

# Nether Providence

## Township



SPRING/SUMMER 2023

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## Welcome to Our New Newsletter

*Dear Neighbor,*

As we put the winter season behind us, we are looking forward to warmer weather and seeing residents out and about. Over the next few months, the Township will undertake stormwater and other improvements at Sapovits and Martha Burton parks.

We are also happy to report that the Township has received funding to complete the second planned phase of work at Furness Park. This will include additional trails with a bridge and connection to the Summit neighborhood, which will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to avoid the busy Turner Road.

Please read through our newsletter for information on additional events and projects throughout the Township.

Sincerely,

*Kaitlin McKenzie,*

President, Board of Commissioners



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Township Manager: Dave Grady

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## TOWNSHIP EVENTS

### Summer Camp



# Nether Providence Township Summer Camp 2023

June 26th – July 27th  
*No camp Tuesday, July 4th*  
Nether Providence Elementary School (NPE)  
8:30am – 12:00pm Monday – Thursday  
Programs offered for Kindergarten through 6th  
grade (grade entering in Sept 2023)  
Camp fee \$295.00 (fee is for ALL 5 weeks)



Registration to begin April 3, 2023. Registration may be dropped off or mailed to Nether Providence Township, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford PA 19086. Payment for campers must be attached to the registration from. Checks are made payable to Nether Providence Township. Questions regarding the Summer Recreation program can be directed to Maureen Feyas, at [mfeyas@netherprovidence.org](mailto:mfeyas@netherprovidence.org) or 610-566-4516 ext 217.



The Nether Providence Township Summer Camp does not discriminate against any participants on the basis of race, national origin, ethnicity, citizenship, gender, age, creed, sexual orientation, ancestry, disability, or any other characteristics protected by law. The Nether Providence Township Summer Camp is an Equal Opportunity care provider.

## Nether Providence Township's Summer Camp 2023



School-aged children through 5th grade are invited to join the fun at this five-week, half-day camp running from the end of June to the end of July.

Campers will spend mornings exercising their bodies and minds through a variety of activities. The camp features soccer games, crafts, and special events including waterslides, an obstacle course, and a visit from Judy Tudy the Clown.

Please check the website/Facebook page for information and registration. Please contact Maureen Feyas at 610-566-4516 x217 or [mfeyas@netherprovidence.org](mailto:mfeyas@netherprovidence.org) with any questions.

## STAY CONNECTED

Facebook: Nether Providence Township

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TV: Channel 5 for Comcast, and channel 37 for Verizon



## Camp Counselor Positions

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PART TIME SUMMER WORK AND ENJOY WORKING WITH KIDS?

**Camp Counselor positions are available!**

Applicants must be 16 years old before camp starts.

Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

June 26th-July 27th (No camp Tuesday, July 4th)

Applications can be found on the Township website. Please contact Maureen Feyas at 610-566-4516 x217 or [mfeyas@netherprovidence.org](mailto:mfeyas@netherprovidence.org) with any questions.

## Counselors In-Training

Volunteer Counselors in Training (14-15 years old) positions are available.

Applications can be found on the Township website. Please contact Maureen Feyas at 610-566-4516 x217 or [mfeyas@netherprovidence.org](mailto:mfeyas@netherprovidence.org) with any questions.

## Upcoming Events

### BULK TRASH

## Bulk Trash Drop-off Event

Hepford Park &  
South Media Fire Company  
July 22nd  
10am-2pm



Please NO electronics or hazardous waste (example: computers, TVs, oil-based paint, propane tanks, batteries, toxics, mercury-containing items, etc.) For more information call: 610-566-4516. Residents must show ID. No commercial or industrial trash permitted. The site will be open until 2 PM or when the dumpsters become filled, whichever is sooner.

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Hours of Operation:  
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# HHW EVENTS

## 2023 Delaware County (Revised Schedule) Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

**TICKET MUST BE PRESENT TO ACCESS EVENT** \*Registration required for all event

Register at: [delcohhw.eventbrite.com](http://delcohhw.eventbrite.com) or scan the QR code

\*Registration/QR Code will be activated 6 weeks prior to each event



*Think Globally, Act Locally!* If improperly discarded, household products containing toxic chemicals can be a threat to people, pets and the environment. Never dispose of hazardous materials in the trash as they may harm your sanitation workers or result in a collection vehicle fire. It is also unsafe to pour HHW down a sink or storm drain as it will end up polluting our drinking water.



