### Fall/Winter 2019

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## **2019 COMMUNITY DAYS**

The sun has set once again over Tuskes Park but the memories of an exciting summer weekend in the park still prevail. Upper Nazareth Township Community Days started 5 years ago with a vision of a gathering for residents from the Nazareth area and beyond. This event has grown into a 2-day event that featured music from the Brian Dean Moore Band, The Scott Marshall Band and don't forget about the Nazareth Community



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Band. Who could resist the aroma of food being served by vendors such as Rice & Beans, Zanette's and of course the Upper Nazareth Fire Department and Vigilance Hose Company. A spectacular fireworks 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 to each of the sponsors and vendors. Community Days 2019 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! ~ Community Days Committee

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Zoning	ext. 204
Treasurer	ext. 205
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Police Non-Emergency	610-759-2200
Public Works	
Real Estate	610-442-1653

#### **SUPERVISORS**

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#### 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** 2019 Fall - Winter Public Meeting Schedule

All meetings to be held in the Township building located at 100 Newport Ave., Nazareth.

	Board of Supervisors 7:00 PM	Planning Commission 7:00 PM	Recreation Board 7:30 PM	Zoning Hearing Board 6:30 PM (as needed)
September	4th & 18th	12th	17th	25th
October	2nd & 16th	10th	15th	30th
November	6th & 20th	14th	19th	27th
December	4th & 18th	12th	16th	TBA

Please check the Township website or the Home News for the 2020 Meeting Dates.

## Upper Nazareth Police Department

The Upper Nazareth Township Police Department will be hosting their annual Halloween Party on October 31st from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at the Township Municipal Building.

## 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.* 

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

<u>All Businesses</u> are required to register with Upper Nazareth Township.

## **Curbside Recycling Guide**





**PLASTICS** #1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (on the bottom inside recycling triangle)

Rinsed Food and beverage containers Detergent, shampoo bottles, etc.



### PAPER

Office, school, and colored paper Envelopes, junk mail Newspapers, magazines, brochures, catalogs Paper bags Wet or soiled paper Paper towels, napkins, tissues Waxed paper, cups Textiles, fabrics, carpet Concrete, wood, or construction debris

**Cassette or video tapes** 

extension cords

**Shredded** paper

Hoses, holiday lights, hangers or

No

**Plastic bags** 

Styrofoam Food or liquids

**Electronics** 

**Straws** 

**Tires** 

### CARDBOARD

Clean and dry Corrugated shipping boxes Shoe, gift, dry food and cereal boxes, Dry food boxes, paper egg cartons Paper towel & paper rolls Empty and rinsed liquid cartons (milk, juice, wine, soup) 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!

### LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Upper Nazareth Township leaf collection program will begin mid October 2019. 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 under "DEPARTMENTS — Public Works" tab. diameter.

Please keep storm drains free of debris!

### JANUARY CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Once the dates are determined the schedule will be posted on our website 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 <u>not</u> be accepted at 155 Friedenstahl Garage or 3151 Daniels Road Garage.

Cameras have been installed. Illegal Dumping will result in fines.

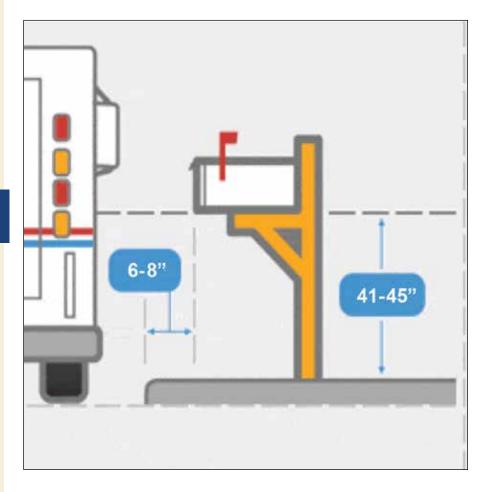
### SNOW

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.

Visit our website at www.uppernazarethtownhip.org for additional information. On 1/18/17, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 17-06, Mailbox Replacement Policy for Snow and Plow Related Damages. To view the Resolution please **go to www.uppernazarethtownship.org**, **under the "DEPARTMENTS – Public Works" tab.** 

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



- 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.

## 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 Open M-F from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Contact Keystone Collections for further information.

Online 24/7 Send inquiries 24/7. Go to: www.keystonecollects.com

#### E-file

File tax returns online. Go to: 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 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 <u>current bill number</u> 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.

