

UPPER NAZARETH



Spring/Summer 2024

TOWNSHIP

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMING THIS SPRING/SUMMER

Upper Nazareth Township is pleased to announce the expansion of the municipal building. The township will be adding a new public meeting room, foyer, and public bathrooms. The existing meeting room will be converted into office space for administration, which will allow more space in the existing building for the police department.

This Project was financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority.

We are pleased to share that Upper Nazareth Township has been selected to join hundreds of partners across the nation participating in the National Fitness Campaign (NFC). As a collective force, Upper Nazareth Township and NFC are working together to forge a partnership that will improve the quality of life for our residents, staff, visitors, and the community for many years to come.

The location for the Fitness Court is at Leibert Field directly behind the Township building. This was partially funded by the National Fitness Campaign with a \$30,000.00 grant awarded to the Township.



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Police Non-Emergency 610-759-2200
Public Works 484-357-6988
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2024 ROAD PROGRAM

Base Repairs and a Mill and Overlay process will be applied to the following roads in the early part of the summer, 2024:

- **Rose Inn Avenue** from Kurt Dr to 191
- **Beil Avenue** from N. Broad St to Bridge
- **Georgetown Road** from SR 946(Daniels Rd) to Newburg Rd
- **Blue Mountain Lane** from Eagle View Ct to Evening Sun Rd
- **Mt. Vernon Avenue** from 5th Street to 1st Street

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.

Updates will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website www.uppernazarethtownship.org. You can sign up on the website to receive either text or email alerts.

ZONING

Please contact the Township Office for permit information. Any projects such as **decks, sheds, fences, patios, pools (Above and In-Ground), patio roofs, additions and 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. The fee is \$10.00.

All Businesses, including an In-Home Business, are required to register with Upper Nazareth Township. Renewals will be sent out at the end of May. If you do not receive a form, please call the office to have a form mailed to you. If you are no longer in business, please notify the office so that we can remove your business from the list.

All permit applications and other Forms can be found on our website www.uppernazarethtownship.org on the Forms and Documents page.

2024 UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

The following is a schedule of Upper Nazareth Township meetings for the year 2024. Any special meetings will be done by legal advertisement.

Supervisors/Township Meeting

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.
Except for June – Meeting Dates – June 5th & 20th

Workshops

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m. (AS NEEDED)

Planning Commission

2nd Thursday of each month @ 7 p.m.
Zoning Ordinance Updates 4th Thursday of each month @ 7 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

Last Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. (AS NEEDED)

Recreation Board

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council

3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.
Except for January, February – 4th Monday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.

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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 toters 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 "tanglers", 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)

Plastic Bags

Food-soiled
paper or foil

Styrofoam

Wax-coated
paper items

Bulky/Rigid
plastics

Hardcover
books

Furniture

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*
- *leaf waste*

In addition to the items required by the state, Township Ordinance No. 161 states that the materials listed below be kept separate from the waste stream and properly recycled.

- *glass*
- *plastics*
- *newsprint*
- *steel and bi-metal cans*
- *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. The report 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.

MANAGING YOUR GRASS

Grasscycling

What it means: leaving grass clippings on the lawn when you mow, releasing valuable nutrients, adding water-saving mulch, and encouraging natural soil aeration by earthworms. For those concerned about our landfills, grass cycling cuts down on the volume of material making that trip.

Grasscycling reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. Too much fertilizer can weaken the lawn by causing a shallow root system to develop.

If must use fertilizers, apply small amounts only two or three times during the growing season (mid to late May and early to mid-September are best in the Northeast region).



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Upper Nazareth Township has an opening on our Environmental Advisory Board (EAC) and an opening on our Recreation Board.

Please send a letter of interest to 100 Newport Ave Attn: Lisa Klem Township Manager or send an email to manager@uppernazarethtownship.org

SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

Please be sure to sign up for alerts on the website
www.uppernazarethtownship.org
(Click on the Quicklinks Tab)

Alerts will no longer be through CodeRed.



