

UPPER NAZARETH

Spring 2020

TOWNSHIP

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

2020 ROAD PROGRAM

Base Repairs and a Mill and Overlay process will be applied to the following roads in the early part of the summer, 2020:

Kurt Drive	From Schoeneck Ave. to Rose Inn Ave.
E. Beil Avenue	From Schoeneck Ave. to Rose Inn Ave.
Newport Avenue	From the Municipal Building to Tewksbury Ct. And from Kingsbury Ct. to Kurt Dr.
E. Allen Street	From Newport Ave. to Rose Inn Ave.
E. St. Elmo Street	From Newport Ave. to Rose Inn Ave.
El Reno Avenue	From East Lawn Rd. to Allen Street
Silvercrest Road	From Bridge at Park to Township Line Road

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.

COMMUNITY DAYS

The Upper Nazareth Township Recreation Board is happy to announce the dates for the 6th annual Community Days. Plan to join us on Friday, August 28th from 5pm – 11pm and Saturday, August 29th from 3pm – 11pm.

We are kicking off the event with lots of food, rides, and live music on Friday. We'll have more food, rides, and live music throughout the day on Saturday and a spectacular fireworks show on Saturday night. Feel free to bring a blanket or chair to relax on during the fireworks.

Local businesses, food vendors, and non-profits, are all invited to participate! Vendor applications can be obtained by contacting the Upper Nazareth Township office at 610-759-5341. Applications are due by 2:00pm on Friday, August 14th.

As this event continues to grow each year, it would not be possible without the strong community support and generous financial backing from area businesses and sponsors. We are honored to have received support from many generous sponsors and businesses over the years. We're also thankful for receiving the support of many volunteers to help in our ticket booth and help with clean-up after the event. If you would like to sponsor the event or volunteer your time to help, please contact the township office for more details.

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DIRECTORY

Main Office610-759-5341

Extensions

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 Treasurer ext. 205
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 Police Non-Emergency610-759-2200
 Public Works.....484-357-6988
 Real Estate610-442-1653

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The Township
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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 Spring - Summer 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)
April	1st & 15th	9th	21st	29th
May	6th & 20th	14th	19th	27th
June	3rd & 17th	11th	16th	24th
July	1st & 15th	9th	21st	29th
August	5th & 19th	13th	18th	26th
September	2nd & 16th	10th	15th	30th
October	7th & 21st	8th	20th	28th

NCATO SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Northampton County Association of Township Officials (NCATO) announces the offering of a Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00 for qualified graduating high school seniors. In order to apply a student must reside in a Second-Class Township located in Northampton County. Qualifying Townships are Upper Nazareth Township, Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Forks, Hanover, Lehigh, Lower Mt. Bethel, Lower Nazareth, Lower Saucon, Moore, Palmer, Plainfield, Upper Mt. Bethel, Washington and Williams Townships. School and Community Activity Involvement and GPA will be considered.

Every high school graduate who applies by the deadline

and meets the above qualifications will be considered for this scholarship.

Applications are available at the Upper Nazareth Township Municipal Building located at 100 Newport Ave., Nazareth, PA or through the individual school Guidance Office or directly from NCATO by calling 610-258-8587.

Applications need to be submitted no later than August 3, 2020, in order to be considered for this scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact the Upper Nazareth Township Municipal Office or NCATO directly.

COMMUNITY DAYS *continued from cover*

Planning for Community Days is in full swing, so we'll be posting additional information and updates about the event on the Upper Nazareth Township Facebook page along with the Township website.

Thanks to the community and businesses for supporting and attending this event! We look forward to seeing you all in August!

-Upper Nazareth Township Recreation Board

Upper Nazareth Township Residents

STREET SWEEPING **March 30 – April 3, 2020**

Upper Nazareth Township will be cleaning and sweeping the dedicated streets of Upper Nazareth Township from March 30th – April 3, 2020.

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 13 – 17, 2020**

The Township will be collecting curbside during the week of April 13 – 17, 2020.

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 include: 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 18, 2020**

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 18, 2020. 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
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Visit our website at www.uppernazarethtownship.org for additional 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.

Why Can Stormwater Runoff Be a Problem?

