

UPPER NAZARETH

Fall 2022

TOWNSHIP

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MOVIE NIGHT AT TUSKES PARK

On June 17th, the Recreation Board hosted the first Free Movie Night at Tuskes Park, showing the animated feature "Encanto", followed by the second Free Movie Night on August 27th, which featured the movie "Luca".

The movies were shown under the stars, as families gathered with chairs and blankets, they snacked on complimentary popcorn and water, and enjoyed the beautiful weather both nights.

The UNT Recreation Board would like to thank Keystone Consulting Engineers, Asteak Law Offices, Weiss-Schantz Agency, Inc., and the Upper Nazareth Fire Department for their generous donations. If you are interested in donating or sponsoring a future event, please

contact Kristin Mullen at kmullen@uppernazarethtownship.org

Stay up to date with future events by joining our Facebook group, just scan the QR code.

Painting in the Park

On Saturday, August 27th, the Upper Nazareth Township Recreation Board hosted its first Painting in the Park fundraising event.

Participants painted beautiful pumpkins with the help of artist Ronnie Simpson, and all materials were included in the fee.

The money raised went towards the Free Movie Night at Tuskes Park later that same night.

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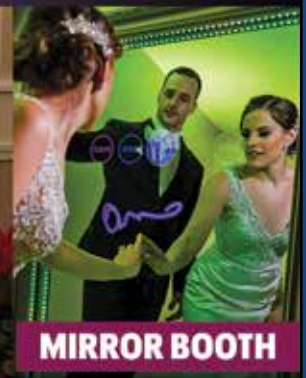
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FALL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS



EXTERIORS

- **Drain, clean, and store your outdoor equipment.** At the end of the season, don't forget to drain your lawn equipment. Gas goes through a chemical change which can lead to gum and other harmful deposits that can damage your equipment if left in equipment for an extended period of time.
- **Treating your lawn with fertilizer in the Fall** will trigger renewed growth of both blades and roots, so your lawn will be thick and healthy again before winter's colder temperatures set in.
- **Planting next year's spring bulbs** while the soil is cool will provide beautiful blooms next spring. For best results, plant them in an area that gets full sun.
- **Get those gutters inspected and cleaned out.** While you're up there, it is a great time to check those shingles and skylights. Even a visual check can go a long way.
- **Be prepared for ice.** Have deicer and a shovel handy in the front of your garage. Nothing is worse than waking up to a snowed-in car and not being prepared.

INTERIORS

- **Examine your windows and exterior doors.** Make sure windows are sealed tightly and no air is coming through. A good way to check the seal of your exterior doors is to place a piece of paper in the door and close it. You should not be able to move the paper easily. If you can, it is time to replace your weather stripping.
- **While you are checking your windows, give them all a good clean** inside and out. During the darker months, this really helps the natural light shine through.
- **Ready the water heater by draining it fully and clearing out any debris** that have settled in the tank. This is also a great time to look over your supply lines and pressure relief valve for proper function.
- **Check your furnace for filter replacements and care of the overall system.** If you have not had it serviced recently, this would be a good time to take care of it before the whole township turns cold and everyone is needing the local HVAC to assist their failing heat system.

GREEN HOLIDAY TIPS

- **Make room for the new stuff.** Share your abundance by donating your usable books, toys & clothes to charitable organizations.
- **Re-Charge It.** Every year billions of batteries are produced, many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after one use. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable batteries. Newer models can charge in as little as 15 minutes. Rechargeable batteries can also be recycled at no cost at Home Depot, Lowe's, Best Buy and Staples, among other locations.
- **Switch to LED Holiday Lights.** Traditional incandescent holiday lights are huge energy-suckers, investing in LEDs will save on your holiday decorating energy bill. LEDs may cost a little more upfront, but consume 80% less energy & last up to 25% longer.
- **Or try solar lights.** They are a great option for energy-conscious holiday decorators. Solar lights usually use LEDs instead of incandescent bulbs. LEDs are slightly less bright than traditional incandescent but are far more energy efficient & can be run on just a few hours of sunlight stored in a battery.
- **Alternatives to Styrofoam & bubble-wrap:** crumpled newspaper or waste from your paper shredder.
- **Save** used gift wrap, bags, ribbon and bows.
- **Give gifts that can be reused,** like pens, coffee mugs & durable shopping bags.
- Make sure your **holiday cards are printed on recycled paper.**
- **Recycle your cut tree.**
- **Home Depot accepts string lights** in their recycling program during the holiday season.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR HOLIDAYS

- **Limit your festive lights display:** Connect light strings and other lighted decorations to a timer that turns them on at dark- when they are most visible- and off at bedtime.

- **Adjust Your Thermostat:** By setting your thermostat 3-5 degrees below normal you can maintain a level of comfort and save money- an estimated savings of about 1% for each degree of thermostat adjustment per 8 hours.
- **Don't sweat out your house guests:** Turn your thermostat down when company arrives. The heat energy generated by your cooking appliances, lights and guest can increase the temperature in your home.
- **Seal up the drafts:** Weather stripping can help you save up to 10% on your total energy bill.

