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TOWNSHIP NEWS

Dear Residents:

Nether Providence Township's Winter 2021-22 newsletter is packed with information about events in and around our community this winter, township news, and general, helpful information. The Board of Commissioners hopes that you and your families learn something interesting or discover a new event hosted by the Township or one of our many, great community organizations.

Fall always is a busy time for Nether Providence's Board of Commissioners and administration. Crafting the next year's budget, wrapping up the year's legislative agenda, and routine business all compete for our attention. This year was busier than most and included movement on legislation, grant awards, and public projects worth sharing here.

Providence Road Sidewalk Construction - in November, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved Nether Providence's most recent grant application for Providence Road sidewalk construction. November's \$500,000.00 grant award brings the total grant funding for Providence Road sidewalk projects to \$1,250,000. We hope to break ground on the first phase of construction (installing a new sidewalk between East Rose Valley Rd and Copples Lane) within the coming year. A sincere "thank you" to State Representative Leanne Krueger and State Senator John Kane for their enthusiastic support of, and strong advocacy for, Nether Providence's grant applications in the Pennsylvania House and Senate. Check out the Township's website for more information on our continuing efforts to improve student and pedestrian safety in our community.

The Board welcomes and encourages resident questions or comments during the public comment segment of its public meetings every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Wishing you and your families a safe and healthy winter, a Merry Christmas, and happy holidays.

Regards,
Micah Knapp,
President Nether Providence Board of Commissioners



TOWNSHIP EVENTS

Family Fun Day Sponsors

Thank you to all the sponsors for Family Fun Day. We had a great turnout and the Community had a great time!

Wawa
DELCO Cruisers
Let There Be Rock
Strath Haven Cheerleading

A to U Services
Global Security Services
Metropolitan
Communications
Leanne Krueger
Joseph E Sucher & Sons Inc
Millers Green House
Voter Registration
Law offices of Robert Scott
GO2Tech
Steve Luongo's Towing

Catania Engineering
Tancredi's Auto & Truck Repair
DJ Brookhaven Auto Wash
Media Pediatrics
Kevin Crowley GC
ASD
Charles A. Higgins & Sons Inc
Concord Auto Body of Media
Glasgow
PECO
Premier Tinting



Please give
blood.

American Red Cross



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

Nether Providence will
be hosting a blood
drive on December 29,
2021 from 2-7PM.

Choose a Donation Time

**Nether Providence Township
Building**

[Change](#)

214 Sykes Lane
Wallingford, PA 19086

12/29/2021 | 02:00 PM - 07:00 PM



TOWNSHIP EVENTS

Governor Wolf visits Nether Providence

Governor Wolf, Representative Krueger, and Senator Kane and other state officials visited the Nether Providence Township Public Works yard on October 22nd and spoke to our employees and the press.





PARKS UPDATES

Sapovits-The installation of "The Hill We Climb"

Undaunted by the pandemic, the SMArt (South Media Art) kids spent last spring remotely creating an installation honoring the words of Amanda Gorman, the 2020 Presidential Inaugural Poet. Thank you to the kids and their families; community members and friends; township officials; South Media Fire Company; WES and WSSD faculty and administration.

**"For there is always light,
If only we're brave enough to see it,
If only we're brave enough to be it."**

-Amanda Gorman, National Poet Laureate



Tree Planting event at Martha Burton Park and Sapovits Park

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help plant trees from Pennsylvania Horticultural Society on November 20th.





The Thomas Leiper House

The Township's historic 1785 Thomas Leiper House is open Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m. into December. Guided tours show you a beautifully restored and furnished home and tell you about the Leiper family's influence in Nether Providence through the generations. Suggested donations – \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. No reservations needed. Just stop in.

Located at 521 Avondale Road in Wallingford, there is a parking lot next to the property. We hope you'll be able to stop in for a visit to see some of the Township's history firsthand!





IN THE COMMUNITY



Helen Kate Furness Free Library

Winter events and programs:

Winter Gift Wrap Exchange

Between Monday November 22nd and Thursday December 30th, bring in your unused leftover wrapping paper, tissue paper, ribbon, and/or gift bags for others to enjoy. Then take some new materials home for yourself. Take some, leave some! This event runs all day during operational hours.

Please make sure that any donated materials are in good condition and can be repurposed by someone else. Materials for all seasons, occasions, and holidays welcome!

Toddler Tales: Seasons Readings!

Season's Readings! Chanukah lights brighten the street with gleaming menorahs in windows and a twinkling Christmas tree is glimpsed through the fanlight. Experience the joy of light in the darkness in story and song. A warm treat on a frosty morning awaits you.

