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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

On behalf of the Upper Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors and staff, we'd like to welcome all Township residents to the first edition of our new Township newsletter. This publication provides you with information on municipal services and officials, contact numbers for municipal offices and other agencies, and updates on current projects being undertaken within the Township.

We extend a special thanks to the businesses and individuals whose generosity and support through advertising has made publication of this newsletter possible at no cost to taxpayers. Please support the local businesses that support the Township!

In addition to the new newsletter, there have been several new projects undertaken this year in the Township. In June the Board of Supervisors adopted the Township's first ever Official Map, laying out a vision for a future trail network throughout the Township, providing connectivity from Bath all the way to Stockertown! We encourage residents to visit the Township office or the Township website to view the Official Map. The Township also 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!

Lastly, in 2017 some of your Township Supervisors began a new community outreach initiative where we come to you! These "Community Outreach Nights" include Township Supervisors and staff along with members of the Upper Nazareth Police and Fire Departments. We have been walking around the Township, going door to door in various neighborhoods, simply to introduce ourselves and pass out information on Township events and resources. If we haven't been to visit you yet, look for us soon!

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 Zoning..... ext. 204  
 Treasurer ..... ext. 205

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 Police Non-Emergency..... 610-759-2200  
 Public Works..... 484-357-6988  
 Real Estate..... 610-442-1653

<div>  <b>UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP</b>  <b>2018 Fall — Winter Public Meeting Schedule</b>  </div> <p><i>All meetings to be held in the Township building located at 100 Newport Avenue, Nazareth.</i></p>				
	<b>Board of Supervisors</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Planning Commission</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Recreation Board</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>Zoning Hearing Board</b> (as needed) 6:30 p.m.
OCTOBER	3rd & 17th	11th	16th	31st
NOVEMBER	7th & 21st	15th	20th	28th
DECEMBER	5th & 19th	13th	18th	26th
JANUARY	7th			

*Please check the Township website or the Home News for the 2019 Meeting Dates.*

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# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

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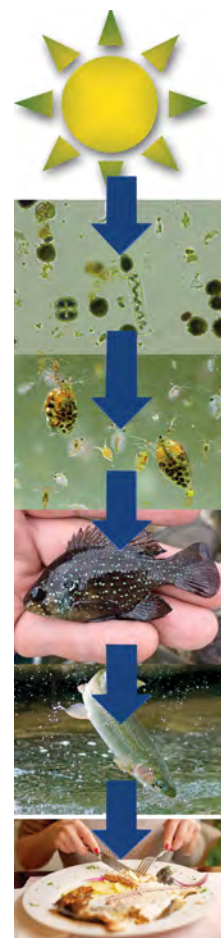
Did you know that the waterways in the Delaware River Watershed provide clean drinking water to over 60,000 people? Upper Nazareth Township is included in that number and although it may be a group effort to clean our waterways, every action no matter how small will make a difference.

### *What happens when our waterways become polluted?*

Overall, freshwater ecosystems have received the highest levels of pollution that degrades the environment and reduces biodiversity. Pollution affects organisms all the way down to microscopic levels. Although small, microorganisms are some of the most vital creatures to our waterways, because they are producers within the aquatic food web. Without a large producer group, we would no longer see fish in our creeks, streams, and rivers. Most fish are planktivores at one point in their life, which means their primary food source is plankton. If the species does not survive on plankton, they may survive off eating planktivores. As we continue to pollute our waterways, fish biodiversity and density will decrease and will ultimately affect our recreational anglers.

### *Where do pollutants originate?*

Pollution can be caused by two sources, a point source or nonpoint source. The difference between the two is where the pollution originates. Point source pollution is any pollution site that is localized and stationary, such as a factory or a wastewater treatment plant. Nonpoint source pollution can either be rainfall or snowmelt that travels over the ground washing away any natural and or human-made pollutants. Nonpoint source pollution includes runoff from your yard, streets, agricultural fields and animal waste through farming practices.



