates on this project.



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**Nazareth, PA 18064**  
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## TOWNSHIP BOARDS & MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 623 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, NAZARETH

Meeting dates and location are subject to change.

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

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



### LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

### PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

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

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

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

## TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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

### ADMINISTRATION

Lori Stauffer, Township Manager  
Tammi Dravec, Secretary/Treasurer

### ZONING DEPARTMENT

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

### TAX DEPARTMENT

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

### Local Services Tax Collector

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

### Township Real Estate Tax Collector

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

### Nazareth Area School District Tax Collector

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

### PARKS AND RECREATION

Lorie Gyarmaty, Parks & Recreation Coordinator

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

William Kocher, Director of Public Works

### Township Solicitor

Gary Asteak, Esq.

### Township Engineer

Justin Coyle, P.E.

### Township Sewage Enforcement Officer

Jacob Schray

## TOWNSHIP WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



## SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST FORMS

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



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

## TOWNSHIP WIDE YARD SALE Saturday, May 3rd

This event is marked as a day for everyone to participate together and bring a sense of community into Lower Nazareth. This event will be advertised in the Nazareth Key newspaper as the date gets closer.



Please Note:

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

## ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER

Lower Nazareth Township is accepting applications for a full-time assistant zoning officer. The ideal candidate will have zoning and planning experience; however, we are willing to train the right candidate.

Duties will involve working with the zoning officer to administer planning, process zoning permits, enforce Township ordinances, and provide excellent customer service to our constituents. Excellent oral and written communication and excellent computer skills are a must. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Excellent benefit package offered. Interested parties should send their resume to Lower Nazareth Township, Attn: Lori A. Stauffer, Township Manager, 623 Municipal Drive, Nazareth, PA 18064.

## 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.

## GET YOUR REAL ID

Beginning May 7th, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license/photo ID card, (or another form of federally-acceptable identification like a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID. REAL ID is a federal law regarding how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards to ensure they are acceptable for federal purposes. The cards feature new technology, making them much more difficult to forge.

Getting a REAL ID is optional, but if you're not sure whether a REAL ID is right for you, PennDOT's [REAL ID online wizard](https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dmv/driver-services/real-id/is-real-id-for-me.html) at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dmv/driver-services/real-id/is-real-id-for-me.html> can help. More information on necessary documents and where and how to obtain a REAL ID is at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dmv/driver-services/real-id.html>.

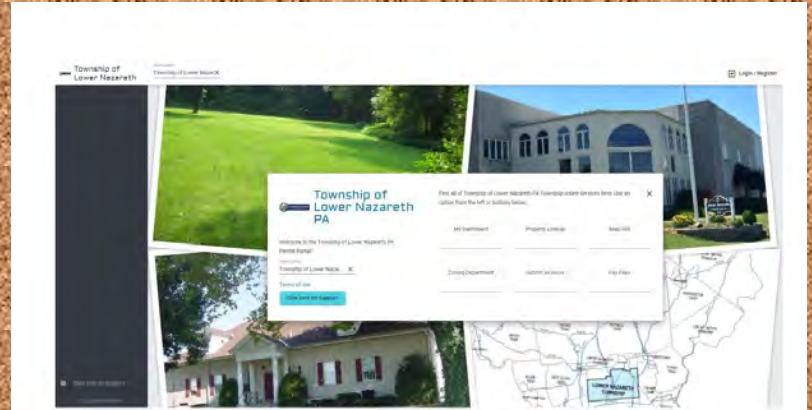
Pennsylvanians can apply at any time up to or after the enforcement deadline.

## ONLINE PERMITTING NOW AVAILABLE!!

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

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

We look forward to the implementation of this new system which will increase transparency, efficiency, and service for constituents. Please visit the township's website, [www.lowernazareth.com](http://www.lowernazareth.com), Online Options for access to this new system.



## NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS!!

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

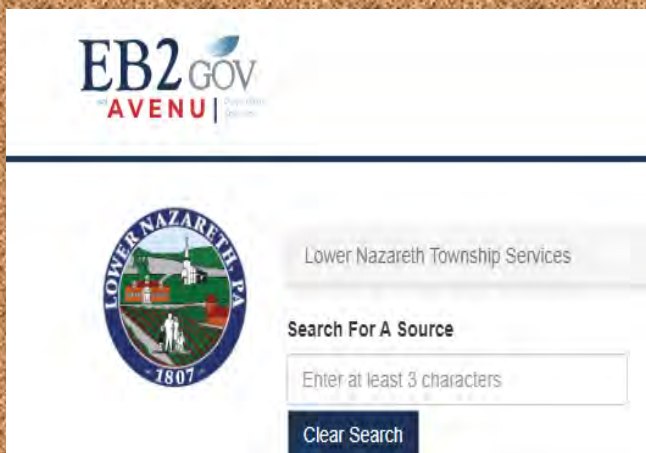
### IN-PERSON

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

### ONLINE

- Payments can be made by credit card or ACH.
- \* Credit card charges are accessed a \$1.75 online service fee + 2.99% convenience fee (minimum \$2.50 charged)
  - \* ACH charges are accessed a \$1.75 service fee + a flat \$2.50 convenience fee

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



## ROUTE 191 & NEWBURG ROAD INTERSECTION UPDATE

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

The Board is excited as this project continues to move forward as the widening and improvement of these intersections have been necessary for a long time! This PADOT project is in the final design stage through Spring of 2026. Construction is estimated to begin in Summer 2026.



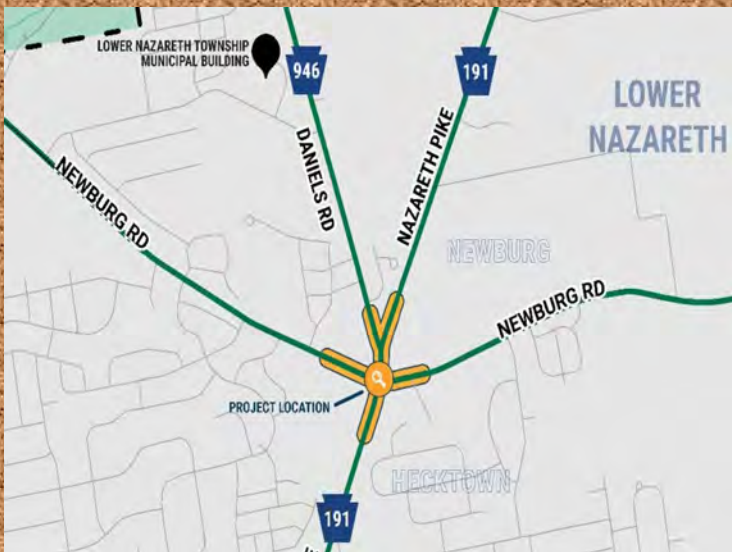
## ROUTE 248 TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS

In 2022, Lower Nazareth Township was awarded \$256,000 by PennDOT for upgrading the traffic lights along the Route 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. The project will begin this Spring as should be completed in about two weeks.