For more information please visit

<https://www.hkflibrary.org/programs/>





PUBLIC WORKS

Plowing Tips



- Plowing cannot begin until there are at least 2" of snow, to prevent damage to the roads and the plows. Once the area is plowed, the driver will plow other areas, and then return as necessary. This is the same procedure as the other wards. It can take up to 6 hours to finish a full round of streets.
- Please understand that plow drivers never intentionally "plow anyone in." The plows have to push the snow to the side of the road to create safe travel lanes. Additionally, it would be simply infeasible for the plows to be lifted up at each driveway in the Township. Therefore, we recommend shoveling the end of your driveway after the plows have completed their routes. The plows will make at least two passes on each public road.

During the storm, please keep these points in mind:

- Stay off the roads unless necessary. This is for your benefit and the benefit of the first responders.
 - If possible, please park your cars in your driveway to make plowing easier for our Public Works Crews. Please remember that even after the storm has ended, the Public Works crews will still have several hours of work left to finish plowing the roads curb to curb. PennDOT handles the plowing of the state roads (252, 320, Wallingford Ave, Turner, Brookhaven, Baltimore Pike, Beatty)
 - If you experience a power outage, contact PECO at 800-841-4141
 - For water emergencies, Aqua customers should call 610-525-1400. Chester Water customers should call 800-793-2323.
- For police, fire, or medical emergencies, call 911.

Leaf Collection

A final one time pass through of all wards will happen the week of 12/13. Please have all leaves out by the curb by 7AM Monday.





POLICE/ PUBLIC SAFTEY

New Website

You can now download the new Crime Watch app. You can get important forms, check the latest news about the township, link up to outside resources and much more. Plus, free emergency broadcast emails that will tell you when roads are closed, emergency incidents and other need to know events.

It's free in the App Store or google play. Join now!



Nether Providence Police Department

Welcome to the Nether Providence Police Department on the CRIMEWATCH Network. Located in Wallingford, PA, our...



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POLICE/ PUBLIC SAFTEY

Holiday Safety Tips

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- ▲ Check to make sure your smoke alarms are working
 - ▲ Do not overload electrical outlets
 - ▲ Use battery-operated candles
 - ▲ Check decorations for certification label
- ▲ Keep combustibles at least three feet away from heat sources
 - ▲ Never leave a source of fire or heat unattended
 - ▲ Never use charcoal or gasoline-fueled devices indoors
 - ▲ Water tree daily
- ▲ Turn off, unplug and extinguish all decorations when leaving the house or going to sleep
 - ▲ Stay in the kitchen when cooking
 - ▲ Close your doors when sleeping
 - ▲ Drink responsibly and do not drink and drive

A public safety message from the International Association of Fire Fighters

Attention Firefighters

The Township is looking for a certified Firefighter 1 & 2 to assist in fire inspections during the day. If interested, please email the Township Fire Marshal Jack Gresch at jgresch@netherprovidence.org



Santa Around Town

The Garden City Fire Company is excited to announce that Santa Clause is coming to Nether Providence. We will be continuing our long standing tradition of hosting Santa on our hand crafted Christmas Float!

This year's float will be hitting the streets on December 11th and 12th. Santa is super excited to see everyone again this year!

This year we will be following the same COVID-19 restrictions that were in place last year. Only Santa and his helpers will be permitted on the float. Children and their families are more than welcome talk to Santa and take photos as always while stops are made along the route. Photos can be taken along the sides of the float.



 **South Media Fire Company**
23h · 🌐



FRI, DEC 10 - DEC 12
Santa Run!
Nether Providence (Northside) and Rose Valley
16 people interested

☆ Interested

SOUTH MEDIA FIRE COMPANY SANTA RUN

Stay tuned for specific times and route details for our annual Santa Run!

How to do that? Follow our Instagram and our Facebook page @southmediafire

Each day, we will cover a different section of our local response area.

Friday the 10th- evening
Saturday the 11th- afternoon
Sunday the 12th- afternoon



2021 has been a busy year for Nether Providence's Environmental Advisory Committee. The EAC has focused much of its effort on waste management and energy issues and has:

- Prepared a resolution for the Board of Commissioners to pursue a zero waste plan to reduce use of the incinerator in Chester City. The resolution calls for the EAC to provide ongoing recommendations for waste reduction and recycling measures.
- Reviewed the curbside recycling generated by township residents to improve participation and quality of recyclables while maintaining the cost savings generated through the contracting method implemented in 2020.
- Moved towards installing the township's first public electric vehicle charger and considered further locations as well as exploring funding for the purchase of electric vehicles for the township.
- Helped the township develop a simplified solar panel permitting process similar to Swarthmore's.
- Learned about Media's new borough-wide composting program as a possible model for the future.
- Followed Media's upcoming plastic bag ban with the hope of implementing one in Nether Providence next year.
- Worked with two Green Advisors from Swarthmore College to reduce waste from schools in the township.