This Program is offered as a community service to the residents of Delaware County and is not open to businesses, institutions or industry.

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### **ONLY Household Hazardous Waste will be accepted** **Electronics Waste & Latex Paint will NOT be accepted**

- **Sat., April 22<sup>th</sup>** Emergency Services Training Center  
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.) 19079
- **Sat., June 3<sup>rd</sup>\*** Rose Tree Park  
1671 N. Providence Rd., Media PA 19063  
*\*Please note this is a new date for this location*
- **Sat., Sept 9<sup>th</sup>** Emergency Services Training Center  
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.) 19079
- **Sat., Oct., 14<sup>th</sup>** Upper Chichester Municipal Bldg.  
8500 Furey Road., Upper Chichester, PA 19061



**ALL EVENTS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY rain or shine -REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



### **Acceptable HHW**



### **Unacceptable**

#### **Flammables**

- Oil-based Paint
- Oil-based Sealers
- Paint Thinner
- Gasoline
- Kerosene
- Gas / Oil Mixture
- Heating/Motor Oil

#### **Batteries (Non-Alkaline)**

- Lead Acid
- Rechargeable
- Lithium
- Ni-Cad Batteries

#### **Toxics**

- Pool Chemicals
- Rust / Paint Remover
- Antifreeze

#### **Herbicides**

#### **Pesticides**

- Lawn Chemicals

#### **Caustics**

- Cleaners / Solvents

#### **Mercury Containing Devices**

- Mercury Thermostats
- Mercury Thermometers
- Fluorescent Tubes  
(Compact Fluorescents a/k/a CFL's may also be recycled at any Lowes or Home Depot)

**We cannot / will not accept any Electronic Items or Latex Paint**

#### **Unacceptable**

**ELECTRONICS**  
We cannot accept Electronics

**Smoke Detectors**

(Please dispose with household trash)

**Latex Paint**

Remove lid and allow to dry or mix with absorbent material until no longer a liquid. Discard lids separately and place with your curbside trash.

**Asbestos**

**Explosives**

**Gas or Propane Cylinders**

**PCB's**

**No 50 Gallon Drums**

**Pressurized CFC's**

**Tires**

**Medical Waste**

**Alkaline Batteries -**

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For additional information, contact:  
Delaware County Solid Waste Authority 610-892-9627  
Driving Directions can be found by visiting:  
[www.delcoswa.org](http://www.delcoswa.org)

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## PARKS UPDATES

**Martha Burton Community Park** - Construction on the new playground will start this summer.

**Sapovits** - A walking path from the basketball courts to the playground will be installed, along with minor playground improvements.

**Furness II** - With funding assistance from Delaware County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Township will begin the design and construction of Furness Park Phase II, which will connect the Park's existing trail network to the Summit neighborhood at Knoll Road.

**Hepford Park** - Improvements were recently completed on baseball field #1 at Hepford Park. Following the success of these improvements, the Township and NPAA Baseball have partnered to fund improvements on baseball field #3, which will allow for the return of the T-ball program to Hepford Park.

**Use of Recreation Facilities** - Nether Providence is home to nine parks throughout the Township; all with something unique to offer such as playgrounds, picnic tables, pavilions, nature paths, and sports fields.

If you are interested in reserving a park or field, visit the Township website under "forms" and fill out the "NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP APPLICATION FOR USE OF RECREATION FACILITIES" form.

*Please note Applications for permits to use the Nether Providence Township Recreation facilities MUST be submitted to the Township at least two (2) weeks before the first date of use.*

Nether Providence Township Presents  
2nd Annual

### Summer Movies At The Park



Grab your lawn chairs or blankets  
and watch a family friendly movie  
under the stars together!



2023 Hepford Park- July 15th at 8PM



Sapovits Park- August 12th at 8PM

Follow the township Facebook page for updates and selected movies!  
<https://www.facebook.com/netherprovidencetownship>



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

**The Thomas Leiper House** The Township's historic 1785 Thomas Leiper House is open Saturday and Sunday afternoons, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. from April through December each year. 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 are 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!



