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2021 ROAD PROGRAM

Base Repairs and a Mill and Overlay process will be applied to the following roads in the early part of the summer, 2021:

- **Kurt Drive** from Schoeneck Ave. to Rose Inn Ave.,
- **Newport Ave.** from the Municipal Building to Tewksbury Ct.,
- **Newport Avenue** from Kurt Drive to Kingsbury Ct.,
- **W. Allen St.** from Rose Inn Ave. to Willowdale Ave.,
- **St. Elmo St.** from Rose Inn Ave. to Willowdale Ave., and
- **Willowdale Ave.** from St. Elmo St. to Highland Terrace.

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.



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STREET SWEEPING

March 29 – April 2, 2021

Upper Nazareth Township will be cleaning and sweeping the dedicated streets of Upper Nazareth Township from March 29h – April 2, 2021.

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 12 – 16, 2021

The Township will be collecting curbside during the week of April 12 – 16, 2021. 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.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY

Saturday, April 24, 2021

The yard waste collection site at 155 Friedenstahl Avenue will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. beginning Saturday, April 24, 2021. The facility is for **RESIDENTS** only. (proof of residency is required)

- Please separate your leaves from your yard waste.
- Branches must be limited to four (4) inches in diameter.
- There is an area to drop off scrap metal.



UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: 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.

THE YARD WASTE FACILITY IS NOT FOR COMMERCIAL USE AND WILL BE SUPERVISED.

NO TOLERANCE POLICY:
ILLEGAL DUMPING ANYWHERE IN OUR COMMUNITY OR AT THE YARD WASTE SITE IS PUNISHABLE BY FINE

Visit our website at www.uppernazarethtownship.org for additional information.



Grasscycling – Saves time, water, fertilizer, and money

A typical lawn of 2000 square feet generates about 30 lbs. of grass clippings per mowing. Further, they represent from 20 to 50 percent of the solid waste going to landfills in the spring and summer and contribute to landfill gas and leachate production.

Plastic bags – Can only be recycled at your grocery store Plastic bags wrap around and jam recycling equipment, contaminate paper bales, and cause problems at our compost facilities. They blow off of landfills and wind up in waterways, oceans, and seas. To recycle them, they need to go through a special recycling process that is currently only available through our grocery stores.



Recycling is Good for Business and it's the Law in PA

What's Important to Know

The Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101) requires commercial, institutional, and municipal establishments located in Pennsylvania's mandated municipalities to recycle office paper, corrugated paper and cardboard, newsprint, plastics, steel, aluminum, and bimetallic cans, glass, and leaf waste.



Recycling Reporting Must be Provided Annually

The State also requires that all commercial, institutional and municipal entities must provide written documentation as to the type and weight of materials recycled annually. Reports are due to Upper Nazareth Township by January 30th of each year on a form provided by the Township. Contact the township office to obtain more information.



Upper Nazareth Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.



Curbside Recycling Guide

Yes ✓	No ✗
PLASTICS # 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7 (on the bottom inside recycling triangle) Rinsed Food and beverage containers Detergent, shampoo bottles, etc.	Tires Plastic bags Styrofoam Food or liquids Straws Cassette or video tapes Electronics Hoses, holiday lights, hangers or extension cords
PAPER Office, school, and colored paper Envelopes, junk mail Newspapers, magazines, brochures, catalogs Paper bags	Shredded paper Wet or soiled paper Paper towels, napkins, tissues Waxed paper, cups Textiles, fabrics, carpet Concrete, wood, or construction debris
CARDBOARD Clean and dry Corrugated shipping boxes Shoe, gift, dry food and cereal boxes, paper egg cartons Paper towel & paper rolls Empty and rinsed liquid cartons (non-waxed)	Cardboard that is wet or contaminated with food Frozen food waxed cardboard
GLASS Rinsed Clear, green, and brown bottles, and jars, no lids	Mirrors, ceramics, dishes, drinking glasses, Cookware, bakeware Light bulbs Broken glass or porcelain & non-container glass
METAL Rinsed Aluminum, steel, tin cans Empty, dry paint cans, pots and pans, Disposable metal trays & baking dishes Empty aerosol cans	Clothes hangers Car parts Appliances Electronics Coat hangers
No food, liquids, plastic bags, electronics, or pizza boxes When in doubt, leave it out!	



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MS4 NEWS

The Township's MS4 (**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System**) PRP (**Pollutant Reduction Plan**) has received preliminary approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (**PA-DEP**) and a Permit is expected to be issued soon. Issuance of the Permit will start a 5-year cycle during which the Township will need to complete various projects to improve or construct new stormwater management facilities to capture sedimentation pollutants. Sedimentation pollution is the biggest pollutant impairing Pennsylvania's streams. Additional activities will include inspections of existing stormwater management facilities throughout the Township and pathogen testing in the Bushkill Creek watershed.