Poorly managed stormwater runoff can cause many problems. These include:

- **Flooding.** As stormwater runs off roofs, driveways, and lawns, large volumes quickly reach streams, causing them to rise and flood. When more impervious surfaces exist, flooding occurs rapidly and can be severe, resulting in damage to property and harm to people.
- **Pollution.** Stormwater running over roofs, driveways, roads, and lawns will pick up pollutants such as oil, fertilizers, pesticides, dirt/sediment, trash, and animal waste. These pollutants “hitch a ride” with the stormwater and flow untreated into local streams, polluting our waters.
- **Stream Bank Erosion.** When stormwater flows into streams at unnaturally high volumes and speeds, the power of these flows can cause severe stream bank erosion. Eroding banks can eat away at streamside property, create dangerous situations, and damage natural habitat for fish and other aquatic life. This erosion is another source of sediment pollution in streams.
- **Threats to Human Health.** Stormwater runoff can carry many pollutants, such as toxic metals, organic compounds, bacteria, and viruses. Polluted stormwater, especially coming from combined sewer overflows, can contaminate drinking water supplies and hamper recreational opportunities as well as threaten fish and other aquatic life.

What Can I Do to Help?

As a homeowner, you can help avoid the problems associated with stormwater runoff by:

- reducing impervious areas (hard surfaces like roofs, paved areas) so that rain soaks into the ground
- planting native trees and plants which help infiltrate stormwater and increase evaporation and transpiration
- managing stormwater on-site with rain gardens, rain barrels, and similar practices
- following lawn care practices:
 - Instead of bagging your grass clippings or blowing them into the street, allow them to lie on top of your lawn. It provides extra moisture to the grass along with a natural food source. This also allows you to cut back on extra expenses for fertilizing.
 - The best time to fertilize is before a light rainfall; otherwise wait until after a heavy rainfall. If you fertilize right before a heavy rainfall, all the materials you used will be washed off your yard and will wash into the storm drains. Be careful to not apply to impervious surfaces.

By doing many small things on your property, you can have a big impact on improving stormwater management and water quality in our region.



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Residential Recycling



PA Act 101 and Upper Nazareth Township require residents recycle the following items:

- **CANS:** Aluminum, tin, steel, bimetallic and aerosol cans; aluminum containers. Rinse.
- **GLASS:** Clear, green, and brown food and beverage jars and bottles only. Rinse. Trash lids.
- **PLASTIC:** Plastic bottles and containers only. Most haulers collect all #1-7 plastics, while some do not accept certain numbers. Acceptable items include soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, detergent, condiments, salad dressing, yogurt, margarine tubs, etc. Rinse. Plastic bags are accepted in collection receptacles at most grocery stores. No Styrofoam, plastic bags, film, cords, or plastic toys.
- **MIXED PAPER:** Office paper, phone books, junk mail, newsprint, magazines, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, and food boxes such as cereal and pasta boxes, and gift boxes. Cut and flatten to provide easy release from your cart. No waxy coatings (i.e. frozen food boxes) or hard cover books. Shredded paper is not recyclable and must go into the trash.

NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES, PLASTIC BAGS, OR FOOD WASTE

Listed above are basic recycling guidelines. Please check with your hauler regarding their specific recycling options and rules. Apartments may have different procedures – so check with your landlord or apartment manager.

Recycling and Contamination – What does it mean for us?

Contamination means higher costs for waste and recycling services. When our curbside carts contain items such as those listed below, the value of our recyclables goes down and our costs go up!



When in doubt, throw it out!

Please Keep These Items Out of Your Curbside Recycling Cart:

No plastics bags, film, or sheeting packaging
No paper napkins, plates, cups or tissues
No food or liquids
No electronics of any kind
No textiles, bedding, rugs or carpet
No hoses, holiday lights, or extension cords

No tires, auto parts, or scrap metal
No concrete, wood, cabinets or other construction debris
No yard waste
No non-recyclable rigid plastic (kiddie pools, large toys)

No Styrofoam
No ceramics or dishes
No motor oil containers
No light bulbs, windows or mirrors

Northampton County Collection Events 2020

Collection Events are intended for Northampton County Residents ONLY.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING DROP OFF MOBILE EVENTS

10am – 12 pm rain or shine

April 4th

Lower Saucon Municipal
Garage, 3700 Old Philadelphia
Pike, Bethlehem 18015

September 12th

Cliff Cowling Field Pavilion
(next to Basketball Court) 301
Allen St., Bath 18014