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!



## 2025 ROAD PROJECT

This year's proposed road paving bid represents a total of 7 roads for mill and overlay. The Township plans to award a paving contract for the following:

Presidential Drive    Eisenhower Drive    Madison Drive    Kennedy Court

Jefferson Drive    Frank Street    Delores Street



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

## **TOWNSHIP ROADSIDE TREE TRIMMING**

As years go by many changes take place and we may or may not take notice to small things. One of these things is the maturity of trees located roadside. These trees can cause many issues such as limbs hanging out into the roadway and impaired sight distance when trying to pull out of intersections.

When wet or covered in snow and ice, branches can hang low causing traffic to drive around them into oncoming traffic or drive under them causing damage to vehicles, including township trucks. When township trucks are trying to remove snow from the road and branches are low, the branches cause damage to overhead lights, mirrors and the side of truck.

While a tree may be out of the township right-of-way, the branches are encroaching into the right-of-way and the roadway. Moving forward, as their schedule permits, the Public Works Department will be conducting roadside tree trimming to remove these obstructions. Public Works will trim back to the right-of-way at a height that is deemed safe for cars and trucks to pass safely. Again, there is no start or end date on this work. It will be done as their schedule permits. Roads done first will be chosen by severity of overgrowth. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 610-759-7434.



## **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**

- Never walk, swim, or drive through floodwaters—just six inches of moving water can knock you down.
- One foot of moving water is enough to sweep your vehicle away.
- Flooding can happen anywhere, not just near rivers or oceans. Many areas, both urban and suburban, are flood-prone, so be aware of your surroundings.
- Remember: Don't risk it—if you encounter flooded roads or water, Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- Be extra cautious at night—flood dangers are harder to recognize.



## **KNOW YOUR FLOOD TERMS**

### **Flood Warning**

- A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. Immediate action is needed to protect yourself and others.
- If you receive a flood warning, seek shelter immediately, avoid floodwaters, and follow evacuation instructions if provided.
- Remember: flooding can happen quickly, so stay vigilant and prepared.



### **Flood Watch**

- A Flood Watch means conditions are favorable for flooding, but flooding has not yet occurred.
- A watch is issued to give you time to prepare—stay alert, monitor local news and weather, and be ready to act if flooding develops.
- Keep your emergency kit handy and have a plan in place for quick action.

### **Flood Advisory**

- A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is expected to cause significant inconvenience but may not be life-threatening.
- Although it's not an emergency, take precautions to minimize damage or risk, such as staying indoors during heavy rain or avoiding flooded roads.
- It's a reminder to remain cautious, as floodwaters can still pose risks to safety and property.

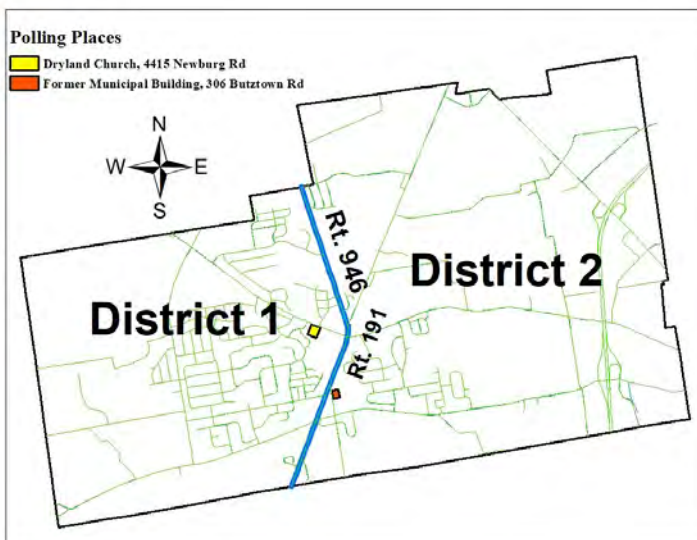
## ELECTION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

Pennsylvania's Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, May 20th**. If you want to vote, there are some important dates you need to remember.



Monday, May 5th	-	Last day to register to vote in the Primary
Tuesday, May 13th	-	Final day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
Tuesday, May 20th	-	Last day for the Northampton County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots

### **GET OUT & VOTE!** **Primary Election Day is** **Tuesday, May 20th**



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

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

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

Please remember, if you are voting for the first time, you will have to provide proof of identification to election officials.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Northampton County Board of Elections at 610-829-6260. Office Hours: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

### **BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:**

The Northampton County Elections Office has installed a secure ballot drop-off box in each of the County's four districts. Accessing the drop-off boxes will not require going through security. Please check hours listed below.

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

### **Looking ahead...**

The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 4th.





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ANIMAL CONTROL AND PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL**



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

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

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

State law requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed. Owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to fines up to \$300.00. Licenses are valid for the county in which the owner resides. Applications are available online at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org). Dog licenses may also be purchased online at [www.padoglicense.com](http://www.padoglicense.com). For more information contact Northampton County Courthouse Revenue Office; 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Room 2132; 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042-7484 or call 610-829-6186 option 6.

# FINANCIAL CORNER

## REAL ESTATE TAXES

Township residents will receive **three** real estate tax bills each year. Lower Nazareth Township receives 5.50 mills of tax and Northampton County receives 10.80 mills levied on real estate in the Township. The Nazareth Area School District's real estate tax levy is 58.23 mills. For example, a Township resident with a real estate valuation of \$100,000 in 2025 will pay a total of \$7,453.00 in real estate taxes distributed as follows:

	Valuation	Mills	Amount
Township	\$100,000.00	x 5.50	\$550.00
County	\$100,000.00	x 10.80	\$1,080.00
School	\$100,000.00	x 58.23	\$5,823.00



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

### LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

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

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

### NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

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

**PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**—Residents of the Nazareth Area School District may be eligible for a property tax rebate under programs administered by the district. For more information, see page 18 or contact Representative Joe Emrick's district office at 610-746-5090 or Senator Lisa Boscola's district office at 610-868-8667. Staff will be happy to help you determine your eligibility and fill out the appropriate paperwork.

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES

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

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

## FINANCIAL CORNER

### EARNED INCOME TAXES & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

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

#### EARNED INCOME TAXES



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

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

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

Taxpayers with earned income in 2024 are required to file a Tax Return by **Tuesday April 15, 2024**. If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can [e-file](#) on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at [www.KeystoneCollects.com](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com).

Keystone Collections Group's [e-file](#) is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2024 tax return. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number, and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C)

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

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

#### LOCAL SERVICES TAX

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

## *Zoning Ordinance Town Hall Meeting*

In December 2023, the Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors adopted a comprehensive Township wide update of the Township zoning ordinance and map. The update changed some zoning districts and uses for various properties in the Township; however, was desperately needed in order to replace the existing 2001 zoning ordinance and map. This was accomplished after two years of public meetings and two public hearings!