Good Stewardship Reminders

As we emerge from winter back into the growing season and increased outdoor activity, kindly respect the following reminders – it is important that we don't put material into our storm sewer collection system that doesn't belong there.

What goes into the storm drain goes into our streams!

- **NO GRASS AND YARD WASTE**

Grass and other vegetation releases nutrients into our streams that impair water quality and cause algae blooms. Do not blow your grass clippings into the street or dump along a streambank.

- **NO DUMPING DOWN DRAINS**

It should go without saying that dumping any chemical or hydrocarbon (oil, gas, etc.) product into our storm system is a big No-No.

- **NO DOG/ANIMAL WASTE**

Dog and waste from other domestic animals introduces pathogens and transmits disease into the streams we fish from. Please pick-up and dispose of animal waste properly.



TAXES

EIT/LST TAX

All Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax is now reported to and collected by:

Keystone Collections Group

Phone: 724-978-0300

546 Wendel Rd.
Irwin, PA 15642

Taxpayer Hotline:
1-888-328-0565

Taxpayer Helpline:
1-866-539-1100

Keystone also maintains a satellite office within the Black River Plaza located at:

3606 Route 378, Suite A
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Phone: 1-888-519-3897

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Contact Keystone Collections for further information.

Online 24/7

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www.keystonecollects.com

E-file

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www.keystonecollects.com

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.

TOWNSHIP AND LIBRARY REAL ESTATE TAX

Township Real Estate Tax Bills: if you recently moved into the Township and did not receive a 2021 Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate tax bill and a 2021 Library Tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector. It may have been forwarded to the previous owner.

Phone Numbers requested: 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 the current bill number of the bill you are paying on your payment. This number changes each year and for each tax cycle.

Cash Payments: Are no longer accepted, please use a check or money order.

Credit Card payments: You can pay your Upper Nazareth Township and Library Real Estate Tax bills 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 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.

2021 Township & Library Real Estate Tax due dates:

Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate tax bill:

Discount and 1st Installment pmt. due date: Thursday, April 1, 2021.

The full or base pmt.: Tuesday June 1, 2021

The 2nd Installment: Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Library Real Estate Tax bill:

Discount due date: Thursday, April 15, 2021.

The full or base payment: Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

If you are paying these bills at the same time, please pay with separate forms of payment.

Real Estate Tax Collector: Tracy Adamski

26 Newport Ave
P.O. Box 375
Nazareth, PA 18064

Ph: 610-442-1653

Email: retaxes@uppernazarethtownship.org

Hours: Tuesday 9am – 12pm, Thursday 12pm – 3pm



HOME SAFETY TIPS: WORKING SMOKE ALARMS ARE A MUST



About three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan providing early warning reducing your risk of dying in a fire. The Upper Nazareth Fire Dept. recommends you:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas on the ceiling or high on the wall
- Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen, at least 10 feet from the stove, to reduce false alarms
- Use special alarms with strobe lights for people who are hard of hearing or deaf
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Replace batteries annually, and change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector at the same time
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 or more years old

A home fire is reported every 88 seconds. Once the smoke alarm sounds, a fire can spread quickly, leaving only a minute or two to escape. That's why it's so important to have a home escape plan.



Make an Escape Plan

Start by drawing a map for your home and following these guidelines

- Plan two ways to escape from each room
- Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily
- Identify secondary routes – a window onto an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder from upper-story windows
- If you live in a multi-story building, plan to use the stairs – never the elevator
- Designate an outside meeting place a safe distance from the house where everyone should meet

Now Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan

The National Fire Protection Association indicates that 71% of Americans have a home fire escape plan but only 47% have practiced it. Practice your fire drill with everyone in the house at night and during the day, twice a year.

Remember to:

- Practice getting out with your eyes closed, crawling low to the floor and keeping your mouth covered
- Practice closing doors behind you
- Practice how to “stop, drop and roll” if your clothes catch on fire
- Practice testing door handles to see if they are hot before opening them
- Teach children never to hide during a fire, and how to escape on their own in case you can't help them



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. Moving Permit Fee is \$10.00.

All Businesses are required to register with Upper Nazareth Township. All businesses are required to obtain a Business Registration Certificate each year.



VACANCIES

We have 3 positions on our volunteer Recreation Board. Anyone interested in serving a 5 Year Term please send a letter of interest to the address below:

Upper Nazareth Township
Attention Lisa Klem, Manager
100 Newport Avenue
Nazareth, PA 18064



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!

Upper Nazareth Township

2021 Spring / Summer Public Meeting Schedule

Due to COVID – 19 Please check the website for meeting dates.

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Outdoor Safety

- » If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- » Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- » Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- » Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- » There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- » If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

Indoor Safety

Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can use a cell or cordless phone.

Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.



FAST FACTS

Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.



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