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Spring/Summer 2023

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2023 ROAD PROGRAM

Base Repairs and a Mill and Overlay process will be applied to the following roads in the early part of the summer, 2023:

- W. Beil Avenue from Rose Inn Avenue to bridge
- Highland Avenue from Sycamore Street to Rose Inn Avenue
- Blossom Hill Rd from crest of hill to Newburg Road.
- Newport Avenue from Municipal Building to Tewksbury Court
- Schoeneck Avenue from 191 to Upper Nazareth Township/
Bushkill Township border line



The Mill and Overlay is a process in which intersections, driveways, and curbs are milled to 2". Once this is done the entire road is overlaid with a top layer of asphalt. This will create a new wearing surface while maintaining curb and driveway reveals.

Further updates will be on Facebook and on the Upper Nazareth Township website.

COMING SOON a new website.

We have been working on designing and upgrading our website. Hopefully the new website will launch in July 2023. The new website will have many new features such as Emergency Alerts and will be ADA Compliant. It will be much more user-friendly. We are very excited and can't wait until it is ready to be shared with our residents.



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Zoning 204 or Option 5
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Public Works.....484-357-6988
Real Estate.....610-442-1653

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EXCITING NEWS for Upper Nazareth Township Residents

The Township is constructing a new walking path at the Municipal Building. Access will be available from Newport Ave. and Tewksbury Ct. along with Monroe and Hoch St.

The path is being constructed by our Road Department. We will post on our website and Facebook page when the walking path is completed and ready for use.

The path provides easy access to hundreds of homes in our community and expands the dedication of our Supervisors to provide passive recreation for the residents. The path is approximately ½ half mile in length and will give those who use it the ability to walk in a safe environment away from traffic. Also provide a scenic view of the open space with trees, grass, and bird life.



We invite ALL to use and enjoy our newest addition of recreation for our community.

2023 COMMUNITY DAYS

SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9

Mark your calendar, Upper Nazareth Community Days is scheduled for Thursday, September 7th, Friday, September 8th, and Saturday, September 9th.

Rides, food, nightly entertainment, and fireworks are slated for the three-day event at Tuskes Park. If you're interested in participating as a vendor or sponsor, please contact Upper Nazareth Township, at 610-759- 5341, or email secretary@uppernazarethtownship.org



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 residences utilize the Township's green and yellow recycling carts provided thanks to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection grant. All recyclable 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 recycle 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)

Plastic Bags

Food-soiled paper or foil

Styrofoam

Wax-coated paper items

Bulky/Rigid plastics

Hardcover books

Furniture

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
- leaf waste

In addition to the items required by the state, Township Ordinance No. 161 states that the materials listed below be kept separate from the waste stream and properly recycled.

- glass
- plastics
- newsprint
- steel and bi-metal cans
- 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 report with instructions, to each business. That report 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.

Managing Your Grass

Grasscycling

What it means: leaving grass clippings on the lawn when you mow, releasing valuable nutrients, adding water-saving mulch and encouraging natural soil aeration by earthworms. For those concerned about our landfills, grass cycling cuts down on the volume of material making that trip.

Grasscycling reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. Too much fertilizer can weaken the lawn by causing a shallow root system to develop.

If must use fertilizers, apply small amounts only two or three times during the growing season (mid to late May and early to mid-September are best in the Northeast region).



PUBLIC WORKS

Street Sweeping - MARCH 27, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2023

Upper Nazareth Township will be cleaning and sweeping the dedicated streets of Upper Nazareth Township from March 27 – March 31, 2023.

The Township requests that you please keep your vehicles, basketball hoops, and other objects off the roads during this week.

SPRING CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION

APRIL 24 – 28, 2023

The Township will be collecting curbside during the week of April 24 – 28, 2023. This collection will follow the same collection pattern as the fall leaf collection. Visit the Upper Nazareth Township website www.uppernazarethtownship.org for details.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS include unlimited amounts of yard waste (leaves, branches, twigs, roots, bushes, flowers, house plants, garden clippings) that will be collected curbside and composted instead of placed in a landfill. Place your yard waste in a clean open-top container. ****** NO PLASTIC BAGS ******. Branches must be tied with cotton or hemp twine in bundles no larger than 12" x 12" x 6' and weighing no more than 40lbs. **Leaves must be bagged separately in compostable bags.** (Available at various hardware and grocery stores)

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS will not be collected and includes: grass clippings, tree stumps, loose soils, sod, food waste, plastics and synthetic fibers, lumber, any wood or tree limbs over 4" diameter; human or animal excrement, soil contaminated with hazardous substances, plastic bags, plastic pots, rocks, litter, trash or glass.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUED

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.