May 2nd

Nazareth Borough Municipal
Office, 134 S Main St.,
Nazareth, 18064

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF COLLECTION EVENT

8:30am – 2 pm rain or shine

May 16th

Northampton Community College – 3835 Green Pond Rd.,
Bethlehem 18020

(must use main entrance on Green Pond Road)

For more information regarding fees and acceptable materials please go to www.northamptoncounty.org.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DROP OFF COLLECTION EVENTS

9am – 12pm rain or shine

April 18th – WM Grand Central Landfill
Office – 910 W Pennsylvania Ave.,
Pen Argyl 18072

April 25th – Easton Area High School
2601 William Penn Highway, Easton 18045

May 9th – Easton Recycling Center
500 Bushkill Dr., Easton 18042

June 13th - Northampton Borough
Community Center – 1601 Laubach Ave.,
Northampton 18067

September 19th – Bethlehem Municipal
Ice Rink —345 Illicks Mill Rd.,
Bethlehem 18017

September 26th – Forks Township Public
Works Facility – 100 Newlins Rd. East,
Eston 18040

October 17th – Easton Recycling Center
500 Bushkill Dr., Easton 18042

Fees apply for recycling most electronics. Payment Accepted: Cash or Checks (made payable to Clean Earth) No credit cards.

The library strives to serve the community in traditional and contemporary ways. The library continues to be a hub for digital intelligence, civic engagement, and a space for people to meet, read, work, and play. The library is proud to continue to build community partnerships like those we have with the Nazareth Business Council, Nazareth YMCA, Joshua Tree, Nazareth Rotary, AARP, St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network, the Nazareth Food Bank, Stone Soup, and many others. These partnerships make our goals attainable.

The library is clearly at the core of the community as it hosted over 1,000 visitors during Christmas in Nazareth, the beloved community-wide event. This special day at the library included Santa Claus, NASME train display, Polar Express Engineer, crafts, food and refreshments. In January, the library hosted the Nazareth Business Council and fire chiefs from Vigilance Hose Co. #1 and Hecktown Fire Company for a community conversation on fire safety. The library also offered three educational programs led by experts in their fields: a résumé writing workshop facilitated by a Certified Professional Résumé Writer, an informative program on lower back pain, led by Dr. Katarina Schmidt, and an educational presentation on diabetes from St. Luke's Health Network physicians. All program expenses were donated by the presenters, and offered free of charge to our patrons.

As we look to the future, the library will continue to build our partnership with St. Luke's Health Network as we offer programs focused on healthy living and wellness in 2020. We are also looking forward to programming facilitated by Joshua Tree on topics that will help the community learn about their lawn care needs and safe methods for tending to their yards. We are continuing our partnership with AARP in 2020 to offer free tax preparation through the month of March. Finally, the library is proud to host new teen programming in 2020, including events that will provide opportunities for teens to socialize and learn about the resources available at the library.

As you plan the year ahead, mark your calendar for the upcoming events and fundraisers (visit our website for more details).

• St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network Lecture Series (registration required)

February 27th: Hypertension - How Changing your Lifestyle Can Help You Treat the Disease

March 26th: Cancer Screening: Why You Need It and How It Works

April 23rd: Supplements: Are They Necessary?

May 28th: Exercise Strategies to Improve Health

June 25th: Brain Health: Is There a Way to Prevent Dementia?

• Bus Trip to Brooklyn: Sunday April 26th (ticket purchase required before March 15th)

Enjoy a fun-filled day with the following stops led by a guide: Grimaldi's Pizza, L&B Spumoni, Brooklyn neighborhoods (including movie locations), and Coney Island Boardwalk! At \$110/person, this price includes the bus, gratuities, two slices of pizza and a non-alcoholic beverage at both restaurants. There is limited seating for this trip. Please visit our website or the library to purchase your ticket. ALL proceeds benefit the library.

• Free Comic Book Day: Saturday, May 2nd

We will once again partner with JAF Comics to bring you free comic books, games, a video game trailer (sponsored by the Friends of the Library), and more!

• Book Sales

The Library's Spring Book Sale is April 1-4. The Friends of the Library will run two additional book sales: June 4-6 and November 5-7. ALL proceeds benefit the library.

• Touch a Truck: Saturday, October 3rd (tickets on sale in September)



Touch a Truck 2020 is gearing up to be bigger than ever with more vehicles, activities, and fun for the entire community! ALL proceeds benefit the library.

Touch A Truck

For more information regarding upcoming events please visit the library website at www.nazarethlibrary.org.

