Nether Providence Township Spring/ Summer 2021

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#### **TOWNSHIP NEWS**

**Dear Residents:** 

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I hope that you and your families are doing well. Thankfully, the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic is in the rearview mirror and brighter days are ahead. As I travel throughout the Township life seems to be slowly getting back to normal. I am so very proud of our Township administrative staff, public works, police, and our two fire companies, all of which never skipped a beat and continued to deliver essential services during the pandemic.

There is much reason to celebrate in 2021. Several parks and stormwater projects have either been completed or are getting underway. The Township continues to add to its open space inventory and we are fortunate to have a number of attractive parks that offer our residents recreational opportunities close to home. The Township was recently awarded grants that will be used towards the first phase of a sidewalk planned to eventually traverse the length of Providence Road. Our 2021 road paving projects are starting as well.

Each year's budget is a challenge and 2021 will be no different. In an effort to lessen the burden on the local taxpayer, the Township continues to pursue grant opportunities in order to make needed infrastructure improvements. Our Board meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. The Board welcomes questions, comments and suggestions from residents on all issues.

Together, we will continue to keep Nether Providence "A Beautiful Place To Call Home"!

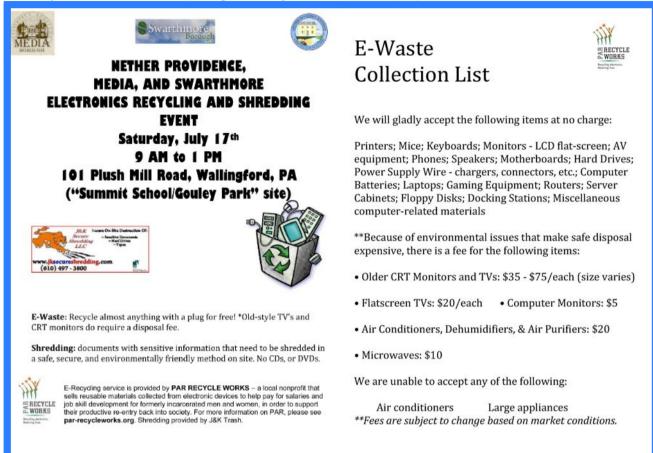
Warm regards,

Matthew Garson
Vice President, Board of Commissioners

#### TOWNSHIP EVENTS

# **Electronics Recycling and Shredding Event**

Mark your calendars! Spring clean your stacks of papers and old electronics!



# **Upcoming Blood Drive**



The next American Red Cross Blood Drive Hosted by Nether Providence Township will be on August 3rd. You can sign up to give at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time">https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time</a>



# Choose a Donation Time Nether Providence Township Building 214 Sykes Lane Wallingford, PA 19086 08/03/2021 | 02:00 PM - 07:00 PM

#### **TOWNSHIP EVENTS**

# **Nether Providence Township Summer Camp**



For more information and registration forms visit our website.

# Camp Counselor positions available as well.

Applicants must be 16 years old before camp starts. Please contact Maureen Feyas 610-566-4516 x217 or mfeyas@netherprovidence.org with any questions.

# Family Fun Day

Keep checking our website and Facebook page for details about Family Fun Day in October!

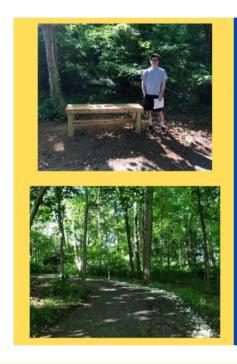




# **PARKS UPDATES**

#### **Furness Park Dedication**

The Township completed the installation of a trail within Furness Park, and the dedication will take place on June 5th at 7 PM. Stop by and walk the new trail! Eagle Scouts Jake Nestor and Brian Chieffo, along with the Boy Scout Troops, have been adding the finishing touches with benches and the clearing of bamboo. A Big THANK YOU to the Friends of Furness for all their hard work on this project.