The Board of Supervisors engaged the services of a professional planning consultant, who worked closely with the Township Planning Commission for a period of two years to prepare the final ordinance and map. The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission focused on the goals of preserving farmland and open space and maintaining a high quality of life for the residents.

**Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**  
Lower Nazareth Township Municipal Building  
623 Municipal Drive, Nazareth

The Township Manager, Lori Stauffer, will host this informational session designed to provide property owners with information on zoning and uses for various districts, provide information on how rezoning requests are handled, and discuss the Township's Official Map and Open Space program. The Board of Supervisors encourages all interested Township property owners to attend!

### **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
- Labor Day 4:00PM—11:00PM
- July 3rd 4:00PM—11:00PM
- December 31st 4:00PM—11:00PM
- July 4th 4:00PM—11:00PM
- January 1st 12:00AM—12:30AM
- July 5th 4:00PM—11:00PM
- January 1st 4:00PM—11:00PM

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

### **REMINDER ROADSIDE BASKETBALL HOOPS**



A reminder to everyone that both portable and permanent basketball structures, along and within township roads and right-of-ways, are not permitted as it promotes recreational activity in the street. This is a very dangerous practice.

These structures are classified as accessory structures and while they are permitted on the same lot as the principal use, they are not allowed within the township right-of-way.

Please abide by this restriction as we don't want anyone to get hurt.

**Georgetown Manor Sewer  
Project Information**



At their February meeting, the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority awarded a contract for the installation of public sewer in the Georgetown Manor neighborhood and James Drive. The project start date will be in April with an estimated completion date of June or July. Once the contractor completes installation, the Lower Nazareth Public Works Department will patch the roads until a full overlay can be completed.

The Township will host an informational session about the project for the residents in the Georgetown Manor Sewer District on:

**Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**

Lower Nazareth Township Municipal Building  
623 Municipal Drive, Nazareth

Some important information:

- \* Shortly, you will be contacted by a representative of the Township to discuss lateral placement.
- \* Connection to the public system will be required within 12 months from the completion of the project.

Need financial assistance? PENNVEST is a low-interest loan option through the state for homeowners connecting to public sewer for the first time.

- \* Loans are amortized up to 20 years
- \* Fixed interest for the life of the loan—Currently 1.75%
- \* Maximum loan amount is \$25,000; minimum loan is \$2,500
- \* Must have a contractor's estimate to apply

Information on a variety of topics will be covered at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please reach out to the Township office for information at (610) 759-7434.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



### **EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 12th at 10am**

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



### **DOG'S DAY OUT IV - Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 3pm**

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

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING - Friday, December 5th at 7pm**



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



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

### **SUMMER PARK PROGRAM—June 23rd—July 18th (no park on July 4th)**

This year's program will be different and run from our Newburg Park. The program will include daily sessions at the Splash Park (weather permitting). Program will run Monday through Friday 9am—12pm.

This year's activities including the Splash Park, playground, gaga ball pit, games, and crafts. Staff is scheduling Hero Day, and visits from Prime Karate and the Memorial Library of Nazareth. Oogies Ice Cream Truck will be stopping by with treats for our campers.



The program is for ages 5-10 years old and is limited to 50 participants. Registration opens April 1st. Packets will be available on our website and at the Township Office. Packets include registration form, parent letter, health form, immunization record, and waiver form(s).

#### **Programs fees:**

##### Regular Fee:

\$225 per child

\$200 for EACH additional child

##### Lower Nazareth Resident Fee:

\$200 per child

\$175 for EACH additional child

## **LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am — 306 Butztown Road Park**

*Rain Date is April 13th @ 1:00 p.m.*

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

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

There are six age groups that will run at staggered times

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

**One parent will be allowed to run with children ages 0 to 3. No parents will be allowed on the field for older age groups.**

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

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

Last year, our community partners made it possible to hand out over 100 amazing prizes! Our community partners are fabulous and have stepped up to support the community once again! The Recreation Committee is deeply grateful to our local businesses for their donations to make this event extra awesome for our residents! Please remember to support the businesses that support you. To date the following have donated or pledged to make a contribution to this year's event:



- \* Bills' Service
- \* Crumbl Cookie
- \* DSV
- \* Valley Land Services
- \* Playa Bowls
- \* Trammel Crow
- \* TJ Wolf Insurance Agency
- \* Huntington Learning Center
- \* Keystone Food Products
- \* LVHN
- \* DSV
- \* JG Petrucci

## PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

### NEWBURG PARK SPLASH PAD 2025 SEASON PASSES

The Newburg Park Splash pad will open for the 2025 season on Friday May 23rd. Splash park passes will be available beginning Tuesday April 1st. Cost is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

Due to the late opening in 2024, some of last year's passes will be honored for the 2025 season.

- ◆ Families that purchased early at full price (Pass #52971 - #53258, Pass #53276):  
No need to renew your pass.
- ◆ Families that paid a pro-rated price (Pass#53259 - #53311):  
You will need to renew your pass.  
Forms can be found on our website. You can mail your form with payment or drop off and pay at the Township Office. You can also mail your form and then pay by credit card online.
- ◆ If you have not already purchased your season pass you must come to the Township Office to complete your form, make payment, and receive your access card.

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

### SPLASH PAD RULES

The maximum capacity of the splash pad is 75 people;  
do not overcrowd the splash pad.

Must use access card to enter the splash park.

All persons using the splash park do so at their own risk.

All children under 14 must have adult supervision at all times.

Do not drink the water, as the water in the splash park recirculates.

Water shoes are strongly recommended.

Small children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers to enter and play in the splash park.

Please do not change diapers in the splash park.

Evacuate the splash park immediately when severe weather conditions arise.

No covering water fixtures or drains.

No carrying dirt, mud, mulch, rocks and/or sand onto the splash pad.

No climbing on splash park fixtures.

No running or rough play.

No animals.

No food or beverages on the splash pad; no glass permitted.

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

No electrical appliances, including, not limited to radios.

No alcohol, drugs, smoking or vaping.

The splash park is protected by video surveillance.

Lower Nazareth Township is not responsible for lost or stolen property.

Failure to adhere to the rules of use will result in loss of privileges with no refund for the annual permit.





## PARKS & RECREATION CORNER

### ADULT ACTIVITIES GROUP LOWER NAZARETH ACES & SPADES

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



### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

### PLANNING A PICNIC OR A PARTY?



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

If you are looking for other facilities in Lower Nazareth Township, Louise Moore Park is within our boundaries; however it is a County run facility. You must contact Northampton County directly for pavilion rentals. Visit [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) for more information.