#### 2019 Township Real Estate Tax due date:

The last day to pay your 2019 Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate Taxes during walk-in hours is Thursday, December 12, 2019.

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

#### Credit Card payment options:

Effective June 30, 2018 the Nazareth Area School District discontinued the online credit card payment option for the school real estate tax bill, contact the tax office for other school tax payment options.

2 of your 3 Real Estate Tax bills (Township & County) can be paid online (through 2 separate websites). Visit www.uppernazareththownship.org/taxinfo to pay your Township real estate tax bill. Additional fees will be added to your amount due for processing purposes. If a school payment is made using the website link, not all fees may be refunded.



# MEMORIAL LIBRARY of Nazareth and Vicinity



Spring and Summer were busy both on-site at the library and off-site with special programs and events; in addition to our activities, we added a new (four-hooved) member to our staff! **Gabe the Llama** is perhaps our most popular ambassador! Gabe has visited our outdoor story times a few times this summer to meet many adoring fans, each of whom had the opportunity to pet Gabe. Keep an eye out, Gabe will be returning!

Our Spring started with programs and activities during National Library Week, then continued with free tax preparation services from AARP, an educational workshop on spring cleaning, a visit and book signing by local author, Korry Franke, our Almost Spring Book Sale, a Ladies Night Out for Mindfulness, an adult cooking class on preparing sushi, a reception for our Young Authors, Free Comic Book Day (complete with video game trailer, crafts, prizes and of course, free comic books!) and an evening of learning tips & tricks to photography. In June, we held our annual Summer Reading Kick-off with a special program from the Franklin Institute! We continued the momentum through the summer with programs including Didgeridoo, a Pride Month celebration, summer coding clubs, a cooking class for children, reading to the pups, brunch bunches, art programs, a stuffed animal sleepover, DIY terrarium classes for adults and teens, and a special evening with John Adams! We also invited the community to the library to celebrate Nazareth Day -with a visit from favorite princesses Cinderella & Belle, an inflatable obstacle on the front lawn, face painting, and an Escape Room! This summer we also introduced a Teen Advisory Board, comprised of local teens who are interested in making positive changes for our library! Lastly, our most meaningful event this summer was a day dedicated to our local heroes: our veterans. We held Valiant Veterans on a beautiful summer day in July, complete with meals, technology sessions, a service dog, and a flag ceremony with presentation of stars. This is a program we are sure to repeat!

Throughout the Spring/Summer, we continued to hold our weekly story times, shake & boogie, wee build, and maker spaces; bilingual story times, bimonthly teen game and pizza nights; and for adults, we held monthly library-led book clubs and tours of the library.

Here are just a few events and programs coming up...

- This year marks **Touch a Truck's 10th Anniversary**! On Saturday, October 5th, we will be holding this annual event at the Bushkill Township Recreation Fields with more vehicles than ever before, PLUS we will have a **Princess Pavilion**, complete with two favorites: **Merida & Anna**!
- A Community Conversation will be held at the library on Monday, October 21st at 6pm with local township police chiefs.

- Cooking Class: Cooking on a Budget will be offered to adults in September; the class will be taught by Chris Bavlinka, chef and owner of The Stone Soup.
- The **Friends of the Library Book Sale** will take place November 7, 8, and 9. (Looking for a way to get involved with the library while getting early preview sale privileges? Join the Friends at their next meeting to learn how!)
- Enjoy an evening with renown musicians, **Craig Thatcher & Nyke Van Wyk** on Thursday, November 21st (registration will be required for this event!).
- Looking for that special holiday gift? Try your chances during our annual **Holiday Basket Raffle**! Last year we raffled off baskets for all ages worth hundreds of dollars, plus a flat screen TV!
- Another anticipated, annual tradition is our participation in Christmas in Nazareth; be sure to stop by for a visit with Santa Claus and enjoy other activities, including the Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers (NASME) train display – a definite must-see for all ages!
- Curious about the history of our beautiful building? **Register** for one of our tours! Tours are held twice a month and appropriate for all ages.
- Need technology help? Schedule a one-on-one appointment with our technology expert; register at the front desk!
- Try a weekly drop-in program for children, we offer **Wee Build**, **Toddler Shake 'n Boogie**, and a variety of **story times**!
- Join one of our **book discussion groups**; look for upcoming book selections and dates on our website, www.nazarethlibrary.org.
- In addition to our books, magazines, daily newspapers, ten 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, just to name a few!

Don't forget to visit our NEW website - www.nazarethlibrary.org!

