

Nether Providence

Township



Fall/Winter 2023

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Welcome to Our New Newsletter

Neighbors,

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, we have some exciting updates to share that will make this season even more special for our community.

I want to share two exciting in-the-works projects that the Commissioners are working on. We are working with local sports organizations on the potential to install a turf field on the lower portion of Gouley Park (the old Summit School site) through a combination of private funding and grant funding. Additionally, the Martha Burton Community Park is being renovated, which will include the installation of a new playground. The Township's superb Public Works Department will be doing the installation.

Mark your calendars for October 7th, because it's Family Fun Day! Join us for a day filled with games, activities, delicious food, and plenty of opportunities to connect with your neighbors. It's a fantastic way to celebrate the season and enjoy quality time with loved ones.

Additionally, the township has been working with the school district to improve traffic flow on Providence Road during the school drop-off and pick-up hours. Improvements have been made, and further options are being explored.

Kaitlin A. McKenzie

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President, Board of Commissioners



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TOWNSHIP EVENTS

Family Fun Day 2023

Mark your calendars for a day of family fun! October 7th, 12 pm-3 pm Strath Haven Middle School.
Volunteer sign-ups is posted on our Facebook page and website soon.



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FACEBOOK:

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Township

E-NEWSLETTER:

Sign up for
the Township's
E-newsletter on
our website

YOUTUBE:

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TV:

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HHW EVENTS

2023 Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

TICKET MUST BE PRESENT TO ACCESS EVENT *Registration required for all events,
Register at: delcoshhw.eventbrite.com or scan the QR code
*Registration/QR Code will be activated 6 weeks prior to each event



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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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.

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



- Sat., April 22nd **Emergency Services Training Center**
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.) 19079
- Sat., June 10th **Rose Tree Park**
1671 N. Providence Rd., Media PA 19063
- Sat., Sept 9th **Emergency Services Training Center**
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.) 19079
- Sat., Oct., 14th **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 aka CFL's may also be recycled at any Lowe's or Home Depot)

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



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 -

(Please dispose with household trash)

For additional information, contact:
Delaware County Solid Waste Authority 610-892-9627
Driving Directions can be found by visiting:
delcoswa.org

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NETHER PROVIDENCE, MEDIA, AND SWARTHMORE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND SHREDDING EVENT

**Saturday, November 18th
9 AM to 1 PM**

**Strath Haven High School, Wallingford, PA
(Enter from Brookhaven Road, back parking lot)**



E-Waste: We collect small and medium-sized items with a plug or wire.
No charge except for the items listed below. (See price list)

Shredding: documents with sensitive information that need to be shredded in a safe, secure, and environmentally friendly method on site. No CDs, or DVDs.

* Some items require a disposal fee

E-Recycling service is provided by PAR RECYCLE WORKS - a local nonprofit that sells reusable materials collected from electronic devices to help pay for salaries and job skill development for formerly incarcerated men and women, in order to support their productive re-entry back into society. For more information on PAR, please see par-recycleworks.org. Shredding provided by J&K Trash.

E-Waste Collection List



We will gladly accept the following items at no charge:

Printers; Mice; Keyboards; Monitors - LCD flat-screen; AV equipment; Phones; Speakers; Motherboards; Hard Drives; Power Supply Wire - chargers, connectors, etc.; Computer Batteries; Laptops; Gaming Equipment; Routers; Server Cabinets; Floppy Disks; Docking Stations; Miscellaneous computer-related materials

****Because of environmental issues that make safe disposal expensive, there is a fee for the following items:**

- Older CRT Monitors and TVs: \$35 - \$75/each (size varies)
- Flatscreen TVs: \$20/each • Computer Monitors: \$5
- Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, & Air Purifiers: \$20
- Microwaves: \$10

We are unable to accept any of the following:

Air conditioners Large appliances
****Fees are subject to change based on market conditions.**

Be on the lookout for the Fall Shredding and Electronic event. The event will be posted on the township website and on our Facebook page.

BIRD TOWN EVENT

Nether Providence Township has been named an official "Bird Town". Bird Town Pennsylvania 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.