WINTER TRASH AND RECYCLING TIPS

- **Avoid putting trash bags directly on the ground, especially if there's ice.** Bags can freeze, stick, and rip, spilling trash everywhere.
- **Trash Bags.** White trash bags blend in with the snow. Use darker bags or a trash can/cart to ensure your trash is seen. Bagging trash is even more important in cold weather, when materials can freeze inside the container. If the driver cannot easily dislodge the contents of your trash container, they might have trouble completely emptying it.
- **Store your recyclables in a clean, dry place.** If recyclables, especially paper, are stored wet they will develop mold and will not be recyclable.
- **Access to your trash and recycling.** Make sure there is a clear safe path for trash and recycling trucks and employees to get to your trash and recycling containers. This includes placing bags, cans and carts over icy areas or on top of or behind snow mounds. Safety is always the first priority.
- **If you can, curb your trash and recycling carts in the mornings on pickup days.** Putting them out overnight, in bad weather could dump snow on your carts or knock them over.

RECYCLING INFORMATION



RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

What You Need to Know: Township residents are allowed to contract their own trash and recycling service with the hauler of their choice. Haulers are required to collect both trash and recycling from a residence, recycling must be collected at least bi-weekly on the same schedule as trash pickup.

Upper Nazareth Township requires that our residents utilize the Township's green and yellow recycling carts provided thanks to a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection grant. All recyclables should be placed inside the cart and there's no need to sort them out separately, this method is known as single-stream recycling. These carts or totes are for recyclable materials only and cannot be used for trash. They are the property of Upper Nazareth Twp. and must stay with the house if you move.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE

Recyclable materials that can go in your yellow and green cart include:

- **Glass Bottles & Jars:** (NO Mirrors, drinking glasses, dishes, platters, cookware, bakeware, light bulbs, broken glass, etc.)
- **Plastics # 1-7:** (NO Straws, plastic shopping bags, plastic video tapes or CDs, electronics, string lights, hangers, extension cords, any "tangles", Styrofoam, packing, peanuts, packaging, blister packaging, foods or liquids.)
- **Newsprint, Advertisements, Junk Mail, Paper-bound Catalogs and Phonebooks, Magazines**
- **Office and Printer Paper, Folders, Envelopes:** (NO Shredded paper or thermal receipts)
- **Corrugated Paper (Cardboard), Chipboard (Shoe and Cereal Boxes), Paper towel & Toilet Paper Rolls, Empty Cartons:** (NO Frozen food boxes, carpet rolls, or coated cardboard, soiled pizza boxes, paper plates or cups)
- **Aluminum Foil & Wrap** (clean of food residue)
- **Aluminum Cans, Steel & Bi-metal Cans** (NO Scrap metal and Appliances)

HELPFUL RECYCLING HINTS:

- **Don't trash a good thing.** Don't bag your recyclables. Place them directly into your recycling container. If bagged, they are considered trash!
- **When in doubt, throw it out!** If you are not sure it belongs in the recycling container, throw it in the trash. Contamination jeopardizes an entire truckload of recyclables.
- **Empty and rinse out** containers before recycling.
- **Reuse packing peanuts** or take them to the nearest participating postal/shipping store to reuse.
- **Donate useable items** such as clothing, shoes, linens, toys, etc.

MATERIALS TO KEEP OUT OF YOUR RECYCLING CART:

- **Batteries** (household alkaline can go in trash, Lithium batteries can be recycled Home Depot or Lowes, car batteries can be recycled at the location of new purchase)
- **Electronics** (donate, recycle at Best Buy or Staples (NO TVs), take to an electronics recycler)
- **Light bulbs** (CFLs can be taken to Home Depot or Lowes for free recycling)
- **Extension Cords** (donate or trash)
- **Household Items** such as Plastic Bags, Food-Soiled Paper or Foil, Styrofoam, Wax-coated paper items, Bulky/Rigid Plastics, Hardcover Books, Furniture and Toys.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

Pennsylvania Act 101 states commercial, institutional and municipal establishments within the Township are required to keep separate from waste and recycle: high-grade office paper, aluminum, corrugated paper and leaf waste. In addition to the items required by the state, **Township Ordinance No. 161** states that the following materials listed be kept separate from the waste stream and properly recycled including: glass, plastics, newsprint, steel and bi-metal cans and yard waste. **PA Act 101 and the Township** both require all commercial, institutional and municipal establishments to annually provide written documentation and certification to the Township of the total number of tons of materials and the type of materials recycled. At the end of each year, the Township mails an annual business with instructions, to each business. That report that must be completed and submitted back to the Township by January 31st. As per the State of Pennsylvania and the Township, non-compliance may result in fines and failure to renew a business license. **Recycling material generated from Community Activities are also required to be separated, stored and collected by a private waste collector.**

LEAF WASTE

Curbside Leaf Pick Up: Leaf Sweeping & Vacuuming will take place in October 2021 (check website for date and schedule). Remember, leaves only! No grass, branches, rocks, or debris in your piles. The Township requests that vehicles, basketball hoops, and other objects be kept off the street during street sweeping. Leaves can be taken to the Yard Waste Drop-Off Site until November 20, 2021. Leaves will need to be kept separate from other yard waste.