Facilities are also available at the Lower Nazareth Rod and Gun Club, located on Georgetown Road. This club is privately owned. Please call 484-283-5398 and leave a message or email [lnrodandgunclub@gmail.com](mailto:lnrodandgunclub@gmail.com) for availability and reservations.

### YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### NEWBURG PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

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

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

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



**PA STATE SENATOR LISA BOSCOLA**

**PROPERTY TAX & RENT REBATE PROGRAM**



I am sure we are all looking forward to spring as we had quite a cold winter! As always, a reminder that my Bethlehem District Office at 1 E. Broad St, Suite 120 is open Monday-Friday from 9 am – 5 pm. Please stop on in or if you wish to set up a specific time to come in, please call us at 610-868-8667. We are always welcoming the opportunity to assist you on state related matters!

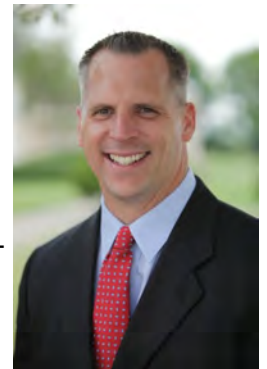
The Property Tax and Rent Rebate program’s current deadline is June 30, 2025. My office has the applications available and my staff can assist you in completing the application and submitting it for you. The income limit for both homeowners and renters is now \$45,000 with a maximum rebate of \$1,000. It’s important to note when calculating your income for this program, that only half of Social Security benefits, count towards that limit. All other income will be added to that determine financial eligibility. 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.

**PA STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE EMRICK**

**YOU MAY HAVE MONEY IN THE PA TREASURY!**

Did you ever wonder what happens to a lost money order, a forgotten bank account or an uncashed check? The Pennsylvania Treasury is holding more than \$4 billion in cash and other liquid assets that may belong to you.

You NEVER have to pay anyone to be reunited with your unclaimed property. My staff members are eager to help you and claiming your money is easy and free! You do not need to hire anyone to help you make your claim.



In 2024, my district offices filed 175 claims totaling \$101,685.53. Since we’ve provided this service, we have filed 845 claims totaling \$1,007,618.51. These dollars have been rightfully returned back to the residents of the 137th District.

The Treasury’s unclaimed property database is updated on a regular basis. If you would like my staff to check the status of any forgotten assets that may be sitting in the State Treasury, we’d be happy to help. For assistance, please call or visit one of my offices listed below. My staff and I look forward to serving you.

Nazareth Office: 134 South Main Street; Nazareth, PA 18064 Phone: 610-746-5090

**GRANTS AWARDED FOR EQUIPMENT  
FOR OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the Township has been awarded 4 grants that benefit Colonial Regional Police, Hecktown Volunteer Fire, and Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire EMS through Statewide LSA grants:

**Colonial Regional Police—Radios \$521,000**

Colonial Regional Police was able to purchase portable radios to be carried by officers and car radios that will be installed in police vehicles. The new radios will be compatible with the new frequency proposed by County 911. The old radios do not have the ability to communicate at the new proposed frequency and once the new County communication frequency is in place they will be obsolete and useless.

**Hecktown Volunteer Fire—Training Equipment \$75,000**

Our volunteers undergo numerous hours of training prior to achieving the status of firefighter. Training is ongoing and continuous. This training equipment will provide opportunities for our volunteers to engage in different training scenarios due to the versatile nature of the equipment. The equipment will be used in group training sessions with multiple volunteer fire companies across the region as it is common for companies to assist each other with calls.

**Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire EMS (BTVFC) Cardiac Monitor — \$40,000**

BTVFC provides ambulance, basic life support, and advanced life support for the community. Having an ambulance service that is properly equipped to meet the needs of Lower Nazareth is a critical component of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of our residents.

**Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire EMD (BTVFC) Power Stretcher - \$50,000**

The power stretcher and loading system was secured for BTVFC through the LSA grant program. Ed Moreland, Executive Director of BTVFC EMS said, “We would like to express our deepest thanks to you, your team and all of the Lower Nazareth Township Supervisors for their support and assistance. This equipment will allow us to quickly and safely move patients to the care that they need, as well as decrease the risk of injury to our EMS clinicians. Thank you again for the leadership and support from Lower Nazareth Township. We greatly value our partnership with the community and look forward to many more years to come.”



**Colonial Regional Police— New Vehicle**

Last year, the Township was able to secure a grant in the amount of \$84,917 towards the purchase of a new vehicle for Colonial Regional Police Department.

This was the sixth vehicle procured with grant money in order to help Colonial Regional Police Department maintain a well functioning fleet.

We are currently awaiting decisions on additional grants towards the purchase of a 2025 Ford Interceptor.

# Just the Facts... Nazareth School District Elementary School



We recognize many residents have seen news articles about the Nazareth Area School District's desire to construct a fourth elementary school in Lower Nazareth Township. The Nazareth Area School District School Board held a public meeting in January where they cordially invited the elected officials from the participating municipalities to attend. Supervisors Steve Brown, Nancy Teague, and James Pennington attended the meeting.

During the course of this meeting, the school presented a projection of 1,000 new students from grades K-12, which would require additional elementary school space. They stated Lower Nazareth Township would be the logical location for the new school since a majority of the enrollment was projected from there. Accordingly, the school district displayed a map with three potential sites for the new school. The problem...none of the sites are zoned to allow a public school. The projected estimate for the acquisition of the land and the construction of the new school is \$70 million. The school board stated they proposed to pay for the new school with an increase in the school property tax every year for the next five years by 3.28%.

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors discussed the proposal to rezone the property at the corner of Hecktown Road and Country Club Road, which seems to be the school's preferred location. Currently, the property is zoned agricultural, which under the zoning ordinance is intended for the preservation of agricultural lands and woodlands and to encourage conservation of open space. The Board of Supervisors publicly stated they spent a significant period of time working on the new zoning map and ordinance; therefore, they were not inclined to change the zoning. They instead encouraged the school district to locate a property that is properly zoned for a public school.

At their January 22nd meeting, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Manager to correspond with the school district on the Township's position regarding the school board's elementary school proposal. A copy of the letter is on the Township website and the content of the letter is as follows:

TO: Superintendent Resende

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I want to thank you and the other members of the school board for the warm invitation to attend your meeting on January 14, 2025. The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors firmly believes that open communication is a great tool in solving issues before the Township.

In addition to myself, Supervisor Teague, Supervisor Brown, and Supervisor Pennington were able to attend the meeting and hear the presentation on the need for an additional elementary school. During the course of the presentation, there were some issues that were raised that my Board requested I share their concerns with you.

The first issue of concern was the new residential home count. The presentation listed three current pending residential subdivision plans that were submitted for the same property; however, in the presentation, the home count for all three plans was added together as if all three plans would come to fruition. I responded to your analyst yesterday with a list of the current pending residential subdivision plans.