Please make sure to check the calendars for meeting dates, recreation events and other events available to the public.

PUBLIC WORKS

SPRING CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION APRIL 15 – 19, 2024

The Township will be collecting curbside during the week of April 15 – 19, 2024. 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.

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.*

Opening/Closing Dates: April 20, 2024 through November 23, 2024

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, railroad 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.



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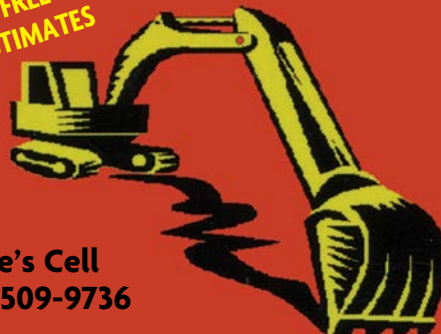
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ILLEGAL DUMPING

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](https://www.KeepPennsylvaniaBeautiful.com).

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.



- 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.

KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP - 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

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Northampton County Branch:

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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.



UPPER NAZARETH FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2023, the Upper Nazareth Fire Department responded to 233 emergency calls within the township and to provide assistance to surrounding municipalities. These emergency calls included auto accidents, fires, and calls for service including pump details and EMS assists. The 100% volunteer department also put hundreds of hours of training and fundraising time in during 2023. Thank you to everyone who has supported the department this past year. We are looking forward to 2024.

As we approach the warm weather in spring, we prepare to enjoy all the outdoor activities that the snow and ice keep us away from. Bicycle tires get reinflated, baseball gloves get dusted off, and anticipate the swimming pools being warm again. As we bring out all the classics, we also bring out the newest items – often ones that are powered by lithium-ion batteries: e-bikes, e-scooters, hoverboards, and ride on kids' cars. Lithium-ion batteries, if not used properly or damaged, can catch on fire or explode.

The Problem

- Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in

a small amount of space.

- Sometimes batteries are not used the correct way; batteries that are not designed for the specific way they are being used become dangerous.
- Like any product, a small amount of these batteries can be defective. Defective batteries are at risk to catch on fire, overheat, or explode.

How to stay safe...

- Purchase batteries and devices that have been tested at a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for use and charging.
- Only use the battery that is designated for the device.
- Assume that you are loading the batteries into the device properly.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge batteries near flammable materials such as on a couch, towel, or against curtains.
- Always charge the battery on a flat, dry area away from direct sunlight.
- Remove the device from the charger/cord once fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature as much as possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32 degrees F or above 105 degrees F.

- Store batteries away from anything that can catch on fire.

Inspect batteries and chargers/cords before use. Stop using the batteries immediately if you see any of the following problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 911.

It is important to properly dispose of lithium-ion batteries. Do not put these batteries in piles and do not throw them in the trash. Recycling is the best option. Contact your recycling company for further instructions.

The Upper Nazareth Fire Department is proud to serve the residents of Upper Nazareth Township as well as those that travel through and work in the township. We have many events throughout the year that help support continued education, training, and the purchase of necessary gear and equipment for your first responders. We look forward to sharing our events with you through our Facebook page @Station54. Thank you for your continued support.

NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Nazareth Area School District - 2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration

As of Thursday, February 1, 2024, NASD residents can begin the Kindergarten registration process. Students are Kindergarten eligible for the 2024-2025 school year if they turn five (5) years old before September 1, 2024. To complete the registration process, parents/guardians should go to the Nazareth Area School District website <https://www.nazarethasd.k12.pa.us/> and click on **REGISTER STUDENTS**. Parents/Guardians can enter their child's information along with their own. The following documents are required to complete the process: Birth Certificate, Immunization record, Parent/Guardian ID, and two (2) proofs of residency. Additional information can be found on the NASD website, each elementary school's website, and NASD social media. Having the required documents ready when completing the registration is helpful, and the entire process can be completed in approximately 20 minutes. Parents/Guardians must complete the entire registration process and provide all required documents for the student to be enrolled.