**Helen Kate Furness Free Library** Every month there's a new scavenger hunt in the children's library for sharp-eyed searchers. Don't forget to ask Ms. Lori about the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program for newborns thru pre-kindergarten with its 100 book prizes, 1000 book child-friendly book bag upon completion, and recognition of achievement with an honorary bookplate with your child's name. New programs will be added, so don't forget to go to our website or [www.hkflibrary/programs](http://www.hkflibrary/programs) to see the latest and greatest. Summer will bring us "All Together Now" with this wonderfully inclusive theme!

**For Adults** If you need assistance filing your taxes, free AARP Tax Preparation Appointments will be available at the library through mid-April. The library offers three distinct book clubs for grownups: Book Date with Helen Kate, an evening monthly book club that meets on the last Thursday of every month; Keep it Short, a new bimonthly daytime book club that features short novels and short story collections; and Seasonal Selections, a quarterly lunchtime cookbook club where each member picks a recipe from the same book and brings in the dish to share. Book Date with Helen Kate is scheduled to meet on March 30, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27 and Aug. 31 from 6-7 p.m. Keep It Short will be held on April 28, June 30, and Aug. 25 from 1-2 p.m., and Seasonal Selections on July 19 from 12-1:30 p.m. You can register for programs at [www.hkflibrary/programs](http://www.hkflibrary/programs)



**Museum Passes** Use your library card to borrow museum passes. The library offers passes to 8 different museums and attractions. Find out more information at [www.hkflibrary.org/museumpasses](http://www.hkflibrary.org/museumpasses)

**Used Book Sale** Visit our ongoing book sale on the library's second floor for a wonderful selection of gift-quality titles. Suggested donation of \$3 for hardbacks and \$1 for paperbacks and children's items. Book donations can be dropped off on the library's covered front porch on Sundays from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.

**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.

Community Arts Center 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.

For 2023 events please go to: [www.communityartscenter.org/events/](http://www.communityartscenter.org/events/)

**Historical Commission** The Historical Commission is back to having monthly meetings every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the Township Building. If you are interested in attending, contact Shaina Barnes at [sbarnes@netherprovidence.org](mailto:sbarnes@netherprovidence.org) with your information. We have room for two new members!

## PUBLIC WORKS

### LEAF MULCH

The Township leaf mulch program runs from the end of March through June (or whenever the mulch runs out). This nutrient-rich leaf mulch is made from the leaves and yard waste the Township collects throughout the Fall.

Orders are taken at the Township Building, 214 Sykes Lane.

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Cash or check ONLY.

Township Resident – \$105.00/full truckload \$65.00/half truckload

Full truckload about 5-6 yards

Half truckload about 2-3 yards



### YARD WASTE

The Township Public Works Department collects yard waste on the second Tuesday of each month.

You **MUST** call the Township to get on the list to have your yard waste picked up.

Simply call 610-566- 4516 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and provide your address.

Call early as pick-ups can fill up!

- Limbs and branches must not be greater than 4" in diameter and no longer than 5'. They should be bundled together with twine.
- All items must be placed at the edge of your property, curbside. The employees cannot come onto your property to pick up the items.
- If you choose to bag items, they must be in a paper biodegradable bag. NO PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC BIODEGRADABLE BAGS.
- Logs, stumps, and branches larger than the parameters above WILL NOT be collected. You'll have to arrange for a tree company or your trash hauler to take those items.

NOT accepted: Grass clippings, vines, ivy, and weeds. These clog and break the mulch machine.

Drop-offs will be permitted from 8 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of the month and Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon each week at the Township public works garage located at 5 W. Brookhaven Road, Wallingford.

To schedule a pickup, please contact the Township office at 610.566.4516 by the Monday prior to the scheduled Tuesday pick-up.

### Curbside leaf collection schedule 2023

Please have leaves out by 7 AM on the Monday morning of your collection week. Collection will take place during that week.