The second issue that has caused concern with my Board members is the locations selected by the school board for the construction of a new elementary school. All three locations are not zoned to permit a public school by right. The Township has been informed that the school district does not find this to be a barrier, and they have been advised that they possess legal standing to circumvent the Lower Nazareth Township zoning ordinance and map.

The Township is guided by the decision in School District of Philadelphia v. Zoning Board of Adjustment, City of Philadelphia, a Pennsylvania Supreme Court case decided in 1965, which determined a municipality has the police power of zoning and a school district has limited powers which are set forth in the Public School Code of 1949, which does not include the power of land use regulations, which is reserved for municipalities. Additionally, we point to a more recent case, Northampton Area School District v. East Allen Township, which is a Commonwealth Court case decided in 2003. The court clearly opined that recent authority does not support preeminence of a school district. See Ogontz; Council Rock Sch. Dist. v. Wrightstown Zoning Hearing Board (Pa. Cmmwlth 1998).

The East Allen Twp case clearly demonstrates the court's rationale that a school must comply with the local zoning and Section 702 of the School Code does not grant the school district the power of preeminence over local zoning ordinances.

As the Board of Supervisors stated previously, they spent at least two years reviewing and crafting their new zoning ordinance and map with a priority emphasis on preserving and protecting farmland and natural Resources. The parcels you have identified are not zoned for a public school. The Board encourages you to look at properties within the Township that are appropriately zoned for a public school. The Township wants to work with the school district; however, this does not mean the Board is prepared to rezone properties to accommodate the school district as this would be contradictory to their mission to protect and preserve farmland and the natural resources of the Township.

The Board of Supervisors hopes this can be an ongoing conversation and looks forward to the next school board meeting in March where this topic will be addressed.

## MEMORIAL LIBRARY CORNER

### MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity is planning an exciting spring and fabulous summer for residents of Lower Nazareth Township!

The library is now part of the Multi-District Lehigh Valley & Pocono Resource Sharing Consortium! This expanded consortium includes the Lehigh Valley Library System, Lehigh-Carbon Library Cooperative, Monroe County, and Bangor Public Library and provides you immediate access to 1.6 million items! Items are requested through the “card catalog,” just like before, and delivered each weekday to the library for patron pickup. And there is zero increased cost to the library for this amazing expansion!

Looking for a special gift for a family member or friend? Consider donating money to the library specifically for a book (or several) in honor of your loved one! Books purchased for this purpose are affixed with special bookplates recognizing both the giver and the honoree. Please contact [jsilvius@nazarethlibrary.org](mailto:jsilvius@nazarethlibrary.org) for more information.

- The Friends of the Library meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm. New members are welcome to participate. They are partnering with the library to sponsor Cash Bingo on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Bushkill Township Fire Co. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Join for great cash prizes, a special door prize, bestseller mini book sale, hot chocolate bar, and concessions!
- April 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is National Library Week. Stop in for special festivities!
- A spring egg hunt will be held for children in late April. Explore the library lawn for hidden springtime treats
- The Pet Parade will take place on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 10am, bigger and better than ever! You can register with a pet or stuffed animal to participate or come out and watch the parade to show your support. Those who register early receive a free T-shirt. All proceeds benefit the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity. Sponsors are needed for this event. Please contact [hbennett@nazarethlibrary.org](mailto:hbennett@nazarethlibrary.org) for more information.
- For the 2025 Summer Reading Program, children are invited to eight fun weeks of “Color Our World” art-themed activities, educational programs, weekly crafts, and field trips. Registration opens in early June, and programming spans all summer, through mid-August. Adult and teens will also have the opportunity to earn prizes as they complete reading challenges during the corresponding teen and adult Summer Reading Programs
- Mark your calendar for the annual Touch-a-Truck Festival, which will take place rain-or-shine on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10am and ending at 2pm at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. Attendees can see cars, trucks, and equipment up close, and children are encouraged to climb up into the vehicles and talk with the drivers. This year’s Festival will feature food trucks and activities for children. Tickets are available for purchase before and at the Festival. Sponsors are needed for this event. Please contact [hbennett@nazarethlibrary.org](mailto:hbennett@nazarethlibrary.org) for more information.

## MEMORIAL LIBRARY CORNER

### MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NAZARETH & VICINITY

- Join the book discussion groups that meet at the library: Audiobook Lovers' Book, Daytime Book Group, Wednesday Night Book Group, and Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group. Call the library for a current schedule and book selections.
- Adults are also invited to attend craft programs and storytimes for adults and to join the Cookery and Conversation Club to share homemade treats and library cookbook reviews.
- Check out a ukulele, learn to play, and participate in the Ukulele Orchestra!
- See our free swaps: magazines, puzzles, coupons, and houseplants. Just take an item, leave an item.
- Register for Sensory Storytimes, and drop in for ongoing children's storytimes and Shake-and-Boogie sessions (at the library as well as off-site locations). Enjoy monthly scavenger hunts in the children's department and special children's activities and events. Anytime, make a design with our interactive Everbright Wall and play with our puppets, Lego wall, light tables, and AWE computers and new tablet.
- Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at [awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org](mailto:awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org) for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board. The group meets weekly to plan programs for young adults and the full library community.

Thank you as always to all patrons and community organizations who support the library: Lower Nazareth Township, the library's other three municipalities, readers, donors, volunteers, and program presenters and attendees!

These are just a few of the many upcoming highlights of the spring and summer 2025 calendar. Call the library at 610-759-4932 or see the library's vestibule posters, website, and social media outlets for updates, additions, changes, and registration details. We are always updating our collection and planning more opportunities for all ages.

For more information about the library, scan here



and here



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

# RECYCLING CORNER



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

Be Environmentally Friendly!

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

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!!!

### Lower Nazareth Township

### Lower Nazareth Recycling Facility

4600 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 - 3pm-6pm

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

**NON CONTACT!! YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR!**

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

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

\*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

#### Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

- ♻️ Washers & Dryers-\$20.00
- ♻️ Stoves \$20.00
- ♻️ Dishwashers-\$20.00
- ♻️ Computer Monitors \$20
- ♻️ Televisions under 42" - \$40.00 ALL Types
- ♻️ TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs") \$60.00
- ♻️ Air Conditioners - \$25.00
- ♻️ Dehumidifiers - \$25.00
- ♻️ Refrigerators - \$35.00
- ♻️ Floor Freezers - \$35.00
- ♻️ Floor Copiers-\$20.00
- ♻️ Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00
- ♻️ Water Coolers & Dorm Fridge - \$25

#### Destruction Services for a Fee:

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

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

**Please have exact change or check prepared.**

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



October 4th  
10AM - 12PM  
rain or shine

shredding performed on site!



LOWER NAZARETH  
TOWNSHIP



# SHRED EVENT

Free Document Shredding Event for Lower Nazareth Township Residents!