YARD WASTE

CURBSIDE COLLECTION, WINTER COLLECTION: **Residential Christmas/Holiday Trees** are collected in the month of January 2023 (see website for schedule – same as leaf pick up) All Christmas trees must be placed at the curb. Remove all tree stands, ornaments, garland, tinsel, lights, netting, and wrapping. No spray colored or artificial trees, wreaths or outdoor decorations. Christmas trees will only be collected curbside, the yard waste site will not be open for drop-off.



DROP-OFF YARD WASTE FACILITY

- **Location:** 155 Friedenstahl Ave.
- **Permitted:** Upper Nazareth Township Residents Only. Proof of residency is required in order to use the site. *Note: The Yard Waste Site is not available for commercial or business use. Improper or fraudulent use will result in suspension of usage and or fines.*
- **Closing Date:** November 19, 2022
- **Days and Hours of Operation:** Wednesdays 12pm-6pm, Saturdays 10am – 2pm
- **Accepted Material:** Hedge Trimmings, Shrubs, Garden and plant residue, Twigs, Branches 4" in diameter or smaller. Leaves must be kept separate for processing, do not mix with other yard waste.
- **All plastic bags and containers** must be emptied and taken back with resident.
- **Unacceptable Material:** grass, bamboo, tree parts or stumps, loose soil, sod, lumber, pressure-treated wood, rail road ties, food waste, hay, straw, any type of plastic or synthetic fibers, pieces of wood bigger than 4" in diameter, human or animal excrement, contaminated soil, garden pots, rocks, glass or trash.

No illegal dumping, facility is monitored. Violators will be fined and prosecuted to fullest extent.

PAINT DISPOSAL:

Do not pour paint down household or storm drains. Many of the chemicals in paint will not be treated by sewage treatment systems or septic systems. **Do not throw liquid paint in the trash.** There is always the possibility that the paint will be released from the can. The paint could then be exposed to certain chemicals and cause spontaneous combustion. If you cannot use up or give away your leftover paint, you can solidify it and dispose of it in your household trash.



How to Solidify your Paint:

Small Amounts: Take the lid off and allow paint to dry out. Pour an absorbent (i.e. newspaper, kitty litter, sawdust, etc.) into your paint can, stir, until paint is hardened and if flipped upside down, paint does not drip down.

Large Amounts: Pour some of the paint into a small cardboard box (shoe box sizes will work), add an absorbent, allow to dry or crumble. Place box into a plastic bag and tie up, this bag can then go into your trash bin. Repeat until all paint is hardened. Empty or hardened paints get disposed of in your household trash. Do not recycle your paint cans.

Useable LATEX Paint can be donated to Lehigh Valley Habitat for Humanity's ReStore Paint Program.

The store location is in Whitehall, Lehigh County. Call prior to drop-off for instructions and drop-off times. 610-776-7499.

IMPORTANT:



**Masks, Gloves and wipes
BELONG IN THE TRASH.
Please Keep Out Of
Your Recycling Cart**

ILLEGAL DUMPING:

Illegal dumping is the intentional disposal of solid waste in an unpermitted area. Frequently dumped items can include: tires, C&D waste, HHW, yard waste, paint cans, mattresses, car parts, white goods and carpeting. Illegally dumped trash will attract more dumping because people believe that it is a safe spot to dump. One improperly disposed item, even yard debris, can set off a chain reaction.

Prevention:

- If you hired a contractor or hauling construction debris from your home. Pay with a check and insist on an itemized receipt. This will defend if you illegally dumped trash is traced back to you.
- If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is, you should get quotes and compare.
- Look for at least a name & phone number on the sides of the vehicle used to haul trash, be skeptical of vehicles without it.
- Haulers mixing hard-to-dispose of materials with household trash is a red flag.
- Be skeptical of haulers or people accepting TVs for free or for a very low price. TVs & electronics are expensive to manage properly.
- Ask where the TVs & electronics are going, options are limited in our area.

How to Report Illegal Dumping:

- Record as much information as you can: the date, time and exact address where you have seen the illegal dumping.
- Write down a license plate number and a vehicle description if possible. It is also very helpful for physical descriptions.
- Make a list of the things that you saw that were dumped.
- Contact your local police department and/or municipality, to file your report.
- You can also report illegal dumping to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.

GAS CYLINDERS:

Because tanks are pressurized, they should NEVER be thrown in the trash- they can potentially explode when they are compressed in a trash truck. This means that not only is it dangerous to try to throw your tank away in the trash, haulers won't even pick up tanks with the rest of your trash. To ensure that your helium or propane tank is safe for handling, it needs to be purged of all contents. Helium tanks have a relief disks that you puncture and remove to ensure the tank is empty.