Week of 10/16 – Wards 2,3,4

Week of 10/23 – Wards 1,5,6,7

Week of 11/6 – Wards 2,3,4

Week of 11/13 – Wards 1,5,6,7

Week of 11/27 – Wards 2,3,4

Week of 12/4 – Wards 1,5,6,7

Week of 12/11 – final pass through all wards (1,2,3,4,5,6,7)

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## NETHER PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Chief David Splain**

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### DOUBLE DUTY

Back in December 2021, Nether Providence Patrolman Michael Worrell was at Fort Hood in Texas, training for his second tour with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

By the first week of January 2022, he was on his way to Kuwait, where for the next 11 months he switched roles from police officer to acting platoon sergeant with the 1067th Composite Truck Company.

Ofc. Worrell has been busy since his return home in October. When he's not working, he's either at the gym, spending time with friends or settling in at his new house.

A lifelong resident of Delaware County, Ofc. Worrell grew up in Folcroft. He graduated from Academy Park High School in June 2009 and enlisted in the Army the following October – initially just biding his time until he could pursue his dream job.

"I wanted to be a police officer. I even took the agility test and a written exam for the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy. They told me I probably wouldn't be hired anywhere until I was 21, and I was only 18," he said. "I joined the Army and almost immediately was sent to Afghanistan where I served for a year from November 2010 to 2011. I came home and went to the police academy."

When he graduated from the academy's six-month program in 2012, he was the recipient of the Firearms Award, a nod for sure to his military training, he said.

After making the application rounds, Ofc. Worrell was hired as a part-time officer in Yeadon in March 2013, where Nether Providence Chief David Splain was then employed as a Detective Sergeant.

Eighteen months into his two-year stint in Yeadon, Ofc. Worrell came to work as a part-time officer in Nether Providence in 2014 under Chief Splain, who was hired as Chief of police in Nether Providence in 2013.

Ofc. Worrell later worked full time for both the Drexel University Police Department for six months, and then the Philadelphia Police Department for a year and a half before returning full time to Nether Providence in November 2016.

"What appealed to me when I hired him was his maturity at a young age, and his military experience," Chief Splain said.



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# Thank You!

## *Thank You to the Businesses*

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"Since I was 18, I wanted to be a police officer. I grew up seeing kids making poor choices, and I wanted to become part of the change," said Ofc. Worrell, who is the first in his family to work in law enforcement.

As an acting platoon sergeant in Kuwait, Ofc. Worrell supervised 53 soldiers, and oversaw millions of dollars' worth of equipment. They trained with members of the British, Danish, Norwegian and Italian armies.

"Our job was logistics, getting soldiers and equipment from one point to another to sustain operations in the Middle East," he said of their peaceful mission. "We conducted multiple training exercises to stay prepared for future conflicts."

The months in Kuwait contrasted with his time in Afghanistan, where Ofc. Worrell said he saw extensive combat, and lost three friends in his platoon after their truck was hit by an improvised explosive device.

Also, unlike Afghanistan, the internet connection in Kuwait was decent, which allowed him to Facetime with his daughters almost daily. Ofc. Worrell's first stop when he came home was their schools. Try not to tear up watching videos of the daddy-daughter reunions.

Ofc. Worrell is proud of his rise from the ranks of Army private. He's made lifelong friends from Pennsylvania throughout his 13 years in the Guard.




Jordan Culbreath

**COMINGS:** Welcome Officer Jordan Culbreath, who was sworn in on Dec. 8, 2022.

**... AND GOINGS:** Sgt. David Bennett retired after 30 years with the Nether Providence Police Department, effective March 1, 2023. We wish him well in this new chapter.




David Bennett



*Nether Providence Police Chief David M. Splain is the President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association for 2022-2023.*

*The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association is a professional organization of more than 1,000 chiefs of police and public safety and private law enforcement organizations across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its mission is to promote excellence in service and expertise in law enforcement and public safety services, to advocate for law enforcement leaders and to provide innovative programs and training for its members.*



If you haven't already, sign up for the CrimeWatch app - [@netherprovidencepolice.org](https://@netherprovidencepolice.org) - for all up-to-date information from the Nether Providence Police Department.