Keep checking the Township's Facebook page for more events.



PARKS UPDATES

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

Sapovits - A walking path from the basketball courts to the playground will be installed, along with minor playground improvements. Additionally, a stormwater quality improvement project will be taking place in the fall.

Gouley Park - The Township is working with local athletic groups for the goal of installing a multi-purpose turf field at the site. Along with that, 40-50 evergreen trees will be planted.



Movies in the Park - We had two successful events in 2023 – one in Hepford Park and one in Sapovits Park. Movies in the Park will return in 2024!

Support our local park with a "Love our Parks" yard sign, which can be purchased at the Township building for \$10 during business hours.



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. Note: Smedley Park is a County-owned park, so please contact Delaware County's Parks Department for reservation information.

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. A certificate of insurance is required for organizations.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

The Thomas Leiper House The Leiper House had the pleasure of being selected as part of Williamson College of the Trades' Community Service Week. The students worked on repairing patches of dry wall, painting, and other various repairs. It was a pleasure to watch a team of students from such a prestigious and well-known gem in Delaware County. The Friends of the Thomas Leiper Estate were thrilled to have them onsite.



Finding Transformation through Horror Stories: Author Talk with Sara McDermott Jain

Thursday October 12, 6-7pm

International best-selling author and produced screenwriter Sara McDermott Jain is also known as "One Scary Woman" because of her work in the horror and thriller genres.

However, this moniker doesn't just have to do with telling scary stories; it's also about helping others to overcome the fear in their lives. In this presentation, Sara will share about creating a best-selling horror novel, discuss how such stories mimic the way we have psychological breakthroughs, and guide attendees through the process of using "scary story" structure to identify and overcome the fears that might be holding them back from their full potential.



Making Sense of Medicare

Thursday October 26, 10:30-11:30am

If you find Medicare confusing, you are not alone! Licensed health and life insurance broker Ellen Good will provide an educational overview of the Medicare system in advance of the October 15th Open Enrollment Period. Those new to Medicare as well as long-time subscribers will find this seminar helpful. Topics will include: your Medicare options and costs, important dates to be aware of, the differences between supplement and advantage plans, and much more.

Bearer of the Morning Documentary Screening

Friday November 10, 1-2pm

Join the library in its first ever screening of Bearer of the Morning in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Film synopsis:

Born in small-town Oklahoma, Mary Thompson Fisher, later known as "Te Ata," was determined to pursue her passion as a performer. Supported by her undeniable charisma and oratorical talent, Te Ata entertained and enlightened audiences across the world, including royalty and statesmen. Throughout her travels and performances, Te Ata kept her Chickasaw heritage close to heart and shared the unique story and spirit of the Chickasaw people. By studying and performing traditional Native American stories, she overturned negative stereotypes and advocated the preservation of Indigenous American cultures. As Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby noted, "She is a shining example of the power of artistic expression to change hearts and minds." In many ways, Te Ata Fisher paved the way for Native Americans on stage and screen and remains a treasured voice for the Chickasaw people.

Sips & Stories: A Literary Tea Tasting

Thursday November 16, 1-2pm

Few things pair better than a great book and a hot cup of tea. Just like literature, tea creates a different experience for everyone who tastes it. It can add another layer of comfort and relaxation to a new read or old classic. During this literary tea tasting we will try 4 varieties of tea that were carefully selected to compliment the setting, characters, and mood of 4 different book titles. Join us for what is sure to be a delicious and cozy gathering.

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Author Talks

Enjoy a range of virtual talks from bestselling authors as part of the Sandi Nailor Memorial Author Series. Each month will feature 2-3 online bestselling-author events. This fall/winter, enjoy talks from Amor Towles, Rick Steves, Ruth Ware, John Irving, and more!

