



TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Dear Neighbors,

2022 was a successful year! It has been great to see Gouley Park's new playground become a gathering place. We are glad to see residents enjoying it in these last few fall days. Next, we have improvements to the field spaces and a walking path in the works for Gouley and hope to have that ready for residents to enjoy in 2023. Additionally, we added a playground and there are upcoming field improvements at Hepford Park. We've added sidewalks to trails and trains, and we've made progress in the planning for additional sidewalks in other areas of the community. And we had another successful Family Fun Day in October and a sold-out, exciting Summer Camp at NPE. And we're looking forward to upcoming improvements at Martha Burton Park and Sapovits Park in early 2023.

Continue reading for some great holiday happenings at the Helen Kate Furness library and the fire companies' Santa parades. Enjoy this special time of year.

Kaitlin McKenzie

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!

Thank you

Family Fun Day Sponsors

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COMMUNICATIONS INC

CONCORD AUTO BODY
SHOP INC - MEDIA

Family Fun Day was a success thanks to the help from our community. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.



Be on the look out for **Nether Providence Township Summer camp** registration, opening in mid- April.

Keep checking our FB page for more information forthcoming!



Camp runs
Monday -Thursday
8:30am-12pm

Tentative dates:
June 26th – July
27th



TOWNSHIP EVENTS

On Thursday, November 10th Bird Town PA officially welcomed Nether Providence Township as the 36th designated Bird Town in Pennsylvania! Thank you to everyone who worked on this to make it possible.



Blood Drive Nether Providence Township Community Garden City Fire Company #1



Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation | American Red Cross
Find the nearest Red Cross blood, platelet or plasma donation center. Make a difference in someone's life.

Banquet Hall
412 Moore Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

**Tuesday, December 27, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Help put food on someone's table this holiday season.

Lifeworks, Inc.
Life works where hope thrives

Food Pantry

What we need most:

- Canned Soup
- Kid's Cereal
- Health and Hygiene products
- Condiments and Salad Dressing
- Household paper products

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Want to know more?

Check out our website at www.lifeworks.org

Drop off site at Township Office
214 Sykes Ln Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
December 2nd- January 13th.

Donate here:

Needs for the holiday season:

Stewed tomatoes
Blackeye peas
Baked beans
Succotash
Lima beans
Tomato paste

Soup and broth
Kid's cereal
Condiments
Salad dressing
Health and Hygiene products
Household paper products
Cleaning products and tools



PARKS UPDATES

Gouley Park-

Make sure to check out the new playset at Gouley Park!

Thank you to State Representative Krueger and Senator Kane for their help in securing funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. A big thank you to our very own Public Works Department for installing this beautiful new playground. They spent many hours in the heat, rain, and cold while they leveled the site and installed the playset.



Gouley Park rain garden
done by Eagle Scout
candidate Tanush
Talekar. Thank you for
your hard work on this
project!





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:



In 2022, the Helen Kate Furness Free Library celebrated 120 years of serving Nether Providence and Rose Valley. We hope that you will support Helen Kate Furness during this anniversary year with a special gift to celebrate this special institution, and to ensure its ongoing vitality.

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.

For more information please visit

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





IN THE COMMUNITY

Community Arts Center:

The Community Arts Center in Wallingford, PA is a non-profit arts based organization and an extraordinary place. A place full of creativity, history, inspiration, energy, celebration, and ART. CAC offers countless opportunities to create and enjoy the visual arts. Classes for all ages, exhibits in our spacious gallery, an active outreach program, an artisans gift shop, and frequent fine art and craft sales allow people to come together and bring art and creativity into their lives.

WINTER 2023 CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & STUDIOS

<https://communityartscenter.org/schedule/>

Events for 2022/2023

<https://communityartscenter.org/events/>

<https://communityartscenter.org/friday-night-live-concerts/>





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. 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

We are approaching the end of this season's leaf collection. Please have your leaves out for collection by 12/12 as the crews make their final pass through the wards.



Christmas Tree
pick up will start the week of 1/3 and run until 1/31.
Please leave your tree at the curb and remove all
decorations.
Do not wrap in plastic bags.





POLICE/ PUBLIC SAFETY

The holiday season brings more packages' and deliveries. Use these tricks of the trade to help protect yourself.

Avoid Porch Theft: 5 Tips to Protect Your Packages

1. Network with Neighbors
2. Have Packages Delivered to Work
3. Leave Specific Drop-off Instructions
4. Use a Smart Lock
5. Install Security Cameras

Tips to Avoid Package Theft

1. Get a P.O. Box as Your Local Post Office
2. Use Lockers
3. Set Up Notifications to Track Your Packages
4. Install a Security Camera
5. Get Your Packages Delivered to Your Office
6. Require a Signature on Delivery
7. Reschedule Delivery or Ask for a Package Hold When on Vacation
8. Try Smart Locks
9. Get a Package Guard
10. Insure Your Packages
11. Ask Your Neighbors to Grab Your Packages



6 ways to Grinch-proof your holiday light displays

1. Shut down at night
2. Set up surveillance
3. Crime-proof your yard
4. Consider bringing in valuable items at night
5. Stay connected
6. Report, report, report

What to do if you've become a victim of a porch pirate

1. Check with your delivery company to make sure your package was actually delivered.
2. Know exactly what's in the missing box.
3. If you see the thief, pay attention to what his or her vehicle looks like and its license plate number. Second to that, get the thief's physical description – gender, approximate height and weight and what they're wearing – so you can tell an officer.
4. Call 911 and ask for an officer to come to your home.
5. If you have a security camera on your home, get a copy of the video to police. Ask your neighbors if their cameras captured the thief in action.