Disposal Options

- **Take Back:** Call the retailer where you purchased your tank to ask about take back or recycling options.
- **Propane Exchange Programs:** AmeriGas locations and Blue Rhino locations Note: Blue Rhino will accept all brands of propane for recycling, meaning you are not exchanging your empty tank for a refill, you are recycling and leaving your tank. The word "RECYCLE" needs to be written on the tank you do not want back. You can rip off a piece of masking tape, write "Recycle" on it, and tape onto the body of the tank.
- **Drop-Off:** Propane or Helium Tanks: empty tanks can be taken to an accepting scrapyard.
- **Return:** 1) **Acetylene Tanks** - to business of origin or take to a welding shop, 2) **C02 Tanks** - to business of origin or take to a welding shop and 3) **Oxygen Tanks** - to business of origin or take to a medical supply outlet.



MEDICATION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL:

Medicines play a significant role in treating many conditions and illnesses, but when they are no longer needed it's important to dispose of them properly to avoid harm to others and the environment.



Secure Disposal Options:

- **National Drug Take Back Days** are free events staffed by law enforcement personnel. They generally take place at pharmacy or grocery store. Events will be advertised in advance.
- **Med-Return Drop Boxes**, Northampton County has installed medicine return boxes at local Municipal Police Departments and the Northampton County Courthouse and County Buildings. Boxes are free to use and medications can be anonymously dropped off. There is a box located at the Upper Nazareth Police Station, 100 Newport Ave. You can also check with your pharmacy, most also supply med-return boxes for customers.
- If you cannot utilize a drop-off medication box or participate in a Drug Take Back Day, **follow these steps to**

dispose of medications in your household trash: 1) Mix medicines with an unpleasant substance such as dirt, kitty litter or used coffee grounds. Do not crush tablets or pills, 2) Contain the mixture in a sealed plastic bag, 3) Throw away in your household trash. and 4) Mark out personal information from prescription labels on empty pill bottles.

Empty pill bottles can be recycled with other household recyclables, or you can contact your local pharmacy or vet to see if they could be reused to fill prescriptions.

MERCURY THERMOSTAT RECYCLING

If you have a central heating, cooling or HVAC unit in your home, you have a thermostat installed for regulating the indoor air temperature. Most thermostats containing mercury are manual thermostats—they have dials or levers that you need to adjust when you want to change the indoor temperature. There is mercury inside the sealed glass “tilt switch”. To determine if your thermostat contains mercury, remove the cover and look for a clear glass bulb (ampoule), containing a silvery liquid inside. This sealed glass bulb is called a mercury switch and is burrowed within the wiring beneath the cover. The silvery substance inside of the bulb is mercury. Throwing a Mercury Thermostat away in the trash is dangerous. Problems arise after trash bags are collected, compacted and then landfilled. It is likely that the mercury bulb within the thermostat will bust at some point, and mercury will escape. Mercury does not break down. It gets into the ground water and becomes concentrated in our food supply, and in people.



Where to Take your Mercury-Containing Thermostat:

- The Thermostat Recycling Coalition (TRC) is one of the easiest and cheapest way to comply with Pennsylvania Law. To participate, bring your mercury containing thermostat to any TRC collection location for disposal. Visit www.thermostat-recycle.org to search for nearby locations.
- Some health clinics, pharmacies and doctor's offices have thermometer exchange programs that will give you a new mercury-free fever thermometer in exchange for your old one.

BATTERY RECYCLING

Batteries consist of different chemical combinations used to produce charges. Many of the materials used to manufacture batteries, cadmium, lead, lithium, nickel, magnesium and zinc, are hazardous.

Battery Identification:

- **Hazardous Batteries** include: Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion), Lithium Polymer (Li Poly), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Cadmium (Ni-CAD), Nickel Zinc (NiZn), Lead Acid, Silver Oxide Button, Mercuric Oxide Button. Hazardous batteries require proper disposal, you can visit Call2Recycle.org or Earth911.com to find a location near you and what types of batteries are accepted.
- **Non-Hazardous Batteries** include: Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V), Zinc Air and Zinc Carbon Batteries, these batteries are safe to throw away in your household trash, however because they may still emit a small charge, only small increments should be thrown away at the same time.
- **Rechargeable Batteries:** Rechargeable batteries can come as AA, AAA, lithium, NiMH and NiCD. Rechargeable batteries are less wasteful than single-use alkaline batteries, they can be recharged up to 1,000 times, last 2-5 years and are easy to recycle. Retail store locations that offer free rechargeable battery recycling include: Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowes and Staples.
- **Lead Acid Batteries:** these batteries can be recycled at the same location you purchase a new one. Sellers are required to accept old batteries when a new one is being purchased. You can also drop-off your old lead-acid battery at an accepting scrap yard.

ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL

QUESTION: *Why can't electronics be thrown away in the trash or at the curb?*

ANSWER: *Because it's the law.*

Passed in 2010 and becoming effective Jan. 24, 2013, a disposal ban on certain electronic covered devices went into effect in Pennsylvania. From that date forward, no person may dispose of a covered device, or any of its components, with their trash. These devices and their components must be properly recycled and may not be taken to landfills or other solid waste disposal facilities. Trash haulers are not permitted to collect electronics and dispose of them at the landfill.