Nazareth Area High School First Semester Highlights

Nazareth Area High School recently completed the first semester, which was packed with student activities, events, games, and concerts. In August, new administrators Scott Breidinger, Principal, and Jessica Babbitt, Assistant Principal, joined Assistant Principal Matthew Wehr to welcome the Blue Eagle classes of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027. In November, the Varsity Football team reclaimed the District II 6A Championship title by defeating the Parkland Trojans 24-17. Also, the Nazareth Theatre Troupe presented Choose Your Own Oz in the fall, an interactive stage production for Nazareth students, families, and community members. The Troupe is currently preparing for the spring musical The Little Mermaid. Nazareth Area High School singers and musicians performed at their annual concert

and several community events for the holidays. Blue Eagle clubs and organizations collected generous donations for local charities in the spirit of the holiday season. On January 25th, we began the spring semester with many more events planned for the Blue Eagles. Please join us for the Class of 2024 Graduation Commencement Ceremony starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4th, at Andrew S. Leh Stadium. For information on all future high school events, please visit our web page at www.nazarethasd.k12.pa.us/nahs.

New Assistant Principal at the Intermediate School

Nazareth Area Intermediate School proudly welcomed Mrs. Jackie Bewick as the new Assistant Principal in August. Mrs. Bewick brings a wealth of experience to her role, having previously served as a 5th-grade English Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at the Intermediate School for eight years. She expanded her educational role by becoming a Pocono Mountain School District administrator before returning to Nazareth.

Returning to Nazareth, Mrs. Bewick is excited to collaborate with familiar faces and new students and their families. With a diverse background spanning over 15 years in education and various content areas, Mrs. Bewick places a strong emphasis on communication. She acknowledges the pivotal role that families play as students' first teachers and believes that learning extends beyond the confines of a classroom, persisting beyond the school day.

Mrs. Bewick passionately advocates for a collaborative approach, urging NAIS staff and families to work together. Her philosophy centers on the idea that learning knows no bounds, and she encourages everyone to join forces and support students in achieving their fullest potential for a successful school year ahead.





The Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity staff is planning a fabulous spring and amazing summer!

- Sunday, April 7th through Saturday, April 13th is **National Library Week** – plus April 8th is a total solar eclipse! Stop in for special festivities!
- Staff will offer an introduction to **MyHeritage genealogy tools** on Tuesday, April 30th.
- **Join author Teresa Messineo** in-person on Thursday, April 25th to hear about her historical fiction novels *What We May Become* and *The Fire by Night*.
- **The Pet Parade** will take place on Saturday, May 18th starting at 10:00am at nearby Veterans' Field. You can register with a pet or stuffed animal to participate or come out and watch the parade to show your support. Those who register by April 26th receive a free T-shirt. All proceeds benefit the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity. Sponsors are needed for this event. Scan here for more information.
- **For the 2024 Summer Reading Program "Come Out and Play!"**, children are invited to eight incredible weeks of sports- and wellness-themed activities, educational programs, weekly crafts, and field trips. Registration opens on June 3rd, and programming spans June 17th through August 10th. A special outdoor kickoff event is planned for Tuesday, June 18th. The MLNV is grateful for the financial support of an Iron Pigs Charities Community Grant for SRP 2024.
- Adult and teens can earn small prizes and chances to win prize baskets as they complete reading challenges during the **teen and adult Summer Reading Program, "Spirit of Adventure."**
- Mark your calendar for the annual **Touch-a-Truck Festival**, which will take place rain-or-shine on Saturday, October 5th, beginning at 10am and ending at 2pm at Bushkill Township Recreation Fields at 1114 Bushkill Center Road in Nazareth, PA. Attendees can see cars, trucks, and equipment up close, and children are encouraged to climb up into the vehicles and talk with the drivers. This year's Festival will feature food trucks and activities for children. Tickets are available for purchase before and at the Festival. Sponsors are needed for this event.
- **Join the Audiobook Lovers' Book, Daytime Book Group, Wednesday Night Book Group, and Brainy Bibliophiles Book Group.** Call the library for a current schedule and book selections. Adults are also invited to attend craft programs and storytimes for adults and to join the Cookery and Conversation Club to share homemade treats and library cookbook reviews.
- **Check out** a ukulele, learn to play, and participate in the Ukulele Orchestra!
- See our free magazine swap, free puzzle swap, and free houseplant swap – **take an item, leave an item.**
- Stop in for ongoing children's storytimes and Shake-and-Boogie sessions (at the library as well as off-site locations), as well as monthly scavenger hunts and special children's activities and events. Make a design with our interactive Everbright Wall and play with our puppets, Lego wall, and light tables.
- Teenagers are invited to contact Ms. Anneliese Warnke at awarnke@nazarethlibrary.org for information about **TAB, the Teen Advisory Board**. The group meets weekly and is planning a Titanic murder mystery game.