The EAC will hold an annual strategy planning meeting at the Township building at 6 pm on December 15th. Anyone is welcome to attend and help shape the EAC's 2022 agenda. The EAC has a vacancy for appointment for anyone interested in the work we're undertaking.



STORMWATER MANAGMENT



Winter Deicing Tips for Residents

Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies. This winter, you can help by following these *environmentally-friendly* snow removal practices:

- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt
- Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

If you must use deicing chemicals, follow these suggestions...

- Control application of chemical deicers and avoid over application.
- Limit chemical applications near environmentally-sensitive areas including springs, streams, ponds, wetlands, and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation
- Sand and sawdust can be used as an environmentally-friendly alternative to commonly used salt products.
- Use salt substitutes that are less harmful including Calcium Chloride (CaCl_2) and Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA).
- For larger areas, apply salt as a brine solution to prevent drift off of paved surfaces.
- After snowmelt, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams

Why should I limit my use of salt and other chemical deicing products?

Deicing products contain chemical constituents that can be harmful to the environment including water resources and drinking water supplies. For example, sodium can break down soil structure and decrease soil permeability, which adversely impacts vegetation and soil microbes; chloride mobilizes heavy metals and impacts fresh water supplies including ground and surface waters; and heavy metal components can adversely impact water quality, plant and aquatic life.



Leaking oil goes from car to street. And is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. Now imagine the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water. So please, fix oil leaks.



Township Projects Update

East Possum Hollow Sidewalk Project- UPDATE

The construction of the East Possum Hollow sidewalk project was slated to begin in mid-October. However, the contractor for the project, Road-Con, decided at the last minute to move the project to the spring. Unfortunately, their contract with PennDOT allows them to do so, as long as the project is completed before June 30th. The Township challenged Road-Con several times on this decision as the information about the project's timing had been widely disseminated, but at this point in the season, we have not been successful in that challenge. As such, we will begin planning for their **spring start date**, which is now estimated for **mid-March**.

The Township will be installing a PennDOT-funded sidewalk on the train-track side of East Possum Hollow Road from Providence Road (Rte. 252) to the Wallingford Train Station. This is funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program, which is meant to improve access to mass transit. During the project, East Possum Hollow Road will be one-way. Traffic will only be able to travel eastbound from Providence Road towards the train station/Kershaw Road. Traffic on Kershaw will be forced to turn right onto East Possum Hollow Road. We know this detour will be an inconvenience, but there will be many long-term benefits to safety and accessibility.

EAST ROSE VALLEY WALKWAY PROJECT-UPDATE

The Township has received grant funding for the East Rose Valley Pedestrian Walkway Improvements Project. The work will be occurring along the northern side of East Rose Valley Road from Osborne Lane to Providence Road, and will consist primarily of a path, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) ramps and drainage improvements. Traffic signal and ADA improvements will take place at the intersection of E. Rose Valley Road and Providence Road as well.

The Township's Engineering Company has been working with PennDOT on the plans for the East Rose Valley pathway project. Unfortunately, PennDOT required several last-minute changes, which will mean another design resubmission to PennDOT. Since it is a State-funded project on a State Road, the Township has to comply with PennDOT's review comments. This is frustrating as it will push the construction's start date into early 2022, but we are looking forward to its completion.



Township Projects Update

Gouley Park Streambank Project- Completed!

This grant-funded restoration project included the stabilization of 300 feet of streambank, the removal of invasive species, and the removal of stream sediment. The finishing touch was the planting of 45 Trees!



Marijuana Decriminalization

At its November 18, 2021, Legislative Meeting, the Board of Commissioners moved and unanimously adopted an ordinance eliminating criminal penalties and establishing civil penalties for possession of a small amount of marijuana or marijuana products and paraphernalia in most instances. The Board of Commissioners thank Nether Providence Chief of Police, David Splain, for his input and his support for the legislation.

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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: [Nether Providence YouTube](#). The meeting also can be watched on TV (channel 5 for Comcast, and channel 37 for Verizon.)



Meetings will be held the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.



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