

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

# **MS4 NEWS**

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.

The Township's MS4 program is expected to enter a new phase starting in 2020. To date, the Township has: mapped its stormwater collection and conveyance facilities; inventoried and inspected private and public Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the Township that help control the rate, volume, and quality of stormwater runoff; and provided public educational information about this subject in the Township Newsletter. The Township is currently engaged in a process with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to get approval of a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). The PRP will require the Township to construct new stormwater management facilities designed to improve the quality of stormwater runoff in the Township.

Currently, PA-DEP has three (3) principal pollutant concerns:

- Sedimentation/Total Suspended Solids (basically from soil erosion – this is the single greatest pollutant of Pennsylvanian streams)
- Nutrients such as Nitrogen and Phosphorus (principally from fertilizers and detergents that adversely affect the

biological health of natural water bodies)

 Pathogens (a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that can cause disease – typically from runoff from animal husbandry operations or malfunctioning sewage treatment facilities)

Upper Nazareth Township stormwater runoff drains into three stream watersheds – the Monocacy Creek (East Branch), the Schoeneck Creek, and a small portion of the Township drains into the Bushkill Creek. According to PA-DEP, the Monocacy Creek and Schoeneck Creek are both impaired by sedimentation. The Bushkill Creek has elevated levels of pathogens, the source of which is not necessarily in the Township and will be investigated.

Pursuant to PA-DEP requirements, our initial PRP will focus on the reduction of sedimentation pollution in the Monocacy and Schoeneck Creeks. We will have five years to implement projects to reduce sedimentation by 10%. Under current PA-DEP models, the amount of sedimentation produced in the Township is proportionate to the total impervious area in the Township. During this 5-year cycle, we will also put together a plan to identify the source of pathogens in the Bushkill Creek. Looking ahead, we expect PA-DEP requirements to evolve and our MS4 program to be with us for the foreseeable future.

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<b>Extensions</b>		Public Works	484-357-6988
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Manager ext.	203	SUPERVISORS	
Zoning ext.	204	Mike Rinker, Chairman	
Treasurer ext.	205	Rob Disbrow, Vice Chairman	
Police Office610-759-7	'448	Scott Sylvainus, Donna Hirst and Kristin Mullen	

# **ABOUT STORMWATER:** The Impact of Impervious Surfaces on the Natural Water Cycle

When we build homes, roads, parking lots and even swimming pools, we create impervious surfaces that cut off rainwater from naturally infiltrating into the ground as it did before development. The impact of increasing impervious area is illustrated in Figure 1. As a result of increased impervious area, the percentage, or volume, of rain that contributes to surface runoff increases. This will typically increase the velocity of water discharging from a stormwater pipe outfall into a stream and increase overall stream velocity that can result in erosion of stream banks that contributes to sedimentation pollution. There is also a certain amount of dust, dirt and gravel that accumulates on impervious surfaces that is flushed into the stormwater collection system and ultimately conveyed to our streams. This runoff does not typically flow through natural areas with surface vegetation that can filter some of that sedimentation out or

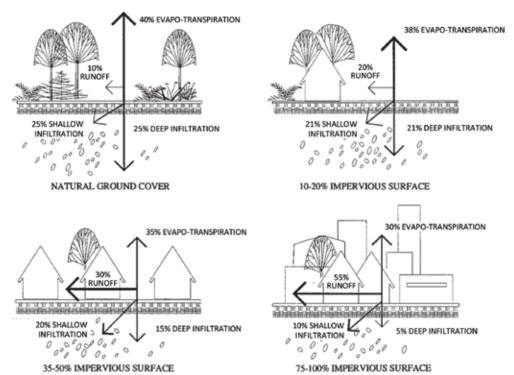


Figure 1. Water cycle changes associated with urbanization (after Toubier and Westmacott, 1981)

slow the velocity of the runoff sufficiently for larger particles to settle on the ground before getting to the stream.

Why is this important? Sedimentation is the single greatest source of pollution in Pennsylvania's streams. Stormwater management practices adopted in 2006 have helped curb the impact of new development on the degradation of our streams. However, we still have a legacy of impervious area constructed before that time. One purpose of the Township's MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Program is to mitigate impacts caused by the legacy of historic development and to limit the impact caused by new impervious area.

# **Upper Nazareth Township Residents**

# LEAF COLLECTION

The Upper Nazareth Township leaf collection program will begin mid October 2020. 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.



Please keep storm drains free of debris!

# YARD WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY

November 21, 2020 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, 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.

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!!!



<u>BASKETBALL HOOPS (Township Policy No. 21)</u>: 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.