The Friends of the Library meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm. New members are welcome to participate.

Thank you to all patrons and community organizations who support the library: the library's four municipalities, readers, donors, volunteers, program presenters and attendees...the list could go on and on! These are just a few of the upcoming highlights of the spring and summer 2024 calendar. Call the library at 610-759-4932 or see the library's vestibule posters, website, and social media outlets for updates, additions, changes, and registration details. We are always updating our collection and planning more opportunities for all ages. Anytime, area residents are encouraged to stop in and check out items from our ever-expanding collection of books – especially due to a new partnership with Easton Area Public Library! Details are coming soon.

For more information about the library, scan



here
and
here

Photos from some of our recent programs and events



Hedgehog book craft for adults



Ukulele Orchestra at Christmas in Nazareth 2023

Thank you to Upper Nazareth Township leaders and residents. **See you at the library!!**



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MS4 NEWS

Resolve to Lose a Little Lawn in 2024

THE BENEFITS OF CONSERVATION LANDSCAPING

What's the Fuss about a little lawn?

We all like walking in the grass in our backyards and the turf grass our community plays on in our parks, but do we absolutely need *all* of the lawn area in our Township?

Lawns and turfgrass take up as much as ten percent of the land in some areas. As ubiquitous as lawn cover is, it is not environmentally benign. Regular lawn maintenance requires the use of energy-using equipment. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, gasoline-powered mowers burn about 1.2 Billion gallons of gasoline on an annual basis, emitting over a ton of CO₂ (about 2,200 lbs) per acre of lawn into the atmosphere every year.

To keep our lawns deep green and weed-free, we apply about 70 Million pounds of fertilizers and 90 Million pounds of pesticides annually. And we all know what happens to chemicals that don't get incorporated into the soil: they run off, making their way into our streams. This is exacerbated by the fact that a typical lawn can only infiltrate about one inch of rainwater per hour. This means that during intense rainfall events, the stormwater runoff from your lawn picks up pollutants, not just from your yard (including animal waste) but also from roads and parking lots, carrying them into our local streams.

Stormwater from developed areas travels fast, and with high volumes, it can rapidly erode streambanks, polluting streams with sediment. Sediment pollution is in fact the single largest pollutant in Pennsylvania Streams and the reason why the Township must complete its MS4 projects to reduce sediment pollution.



What can you do?

An easy way to help our streams is to reduce your lawn cover! You can replace some area of your lawn with Conservation Landscaping.

Conservation landscaping is precisely what it sounds like: manipulating the land and flora around your home or business, with the goal of reducing your environmental impact. Practices like rain gardens, beds of native grasses and wildflowers, and planting native trees and shrubs are great ways to improve water quality, and benefit pollinators while still meeting traditional expectations of how the area around a home should look.