Lower Nazareth Twp.  
Recycling Center  
4600 Newburg Road

Proof of residency is required!

### What to Bring:

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

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

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

### What **Not** to Bring:

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

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



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

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



## RECYCLING CORNER

# YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM



### YARD WASTE RECYCLING

**OPEN MARCH-NOVEMBER**

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

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

#### **Program hours:**

**Mondays :** 7:30AM – 3:00PM

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

**Fridays:** 7:30AM – 3:00PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RECYCLING CORNER

### CURBSIDE ORGANIC WASTE REMOVAL PROGRAM

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



The program will begin on **Monday April 21st** and run until **Friday May 2nd**. Crews will cycle through the Township numerous times during this two-week time period. Please place materials at the curb no later than **Thursday May 1st**. Materials placed by the curb on May 3rd may be missed.

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

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

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

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

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



### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

The 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is scheduled for October 4th.

Online registration will open September 4th at 8am.

Pre-registration will be mandatory for participation in drop-off

Turn to page 36 for more information.

# RECYCLING CORNER

## TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY

### For Lower Nazareth Township Residents Only - Proof of Residency Required

The semi-annual Township Clean-Up Day will be held on **Saturday, May 10th** at the Township Recycling Facility at 4600 Newburg Road from **7:00AM to 12:45PM (rain or shine)**. To find clean-up day activities on the property simply follow the green **“YARD WASTE”** signs on Greomar Road that mark the route.

**Must be able to unload your vehicle without assistance from staff.**

**Please take note that yard waste will be accepted on this day**

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TRIP LIMITS**



Each household is limited to the following number of trips...

3 cars/SUVs **OR** 2 pick-up trucks **OR**

1 pick-up with attached trailer **OR**

1 box truck/stake body (up to 17 feet in length)

### MATERIALS ACCEPTED ARE:

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD TRASH:  
Furniture, mattresses, etc.

METAL / WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES\*

WOOD MATERIALS

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

(NO PUTRESCIBLE GARBAGE)

CAR/TRUCK BATTERIES—\$5/battery

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

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

Please see information on Electronics Recycling & Hazardous Materials on pages 24 & 36

» **Important note about refrigerated units:**

\* All refrigerated appliances must be de-freonized by a certified technician and tagged accordingly.

**Appliances without tags will not be accepted.**

Examples of appliances containing refrigerant are refrigerators, coolers, de-humidifiers and air conditioners.

### **Some tips on preparing your material for disposal:**

- ♦ separate any plastic and metal parts from toys, household items, etc.
- ♦ remove glass from storm doors and windows
- ♦ clean all wood products of foreign material (nails, drywall, etc.)

**We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to a successful Clean-up Day!**

## MANDATORY CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling collection is mandatory for all residential properties and commercial establishments throughout the Township. Lower Nazareth Township has notified known trash haulers of the recycling requirements. If you are uncertain if your hauler collects recyclables, please contact them directly. Source separation and preparation for recycling of the materials is up to the hauler. The recycled materials shall be separated from regular trash and placed at the curb or prescribed area for collection.

The Township ordinance establishes a minimum list of required recyclables. Those items are:

- ◆ Clear, brown and green glass
- ◆ Aluminum and bi-metal (tin cans) containers
- ◆ Plastic containers:
  - Pet no. 1: soft drink, water, salad dressing containers, etc.
  - HDPE no. 2: milk jugs, juice bottles, detergent, motor oil containers, etc.
- ◆ Newspapers, corrugated paper (boxes), cardboard (cereal box, etc.), and magazines



Although our ordinance does not mandate recycling of plastic numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 it is your option to recycle those items if your hauler accepts them. Some examples are:

- ◆ **V(vinyl) or pvc no. 3:** window cleaner, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles
- ◆ **LDPE(low density polyethylene) no. 4:** squeezable bottles; bread, frozen food, and shopping bags
- ◆ **PP (polypropylene) no. 5:** yogurt containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, caps, straws, medicine bottles
- ◆ **PS (polystyrene) no. 6:** disposable plates and cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers,
- ◆ **Miscellaneous no. 7:** three and five-gallon water bottles, and certain food containers

## RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Every residential property is entitled to (2) recycling containers. A majority received their containers in the initial distribution in 2010. If you have not received your container, you may pick one up at the Township Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30AM and 3:30PM. Second containers are available and may be picked up during the same times. **Please note: recycling containers are issued for the residence. When you move, containers are to be left for the new home owners.**

It is not mandatory to use a Township provided recycling container. The only requirement is that any container used for recycling shall be clearly marked 'RECYCLABLES' with letters being at least 4" high and the font be at least ½" wide. This is so the hauler can easily identify the recycling container.

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

See page 24 for information on the Township's May 7th event. Also, listed below are residential and business drop-off locations. *(fee may apply)*

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

# MAKE YOUR HOME THE SOLUTION FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION!

## Swimming Pools and Stormwater



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

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

### Filter Maintenance

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



### Draining Pools and Hot Tubs:

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

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

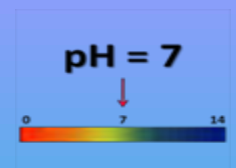
Test the pH of the pool water to ensure it is close to neutral before draining. Adjust pH as necessary.

Remove excess sediment and leaves from the water.

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

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

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



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

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

**Driveway Permits** are **required**. Any time you create a new driveway, make repairs, repave, resurface, overlay, or reconstruct your driveway, you must apply for a Driveway Permit. Why you ask? So the Township can verify your driveway conforms with the Zoning Ordinance. We also make sure that roadside swales and drainage are maintained. Many times homeowners want to eliminate the swale in their driveway; however, those swales help the water get where it needs to go.



### **Working from home?**

Lower Nazareth Township requires a **Zoning Permit** for a **Home-Based Business**. This use is limited to persons who are permanent residents of the dwelling, along with a few other requirements such as using less than 25% of their dwelling, and no sign identifying the business. Anything more than this is considered a **Home Occupation**, which requires Special Exception approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. The cost of the Zoning Permit for a Home-Based Business is a one-time fee of \$75.00. The application form can be found on our website.

**Open Burning is prohibited in Lower Nazareth Township**, which includes burn piles, burning barrels, etc. Burning is generally only allowed for:

Solely for Cooking Food  
Agricultural Operations  
Prevention of a Hazard

Firefighter Training  
Disease or Pest Control  
Ceremonial Purposes



**Burning Permits are only issued for agricultural operations.**

If you have an **outdoor kitchen, fireplaces or firepit**, we want to stress the following points when we talk about fire safety:

- \* Your neighbors may not enjoy smoke blowing into their yard or they may have asthma making it harder for them to breathe. Please **be considerate of your neighbors** and **keep your fire small**. The bigger the fire, the greater the potential for disaster.
- \* Always keep your fire pit at least 10 feet away from any structure or combustible surface. Pick up leaves and other combustible materials around the pit is important to ensure the fire doesn't accidentally spread.
- \* Check the weather forecast before lighting an outdoor fire. Avoid windy conditions that can blow embers.
- \* Stay up to date on any burn bans that might be in effect at different times during the year.
- \* Always have a container of water nearby and a garden hose on standby **before** starting the fire.