Opening/Closing Dates: April 29, 2022 through November 18, 2023

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, railroad 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.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!!!

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

Electronics Recycling at 2 Locations

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

Public Works Recycling, 155 Friedenstahl Ave. Nazareth PA 18064 **AND**

Tuskes Park, 3040 Bath Pike, Nazareth PA 18064

Saturday, June 10th, 2023 – 9am-11am or until trucks are full

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



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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors)• Keyboards & Mice• Printers/Fax Machines• Cables & Cords• Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laptops• UPS Battery Backups• Toner & Ink Cartridges• Audio Visual Equipment• Telephones & Cell Phones*• DVD Players & VCR's | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gaming Systems• String Christmas Lights• Microwaves & Small Appliances• Metal Items & Water Heaters• Exercise Equipment• Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bed Frames & Rain spouting• Filing Cabinets <p><i>*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries</i></p> |
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Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washers & Dryers-\$20.00• Stoves \$20.00• Dishwashers-\$20.00• Computer Monitors - \$20• Televisions under 42" - \$40.00 ALL Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs") - \$58.00• Air Conditioners - \$25.00• Dehumidifiers - \$25.00• Refrigerators - \$35.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Floor Freezers - \$35.00• Floor Copiers - \$20.00• Console Stereos (in cabinet) - \$35.00• Water Coolers & Dorm Fridge - \$25 |
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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****

EIT/LST TAX

ALL EARNED INCOME TAX AND LOCAL SERVICES TAX IS NOW REPORTED TO AND COLLECTED BY:

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Contact Keystone Collections for further information.

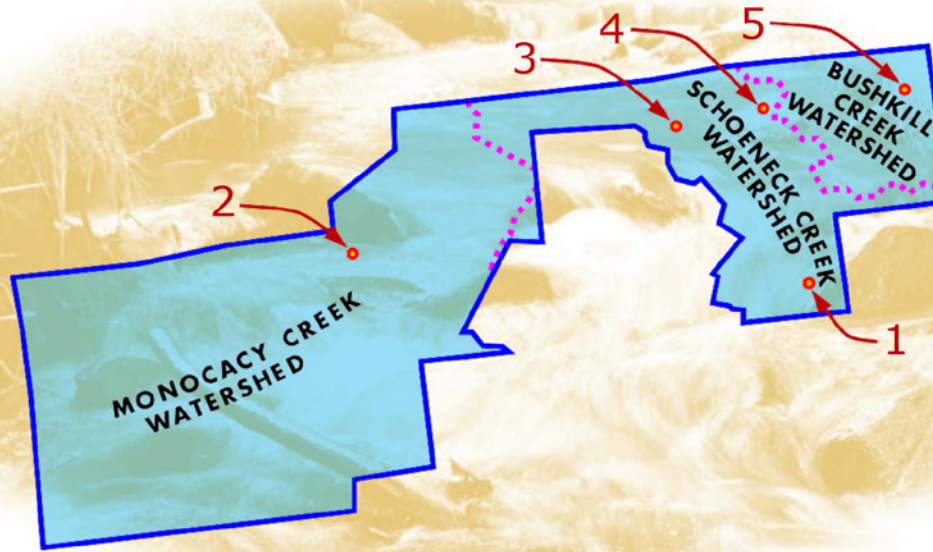
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If you did not receive a form via US Mail, please visit Keystone Collections Group at www.keystonecollects.com. For individuals click the Taxpayer Resources Link. You can print a form for mailing or complete and submit your return on-line.

MS4 NEWS

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP'S POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLAN PROJECT UPDATES



The Township is working through the Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) projects it is obliged to complete by the March 31, 2026 deadline of our current 5-year MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permit. The status of each project is as follows:

1. Farmview Extended Detention Basin Retrofit (Location: Farmview Rd and Tatamy Rd):

The first of our projects is currently under construction. Passersby will see a metal baffle system with aluminized coating used for a 50-yr design life. The baffles increase the flow length between the inflow pipes and the outlet control structure to give time for suspended particles to settle out before leaving the basin. This project is anticipated to be complete by Summer 2023.

