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UPPER NAZARETH COMMUNITY DAYS

from the Community Days Committee

The sun has set once again over Tuskes Park but the memories of an exciting summer weekend in the park still prevail. We managed to avoid the rain drops for a successful event after a one year hiatus. The 2 day event featured music from The Scott Marshall band and the Kickbacks. We were again joined by the Upper Nazareth Fire Department and Vigilance Hose company to put on a wonderful Clam Bake! A spectacular firework display lit up the sky and dazzled children and adults of all ages. Attendance once again was beyond expectations as the first taste of Fall air greeted us. Special recognition must be made out to each of the sponsors and vendors. Community Days 2021 was funded completely by donation. I would ask that you please patronize the sponsors listed below as this event would not be possible without their financial backing. On behalf of the Upper Nazareth Township Community Days committee, we thank you all for coming out and joining us. Plans are already underway for next year so stay tuned!

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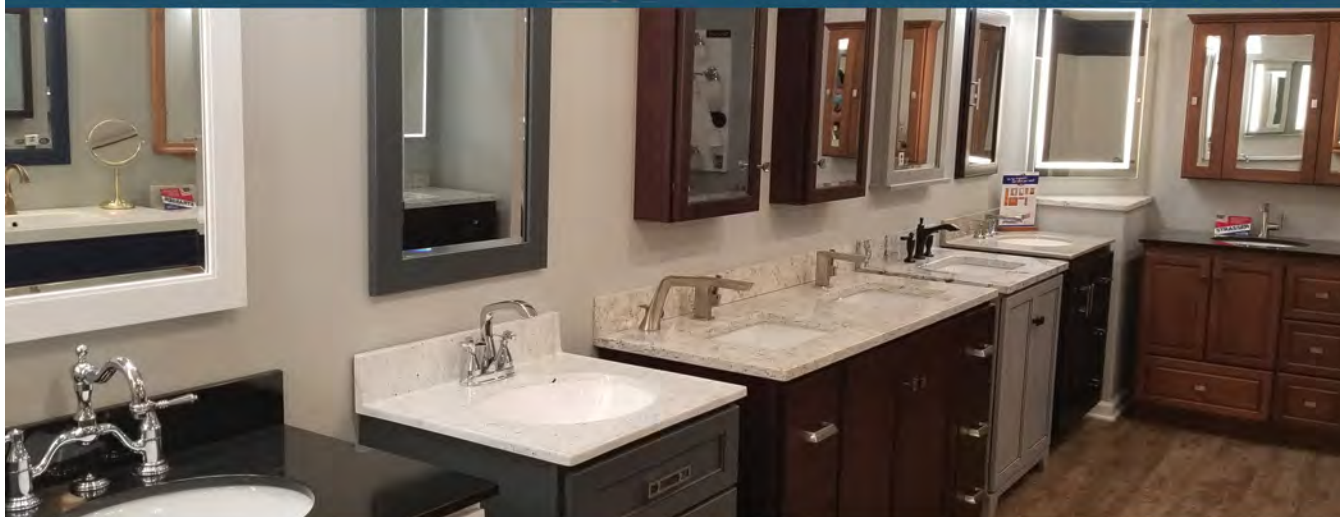




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In-person payments are still being accepted from the front porch. You are outside for transactions please dress for the weather. Call the office (610)442-1653 to verify hours and procedures.



- **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.

2021 TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX DUE DATE:

The last day to pay your 2021 Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate Taxes during office hours is Thursday, December 16, 2021. The Real Estate Tax Office is open for in person tax payments every Tuesday 9am – 12pm and Thursday 12pm-3pm, unless otherwise posted or during an Upper Nazareth Township Snow Emergency.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Benefit Concert for the MLNV. Join us at The Phoenix on Friday, November 19th for a night of music and entertainment! Beloved musicians, Craig Thatcher, Dave Fry, and Dick Boak will be strumming the night away, while you enjoy some light snacks, drinks, and conversation! Doors open at 6:30pm. Concert begins at 7:30pm. This event is 21+. Tickets on sale now!