## Do's & Don'ts!



### FERTILIZING LAWN

The best time to fertilize is before a light rainfall; otherwise wait until after a heavy rainfall. If you fertilize right before a heavy rainfall, all the materials you used will be washed off your yard and will wash into the storm drains. Be careful!

UPCOMING FORECAST				
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
				
85°	88°	89°	93°	95°

**DO!**

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**DON'T!**



### MOWING LAWN

Instead of bagging your grass clippings or blowing them into the street, allow them to lie on top of your lawn. It provides extra moisture to the grass along with a natural food source. This also allows you to cut back on extra expenses for fertilizing.



**DO!**



**DON'T!**

## 2018 ROAD PROGRAM UPDATE



This year's Road Program tackled more miles of Township roads than ever before. As a result of funding increases and a commitment by the Board of Supervisors to continue improving our roads, we were able to contract out for a better type of surface treatment this year. We want to emphasize that not all roads are in a condition that allow us to apply this year's product in the future. The difference in unit cost between the surface treatments we are using and other options is economically infeasible for us at this time. The cost to address roads that need actual reconstruction is disproportionately more.

The 2018 Road Program included the following highlights:

- **Line striping** throughout the Township (completed in July). Like PennDOT, the Township uses water-based paint due to cost. Glass beads are embedded in the paint to make the paint "reflective", thus improving visibility at nighttime and during inclement weather.
- **Surface treatments** applied to Mitchell Ave. and roads in the Hillside development on the east side of the Township and on roads in the Creekside development on the west side of the Township. The Public Works Department worked hard throughout the summer to address areas needing repair prior to a contractor applying the surface treatment.
- **Mill and Overlay** completed by our Public Works Department on Werner Rd., Lynn Lane, Silvercrest Rd., Christman Ave., Eley St., and Meyers St. This is the first year that our Township crew has been able to complete such substantial projects in-house!

Our road infrastructure constitutes the Township's greatest capital investment by far. We have been able to increase funding to our road program simply by instituting a policy of transferring a portion of any annual budget surplus to a dedicated infrastructure fund instead of general reserves. In this way, we are not committing to annual budgets we are not sure we can sustain. We encourage you to look at the report prepared last year by the Township Engineer to understand the overall state of our infrastructure and the funding challenge our community faces maintaining acceptable levels of service on our roads. The report can be found on the Township's website at: <http://uppernazarethtownship.org/public-works>. Under the "Road Maintenance" tab.

## POLICE

The Upper Nazareth Township Police Department will be hosting their annual **Halloween Party** this October. Watch for date and times on the Township website or on the Police Facebook page.



## 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.

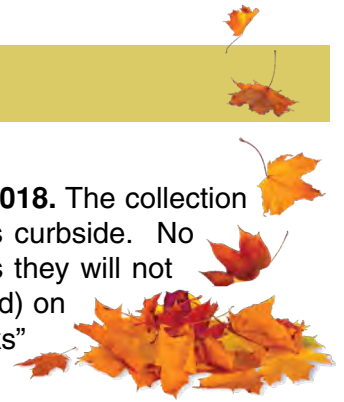
All Businesses are required to register with Upper Nazareth Township.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## LEAF COLLECTION

The Upper Nazareth Township **leaf collection program will begin mid October 2018**. The collection will begin once a sufficient amount of leaves have fallen. Please have your leaves curbside. No sticks, feces, garbage, potted plants or grass. If any of this debris is in your leaves they will not be picked up. The leaf pick-up schedule will be posted (once start date is determined) on our website: [www.uppernazarethtownship.org](http://www.uppernazarethtownship.org) under "DEPARTMENTS — Public Works" tab. Please keep storm drains free of debris!



## YARD WASTE

**November 17, 2018** will be the last day to drop off your yard waste at the Yard Waste Facility.



## JANUARY CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Once the dates are determined the schedule will be posted on our website [www.uppernazarethtownship.org](http://www.uppernazarethtownship.org), under "DEPARTMENTS—Public Works" tab.