2. Fieldview Extended Detention Basin Retrofit (Location: Between SR 946 and Fieldview Dr)

The Public Works Department has recently begun a major maintenance effort on this basin to clear out accumulated vegetation, debris and sediment. Detailed design of the retrofit project is underway. This project is anticipated to start as early as Summer 2023 but may be completed in 2024.

3. Sycamore Park Bioretention Swale (Location: Between Sycamore St and Willowdale Ave)

The PRP project at Sycamore Park is being coordinated with an overall re-design of the park. The PRP project will construct a bioretention swale that will become a prominent feature in the park in addition to new plantings along the stream bank running through the park to limit erosion. Construction is anticipated to start in 2024 or 2025 depending on the outcome of a grant application.

4. Tewksbury Extended Detention Basin Retrofit (Location: Between Tewksbury Ct and Leibert Park)

This project is similar to the Farmview basin project and was bundled with the Sycamore Park grant application for funding. The Public Works Department will be starting maintenance work on the basin to remove accumulated vegetation and sediment between now and Summer 2024.

5. Bushkill Creek Watershed Pathogen Risk Investigation (Location: east end of Township along SR 191)

Investigatory testing will be performed this Spring to determine if there may be any possible sources of pathogenic pollution (e.g. fecal coliform) from inside the boundaries of the Township.

MS4 NEWS



RESIDENTIAL

- **Lawn Care** (fertilizers, pesticides, grass clippings)
 - Use fertilizers/pesticides sparingly
 - Mulch your grass, don't blow it into the street
- **Septic Systems**
 - Inspect your system every 3-years
 - Don't dispose of hazardous wastes in your septic system
- **Pet Waste**
 - Pick up after you pet when out and about
 - Don't let animal waste accumulate on your property and dispose of it frequently in a sanitary manner
- **Home Auto Care**
 - If washing a car at home, put the car on the grass to prevent soapy water entering the storm system
 - Never put automobile fluids down a storm drain



COMMERCIAL

- **Paved Areas** – Dirt, Oil and Debris
 - Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
 - Cover grease storage containers and dumpsters
 - Report any chemical spill to the County Emergency Management/911 Center
- **Grease/Oil Waste**
 - Restaurant/food services cooking oils and grease must be captured in a grease trap and not sent into a central sewer or on-lot septic system.
 - All forms of oil, grease, chemicals and other hazardous materials must be disposed of in accordance with all applicable state regulations – these substances must never be disposed of into the environment.



CONSTRUCTION

- **Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution**
This is the single greatest pollutant of PA Streams.
 - Divert stormwater away from disturbed or exposed areas of the construction site
 - Install silt fence or compost filter sock along the downslope perimeter of the construction site
 - Use vegetative cover and other erosion and sediment controls to stabilize the site
 - Properly maintain erosion and sediment control measures, especially after rainstorms
 - Prevent soil erosion by minimizing disturbed areas during construction projects
 - Seed and mulch bare soil areas as soon as possible

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April showers bring reminders on how to safely navigate thunderstorms, heavy rains and winds, and the threats of tornados. Safety during these type of events is very important because this weather is unpredictable and often times severe. Pennsylvania is the poster child for all four seasons in one day so we will take this opportunity to remind you of ways to be prepared, no matter what mother nature throws at us in the coming months.

Thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather. They often bring lightning, tornados, and flooding. Because spring weather is so unpredictable, most people are unprepared when this weather comes. When these types of weather hit unexpectedly, the risk of severe injury and even death increases. Planning ahead can save lives and prevent injury.

Advanced planning for all severe weather events requires many of the same safety precautions. First, keep an emergency kit on hand, and check the contents often. The kit should include some of the following items.