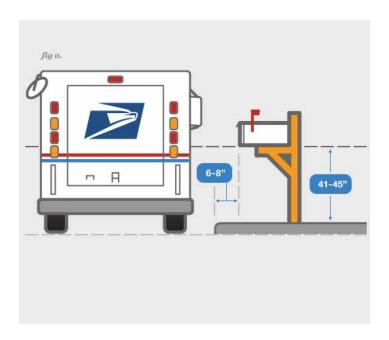
Upper Nazareth Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

# **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, 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
- 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
- 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.





# **Residential Recycling**

#### 1) The Importance of Recycling Right

Many well-intentioned people think they are doing the right thing by placing items they believe are recyclable, but are not, into the recycling bin. These can contaminate and potentially ruin the value of good recyclables. Common examples of items that can destroy the value of a household recycling load include wiring, hoses, plastic bags, and food contaminated items such as pizza boxes, etc.

The global market has shifted for recyclables and a big part of the problem is the increased cost of processing contaminated recyclables. Municipalities, businesses, and private haulers often are forced to pay contamination fees to processing facilities, and these costs are eventually passed on to residents.

Recycling is alive and well despite contamination problems in most parts of the country. Better and more efficient technologies and processing facilities are coming online, but consumers MUST do a better job overall. It is still cost effective to recycle, but it may become even more so, soon.

As local landfills fill up, our trash will be transported west, at a significant price increase. So please, support an industry that employees over 60,000 people in our state, brings thousands of dollars back into our community in state grants, and recycle right by placing only acceptable items in your recycling cart.

#### When in doubt - throw it in the trash!

PA DEP ACT 101 and Upper Nazareth Township requires the following be recycled curbside:

- <u>Plastics</u> rinsed bottles or containers only, rinsed #1 through #7, no Styrofoam. Attach lids.
- Glass rinsed clear, brown, and green bottles and jars. No lids.
- <u>Metals</u> rinsed aluminum, tin and steel cans, and household metals, pots, and pans.
- <u>Paper</u> office, colored, and school paper, newsprint, junk mail, paper bags, phone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, wrapping paper (no metallic or bows).
- <u>Corrugated cardboard</u> all sizes including shipping, shoe, gift, and cereal boxes. No need to bundle, cut or flatten. No freezer boxes with wax coating. Cut and/or flatten if necessary, for easy release from your cart.



#### 2) What can we do with our electronics?

Due to COVID 19, all Northampton County electronics collections have been canceled. The following are options for locations that may take your TVs and other various electronics. Since all these locations are subject to changes, call for hours, locations, fees, and verify that they will take your items before you go!

- Einfalt's Recycling and Salvage 221 Bushkill Street, Stockertown, PA www.einfaltinc.com (610) 759-7998; Will accept metal appliances.
- Clean Earth (formerly AERC Recycling Solutions) 2591 Mitchell Ave., Allentown, PA https://www.cleanearthinc. com/AERC (866) 447-5177
- Responsible Recycling Services (RRS) 805 Tomahawk Drive, Kutztown, PA www.responsiblerecyclingservices. com (484) 641-5156 (frequently hosts collection events in our area and has drop off locations)

#### **3 BUSINESS RECYCLING IN UNT**

#### 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.

#### 4) Leaf Collection

Leaves are collected curbside by Public Works with a vacuum truck for eight (8) weeks during the fall. Rake or blow your leaves to the street and close to the curb. No bags. This collection is weather dependent.

# **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 on-line.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, please call the office (610)442-1653 to verify hours and procedures. Masks must be worn properly, covering nose & mouth to make an in person payment.

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 <u>current bill number</u> on your payment. This number can change each year and for each tax cycle.

<u>School Real Estate Tax bills:</u> 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.

<u>Mortgage Escrow:</u> If you receive an <u>Escrow Overage</u> 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 an Interim Real Estate Tax bill 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.

#### 2020 Township Real Estate Tax due date:

The last day to pay your 2020 Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate Taxes during office hours is Thursday, December 17, 2020

The Real Estate Tax Office is open for in person tax payments every Tuesday 9am – 12pm and Thursday 12pm-3pm, unless otherwise posted.

## **Credit Card payment option:**

Visit <a href="www.uppernazareththownship.org/tax-info">www.uppernazareththownship.org/tax-info</a> 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. Currently school tax payments do not have an online payment option.



# **UPPER NAZARETH FIRE DEPT. HAPPENINGS!**

The Upper Nazareth Fire Department would like to thank residents for their continued support during our Annual Fund Drive. We heavily rely on donations to help fund our operations so that we can

provide a much-needed service to our community as we have for the past 78 years.

During recent Storm Isaias heavy rains came in such a short time, members of UNFD worked long hours for two full days responding to 39 calls assisting residents by pumping out basements, several water rescues and assist with flooded roadways. Again, we are here to support you the great residents of Upper Nazareth Township.