### KNOX BOXES FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES



In Lower Nazareth Township, most commercial buildings are equipped with Knox Boxes as required by Ordinance. A Knox Box is a small, wall-mounted safe that holds building keys for firefighters and EMT's to retrieve in emergencies. The Knox Boxes are linked via radio to the dispatch station, where the dispatcher can release the keys with DTMF tones allowing emergency response personnel to quickly enter a building without having to force entry. Knox Boxes cut fire losses for building owners since firefighters can enter buildings without breaking doors or windows.

Residential properties are not required to have a Knox Box in Lower Nazareth Township; however, they are available. If you are frequently out of town or unavailable for an emergency at your home, a Knox Box allows emergency personnel access your property. If you are interested in a residential Knox Box, please contact the Township Office.

### DISPLAY YOUR HOUSE NUMBER

*Where is your house? I can't find it!*

When you look at your home from the street, the most important item you should see is your house number. The delivery man or the person delivering your dinner are not the only people that need to find your house easily. In the event of an emergency, Police, Fire and Ambulance services must be able to find your house quickly, day and night. Your house number should be prominently displayed on your house – not just your mailbox. The numbers should also be reflective or backlit in order to be seen clearly at night. Reflective numbers can be purchased for a few dollars at any home improvement store. Please make sure your house number is visible from the street – *It might save your life!* (Zoning Ordinance Article 6, Section 610)

### SELLING YOUR HOME?



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

### MOVING RECORDS

What is a **Moving Record** and why do I need one? We use a Moving Record to document the names of all individuals— 18 years or older - moving in, out or within Lower Nazareth Township for Earned Income Tax collection purposes. The Moving Record can be obtained in person at the Lower Nazareth Township Municipal Building. The cost of the Moving Record is five dollars (\$5). At the time a Moving Record is completed, new residents will also receive a “New Resident Packet” which provides lots of helpful information about living in Lower Nazareth Township. In addition, you may also pick up two recycling cans if they haven't been distributed yet for that property.

### RENTAL DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE



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



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **18045, 18020, 18064 - I'm confused –Do I live in Lower Nazareth Township?**

Yes, you do! Many people who move to Lower Nazareth Township get confused about where they live just because of their zip code, and that is understandable. In some larger cities or towns it is common for the municipality to have its own zip code.

However, in Lower Nazareth Township we do not have our own zip code. Mail delivery in Lower Nazareth is routed and delivered from (3) different zip codes: Easton, 18045; Bethlehem, 18020; and Nazareth, 18064. Even though you have one of these zip codes, you are still a resident of Lower Nazareth Township.

#### **Does Lower Nazareth Township enforce covenants or deed restrictions?**

No, Lower Nazareth Township only enforces its own laws and ordinances. Covenants or deed restrictions are enforced by the property owners in a subdivision or a Homeowner's Association (HOA). We always suggest you review your deed or consult your HOA whenever you are considering an improvement to your property. The Township may approve a permit for fence or shed; however, your HOA may restrict that improvement in another way, such as color, placement or aesthetics.

#### **I'm doing renovations and I need to get a dumpster – Can I store it on the street?**

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



### HELPFUL TIPS FROM THE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Not everyone is familiar with what needs to be done to maintain their septic system. On-lot septic systems present considerable operation and maintenance responsibilities. We ask that you are kind to your system and remember the following tips:

- ✓ Protect the primary septic area and the replacement absorption area from earth disturbance.
- ✓ Keep traffic, equipment, sheds, pools, etc. off your septic tanks and drain fields.
- ✓ Have your system checked bi-annually by a competent septic system contractor.
- ✓ Have your tank pumped every 2-3 years, or as needed.
- ✓ Conserve water and avoid heavy peak loads to the system.
- ✓ Space laundry loads out over a few days if possible.
- ✓ Do not dispose of any paper, cloth or fibrous products into your system (cigarettes, diapers, etc.)



# PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

## The Importance of Swale Maintenance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Keep Your Drainage and Utility Easements Free Of Obstructions

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

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

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

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

# PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

## Landscaping Q & A

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

Several important items to note:



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

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

## Sinkhole Repair Tips

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



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

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

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

rain or shine  
**OCTOBER 4**

DROP-OFF IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!



Online Registration opens  
**SEPTEMBER 4 at 8AM**

**! ACCEPTED ITEMS**

HOUSEHOLD QUANTITIES:

**FROM THE GARAGE**

Gasoline, Gas/Oil mix, Kerosene, Fuel additives, Oils, Antifreeze, Auto fluids, Waxes

**FROM THE OUTDOORS**

Fertilizers, Herbicides, Fungicides, Pesticides, Pool Chemicals, Propane tanks (20 lb. size)

**FROM THE HOME**

Adhesives, Glues, Caulking, Ammonia, Acids, Bleach, Caustics, Cleaners, Degreasers, Corrosives, Polishes, Aerosols (partial/full), Drain openers, Fire extinguishers, Poisons, Non PCB ballasts, CFLs, Fluorescent tubes, Oil-based paints, Non-alkaline batteries, Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats

**FROM THE WORKSHOP**

Epoxies, Resins, Turpentine, Finishers, Sealers, Shellacs, Lacquers, Varnishes, Polishes, Stains, Removers & Strippers, Thinners

**! PRE-REGISTRATION Required EVENT**



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**2025 COLLECTION EVENT**

Collection events are a service provided by the Recycling & Sustainability Fund & are intended for **Northampton County, PA households only.**

**EVENT GUIDELINES**

You must arrive during your designated timeslot or you will be turned away.

Waste must NOT be affiliated with a business, contractor, institution, nonprofit, municipality, organization, or out-of-county residence.

Wastes will NOT be accepted from business or commercial vehicles.

Staff has the right to determine & refuse unauthorized & unacceptable material.

Maximum amount allowed is 50 gallons & 90 pounds of solid material. Containers larger than 5 gallons will NOT be accepted.

Proof of residency & registration are required at check-in.

**✗ RESTRICTED MATERIALS**

- Alkaline Batteries • Electronics • Empty Containers
- Incandescent & LED Bulbs • Latex & Acrylic Paints
- Water-based Products • Refrigerants/Freon • SHARPS
- Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors • Radioactive Waste
- Ammunition • Explosives • Fireworks • Flares
- Compressed Gas Tanks (CO<sub>2</sub>, oxygen, acetylene, helium)

Event will be monitored to ensure compliance with PADEP requirements.