Also follow us [@NetherProvPD](https://@NetherProvPD) on Twitter; [@nether.providence](https://@nether.providence) on Facebook; [@nether\\_providence\\_police](https://@nether_providence_police) on Instagram; and Nether Providence Police Department on NextDoor.

### NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

#### Police

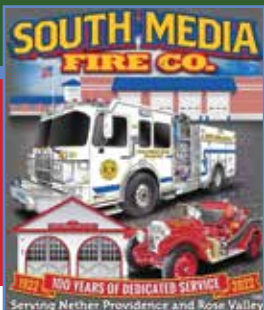
610-892-2875

#### South Media Fire Com.

610-566-6151

#### Garden City Fire Com.

610-876-6801



# NETHER PROVIDENCE FIRE COMPANIES

## South Media Fire Company (SMFC)

Training is held every Monday at 7 p.m. Residents are invited to stop by to learn about us, explore volunteering with us, or just say hi. All are welcome. For questions or information, we can be reached at [info@southmediafire.com](mailto:info@southmediafire.com).

Food truck Fridays start April 1. Check the South Media Fire Company Facebook page for times and details.

## Garden City Fire Company (GCFC)

Garden City Fire Company Launches New Recruitment Campaign: 'Trained to Save, Inspired to Serve'

Garden City Fire Company of Nether Providence Township has launched a new volunteer recruitment campaign and website! The department, which serves Nether Providence Township, Rose Valley Borough, and its surrounding communities, has developed new branding and a new tagline, "Trained to Save, Inspired to Serve."

To learn more about Garden City Fire Company or to fill out an inquiry form, visit [www.GardenCityFirefighter.org](http://www.GardenCityFirefighter.org).





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**INSPIRED to SERVE**  
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If so, Garden City Fire Company wants to meet you! Our volunteers receive stellar training on a local, state and national level without charge. Our trucks and apparatus are state-of-the-art. We are a welcoming group of lifesavers who are hoping to grow by recruiting more volunteers through our website, [GardenCityFirefighter.org](http://GardenCityFirefighter.org)

*"We are looking for community members who are interested in serving and protecting their neighbors," said Michelle Carroll, an administrative officer and treasurer with the fire company. "Some of our volunteers have even gone on to paid careers in public service."*

Garden City Fire Company serves the citizens of **Nether Providence Township, Rose Valley Borough** and its surrounding communities.

*"Being a Garden City Fire Company volunteer has taught me life skills and responsibility as well as pride. I learned dedication and friendship from being here that I've been able to use through life."*

*— William Smith, Firefighter*

#### WAYS TO VOLUNTEER:



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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE- EAC

The Nether Providence Waste and Recycling Committee is currently reviewing the Township's existing waste services offered to residents. These include:

- Single stream recycling picked up from residences once/week.
- Curbside Christmas tree pickup throughout the month of January.
- Curbside leaf collection picked up on a schedule between October and December.
- Brush pickup by appointment and drop-off times at the Township's public works yard.
- Bulk trash events for residents to drop off large items.
- Electronics recycling and shredding scheduled multiple times during the year in collaboration with nearby boroughs.
- Household hazardous waste events organized by the county.
- A partnership with "retrievr" for bulk/electronic recycling curbside pickup available by request.

Be prepared for spring! There are a number of steps you can take to reduce mosquito numbers without spraying chemicals. Chemical sprays affect insects of all kinds including helpful ones like bees and butterflies and can affect animals that hunt mosquitoes such as birds. Instead of spraying, remove sources of standing water where mosquitoes breed, such as in buckets, children's play equipment and overturned lids. In places where you cannot remove standing water, such as bird baths, change the water frequently or use a fountain or other device to keep it moving. In other places with standing water, mosquito dunks provide safe means of targeting mosquito larvae without affecting other insects.



The Township has a native plants ordinance and encourages the planting of native plants throughout the Township. Native plants are beneficial to wildlife, easy to maintain and help keep nature healthy. Ideas for native plants are available from organizations like the Pennsylvania State Extension Service, including through their master gardener program. A good list can be found at <https://extension.psu.edu/pennsylvania-native-plants-for-the-perennial-garden>.