- **The cost of recycling electronics:** Electronics are made with a variety of plastic, metal, and glass components that must be disassembled by manual labor, which is time consuming and expensive. Another challenge is the marketing of some materials. Televisions and computer monitors are the most commonly recycled electronics items. The glass from older Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) televisions and computer monitors contains significant amounts of lead. Recycling markets for the leaded glass are limited and expensive. The proper management of the leaded glass from these TVs and monitors is a primary reason for the costs associated with electronics recycling programs

- **Where to take your unwanted electronics:** Best Buy and Staples offer a free recycling for most electronics, with the exception of TVs. Local outlets for TV disposal include: DRC Technologies in Northampton, GER Solutions and Clean Earth in Allentown. There are fees associated with recycling TVs, the price varies on the size of the TV. If your TV is too large to move, you can reach out to a junk removal or clean-out company for assistance.
- **Freon Appliances:** PPL and MetEd both offer a recycling incentive to their customers for properly disposing of their Freon Appliance, however these programs are for working appliances only. You can contact PPL or MetEd, whichever company you pay your utility bill to and schedule an in-home pickup or curbside pickup, you will then be mailed a \$35 check. The appliances eligible include: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers. Again, your appliance must be working to participate in these programs. If you have an appliance that stopped working, it can be disposed of at a scrap yard, but you may be required to show proof that the Freon has been extracted. A certified plumber or HVAC tech/company that removes the Freon will provide a tag that must accompany the appliance when scrapping it. Einfalt Recycling & Salvage Yard in Stockertown, is DEP-permitted to accept appliances with Freon. Another option is trade-in with purchase of new appliance. Wherever you go to purchase your new appliance, ask them about picking up your old appliance at time of delivery.

TIRE RECYCLING

In Pennsylvania, it is illegal to knowingly dispose of whole waste tires in a landfill or to mix whole tires with solid waste destined for disposal at a landfill. When tires are improperly stockpiled or illegally dumped: they trap rainwater and breed mosquitos and other pests, lower property values, encourage more dumping and waste tax money because dumped tires are expensive and time consuming to remove.

- **Before disposing of tires:** 1) Ask an auto shop if your old tires can be retreaded or repaired, 2) Consider a repurposing into a tire swing, planter for your yard or sandbox.
- **If you are having tires replaced at an auto shop:** Ask if the shop will recycle your old tires. In Pennsylvania, there is a \$1 tax on the purchase of a new tire, that funds the disposal of old tires, or a disposal may be included in the service charge.
- **If recycling tires yourself:** You may need to remove the rim and/ or wheel weights. Rims are made of aluminum and the weights are made of steel, both valuable metals you can recycle as scrap.
- **Where to recycle tires:** 1) Your best option is to recycle your tires when buying new or replacement tires, 2) Tire dealers will accept small quantities from residents. Fees will apply and may vary depending on the tire contractor being used.



MS4 NEWS – Pollutant Reduction Plan Project Update

FARMVIEW BASIN RETROFIT

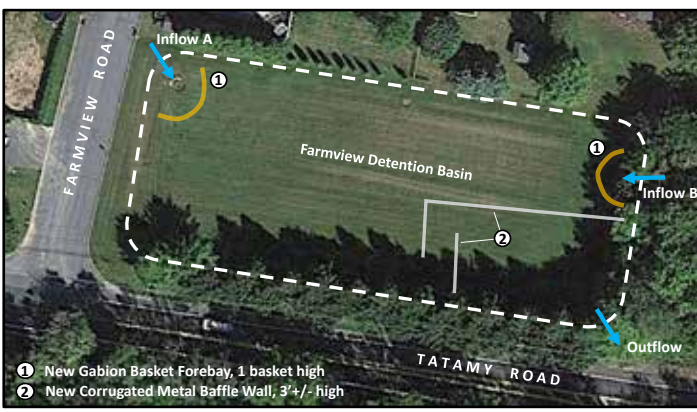
Why is this Project being Done?

This is one of four projects that must be completed by March 31, 2026 under the Township's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for our Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This permit is mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA-DEP) to be compliant with the Federal Clean Waters Act and the Commonwealth's Clean Streams Law. The current 2021-26 Permit Cycle is the inaugural permit cycle requiring physical improvements to our stormwater management system since the MS4 program began in 2004.

What is being done at the Farmview Basin and how does it Work?

The Monocacy Creek and Schoenck Creek Watersheds have been classified by PA-DEP as impaired by sedimentation pollution – basically dirt and fine particles that impact the health of the streams. Statewide, sedimentation pollution is the most prevalent pollutant in Pennsylvania's streams.

To decrease sediment loading coming from Upper Nazareth, the Farmview Basin will be retrofitted with two types of devices, known as Best Management Practices (BMPs). Forebays will be added where stormwater is discharged into the basin at two locations to slow the velocity of water coming into the basin and capture larger-size particles such as gravel and sand. Low-height "walls" called baffles will be installed to increase the distance water needs to flow from the inflow points to the outflow point – this will give additional time for smaller suspended particles to settle to the basin bottom before the discharge point. This work will convert the basin into what is called an *extended detention basin*. This Project is scheduled to be completed by November of this year pending resolution of current material delivery delays.