Visit **NorCoPA.gov** for registration link & details.

Thank You for Funding & Partnership!



## EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER

# HECKTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



The Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company had a record setting year, responding to a record 691 emergencies in 2024. The previous record was set in 2023 at 392 emergencies.

Members continue to participate in a variety of training ranging from national certification in the Firefighter I and II program, Vehicle Rescue certification, as well as recertification in the hazardous materials operations program, keeping everyone extremely active, while still making sure to respond to calls.

This increase in call volume can be very taxing to our members and has required more mutual aid agreements with neighboring departments.

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

We thank everyone for their support of the yearly Toy Run in December as well as the yearly donations and look forward to another great year in 2025.

As always, we are looking for as much help as we can get! As the township continues to expand, so do the requirements of the Fire Company. Help us help you! If you are interested in finding out how you can get involved in our organization, please check out our website or call our office at 610-759-2112 and leave a message, or send us an email at [Info@hecktownfire.org](mailto:Info@hecktownfire.org). You may

also stop by the fire station on Monday nights between 7PM and 9PM to speak to us about becoming a volunteer.

As the seasons change, we'd like to encourage our residents with any trees or shrubbery that overhang their driveways, to keep them trimmed back. If you were to have an emergency, our apparatus requires ample room and clearance to reach some of our residents.

One of our many jobs is to pre plan and know our coverage area to the best of our abilities. When we are doing this, we see many residences that would be difficult to access should the need arise.

Thank you all for your generous support in 2024 and we look forward to your continued help and support in 2025.

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

Remember to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. You may also want to consider replacing your detectors if they are over 10 years old. Many new detectors feature a 10 year lithium ion battery that will last the entire life of the detector itself.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES CORNER



### COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office: 610 861-4820

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 610 759-2200

### COFFEE WITH A COP



Come out to our Coffee with a Cop event on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM – 10 AM. This is being held at the Lower Nazareth Township municipal building (623 Municipal Drive Nazareth Pa. 18064). There is no agenda, just conversations with a Colonial Regional Police Officer over coffee. Also in attendance will be Northampton County District Attorney Terry Houck. Feel free to stop by, say hello and stay for a bit. We look forward to seeing you there!

### CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The CRPD plans on holding another Citizen's Police Academy in 2025. The program runs for 11 consecutive weeks, starting Wednesday, August 27, 2025, and ending on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. The academy covers topics such as crash investigations, crime scene investigations, Northampton County Drug Task Force information, and a mock trial at the local district court, just to name a few. Our attendees are even given the opportunity to ride along with an officer on patrol. If you are interested in attending the academy this year, please check the CRPD website ([colonialregionalpd.org](http://colonialregionalpd.org)) and/or our Facebook page at the end of June for sign up information. If you have any questions, please contact the station at 610-861-4820 and ask for Wanda Stackhouse.

### MEDICATION DISPOSAL

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

### 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

### MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DEPALMA

If you're like most people, you spend a considerable amount of time driving or riding in a vehicle. Whether it's to or from work, to the store, or just doing the things you enjoy doing, you are probably spending a considerable amount of time driving on the roadways within the Commonwealth. If you do, I'm sure that you have noticed that you share the roadways not only with other vehicles, but with pedestrians, pedal cycles, ATVs, and now most recently "neighborhood electric vehicles". Our department receives numerous inquiries as to whether these vehicles are legally allowed to be on our roadways and what are the rules of the road for these vehicles. Hopefully this addresses any questions you may have. Let's start with definitions.



- ◆ Pedestrian: An individual afoot, an individual with a mobility-related disability on a self-propelled wheelchair, or an electrical mobility device operated by and designated for the exclusive use of an individual with a mobility-related disability.
- ◆ Pedal cycle: A vehicle propelled solely by human-powered pedals or a pedal cycle with electric assistance.
- ◆ Neighborhood Electric Vehicle: A four-wheeled electric vehicle that has a maximum design speed of not less than 20 miles per hour and of not more than 25 miles per hour.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires that a pedestrian, in the absence of sidewalks, and shoulder, may walk in the roadway as close to the edge as practicable and must walk on the left side of the roadway facing traffic. This also includes joggers. Vehicles must yield the right of way to any pedestrian within a marked crosswalk, or any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection not controlled by a traffic signal.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires that any person riding a pedal cycle on a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. Meaning, pedal cycles are to be treated like any other vehicle on the roadway, and pedal cycles must obey all the rules of the road that any other vehicle would have to. Pedal cycles must travel in the same lane as all other vehicles traveling in the same direction, are required to travel to the far-right side of the lane they are traveling in, except when turning left, and vehicles when passing a pedal cycle must have a four-foot clearance while passing. When in use between sunrise and sunset, pedal cycles must be equipped on the front with a lamp, with a red reflector facing to the rear and with an amber reflector on each side. Pedal cycles, when traveling on a sidewalk or on a path used by pedestrians, must yield the right of way to the pedestrian and must give an audible signal when overtaking any pedestrian.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires that any person operating a neighborhood electric vehicle may not be operated upon any highway or roadway with a posted speed limit in excess of 25 miles per hour. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles may only cross a roadway where the posted speed limit is in excess of 35 mph at a signalized intersection. Neighborhood Electric Vehicles must be titled, registered and operators must be licensed. In addition, Neighborhood Electric Vehicles are required to equipped with the following:

- ◆ Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop the vehicle;
- ◆ An odometer;
- ◆ A speedometer;
- ◆ The original manufacturer's vehicle identification number;
- ◆ A windshield wiper;
- ◆ A horn;
- ◆ A battery charge indicator.

A Neighborhood Electric Vehicle is also required to have a safety information decal, affixed in a conspicuous place on the rear of the vehicle, which shall display in prominent lettering "25 MPH Vehicle". The decal shall be at least 4 inches in height and 10 inches in length.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code makes it unlawful to operate a snowmobile or an ATV on any street or highway which is not designated and posted as snowmobile or/and ATV road by the governmental agency having jurisdiction. A snowmobile or ATV may cross a roadway only at a 90-degree angle, after coming to a complete stop and after yielding the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.

There you have it. I hope this cleared things up, and didn't confuse you even more. And if you were wondering, if you are driving any of these with enough alcohol or drugs in your system, you can be arrested and charged with DUI.

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Saturday April 12th	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday April 21st— Friday May 2nd	Curbside Yard Waste
Saturday May 3rd	Yard Sale
Wednesday May 7th	Electronics Recycling
Saturday May 10th	Spring Clean-Up Day
Tuesday May 20th	Primary Election Day
Saturday October 4th	Shredding Event

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

Friday April 18th	Good Friday
Tuesday May 20th	Primary Election Day
Monday May 26th	Memorial Day
Friday July 4th	Independence Day
Monday September 1st	Labor Day