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## TOWNSHIP NEWS

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** The Township is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan, which evaluates the existing land use, transportation systems, housing, community facilities and services, nature, and culture of our Township. The Plan projects future trends, establishes a series of goals, and proposes a list of policy and physical recommendations. When implemented, the recommendations will help the Township achieve goals identified through the planning process and accommodate expected changes while protecting the community character and valuable resources that make the Township unique.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please go to the link provided and partake in the survey to help provide the Township with your feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nptcompplan> or scan the QR Code. The survey will be open until May 1st.



**NETHER PROVIDENCE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NPAA)** Spring/Summer programs are in full swing. Be sure to check out these organizations' websites for more information and registration.

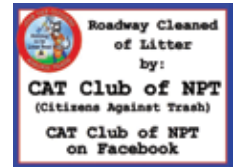
Nether Swarthmore Baseball & Softball- <https://www.npaabaseball.com/>

Nether United Soccer- <http://www.npaasoccer.com/>

Nether Swarthmore Basketball- <https://www.swarthmorecreation.org/basketball/>

Haven Youth Wrestling- <https://www.havenwrestling.org/>

**CITIZENS AGAINST TRASH CLUB (CAT CLUB):** Follow them on Facebook for upcoming cleanup events and more information.



**FRIENDLY REMINDER** Let's all do our part to keep our community clean!

As the weather gets warmer, please pick up your dog's waste so other people and pets don't step in it. The Township has provided Pet Waste Eliminator Stations at all of our parks for convenience.

### HOW DO I REPORT A POTHOLE ON A STATE ROAD?

- Go to [www.penndot.pa.gov](http://www.penndot.pa.gov).
- Click "submit concern."
- Hit "new concern."
- Click "road or bridge conditions."
- Select "pothole"
- Hit SUBMIT



### STATE ROADS IN NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

Baltimore Pike	Manchester Ave
Beatty Road	Rogers Lane
Brookhaven Road	Providence Road
Bullens Lane	Turner Road
Chester Road	Wallingford Ave
Chestnut Pkwy	Waterville Road
Crum Creek Road	Rose Valley Road

### STRAY CATS: HOW TO HELP THEM

#### Ways To Help Stray Cats (from [humanesociety.org](http://humanesociety.org)):

- If the cat has identification, try to contact the owner.
- If you can get the cat into a carrier, take them to a veterinarian or animal shelter to be scanned for a microchip.
- Contact animal shelters, veterinary offices and rescue groups to let them know about the cat you've found. Someone may have filed a lost cat report that is a match.
- Ask neighbors and mail carriers if they're familiar with the cat.
- Post signs and place free ads in local newspapers.
- Create a "found pet" profile at The Center for Lost Pets.

It's helpful if you can provide shelter for the cat while you search for their owner. If no owner is found, you can try to find a good home for them or adopt the cat yourself. If you take the cat home with you, have them examined by a veterinarian before introducing them to your other cats.



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A cat is probably feral if they're still unapproachable and cannot be touched after several days of feeding. Don't try to handle a feral cat. Most feral cats can't be adopted because they're too afraid of people.

One sign that a cat is a spayed or neutered feral is a tipped or notched ear (if the tip or section of an ear has been surgically removed). A stray cat who is spayed or neutered may also have a tipped or notched ear.

## Stop Overpopulation with TNR (from [humanesociety.org](http://humanesociety.org)):

Trap, Neuter, Return is a nonlethal strategy for reducing the number of community cats and improving the quality of life for cats, wildlife and people.

- Humanely trapping community cats,
- Spaying or neutering them,
- Vaccinating them against rabies and other diseases,
- Surgically removing the tip of one ear (a "tipped" ear is the universally recognized sign of a cat who has been spayed or neutered),
- Returning the cats to their home (the location where they were trapped).

## TNR Shelters/Groups:

Forgotten Cats offers TNR services. <https://forgottencats.org/services/tnvr/>



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

### Clean Water Begins With You

#### What is Stormwater Runoff?



Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces such as streets, sidewalks, and driveways prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground. As stormwater flows over ground, it can pick up chemicals, debris, dirt, and other pollutants that enter the storm sewer system.

#### Why is Stormwater Runoff a Concern?



Once pollutants from stormwater enter the storm sewer system, they are discharged **UNTREATED** into local streams and waterways. These are the same bodies of water that we use for drinking, fishing, and recreation.