- A battery operated flashlight and NOAA Weather radio. Check the batteries often, replacing when you replace those in your smoke detector. Keep extra batteries in the kit as well.
- An emergency evacuation and shelter plan for each type of situation. Share this plan with everyone in your household, including children. Discuss plans with those that have mobility challenges.
- A written list of important personal information. Include telephone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends. Write insurance and property information, include policy numbers, along with the contact information for utility companies. Also, keep a list of medical information including all prescriptions.
- A well stocked first aid kit. Check the American Red Cross website for a checklist of items that should be included.
- A 3-5 day supply of bottled water and non perishable food. Don't forget a manual can opener and eating utensils.
- Personal hygiene items and appropriate clothing. Remember severe weather can come with unpredictable drops in temperature. Don't forget a warm jacket, hat, and gloves along with rain gear.
- Blankets and sleeping bags.

While it is important to be prepared inside, it's also important to prepare and maintain your property outside. As you plant your spring flowers, check trees for loose branches that could break off in strong winds and damage houses and vehicle. Check and clean gutters and make sure that garbage cans and patio furniture are kept in safe locations.

If you have a generator for use, there are a few safety tips to consider. Never use a generator inside the home or in partially enclosed areas. Partial ventilated areas, including garages, areas with windows open or fans will not prevent carbon monoxide build-up in the home. Always connect appliances using heavy duty extension cords and fuel outside of your home. Do not store fuel inside your home.

More information about the above topics can be found on the OSHA, CDC and FEMA websites.

See our website at www.UpperNazarethFire.com and follow us on Facebook @Station54 to keep up to date with news and events.

Visit us at our Upcoming Events:

April 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the
Upper Nazareth Township
Building Field
April 1st and 2nd Spring Flower Sale at East Lawn
Supply, 11am-4pm daily
June 3rd 3rd Annual East Lawn Invitational
at Green Pond Country Club

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT Is Collecting Info On Our Elderly Community To Help Save Lives And Improve Services

The Upper Nazareth Township Police Department (UNTPD) cares for our township's elderly and physically vulnerable community members. We often respond to calls for service where the caller is unable to come to the door due to pre-existing medical conditions or injuries. This can lead to police having to cause property damage to access patients or delay the care a patient needs. Therefore, UNTPD is looking to collect emergency home entry information for our more vulnerable community members. This information will be used to assist emergency service workers in entering a residence in the case of an emergency where the occupant(s) of the home may not be able to come to the door. If this sounds like a service you or a loved one could benefit from, please stop by the police department at 100 Newport Avenue Nazareth PA 18064 to fill out an Emergency Home Entry Form / Assistance form. You can download a form by going to www.uppernazarethtownship.org under Departments then Emergency Services then Police Department.





The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity is excited to announce an abundance of wonderful happenings for spring and summer 2023!



- Participate in the Windows to the Future Campaign! The library is seeking funding to replace its original 1927 boiler and windows. This effort is focused on ensuring the functionality and maintenance of the heating in the building while at the same time increasing efficiency so that the library can reduce operating costs. The total cost to replace the boiler and windows is estimated to be \$800,000. Please consider making a donation to this campaign through our website, www.nazarethlibrary.org, or sending a donation to the library at 295 E. Center St., Nazareth, PA with "Windows to the Future Campaign" in the memo line.
- Do you love the library? Do you like to have fun? The library is looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer their time to help run book sales, promote the use of the library and the love of books, and make friends at the same time! If you are interested in joining a newly forming Friends of the Library group, please contact Holly Bennett at hbennett@nazarethlibrary.org.
- Did you know that with your library card you have a wealth of FREE amazing electronic resources at your fingertips? Via the "Collections" then "eBooks & Audiobooks" tab or the "Research" tab on the library website, you have access to THOUSANDS of ebooks, audiobooks, comic books, movies, TV shows, magazines, music, puzzles, games, and research tools like genealogy resources, homework helps, language learning, maps, newspapers, and scholarly databases. And did you know that we circulate 250 e-books through cloudLibrary and 400 streaming content items per month, on average?
- Celebrate special events! It's National Library Week April 23-29. Learn how to properly care for and preserve books, photos, and documents during Preservation Week in May, and unleash

your inner artist with Star Wars character impersonators at Free Comic Book Day on May 6.