MS4 NEWS – Illicit Discharge Reporting

Prohibited Items:

- grass/brush
- dirt/stone/debris
- waste/garbage
- animal waste
- gas/oil/grease
- chemicals
- paints

WHAT GOES
IN HERE

ENDS UP
HERE

REPORTING ILLICIT DISCHARGES

If you observe material entering stormwater catchment basins or our waterways that is anything other than clean water, please go to the Township Website and file a report. Please take pictures if you can – Township Staff will coordinate with you to get any pictures you take. If you observe someone actively dumping oil, gas or a chemical you reasonably believe could be imminently harmful to the environment, please call the County 911 center.

<https://uppernazarethtownship.org>

Find on homepage at left under
"Announcements and Information"

Citizen Complaint Illicit Discharge Reporting Form, Please email the completed form to: secretary@uppernazarethtownship.org or mail to 100 Newport Ave Click here to report Illicit Discharge



PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

As winter approaches, our thoughts turn to other activities as we plan for the annual hibernation to the indoors. This is also a good time to plan a safe hibernation for your house as well. The constant change in the weather can have a significant effect on your house that, if left unchecked, may result in major repairs in the future.

Now is the time to inspect your house for anything that does not appear to be normal. Things to look for include loose siding, missing or torn shingles, broken or sticking doors, missing caulking around windows or any other item that will leave your home exposed to the elements. Now is the time to start addressing these items before the cold weather sets in and these items are forgotten.

You may also want to take a look at other items that are often overlooked until it is too late. One important item is your home heating system. Most people who are not on a maintenance program forget to have service performed until well into the heating season when the furnace decides to stop working. Unfortunately, this is the time that most heating contractors are busiest and you may have to wait for service. Avoid the headache and plan ahead.

Items such as your water heater may need your attention as well as other home appliances. Remember to check and make sure water pipes are properly insulated and not exposed to freezing temperatures. Be sure that leaves and debris do not obstruct water flow from gutters and downspouts. Water that freezes and is allowed to back up rooftops often provides you with unwelcome leaks. The lists are endless, but remember your home is a major investment - take good care of it.



GET TO KNOW YOUR EAC!

By Nate Pritchard, Chairman, Environmental Advisory Council.

In June 2021 the Supervisors of Upper Nazareth Township created our new Environmental Advisory Council, or EAC. The EAC is an arm of the township government (authorized by Act 148) that focus exclusively on environmental conservation and improvement. EACs act as advisors to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, acting as a pool of "hometown talent" to draw upon when making decisions affecting environmental resources in the community.

Our Township also has an Open Space program. One of the EAC's primary duties is to evaluate properties and advise the Board of Supervisors on preservation of land for open space uses. This could take the form of fee simple purchases, or easements. Land may be preserved for farming, or passive open space recreation. Participation in this program is voluntary, and the EAC is seeking new applications from interested landowners.



In addition to advising the Open Space program, our EAC

- Identifies environmental issues and recommends plans and programs to the Board and others agencies.
- Promotes conservation of natural resources and the protection and improvement of the quality of our environment
- Promotes community environmental programs
- Maintains an index of all open space, publicly or privately owned, including flood prone areas, swamps and other unique natural areas in order to provide information and offer recommendations on the proper use of township land areas

As you can see, EACs undertake a wide variety of projects and information-gathering tasks, providing energy and objective, in-depth analysis about environmental resource issues. Since municipal ordinances and decisions based upon sound science withstand the tests of scrutiny and time, EACs can be a huge benefit to the communities that create them.

The EAC is always looking for interested, committed citizens to participate in meetings. We seek members with educational and professional expertise in areas such as planning, environmental science, and development. But most importantly we seek member of the community who are dedicated and ready to contribute.

If you have a property that may be a good candidate for preservation, or if you would be interested in serving on the EAC, please contact Lisa Klem, our Township Manager at manager@uppernazarethtownship.org. Or come to one of our meetings, which are open to the public and currently held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm in the Township Building.

PUBLIC WORKS

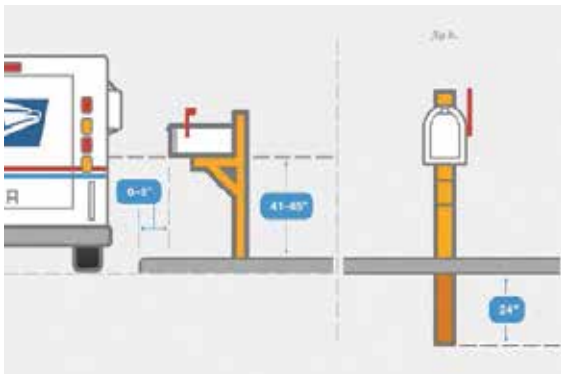
SNOW — during plowable snow events please have your cars off the street. Help us help you!!!