#### **Martha Burton Park Dedication**

Come join us as we celebrate the newly renamed Martha Burton Park on July 31st. More details coming soon, check our website or Facebook page. Martha
Burton Park
Clean Up Day
is on June
19th





#### IN THE COMMUNTIY

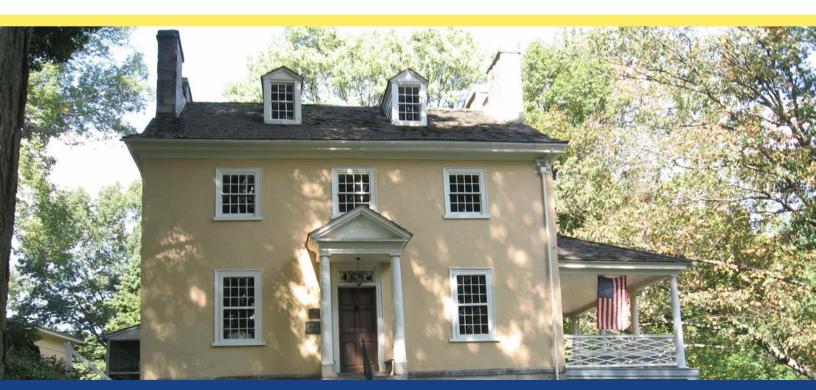
# The Thomas Leiper House



The Thomas Leiper House, owned by Nether Providence Township, and located on Avondale Road by the Crum Creek, is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1785 by Thomas Leiper, a Philadelphia merchant, as his summer home. He was born in Strathaven, Scotland in 1745 and came to America in 1763. He was a tobacco merchant in Philadelphia but had mills and quarries in the region. He owned almost 800 acres, stretching from today's Copples Lane to the Delaware River. The house passed from generation to generation with the last Leiper living in the house in 1959.

Besides the beautiful house, furnished in antiques, some from the Leiper family, the property also has four "outbuildings", including a bank building, a carriage house, an outhouse, and a combination smoke house/spring house.

The house is usually open on weekend afternoons in April through December from 1 PM to 4 PM for guided tours, but it has been closed for a year because of the pandemic. We're hopeful it will reopen this summer!



#### IN THE COMMUNITY

#### Helen Kate Furness Free Library



The Helen Kate Furness Free Library is now accepting book donations every Sunday from 8 AM until 6 PM. If you wish to donate hardbacks, paperbacks, and children's books in good condition, you can drop them off on the covered front porch under the Book Donation Sign.

Join us for a Book Date with the Helen Kate Summer Book Club. The June. July, and August book discussions will take place outside on the front lawn of the library so make sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair and make yourself comfy. Warm weather, good books, and great discussions--what could be better? June's title will be The Shark Club by Ann Kidd Taylor and will take place on Thursday, June 14th at 6:00 pm. Call the library, or email fsreference@delcolibraries.org, to register and reserve your copy.



#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### Mulch

Where does the Township mulch come from?

It comes from you!! Did you know that the leaves that are collected in the fall are mulched and available through the Township's Mulch Program? The township mulch program runs from the end of March until June (or whenever the mulch runs out). Orders are taken at the Township Building 214 Sykes Lane

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

Township Resident – \$105.00/full truck load \$65.00/half truck load

Meet "SCARAB, THE MULCH MACHINE"!!



Both Swarthmore Borough and Nether Providence Township use this site for mulching leaves each year.



#### **Yard Waste**

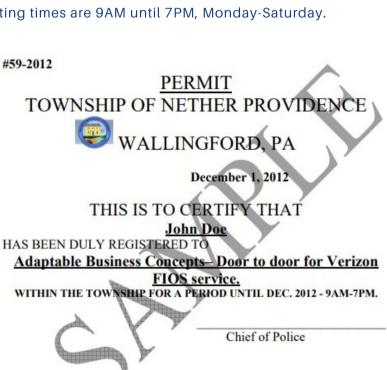
Yard Waste (except grass clippings, vines/Ivy, and weeds), leaves in biodegradable bags (NO PLASTIC BAGS) and bundled sticks will be collected by the Township Public Works Department the second Tuesday of each month. You MUST call the Township in order to get on the list to have your yard waste picked up. Simply call 610-566-4516 Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM and provide your address. Call early as pick-ups can fill up!

Drop-offs will be permitted from 8 AM to noon on the first Saturday of the month and Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 AM to noon each week.

#### POLICE/ PUBLIC SAFTEY

#### **PSA: Solicitor Permits**

As the weather gets warmer we tend to see more door-to-door solicitation in the Township. All **individual** solicitors, and not just the company they work for, are required to get a permit. They do this at the police station. If a solicitor comes to your door and can not provide a permit with their name on it, please call and report them to the police. Lastly, if you have a "no soliciting" sign on your property please contact the police if solicitors are not complying. Soliciting times are 9AM until 7PM, Monday-Saturday.





South Media Fire Company will continue to host FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY once a month throughout the summer. **June 4th** is the next one. Check out their Facebook page for more details!