**CHRISTMAS TREES ONLY: TREES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP** if all the tinsel, garland and ornaments are NOT REMOVED from the trees. Please DO NOT leave any tree carry bags or wreaths. Please place trees curbside like you did with your leaves. Garbage and Yard Waste will **NOT** be collected. Trees **will not be accepted** at 155 Friedenstahl Garage or 3151 Daniels Road Garage. **Illegal dumping may result in fines.**

## SNOW

During plowable snow events please have your cars off the street. **Help us help you!!!**

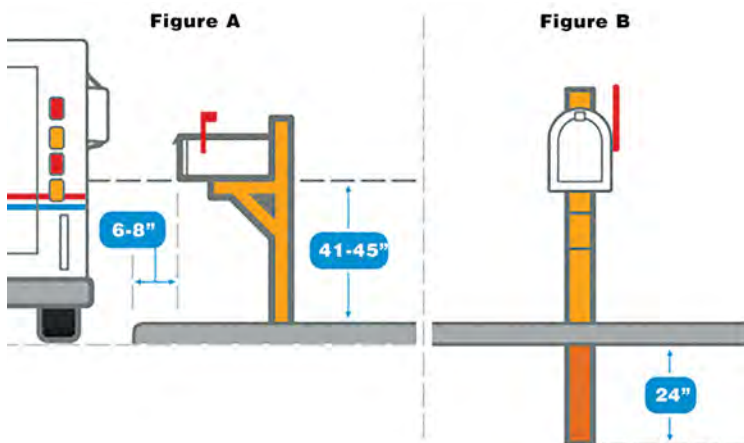
**BASKETBALL HOOPS** (Township Policy No. 21): ALL basketball hoops must be removed from the street and the public right-of-way prior to any snow removal operations. If a hoop is found placed in the street, even partially hanging over the curb, it will be considered a road hazard and will be removed.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



## MAILBOX REPLACEMENT POLICY

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](http://www.uppernazarethtownship.org), under the "DEPARTMENTS — Public Works" tab.

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



1. Mailbox must be 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or "point of mail entry"
2. Mailbox must be 6" to 8" back from the curb
3. House or apartment number must be present on the mailbox
4. If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box
5. 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" x 4" 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.

# RECYCLE

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

## Cans



**Aluminum and Steel Cans**  
empty and rinse

## Cartons



**Food and Beverage Cartons**  
empty and replace cap

## Glass



**Bottles and Jars**  
empty and rinse

## Paper



**Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, and Flattened Cardboard**

## Plastic



**Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers**  
empty and replace cap

# NO!



Do Not Bag Recyclables  
No Garbage



No Plastic Bags  
(return to retail)



No Food or Liquid  
(empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens  
(use donation programs)



No Tangles  
(no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)

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## UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM



Upper Nazareth Township has money available for its Housing Rehabilitation Program designed to assist eligible homeowners with major repairs and improvements to their homes. Amounts up to \$24,999 are available to income eligible homeowners.

The housing rehabilitation program is funded through the HOME Program. For more information and to obtain an application, interested parties should call the Housing Rehab Coordinator at 610-759-5341, Ext. 205.





# MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Spring and Summer whisked by in a flurry of activities that included April's National Library Week (with daily programs for all ages), a month-long digital archival exhibit in May (on loan from PBS39), a community health fair in June, and our much anticipated Summer Reading Program with more than 130 activities (including a daytime and evening Story Time and Craft at Tuskes Park, pictured at left) that ran from mid-June to mid-August.

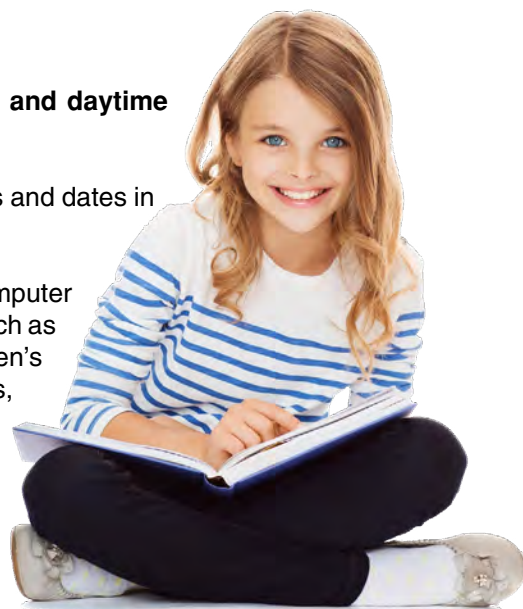
We are keeping the momentum going by lining up exciting programs and events for the Fall!