- You can search for upcoming events (click the **Events menu**, then simply scroll through the calendar or apply a filter to narrow your results).
- Get homework help (click the Research menu and stroll down to the Homework Help that fits your needs!).
- Take your time and browse through the website to access hundreds of free databases, request a personalized reading list, order a book through interlibrary loan, and so much more!
- Don't forget to stay in touch by signing up for our online newsletter (click the Services menu and select Newsletter Subscription), and following us on Facebook and Instagram (these icons are in the upper left corner of every page!).

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

#### Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

**95%** of households will receive their census invitation in the ma

Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).

Less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.

## How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

#### What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

#### Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

#### Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL				
On or between	You'll receive:			
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)			
March 16-24	A reminder letter.			
	If you haven't responded yet:			
March 26–April 3	A reminder postcard.			
April 8–16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.			
April 20–27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.			

#### We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.





#### What is MS4?

Municipalities throughout the country are under federal mandate to develop and implement a storm-water management program to reduce pollution impacts to our lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and oceans from stormwater runoff. The focus of the program is our stormwater management system that includes storm sewers, storm basins, and features known as BMPs (Best Management Practices) that help remove pollutants from stormwater before they enter our natural waterways.

#### What are we doing in Upper Nazareth Township?

To date, our compliance requirements with the MS4 program have primarily been administrative. We are now entering a new phase in the program that requires us to pro-actively reduce pollutant loads from within our Township. We have completed a comprehensive investigation to identify all the locations where our storm sewer system discharges to streams and mapped the land areas in the Township that contribute stormwater runoff to those discharge points.

We have prepared a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) that will reduce the amount of dirt and gravel that passes through the storm sewers to our streams. The plan entails retrofitting several existing storm basins to better capture sediment and the installation of boxes in the storm sewer system that separate sediment from the storm flow. This plan is currently under review by PA-DEP. Once approved, we will have approximately five years to implement the plan. We can expect pollutant reduction requirements to continue evolving over time, so this program is permanent for the foreseeable future.

#### Good Stewardship Reminders

It is important that we don't put material into our storm sewer collection system that doesn't belong there. Grass and other vegetation releases nutrients into our streams that impair water quality and cause algae blooms. Dog waste introduces pathogens and transmits disease into the streams we fish from. It should go without saying that dumping any chemical or hydrocarbon (oil, gas, etc.) product into our storm system is a big No-No. What goes into the storm drain goes into our streams!





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## GENERAL ELECTION NEWS! BALLOT REFERENDUM

## Two (2) Public Meetings are scheduled at the Township Municipal Building on October 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and October 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Come out and learn about Open Space Preservation and how it impacts Upper Nazareth Township.

The Upper Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance #182 for the purposes of a ballot question asking the voters of Upper Nazareth Township if they would support the imposition additional Earned Income Tax at of 0.25% on an annual basis to purchase land or interests in land for preservation and conservation of open, undeveloped land in Upper Nazareth Township. The Township would use the money to do one (1) or more of the following:

- 1. <u>Acquire agricultural conservation easements.</u> The Township could purchase agricultural conservation easements, or participate in State or County land preservation programs that acquire agricultural conservation easements. An agricultural conservation easement allows the landowner to retain his/her land and use it for farming and other agricultural purposes.
- 2. <u>Finance the acquisition of open space</u>. The Township could purchase undeveloped land from landowners in the Township in order to protect sensitive natural areas such as woodlands, stream valleys or other unique natural resources or habitats.
- 3. Acquire property development rights. Under this option, a landowner would sell the development rights of a property to the Township. The landowner would retain the property, but the property could not be developed.
- 4. <u>Additional related expenses.</u> The Township would be authorized to use funds as authorized by 32 P.S. 5007. I(a), as amended, to retire related indebtedness, pay transactional fees incidental to acquisition, pay for expenses necessary to prepare and amend the resource, recreation or land use plan, and to develop, improve, design, engineer, and maintain property acquired pursuant to the Act.

A vote of "YES" to the ballot question approves the imposition of an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.25% upon Township residents for the foregoing purposes. The Board of Elections shall place this referendum on the ballot at the election of November 5, 2019. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the Township Office.



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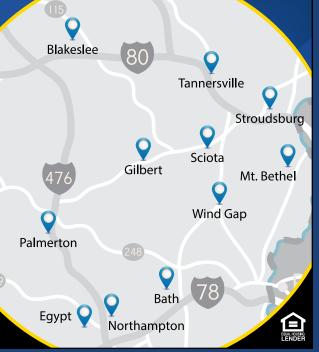
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