Christmas in Nazareth. Stop by the library on Saturday, December 11th from 10am to 3pm to get in the holiday spirit!

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

Children's Programming.

- **Tuesdays at 10:30am** – Shake and Boogie at the library
- **Wednesdays at 10:30am** – Storytime at the library
- **Thursdays at 10:30am** – Storytime at Lower Nazareth Township Park Pavilion
- **Fridays at 10:30am** – Shake and Boogie at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields Pavilion



Teen Advisory Board. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is an open-forum where teens discuss the issues related specifically to teen use of the library (materials and events). Perks of joining the TAB: making new friends, receiving volunteer hours, and the ability to make creative and financial choices involving teen programming & the YA/Teen room renovations. Email TAB Supervisor, Shelby Rozell, at srozell@nazarethlibrary.org if interested in joining.



MLNV Writing Group. This virtual writing group is facilitated by a local college professor who holds a Ph.D. in English and has a love for writing. At each meeting, participants will receive a writing prompt and be asked to share their responses (whether poetry, fiction, or nonfiction) to a previous writing prompt. If you are interested in joining the group and obtaining more details about the group, email Jill Silvius at jsilvius@nazarethlibrary.org.

Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group. This scholarly book club is led by Jill Silvius, Ph.D. and meets four times a year. The next discussion will be on Jonathan Safran Foer's *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* on December 7th. This library-led discussion group supplies copies of the selected book upon registration, while supplies last. For more information and to register, email jsilvius@nazarethlibrary.org.

STEM PROGRAMMING

Our monthly STEM activities are back for the Fall and Winter. Join Kevin and Lauren for more STEM fun on the following dates:

STEM @ the Library 3rd Wednesday of the Month

- September 15th at 6:30pm
- October 20th at 6:30pm
- November 17th at 6:30pm
- December 15th at 6:30pm



Virtual STEM with Kevin 1st Friday of the Month on Facebook and Youtube

- September 3rd at 10:30am
- October 1st at 10:30am
- November 5th at 10:30am
- December 3rd at 10:30am

CRAFT NIGHTS

The MLNV will now be hosting monthly craft nights for all ages.

ADULT "CRAFT CLUB" with Anneliese 3rd Tuesday of the Month

September 21st at 6:30pm
October 19th at 6:30pm
November 16th at 6:30pm
December 21st at 6:30pm



KIDS CRAFT NIGHT 3rd Thursday of the Month

September 23rd at 6:30pm
October 28th at 6:30pm
November 18th at 6:30pm
December 16th at 6:30pm

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.

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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

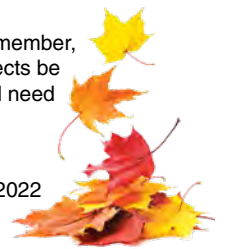
Pennsylvania Act 101 states commercial, institutional and municipal establishments within the Township are required to keep separate from waste and recycle: high-grade office paper, aluminum, corrugated paper and leaf waste. In addition to the items required by the state, **Township Ordinance No. 161** 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 2022 (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 20, 2021
- **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) **CO2 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. The 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.



RECYCLING INFORMATION *continued*

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

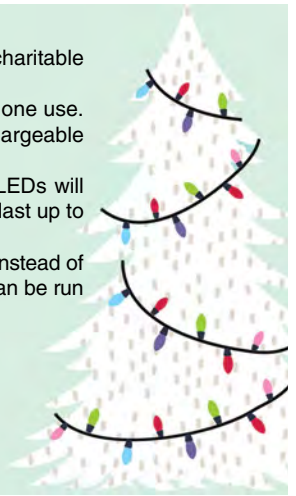
In Pennsylvania, it is illegal to knowingly dispose of whole waste tires in a landfill or to mix whole tires with solid waste destined for disposal at a landfill. When tires are improperly stockpiled or illegally dumped: they trap rainwater and breed mosquitos and other pests, lower property values,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



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.