- One of our most successful fundraisers is back! Mark your calendars, **Touch a Truck** will take place on Saturday, October 6th from 10am-2pm at Tuskes Community Park; this family fun event is a must for all ages!
- Later in October, we are looking forward to a **Halloween-themed adult storytelling evening** with the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild!
- The **Friends of the Library Book Sale** will take place November 8, 9, and 10. (Looking for a way to get involved with the library? Join the Friends at their September 4th meeting and learn how you can help!)
- Acclaimed actor, director, and educator, Neill Hartley, will join us for another **fully-staged, one man show, portraying Woodrow Wilson** on November 8th!
- **Discover Mindfulness!** Later in the Fall, we will host two programs on this life skill, one geared toward women and a second one for children and their parents.
- Due to popular demand, the **Coding Club** (a summer success), and a **Ladies Night Out Painting Class** (always a fun and well-attended evening) will both be offered this Fall, followed by our annual Basket Raffle in December!
- Keep an eye out for upcoming **Storytimes at Tuskes Park!**
- *We are constantly adding new programs, events, and classes; keep in touch so you don't miss anything!*

In addition to the above events, we have the following ongoing programs...

- Weekly programs include **Wee Build, Toddler Shake 'n Boogie, evening and daytime story times.**
- Join one of our **book discussion groups**; look for upcoming book selections and dates in our online newsletter!
- In addition to our books, magazines, daily newspapers, twelve computer workstations, and Wi-Fi, we offer so many **FREE resources and services** such as Ancestry.com, Health & Wellness Resource database, Rosetta Stone, children's Launchpads, downloadable audio books, Quello Concerts, museum passes, and so much more!

Sign up for our monthly online newsletter (email [sellis@nazarethlibrary.org](mailto:sellis@nazarethlibrary.org)), check out our website ([www.nazarethlibrary.org](http://www.nazarethlibrary.org)), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on how much we can offer you!