What about larger areas? Large areas of turfgrass surround many places of worship, schools, and commercial/institutional facilities that are never touched. These spaces can be converted into patches of woodland or meadow to maximize ecological benefits while reducing maintenance.

If you're interested in more technical information about lawn conversion or planting trees on your property, visit

dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/Water/LawnConversion

MS4 NEWS

TOWNSHIP AWARDED GRANT TO PROCEED WITH TWO MS4 PROJECTS

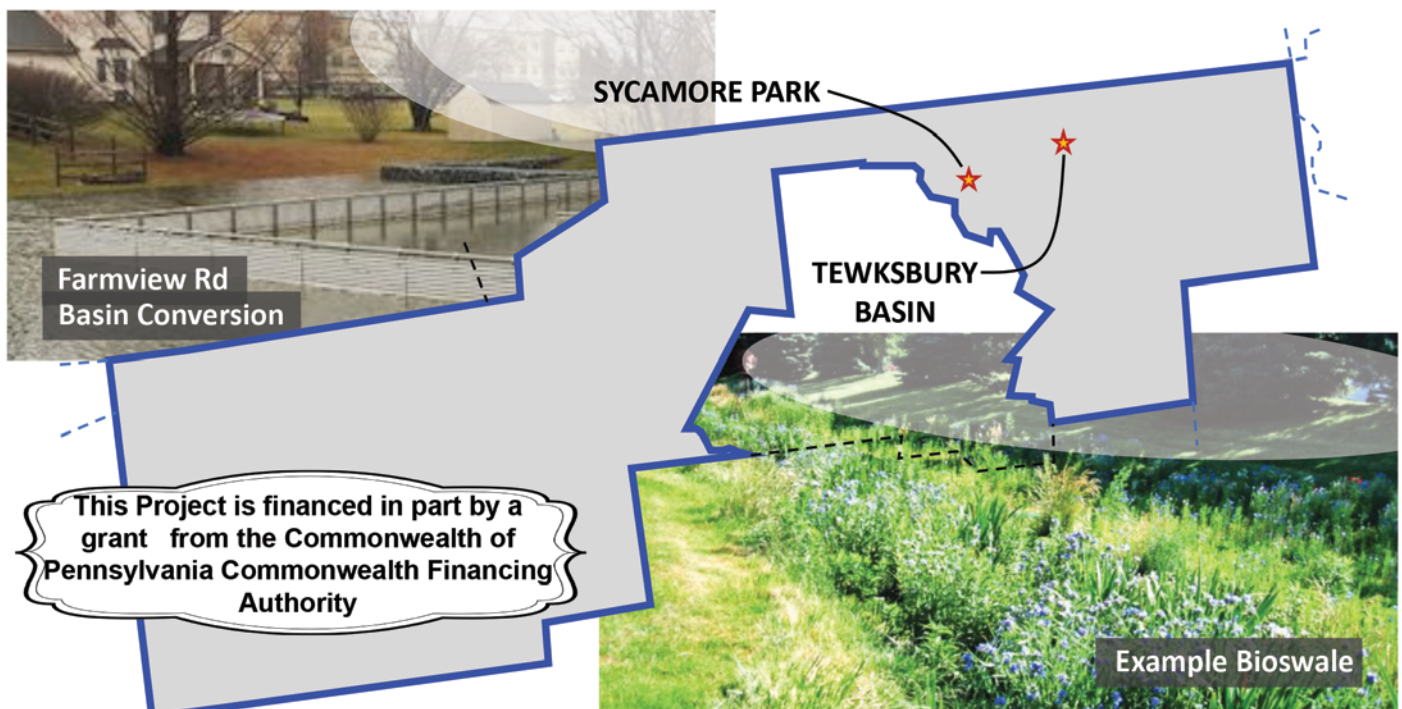
Thanks to the efforts of Township Staff, Upper Nazareth was awarded a \$300,000 grant through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority! This grant will permit the Township to complete two of the four projects required by the Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) of our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit for the current 5-year period. The two projects to be built using this grant are as follows:

Tewksbury Basin Extended Detention Basin Retrofit

This project will be very similar to that completed at the Farmview Road basin. The work will include the installation of forebays at each basin inflow pipe to capture larger sediment, and permanent baffle walls to extend the travel length of water flowing through the basin so smaller particles have time to settle to the basin bottom before reaching the basin outlet structure. Major basin maintenance will also be performed to clear out accumulated sediment and organic matter from the bottom of the basin and an improved maintenance access ramp will be constructed.

Sycamore Park Bioswale with Riparian Buffer Restoration

This project will be the first phase of major improvements to Sycamore Park, located along Sycamore Road between W St. Elmo Street and W Highland Terrace. The Public Works Department will remove the existing basketball court and playgrounds. Under the grant-funded construction contract, a bioswale will be constructed that will operate as an extended detention basin and stormwater infiltration facility. These improvements will reduce the discharge rate of stormwater from the existing Sycamore Park storm-pipe outfall into the Schoeneck Creek while creating a naturalized drainage feature that will add aesthetic interest to the park. As part of this project, trees and shrubs will be planted along the stream bank to restore the riparian buffer, and a perimeter walking path will be installed.





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| • UPS Battery Backups | • Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) |
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| • TV under 42" - CRT or Flat Screen - \$40 | • Floor Copier-\$20 |
| • TV over 42" - Flat screen, in a wooden console, projection type or TV Tube Only or Broken Screen TV - \$58 | • Console Stereo (in cabinet) \$35 |
| | • Water Cooler or Dorm Fridge - \$25 |

Destruction Services for a Fee:

- Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- Document Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

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Township Real Estate Tax Bills: if you recently moved into the Township and did not receive a 2024 Upper Nazareth Township (& Library combined) Real Estate tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector. It may have been forwarded to the previous owner.

Payment Information: The only information to include on your payment check (personal checks or online bill payment checks) is your phone number and the current bill number of the bill you are paying. **Alternatively, there is a line on your payment coupon(s) where a contact Phone Number may be written.** Phone numbers are only used if there is an issue with your check (i.e., returned, not signed, wrong amount, numbers & written line do not match) and will not be shared or published.

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

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). (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 your real estate taxes have been paid. This is especially a concern for a new construction home.

Drop Box: Located at the Township Office, 100 Newport Ave. Box is outside to the right of the front door. Your payment only needs to be put in one envelope. The envelopes are left at the

box for those who may not have one, please only use one if necessary.

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.

2024 Upper Nazareth Township (& Library Combined) Real Estate Tax bill due dates:

Discount and 1st Installment pmt. due date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

The full or base pmt.: Tuesday, June 4, 2024

The 2nd Installment: Thursday, August 1, 2024

In Person payment hours are Tuesdays 9am-12pm & Thursdays 12pm-3pm. You are outside to make transactions, please dress for the weather. Office closings are announced on the phone message and posted on the window.

SNOW CLOSINGS: Please note if Upper Nazareth Township has declared a "Snow Emergency" on a scheduled walk-up hours day, the Real Estate Tax Office will be closed for in-person payments. The office is located on a Snow Emergency Route and street parking is not allowed during a declared emergency.

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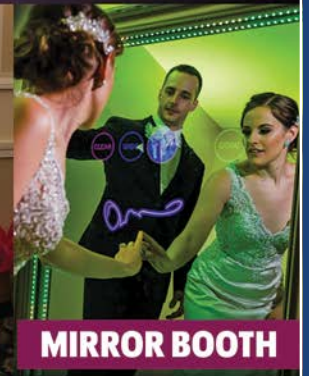
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