- Share your opinions with the Audiobook Lovers' Book Group, Daytime Book Group, Wednesday Night Book Group, and Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group. Call the library for a current schedule and details about a new Historical Fiction Recommendations discussion group. All are welcome – especially first time attendees!
- Try a new hobby. Make monthly crafts for adults or join the Rogue Crocheters, Bobbin Lacers, the Cookery and Conversation Club, Board Game Club.
- Children are invited to meetings of the Junior Friends of the Library on every third Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm and can contact Ms. Berry Steiner at bsteiner@nazarethlibrary.org for more information.
- Stop in for ongoing infant and toddler storytimes and toddler Shake-and-Boogie sessions, as well as a host of special children's activities and events, at the library as well as in Bushkill Township and Lower Nazareth.
- Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about TAB, the Teen Advisory Board, and its regular meetings. Exciting spring events for teens include the IditaREAD challenge, a "Lost and Found Art Gallery," movie trivia night, "MLNV Makes" Teen Makerspace, and community yard sale.
- Get ready for a jam-packed Summer Reading 2023 program, which will focus on animals and financial literacy! Children can look forward to a piggy bank pageant, events with live animals, an author visit, kids' concert, and much, much more! Registration opens on May 31.
- Mark your calendar NOW for the 2023 Touch-a-Truck Festival on October 7.
- There is always something to do at the library, besides browsing for books! Help assemble themed jigsaw puzzles, participate in our houseplant swap and magazine swap, play with the Lego wall, try your hand at our Children's Department scavenger hunts.
- Thank you to all patrons and many community organizations who support the library: the library's four municipalities, readers, donors, volunteers, and event presenters and attendees. Together, we can achieve our mission.

These are just a few upcoming highlights. 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. Pick up a new monthly calendar filled with programs and events for ALL ages.

Patrons are always welcome to stop in and check out items from our continually growing collection of books, graphic novels, educational resources, films, CDs, computer games, magazines, cake pans, museum passes, and Wonderbooks.

See you at the library!!

A Message from the Nazareth Area School District Superintendent

Dear Upper Nazareth Township Residents,

I hope this message finds you and your family safe, happy, and healthy. I am excited and honored to introduce myself as Superintendent of the Nazareth Area School District. Before Nazareth, I served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Susquehanna Township School District. I have been in public education since 1993, first serving as a social studies teacher in the Montoursville Area School District and then as a high school, middle school, and elementary school administrator for the next nineteen and a half years. Additionally, I was an Athletic Director, High School Basketball Coach, and Student Government Advisor.

Regarding my educational background, I am a 1988 graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School in Plymouth, Pennsylvania. My undergraduate education was at Temple University, where I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education Social Studies. My Master's Degree in Educational Leadership comes from Lehigh University, and my Doctor of Education is from Widener University.

In partnership with Upper Nazareth Township, NASD has a critical mission to provide a learning environment for each student to fulfill their highest academic potential and prepare them to become independent, responsible, and caring citizens. I am confident that through our partnership, dedicated staff, and exceptional students and families, we will continue to grow and provide the best opportunities for our children and their future.

NASD attracted me for two primary reasons. The first was that I always wanted the challenge of leading a large school district, working



alongside a solid administrative team for the betterment of staff and students. The second reason was that the area's rich history and blue-collar roots reminded me of where I grew up in Northeastern Pennsylvania. As a Social Studies teacher, I knew Nazareth and the surrounding municipalities were once a prosperous industrial region producing cement, steel, textiles, and of course, Martin Guitars. To describe where I am from, all you need to do is substitute Anthracite Coal for the four products mentioned above.

My entry plan stresses a "Listen, Learn, and Lead" approach to meet my initial goals: (a) Lay the groundwork for building trusting, productive, and collaborative working relationships with internal and external stakeholders; (b) gain insight into the strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement by learning as much as I can about the district; and (c) utilize the information I gather to help create a transparent and reciprocal process of communication, based on trust, within the school community.

After being in this position for seven months, one of the common themes emerging from my meetings with stakeholders is the enormous sense of pride everyone has for this school community. While serving as your Superintendent, I plan to be accessible to all and maintain an open-door policy. I encourage and welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you have about our schools and can be reached directly at (610) 759-1170 ext. 1111.