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE- EAC**

Nether Providence Township's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) works to identify environmental problems in our municipality and recommend opportunities to conserve resources and improve our Township's environment. For more information on current EAC priorities, see: <a href="http://netherprovidence.org/township-boards-committees/environmental-advisory-committee/">http://netherprovidence.org/township-boards-committees/environmental-advisory-committee/</a>

At their April 22, 2021 meeting, the NPT Commissioners approved Resolution 2021-9 to encourage the County and Township to transition over time to a Zero Waste Strategy. This Plan is intended to reduce disposable waste, reduce environmental burden, and reduce cost from waste landfilling and incineration. 'Zero Waste' sounds pretty impossible, doesn't it? In future newsletters and resident forums, the EAC will communicate what a 'Zero Waste Plan' might look like, especially how it could become a reality in NPT. More efficient recycling including working with Delaware County to identify higher-value uses for items such as glass, as well as composting of yard and kitchen waste are likely first steps. Watch for updates in future newsletters!



The next Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste
Drop off is June 12th at Rose Tree Park
ALL EVENTS WILL BE BY APPOINTMENT ONLYREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
<a href="https://delcohhwevents.eventbrite.com/">https://delcohhwevents.eventbrite.com/</a>

#### **ENVIROMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE- EAC**

#### HELP US GET MORE VALUE FROM OUR RECYCLING EFFORTS

Anything that you can recycle helps improve the environment and keep municipality costs down, so here are some important tips for you:

#### DO RECYCLE:

- ·PAPER of all kinds: newspaper, magazines, office paper, catalogues, mail, telephone books, glossy paper, school paper, and paper-back books;
- ·CARDBOARD of all kinds: including corrugated cardboard, pressboard, cereal boxes, and consumer product packaging;
- •PLASTIC CONTAINERS (imprinted with a triangle #1, 2, 4, 5 and 7);
- ·METAL from food and beverage cans (aluminum, bi-metal, or steel);
- ·ALL CLEAN GLASS: clear, green & brown glass bottles & jars;
- ·Please do your best to clean food and waste from any item being recycled!

Pick up. On your selected

day, a truck will come

right to your door.

·Please visit www.netherprovidence.org for more information on recycling Dos and Don'ts.

#### DON'T RECYCLE:

Plastic bags, scrap metal, plastic lids & caps, plastic 6 pack holders, needles or syringes, organic material and food waste, wood, yard waste, plate glass, motor oil, paint cans, electronic

DON'T contaminate high-value recyclables with trash, such as PLASTIC BAGS, BUBBLE WRAP, STYROFOAM, and PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS.

PLASTIC BAGS, including grocery and trash bags CANNOT be recycled. Your recycling will not be collected if plastic bags are present.



#### **How it Works** 3 Say Hi. Text PICKUP to Post. Tell us the clothing Prep. Use your address to and electronics you make sure you're in our (757-703-3824). service area wish to recycle. 6 (L) Plan. Schedule a date for

your items and leave

them by your door.

your pickup appointment.

Nether Providence Township, in Partnership with "Retrievr", is making recycling electronics more convenient!

https://retrievr.com/location/netherprovidence-pa/

#### **TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

#### **Township Projects Update**



#### **East Possum Hollow Sidewalk Project**

The Township, with the aid of a grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, will install a sidewalk along East Possum Hollow Road. The sidewalk will run from Providence Road to the Wallingford Train Station along the side closest to the train tracks. During the several week construction phase, East Possum Hollow Road will convert to one-way travel, running eastbound from Providence Road to the train station. While inconvenient, any short-term aggravation will be made up for in a long-term benefit of improved pedestrian safety and access. Construction is expected to begin late summer.

#### **East Rose Valley Sidewalk Project**

Nether Providence Township, through a grant from the State, is installing a walkway along the north side of East Rose Valley Road from Providence Road to Osborne Lane where it will connect with the Leiper-Smedley Trail. The Township is currently going through PennDOT approval, and we expect construction will begin in the fall.

The Board of Commissioners meetings will be live-streamed on YouTube. The stream can be found by searching for "Nether Providence Township" on YouTube or by using this link: <a href="Nether Providence YouTube">Nether Providence YouTube</a>. The meeting also can be watched on TV (channel 5 for Comcast, and channel 37 for Verizon.)



Meetings will be held the 4th Thursdays of the month in June, July, and August.

# SHADE TREE COMMISSION

#### **Tree Planting Event at Hepford Park**

In honor of Earth Day this year the Shade Tree Commission celebrated by planting trees in Hepford Park on April 24th. The Philadelphia Horticultural Society donated 9 trees to the Township. Thank you to the community volunteers who came out to help!





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