#### What are the effects of Stormwater?

Polluted stormwater can lead to an overall decline in stream health that results in a negative impact to fish, wildlife, and recreation.

- ▲ Increased volumes of stormwater entering streams due to impervious surfaces, preventing infiltration and increasing runoff, can lead to erosion of stream and lake banks. This in turn results in large amounts of sediments entering our waterways. Higher volumes of water entering our waterbodies also leads to flooding.
- ▲ Sediments cloud water, making it difficult for aquatic plants and animals to survive.
- ▲ Excess nutrients, often a result of fertilizer runoff from our lawns, causes algal blooms. When algae die and decompose, the process removes oxygen from the water. Fish and aquatic organisms cannot live in water with low oxygen levels.
- ▲ Bacteria, often from dog waste left on the ground, can wash into local streams and create a health hazard.
- ▲ Debris and trash that is left on streets, sidewalks and parking lots is washed into our waterbodies degrading the water aesthetically and harming wildlife that use the water as a home.
- ▲ Pollution from stormwater degrades streams and waterways used for drinking water. This can affect public health and lead to increased costs to treat the water.



#### Storm Drains

Never dump anything down a storm drain especially used motor oil or antifreeze. Dispose of these properly at a local service station or approved recycling center. Encourage your community to stencil storm drains with "No Dumping, Drains to Creek" so others will know that everything that enters the storm sewer system also enters their local creeks.



#### Pet Waste

Pet waste can be a major source of excess nutrients and bacteria to local waterbodies. It is important to always pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste properly. When pet waste is left on the ground it increases public health risks.



### What you can do to be part of the solution

#### Auto Care

Washing your car at home on the driveway or the street can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. It is best to wash your car at a commercial car wash where they treat and recycle the wastewater. If you do wash your car at home, do so in your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.



Repair all car leaks. Fluid leaking from a car onto a paved surface is washed into the storm sewer system when it rains.



#### Streambank Landscaping

Erosion of streambanks can be prevented through the use of vegetated strips along the banks. Also known as riparian buffers, these strips of tall grasses, trees, and flowers act to stabilize banks, which prevents erosion and additional sediment load in the stream.



#### Residential Landscaping

**Downspouts** – Direct all downspouts away from pervious surfaces and onto lawns. Rain barrels can be used to collect the rainwater from downspouts. This water can be used later on the lawn and garden.

**Lawn Care** – Fertilizers and Pesticides should be used sparingly. When applied in excess, these chemicals are washed off by rainwater and enter the local storm sewer system. Additionally, it is important not to sweep yard waste and leaves into the street. These add extra nutrients to streams.

**Rain Gardens or Grassy Swales** – These specially designed gardens can be planted with native vegetation to provide an area for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Stormwater from rooftop drains and pavement areas can be directed to these vegetated areas.



Delaware County Planning Department. Funding from the PA DEP. Source: US EPA.

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### TAX OFFICE

#### **TAX PAYMENTS:**

Mail or hand deliver to:  
214 Sykes Lane  
Wallingford, PA 19086

To receive a paid receipt, please include the entire bill and a self-addressed, stamped envelope OR include your email address.

To make a payment appointment, email [taxcollector@netherprovidence.org](mailto:taxcollector@netherprovidence.org) or call 484-480-9524. Township staff CANNOT stamp payments received.

#### **TAX OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS:**


Township Treasurer/Tax Collector:	484-480-9524
School Tax Office:	610-892-3470
County Real Estate Tax Office	610-891-4277
Tax Claim Bureau	610-891-4282
Board of Assessment	610-891-4878

#### **PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM:**

1-888-222-9190

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

June 30, 2023  
[www.revenue.pa.gov/PTRR](http://www.revenue.pa.gov/PTRR)



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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](http://revenue.pa.gov/PTRR).**





## FOOD PANTRY



### DONATE Food

Bring Food Donations to:

28 Walnut Road  
Wallingford, PA  
19086

Donation Hours:

Mondays 11-4

Tuesdays 5-6, 6:45-8

Or by appointment - contact Joy through the contact form.