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MS4 NEWS

UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Township's MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program is an unfunded Federal/State mandate that requires municipalities such as ours to develop and implement a comprehensive Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) to control the quality of storm water discharge to storm drains and then to waters of the Commonwealth and United States.

ANNUAL REPORT:

Our reporting year runs from July through June. In the past year we have:

- Conducted inspections of all storm sewer outfalls discharging to streams in the Township.
- Received PA-DEP approval of our first 5-year Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP).

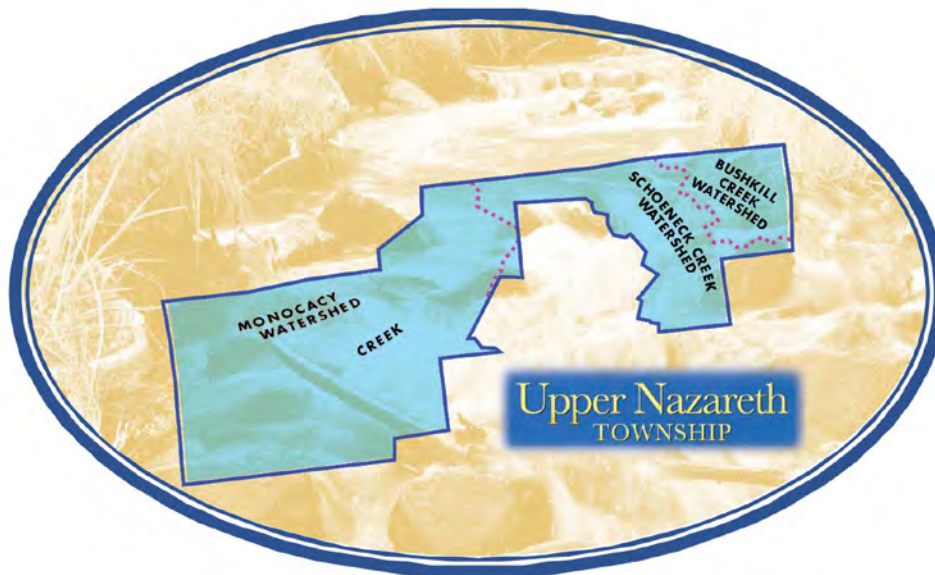
LOOKING FORWARD:

We have five years to complete the projects outlined in the PRP. As outlined on the second page of this report, we have four construction projects to complete in this time period. Our general plan is to design and get permits for one project per year, and complete one project per year until the end of this first five-year period. Other program goals include:

- 1) Complete water testing for pathogens in the Bushkill Creek Watershed.
- 2) Address PA-DEP comments from a recent on-site review of our program.
- 3) Put the program on a sound financial footing.
- 4) Update our Stormwater Management Ordinance to be in compliance with State mandates and to better define the responsibilities of individual property owners and developers.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

One of the requirements of the MS4 program is to foster public involvement. This could be as simple as a community cleanup day in partnership with any number the community organizations that operate in the Township, involving residents in public education campaigns, or holding public hearings on MS4 with our newly established Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC). Please contact the Township Office (610-759-5341) if you or an organization you belong to want to get involved!



Identified Stream Impairments in Upper Nazareth Township:

- Monocacy Creek Watershed: Sediment Pollution
- Schoenec Creek Watershed: Sediment Pollution
- Bushkill Creek Watershed: Pathogens

Approved Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) Projects and Tentative Schedule:

- Detention to Extended Detention Basin Retrofit (2022)
Location: Farmview Road and Tatamy Road
- Detention to Extended Detention Basin Retrofit (2023)
Location: South of Tewksbury Court adjoining municipal land
- Detention to Extended Detention Basin Retrofit (2024)
Location: Creekside Park west of Fieldview Drive
- Construction of New Bioretention Swale (2025)
Location: Sycamore Park off Sycamore Street

Bushkill Creek Watershed Pathogen Testing:

- Source of pathogens is unknown – it may not be in Upper Nazareth.
- Preliminary water testing will be completed by May 2022 to analyze possible directions from which the pathogens may be coming.

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