Where to Report Stolen Packages

USPS: File a Claim

UPS: Start a Claim

FedEx: Start a Claim

Amazon: Find a Missing Package That Shows As Delivered



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 10th and 11th. Santa is super excited to see everyone again this year! Follow us on Facebook for routes and times.



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 Mark your calendars!

Santa rides again through Rose Valley, South Media, Bowling Green, Heatherwold, Moylan, the Ridges, Plush Mill, etc., **the weekend of December 16th.**

Route and Times each day to be posted soon!! Having a special event or block party? Drop us a line, and we'll see what Santa can do!





ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE- EAC

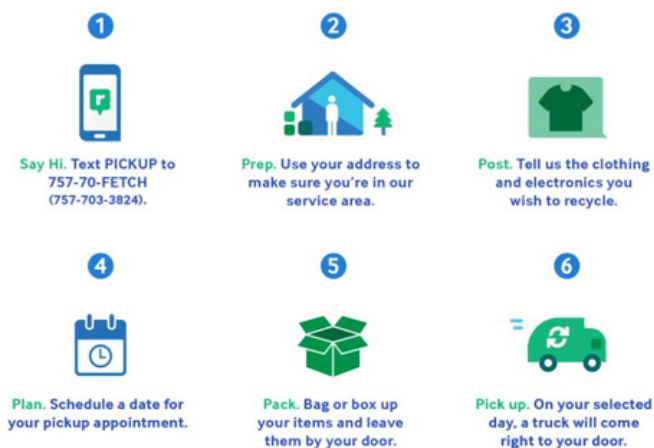
Nether Providence Environmental Update

As Township residents have continued to emerge from their pandemic hibernation there has been a lot of environment-related activity in Nether Providence in 2022. This summary is brought to you by the NPT Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), but the list includes activities by the Township, other NPT Commissions, and citizen action groups.

- EAC members conducted Recycling Education Outreach at Family Fun Day, Unity Day, and with local Boy Scouts
- A coalition led by the Parks Commission, with support by the EAC, Shade Tree Commission, and Board of Commissioners applied for and obtained Bird Town Pennsylvania designation. Bird Town PA works in partnership with local municipalities and like-minded organizations to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife, and people. Visit <https://birdtownpa.org/> for more information and educational resources
- The Board of Commissioners passed a Declaration of Arbor Day (in conjunction with the Bird Town application)
- The Shade Tree Commission sponsored two tree planting events
- A Waste and Recycling Committee consisting of two Commissioners and citizens from each ward was established to evaluate options for improvement of any/all aspects of waste collection/management and recycling. If you have ideas to share or wish to join the Committee, please contact your commissioner
- Through the Swarthmore College Green Advisors program, two energetic students mentored by an EAC member and the Township Manager are working with the Township on projects related to solar power for Township buildings and electrifying Township vehicles
- The EAC has been following the development of single use plastic bag bans in nearby communities including Media Borough (effective January 2023) and worked with Commissioners to draft a similar ordinance for consideration by Nether Providence
- NPT hosted e-recycling and shredding events with other community partners
- Township leaf collection and composting is a perennial success wrapping up with with a final pass through all wards the week of 12/12
- The Township has applied for recycling grants for replacement recycling containers and an additional leaf collection truck
- CAT Club of NPT (Citizens Against Trash) has conducted successful roadway trash cleanups throughout the year, with logistics support by NPT
- The township has received grants for trail improvements and watershed restoration in Houston Park.
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If we missed something or there are activities you would like to share/recruit for in the future please reach out to the EAC or Township staff.

How it Works



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

<https://retrieve.com/location/nether-providence-pa/>



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.



Give your dog a helping hand by getting a 2023 Dog License.

A dog license is a ticket home for a lost dog. Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement Dog Wardens help ensure the safety of your pet if it is ever lost so it can return home. Set your dog's mind, and your own, at ease. Get your 2023 license now!

<http://www.licenseyourdog.pa.pa.gov/>

#LoveYourDogLicenseYourDog



Waste & Recycling Committee

The Township Board of Commissioners has established a committee to evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners about the current and future state of residential waste collection and recycling in the Township, culminating in a public report. Areas of review can include ancillary residential waste-related concerns including yard waste, composting and leaf collection if the committee so chooses. The committee will hold public meetings and will be looking for input from residents.

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.)



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PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM



The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Claimants may exclude half of their Social Security income. In addition, federal Civil Service Retirement System benefit recipients may exclude 50% of the average annual Social Security benefit amount from their total eligibility income and veterans with federal veterans' disability payments or state veterans' payments may exclude 100% of those payments. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

For more information about the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, please visit revenue.pa.gov/PTRR.



For more information on this program please visit: [Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program \(pa.gov\)](http://Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program (pa.gov))

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Public Meetings

Board of Commissioners Working Session

2nd Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners Legislative Session

4th Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission – 1st Monday 7:30 p.m.
(unless a holiday)

Zoning Hearing Board – 2nd Monday 7:30
p.m. January and February.

March - December – 3rd Monday 7:30 p.m.

Parks Commission – 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm

Township Officials

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Kris Laubscher, Tax Collector

David Splain, Police Chief

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