BASKETBALL HOOPS (Township Policy No. 21): ALL basketball hoops must be removed from the street and the public right-of-way prior to any snow removal operations. If a hoop is found placed in the street, even partially hanging over the curb, it will be considered a road hazard and will be removed. Any damage caused by the hoop will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

On 1/18/17, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 17-06, Mailbox Replacement Policy for

Snow and Plow Related Damages. To view the Resolution please go to www.uppernazarethtownship.org, under the "DEPARTMENTS — Public Works" tab.

What are the requirements to meet the Postmaster General's seal of approval?



- Mailbox must be 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or "point of mail entry"
- Mailbox must be 6" to 8" back from the curb
- House or apartment number must be present on the mailbox
- If your mailbox is on different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box
- If you are attaching the box to your house, make sure the postal carrier can reach it easily from your sidewalk, steps, or porch

DON'T FORGET!

A 4"x4" wooden support or a 2" -diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe should be used to support your mailbox.

ONE MORE THING!

Your post must be buried no more than 24" deep.

TAXES

In-person payments are still being accepted from the front porch. You are outside for transactions please dress for the weather. Call the office (610)442-1653 to verify hours and procedures.



- **Cash payments are no longer accepted:** Payments can be made with personal or bank cashier's checks, money orders or online with an e-check or credit card. (School payments cannot be made online.)
- **Real Estate Tax bill Instructions:** Please include a phone number on all Real Estate Tax payment checks. This number will only be used if there is a problem with your check (i.e. not signed, wrong amount, numbers & written line do not match) and will not be shared or published.
- **Online Bank payment:** If you use your banks "Online Bill Pay" to pay your real estate taxes, please include your current bill number on your payment. This number can change each year and for each tax cycle.
- **School Real Estate Tax bills:** If you recently moved into the Township and did not receive a School Real Estate Tax bill please contact the Tax Collector. It may have been forwarded to the previous owner.
- **Mortgage Escrow:** If you receive an Escrow Overage refund, check with the Tax Collector to be sure all of your real estate taxes have been paid. This is especially a concern for a new construction home.
- **Real Estate Late/Reminder Notices:** notices may have been mailed out for every unpaid real estate tax bill. These notices are only sent to the property owner. If you have any questions about them please call the Real Estate Tax office at your earliest convenience. If payment is not made prior to the cut-off date listed on the notice, the bill will be sent to Northampton County Tax Claim for collection where additional fees and interest will be added to the amount due.

Interim Real Estate Tax bills:

If you have received Interim Real Estate Tax bill(s) either for new construction or improvements to your property please note the bill was only sent to the property owner. You must forward a copy of the bill to your mortgage company. However this does not guarantee it will be paid by them. You must verify this bill will be paid separately from your regular real estate tax bills.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OPTION:

Visit www.uppernazarethtownship.org/tax-info to pay your Township or Library real estate tax bills. Additional fees will be added to your amount due for processing purposes. Currently school tax payments do not have an online or credit card payment option.

PLEASE NOTE IN 2023 THE UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX & LIBRARY TAX WILL BE ON ONE BILL.

OFFICE CLOSINGS:

For security reasons the Tax collector does not advertise on your bills when the office will be closed, a sign will be posted on the front door and a message is recorded on the real estate tax phone number for further instructions.

*If Upper Nazareth Township is declared a "Snow Emergency" on a scheduled walk-in hours day, the Real Estate Tax office will be closed. The office is located on a snow emergency route.

ZONING

Please contact the Township Office for permit information. Any projects such as decks, sheds, fences, patios, pools, patio roofs, additions, electrical do require a permit.

Moving Permits are required when a person/persons, firm or corporation moves into, within or out of Upper Nazareth Township.

All Businesses are required to register with Upper Nazareth Township. If you are no longer in business, please notify the office so that we can remove your business from the list.

Upper Nazareth Township has an opening as a Representative to the Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority.

Please send a letter of interest to 100 Newport Ave Attn: Lisa Klem Township Manager or send an email to manager@uppernazarethtownship.org

The Township has contracted with CodeRED to provide emergency and non-emergency notifications to Township residents and businesses. You have the option to receive notifications via text message, phone call (cell phone and/or landline), email, or through the CodeRED app. Please visit the Township website for more information and to sign up!



FIRE DEPARTMENT

As the summer winds down and we look forward to all the fun things that fall brings, we remind everyone that October 9th through the 15th is fire prevention week. This year we join the National Fire Prevention Association to celebrate 100 years of promoting fire safety with the theme of "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." We take this opportunity to educate and remind our township residents of the importance of having a plan and practicing it in the event you find yourself or your family in a home fire emergency.

A combination of modern building materials and open floor plans are just some of things that contribute to homes burning faster than even ten years ago. You may have as little as two minutes or less to safely escape a home fire once the smoke alarm sounds. The ability to get out safely depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning.

It is important to plan and practice. Plan your home escape route by going to each room in your house and identifying two ways to exit – either through windows or doors. All windows and doors should open easily. Second story windows should have escape ladders easily accessible. Draw your plan on paper and discuss with all family members. It is important to include young children in this process, and make sure that you include a plan for those that may need special assistance. Pick an outside meeting place that is a permanent fixture (a light post, mailbox, or a street sign) outside the front of your home. Make sure each person knows where to go once they exit the home.

Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can. They should be installed in every bedroom, outside of sleeping areas (like in a hallway), and on each level (including the basement). Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms. It is important to choose smoke alarms that are listed with a testing laboratory – this means that they have met certain standards or protection. Test the batteries often; the alarm should make a loud beep, beep, beep sound. If there is a low sound or no sound, the batteries should be replaced. That chirp at 2am also means that the unit is malfunctioning and most likely needs the battery changed. If the smoke alarm is older than 10 years, you should replace the entire unit. If you don't remember how old the unit is, replace it. **When You Hear a Beep, Get On Your Feet!** Get out and stay out, call 911 from your designated meeting place. **Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!** Replace the batteries or the entire alarm.

Seconds can be the difference between safely escaping a home fire and a tragedy. Fire safety education is for everyone – from the young to the elderly. All age groups are at risk in fires, making it an important reminder for each member of our community to take some time each October during fire prevention week to make sure they understand what their part is in making sure their family is safe in a fire emergency

Join your children in visiting Sparky.org for some fun and educational games, puzzles, and activities to learn more!

As always, we welcome you to stop by the fire station for a visit. We have weekly drill nights each Monday and would love to host your family for a tour! We have some exciting events happening during the year – watch our Facebook page for events and updates. The architectural drawings for our building addition have been received and we are moving to the next phase of our planning! We will continue to share our progress as we move forward with this exciting news!

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As a very successful and busy summer of “Journey[ing] around the World!” makes way for cooler fall temperatures and back-to-school, the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff encourages area residents to stop in and check out items from our ever-growing collection of books, educational resources, movies, games, and magazines – plus hotspots, cake pans, museum passes, and Wonderbooks. Also, mark your calendar for the fall and winter events and activities below:

- September is National Library Card Sign-up Month! If you don't have a library card, stop in today!
- The 12th annual Touch-A-Truck Festival will take place on Saturday, October 1st, beginning at 10am and ending at 2pm at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. “This year the Touch-a-Truck festival is more exciting than ever. The library is excited to welcome new sponsors, vehicles, and activities for all ages. This is an event that is a day of fun and provides the opportunity to showcase first responders, businesses, and service organizations. Funds raised from this event will be used to assist the library in improving the building's sustainability,” says Executive Director Holly Bennett. Numerous types of vehicles will be on display, including a helicopter, and children will be able to see the vehicles, trucks, and equipment up close; children are encouraged to climb up into vehicles and talk to their drivers. In addition, this year's Festival will offer some of the most sought-after food trucks in the Lehigh Valley for food and drink purchases, as well as a craft pavilion, braiding bar, and much more. Tickets are available for purchase now. Thank you to all sponsors for this great event.
- Get frightened at our “Haunted Library” Halloween event during the October 21st weekend! Details coming soon.
- Sit back and enjoy a musical performance by Craig Thatcher and friends Nyke Van Wyk, Cliff Starkey, and Billy Wear while supporting the library. This benefit concert will be held at the Phoenix at 515 W. Mauch Chunk St. on Friday, November 4th.
- For Veterans Day, the library will honor all who have served in America's military and share its history as a “living memorial” for the country's brave soldiers. Stay tuned for details about this mid-November celebration.
- As snow appears and the temperature drops, spread holiday cheer by participating in the winter basket raffle.
- Join the Audiobook Lovers' Book, Daytime Book Group, Wednesday Night Book Group, and Brainsy Bibliophiles Book Group. Call the library for a current schedule and book selections.
- Stop in for ongoing children's storytimes and Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as special children's activities and events.
- Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board.
- Thank you to all patrons and community organizations who support the library: the library's four municipalities, readers, donors, lottery calendar purchasers, volunteers, program presenters and attendees...the list could go on and on! A special thanks to the Rotary Club, whose funding made the library's summer reading program a huge success, with nearly 400 children and 100 teens and adults participating.

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

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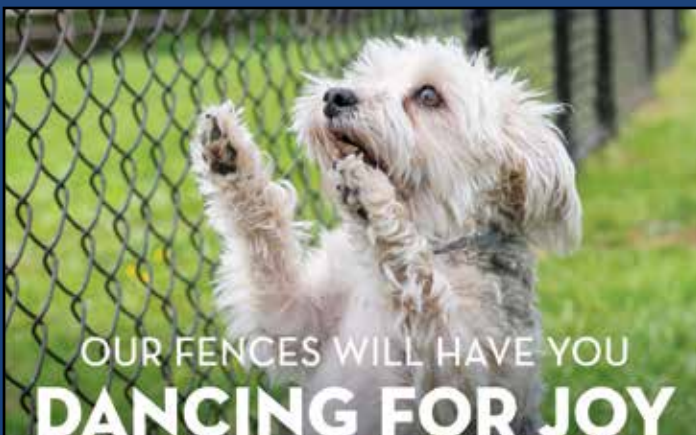


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