Donate here:



Foods we need currently:

(Besides money, which is always needed to keep things running) . . .

When donating, consider 12+ of any one item rather than an assortment. This allows us to include it on our "shopping list." (Most grocery stores have "lost leader" sales at low prices, with a quantity limit. It's a great way to find items to donate!)

Coffee: any type: (Imagine going without whether you have a job or are looking for one!)

Baking supplies: except flour

Salad dressings: Balsamic, Blue Cheese, Caesar, French, Italian, Ranch, Thousand Island

Condiments:

BBQ sauce, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, any flavor jelly except grape.

Cereal: Kid's favorites and whole grain adult favorites

Soups: Favorites listed below, any accepted!

Chowders: (Manhattan, New England clam, Chicken Corn)

Anything Progresso or Campbell's chunky

Broths: beef, bone (much healthier version of chicken for same price!) vegetable (can't keep any of these in stock)

Crackers: in any size and any type (can't keep in stock except saltines:) Grahams, Ritz, Triscuits are favorites. Nut Thins for those with wheat allergies

Canned Vegetables:

Creamed Corn

Greens: collard, mixed, mustard, spinach, turnip

Tomatoes: Crushed, Paste & Whole

Anything else not listed above other than the most basic (which we get from the government - example: corn, cut green beans, chick peas, kidney & pinto beans, mixed veggies)

Corn chips and taco shells, tortillas

Main dish and sides boxed mixes

Granola & Fruit Bars

Non-food current needs :  
Ongoing Supplies:

Health and Beauty Products: Over-the-counter topical medications and health-care products, shampoo, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, non-alcohol mouth wash, lotion, and any kind of bathroom staples that we all tend to go without when food is a priority. Must be unopened. Sample sizes okay.

Laundry Detergent and Cleaning Supplies

All paper goods. Paper towels, tissues, napkins, toilet paper.

Feminine Hygiene products - Tampons, Mini-pads, Maxi-pads, Overnight

Bladder Control products - Medium, Heavy-Long pads

Can openers - manual preferred - some clients may have none, or no electricity.

Gas Cards - for client-volunteers to pick up our pantry food donations from local grocery stores.

Zip-Lock bags (with slider openings for speed) in all sizes

Trash bags, kitchen sized - scented and unscented



## NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Board of Commissioners meetings are live streamed on YouTube. The stream can be found by searching for "Nether Providence Township" on YouTube. The meeting also can be watched on TV (channel 5 for Comcast, and channel 37 for Verizon.)

### 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, February, and June. March - December – 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Parks Commission – 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) 4th Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Historical Commission- 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

## WAYS TO KEEP COOLING COSTS LOW THIS SUMMER

- **Install a programmable thermostat.** Consider adjusting your thermostat upward during nighttime hours and when you're not home. This will help keep your energy bill low during the hot summer months.
- **Only use ceiling fans when you're under them.** Ceiling fans are more efficient than air conditioners, but leaving them on all the time won't do you much good. A ceiling fan merely circulates air, it will not actually lower the temperature.
- **Install air conditioners in the warmest rooms.** To keep it cool, you may be tempted to turn your thermostat down into the arctic range. The rest of the house will be freezing, but that room will finally be comfortable. This wastes money by making your central air-conditioning system work overtime.
- **Keep it clean.** Cleaning the air-conditioner filters, whether you have window units or a central unit – is just as important as replacing your furnace filter regularly in the winter. When the filter gets dirty, the unit has to work extra hard to pull air into the system, which costs more energy.
- **Hang out the laundry.** Your dryer is probably one of your homes biggest energy users. It takes a lot of electricity (or gas) to generate heat that dries your clothes. Plus, some of that heat escapes the dryer and winds up heating your home unnecessarily. Let the hot sun work for you instead of against you this summer by hanging your clothes to dry outside on a clothesline. The sun is great for bleaching stains out of white clothes and towels, too!
- **Close curtains, blinds and shades.** Thick draperies, window shades and solar screens all help keep heat out of your house during the day, meaning your AC unit won't have to work at max capacity to cool your home. Whatever your treatments, you'll see significant savings if you work to prevent solar heat gain by keeping them drawn all day.





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