ZONING

Please contact the Township Office for permit information. Any projects such as **decks, sheds, fences, patios, pools, patio roofs, additions, electrical do require a permit.**

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

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



TAXES

REAL ESTATE TAX

Township Real Estate Tax Bills: if you recently moved into the Township and did not receive a 2020 Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector, Tracy Adamski at 610-442-1653. It may have been forwarded to the previous owner.

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

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

Credit Card payments: you can pay your Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate Tax bill online with a credit or debit card (additional fees do apply) or an e-check (\$1.50 fee).

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.



2020 Township Real Estate Tax due dates:

Upper Nazareth Township Real Estate tax bill discount due date: Thursday, April 2, 2020. The Real Estate Tax Office is open for walk-in tax payments every Tuesday 9am – 12pm and Thursday 12pm-3pm, unless otherwise posted. Additional walk-in payment hours for the Township discount period are: Wednesday, March 25 & April 1, 12pm-3pm.

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 has 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.



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Your Police Department at a glance.

Upper Nazareth Township Police Department Staffing

Chief of Police	1	Full Time Officers	6
Sergeant.....	1	Part Time.....	5
Corporal / Detective	1	Admin Assistant	1
Total Police Department Employees.....	15		

Upper Nazareth Police Department Area coverage: 7.45 Sq Miles

General Incidents / Traffic / DUI Info Totals

Calls Dispatched	8576
Calls for service / Calls responded to	
January 2019 to December 2019	5723
Traffic Stops Conducted in the year 2019	2058
Traffic Citations Issued in the year 2019.....	1855

The Upper Nazareth Township Police Department is

24 /7/ 365 days a year operation serving the residence of Upper Nazareth Township for the last 45 years. The statistics shown above are a small representation of our service to the residents of Upper Nazareth Township. Our officers are involved in our community and take great pride in being part of it. The police department is dispatched out of the Northampton County 911 Center. **Upper Nazareth Township is a CodeRED Notification Community. CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service provided by the Northeast Task Force within Northampton County and Upper Nazareth Township. Please take the time to download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app to be more informed about emergencies within Upper Nazareth Township and Northampton County.** If you are in need of police assistance, please use the appropriate number listed above.

E-FILE YOUR LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX RETURN

On average, about 40% of Upper Nazareth residents currently report their local taxes online. If you are still mailing in a paper form, you may want to consider using Keystone's fast and friendly e-file to file your 2019 annual local earned income tax return.

If you are anticipating a refund this year, e-file is the fast way to get your money.

Keystone still mails paper tax returns, but, increasingly, more and more residents are turning to e-file.

e-file automatically adapts to any platform, so filing on your smart phone is a breeze.

You only need to provide a minimum amount of information, such as your wages, local tax withholding and where you lived during the year. You don't have to worry about most forms or calculations – e-file does the work for you.

Did you move during the year? e-file will apportion your earned income and tax liability for each municipality where Keystone serves as the Tax Officer.

Did you work outside of Pennsylvania? e-file will apply your out-of-state tax credits to your local liability.

***E-file* - file tax returns online.**

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If you owe tax, you can file your return today and schedule payment to arrive on or before the April 15 due date.



UPPER NAZARETH FIRE DEPT. HAPPENINGS!

The Upper Nazareth Fire Dept. had another busy year this past year. We responded to 333 calls and attended 4752 hours of training. As you may or may not know, your fire dept. is fully volunteer, and we have 45 active firefighters and support staff members. This is a large number of volunteers in today's standards as statistics in the state of Pennsylvania has showed volunteers are declining at an alarming rate in the state. Our funding to support the operations and equipment cost comes from our annual fund drive, a contribution from Upper Nazareth Township and fund raising. Our next annual fundraising ham drawing will be April 4, 2020 at 7:00PM at the fire station. We also would like to thank all our monetary supporters through donations or supporting our fundraising in keeping your fire department successful and fully trained and equipped to handle the unknown hazards of any given call we may endure. As our saying states on our fire apparatus **"WE ALL GO HOME"**

At this time, we would like to announce the newly elected and appointed fire officers for 2020.

Chief: Jeff Fassl Sr.

Deputy Chief: Bill Beyer

Assistant Chief: Mike Allen

Captain: Brad Smith

Lieutenant: Eric Knopp

Lieutenant: Craig Kolakowski

Lieutenant: Jeff Fassl Jr.

Lieutenant: Mike Kummer

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