With much appreciation,

Dr. Richard R. Kaskey, NASD Superintendent of Schools

REAL ESTATE

TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS: if you recently moved into the Township and did not receive a 2023 Upper Nazareth Township (& Library combined) Real Estate tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector at 610-442-1653 or retaxes@uppernazarethtownship.org. It may have been forwarded to the previous owner.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: The only information to include on your payment check (personal checks or online bill payment checks) is your phone number and the current bill number of the bill you are paying. Your Parcel & Deed numbers are not needed. **New this year; Phone number line on your payment coupons.** Phone numbers are only used if there is a problem with your check (i.e., returned, not signed, wrong amount, numbers & written line do not match) and will not be shared or published.

- **Cash Payments:** Are no longer accepted, please use a check or money order.
- **Credit Card payments:** you can pay your Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate Tax bill online with a credit or debit card (additional fees do apply) or an e-check (\$1.50 fee). (School Tax bills cannot be paid online)
- **Mortgage Escrow:** If you receive an **Escrow Overage/refund**, check with the Tax Collector to be sure all your real estate taxes have been paid. This is especially a concern for a new construction home.
- **Drop Box:** Located at the Township Office, 100 Newport Ave. Box is outside to the right of the front door. Your payment only needs to be put in one envelope. The envelopes are left at the box for those who may not have one, please only use one if necessary.

INTERIM REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS: Interim or supplemental real estate tax bills are generated when the assessment of your property increases either due to new construction or improvements. These bills are only sent to the property owner. If your mortgage company pays your real estate taxes through an escrow account, you must send them a copy of this bill. 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.

2023 Upper Nazareth Township (& Library Combined) Real Estate Tax bill due dates:

Discount and 1st Installment pmt. due date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

The full or base pmt.: Thursday, June 1, 2023

The 2nd Installment: Tuesday, August 1, 2023

In Person payment hours are Tuesdays 9am-12pm & Thursdays 12pm-3pm. You are outside to make transactions, please dress for the weather. Office closings are announced on the phone message and posted on the window.

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP

Celebrated the Holidays with its 1st Tree Lighting Ceremony



Upper Nazareth Township kicked off the holiday season with its first ever Tree Lighting Ceremony, held on December 2, 2022, at the Municipal Building on Newport Avenue.

The night kicked off with residents gathered to hear carols performed by Kelsey and the Boys. Complimentary hot cocoa was enjoyed by all, courtesy of Zanette's Nazareth Grill. Attendees were encouraged to bring a nonperishable donation for the Nazareth Food Bank, Miss Pennsylvania Tween, Evangeline Vasiliadis, lent a hand in collecting those items. The tree was officially lit by the Kirk family, which created a beautiful spectacle of holiday lights. The night was topped off by the arrival of Santa, via an UNTFD fire engine.



A very special thank you to Bill Kirk, of Weather Trends 360, for generously donating to the UNT Rec Event fund. This donation made it possible to purchase the lights for the tree. We would also like to thank Shawn Shupe and the Public Works department, municipal staff, the Rec Board, UNT Fire Department and Chief Jeff Fassl, Bill Bartlett, Zanette's of Nazareth, Evangeline Vasiliadis, and Kelsey and the Boys.

Please join us Friday, December 1, 2023, at the UNT municipal building, for the 2nd Annual UNT Tree Lighting Ceremony.

2023 Movies in the Park Dates

UNT SUPERVISORS APPROVE DATES FOR MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Upper Nazareth Township Recreation Board has two movie nights scheduled for this year, Friday, June 16th and Saturday, August 26th. The Movies in the Park events are free to the public, with complimentary popcorn and water provided. Bring your blankets or chairs and enjoy a family friendly movie under the stars at beautiful Tuskes Park, 3040 Bath Pike.

Keep Saturday, October 28th open for a Halloween themed activity that is still in the planning stages.

These events, hosted by the UNT Recreation Board, are sponsored events and are free to the public. Donations from local businesses and individuals are used to offset costs without spending taxpayer money. If you are interested in donating, or sponsoring an event, please email Kristin Mullen at kmullen@uppernazarethtownship.org.



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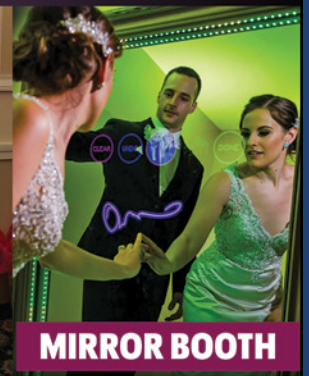
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