The Department would like to announce the following annual events:

Tickets for the **Annual Turkey Drawing** will be mailed to residents soon. Due to Covid-19, we will again be holding a virtual winner drawing to be held at noon on Saturday November 14.

The Department will be conducting the Annual Santa Run on Saturday December 12. Starting November 2nd, presents to be delivered by Santa should be brought to the firehouse each Monday evening between 6:00 and 8:00 PM with a \$10.00 donation per household. Last day to drop off presents will be December 7th.



The Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity welcomes everyone back to the library! These are certainly unprecedented times as we closed our doors for a couple of months this Spring, but as most of you know, our services and resources remained open through it all. From trivia nights and author events to curbside pick-ups and our annual Summer Reading Program... we have provided services and virtual programs non-stop!

Although the library is at a limited occupancy within the building, the staff is there to assist you with the services on which you depend. From checking out materials to computer and printer accessibility to faxing and copying, the staff looks forward to serving you! In addition, our book drop is open 24/7; so all of those books you uncovered during the guarantine cleaning frenzy, simply put them in a plastic bag and drop them off in the book drop (yes, even that "lost" book from 4 years ago). Don't worry, fines are temporarily being waived so now is the time to return those books!

For our senior friends and those with compromised health conditions, we invite you in for Early Bird Hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am-10am.



If you aren't comfortable coming into the building, but are missing our books, DVDs, and magazines, then Curbside Pick-Up is a service you'll love. You can tell us what you'd like by calling us (610-759-4932) or downloading the app, MyLibro. When your item is available, simply schedule a time to pick it up

- we will gladly bring it to your car, or you can come into the library where it will be bagged



and already checked out for you! Simply pick it up, no library card or waiting needed!

As our country slowed down, technology kept moving forward as virtual conferencing became as commonplace as email, and we understand some of our patrons need help navigating these waters - simply call us to schedule a technology appointment.

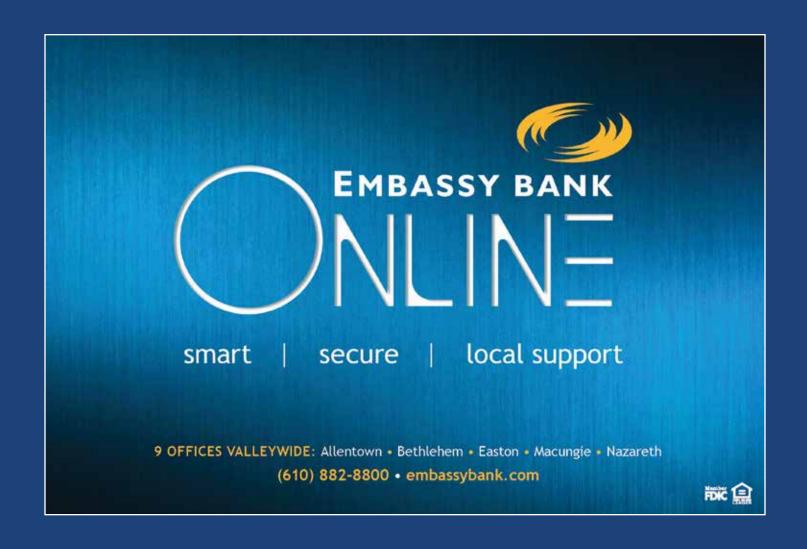
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We can either work with you at the library, or schedule a virtual appointment.

Many of our families within the community are choosing cyber or homeschooling as an alternative for the upcoming school year. Please know we have multiple resources on our website for specific grade levels (www.nazarethlibrary.org > Research). Additionally, our WiFi is available during our regular operating hours, and for limited time after hours. If you are having internet issues, please feel free to visit us, if we are at capacity or closed, you are welcome to sit in one of our chairs outside the library to take advantage of this free service.

We'd love to share with you our upcoming programs and events, however, at the time of this writing we are unsure what the future holds for gatherings within our community. We ask that you stay informed and up to date by visiting our website (www. nazarethlibrary.org) and following us on social media (Facebook @nazarethlibrary and Instagram @memorialnazarethlibrary). Any events, programs, changes to services, and hours of operation will be posted online.

Please take care of each other, stay safe, and thank you for your continued support.





# **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. All businesses are required to obtain a Business Registration Certificate each year.



# 'CodeRED™

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 2020** Fall-Winter Public Meeting Schedule

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

When the 2021 Meeting Dates are approved they will posted on the Township website www.uppernazarethtownship.org

# **Smoke Alarm**Safety at Home

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



#### **SAFETY TIPS**

- INSTALL smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need ADDITIONAL smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- An IONIZATION smoke alarm is generally more responsive
- to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- Smoke alarms should be INSTALLED away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- REPLACE all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

#### **FACTS**

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

## AND DON'T FORGET...

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.

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