## REAL ESTATE

**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 bank's "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.

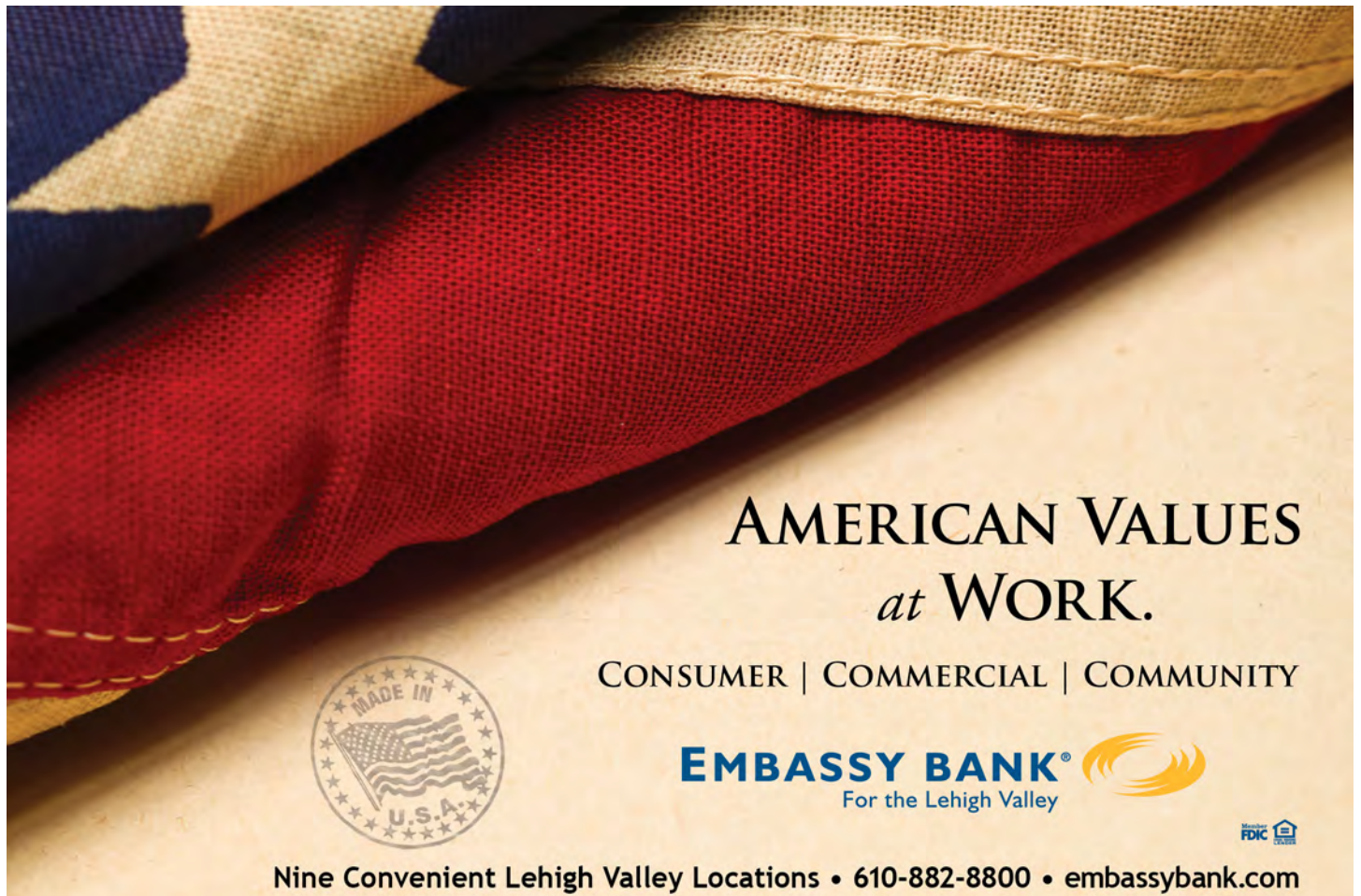


**School Real Estate Tax bills:** If you recently moved into the Township and did not receive a School Real Estate Tax bill please contact the Tax Collector. It may have been forwarded to the previous owner.

**Payments with Cash:** Please have exact change if paying a tax bill with cash.

**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.



**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.



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## REAL ESTATE *continued*



**2018 Township Real Estate Tax Due Date:** The last day to pay your 2018 Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate Taxes is Thursday, December 13. The Real Estate Tax Office is open for walk-in tax payments every Tuesday 9am-12pm and Thursday 12pm-3pm, unless otherwise posted.

**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 declares a "Snow Emergency", the Real Estate Tax office will be closed. (The office is located on a Snow Emergency Route.)*

**Drop Box Location:** There is a Drop Box Location for **Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate Tax Bills only** located at the Municipal Building, 100 Newport Avenue. **This is not a Drop Box Location for County or School District Tax Bills.**

**Credit Card Payment Options:** Effective June 30, 2018 the Nazareth Area School District has decided to discontinue the Real Estate Tax bill credit card payment option. Two of your three Real Estate Tax bills (Township & County) can be paid online (through 2 separate websites). Visit [www.uppernazarethtownship.org/tax-info](http://www.uppernazarethtownship.org/tax-info) to pay your Township real estate tax bill. Additional fees will be added to your amount due to processing purposes. If a school payment is made using the website link, not all fees may be refunded.



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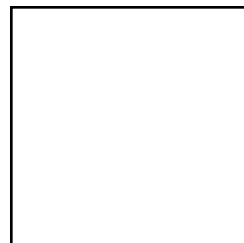


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