Fall/Winter Fun in the Children's Library

At the Helen Kate Furness Free Library

- PAWS for Reading to live dogs on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on September 20th, October 4th & 18th, Nov. 1st, 15th, & 29th
- Toddler Tales on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. on Sept. 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th
- Book Snack Trio Storytime for age 3 thru 3rd grade at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 16th, 23rd, & 30th
- Baby Book Bounce for newborn thru 24 months on Thursdays at 10:15 p.m. on Nov. 2nd, 9th, & 16th
- Eyes of the Wild Saturday Event on Sept. 23rd at 1:30 with live animals
- Family Outdoor Movie Night at 6 p.m. on Nov. 6th celebrating the 10-year anniversary of a "chilly" movie.
- Santa Saturday with music, stories, and a visit from the merry old 'gent himself on December 2nd
- Build Anything With Everything storytime at 2 p.m. followed by drop-in building until 5 p.m. with Legos, Lincoln Logs, Magna-Tiles, free-building from recyclables, and more!

Register for these programs and more at: [//hkflibrary.org/programs](http://hkflibrary.org/programs) starting Sept 1st

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 artisan's 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/

Office Hours

Monday~Friday: 9 am ~ 6 pm
Saturday: 10am – 2pm
Sunday: Closed



Gallery Hours

Monday~Friday: 10 am ~ 6 pm
Saturday: 10am – 2pm
Sunday: Closed

Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

A circular illustration showing a hand with the index finger pressed against a test button on a smoke alarm. The alarm has concentric circles around it, suggesting sound waves.

Test your smoke alarms once a month.

A smoke alarm can save your life in a fire. Use the test button to make sure your smoke alarms are working.

U.S. Fire Administration

FEMA

Fire is Everyone's Fight

Remember: Replace Your Smoke Alarms After 10 Years

PUBLIC WORKS

TRIBUTE TO DARRYL DIXON

Have you ever met someone that everyone liked and loved? That was Darryl Dixon. The Township lost an amazing person on July 8, 2023 when Darryl passed away after battling an illness. He served the Township for over 33 years, first as a Public Works Laborer, then as the Assistant Public Works Director, and then as Public Works Director. Arguably the most important person in the Township, Darryl led countless projects that made the community a better place. Whether you realize it or not, everywhere you look in the Township has seen the benefits of his work. He was always called "the Best Public Works Director around".

Darryl was a kind, generous, loving person. His easy-going personality brightened everyone's day. He treated everyone with respect, and that's because he cared deeply about everyone. Most important, he was an amazing father, husband, and friend. He has made a lasting impact on the lives of so many in Nether Providence. Darryl, we are lucky to have known you. Your Nether Providence family will forever miss you.

Love for the late Darryl Dixon Sr. was fully displayed during a Life Celebration at Sapovits Park in the heart of South Media on Saturday, July 22. Family and friends gathered on and around the basketball courts where the lifelong stellar sportsman played personally, and as Director of the Nether Providence Township Public Works Department, took great pride in overseeing the upkeep to ensure enjoyment for all.

"Whether you realize it or not, everywhere you look in the township has seen the benefits of his work," reads a portion of the message on the township website posted soon after Dixon's death on July 8 following an illness. A 33-year employee of the Township, the married father of five children was 58.

Family members donned in blue – a favorite color of Dixon's - processed from the nearby Dixon home to the park, sun-kissed and brimming with colleagues past and present in areas including government, education, fire service, and law enforcement, among others.

By Rose Quinn



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 machines.

Subject to change during the construction at the Public Works Garage. Please check the website for information.

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



NETHER PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief David Splain

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netherprovidencepolice.org

NPPD NEWS

Chief Splain recognized as a 'Patriotic Employer'

For supporting one of his officer's commitments to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Nether Providence Police Chief David Splain received the "Patriotic Employer" award at the Board of Commissioners meeting on Aug. 10.

The award is administered through the Office of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. It reflects the efforts made to support an individual supervisor, a citizen warrior, through various measures, including flexible schedules, time off before and after deployment, caring for families, and granting leave of absence if necessary.

In nominating his supervisor and Chief, Michael Worrell, a township patrol officer for seven years and 14-year veteran of the National Guard rising to the rank of staff sergeant, described Splain's support as "above and beyond," a backing he appreciates and recognizes that not all of his military peers receive.

"His support allows me to transition seamlessly between my police career and my military career," Officer Worrell said.

Noting that half of the country's military are members of the reserves' forces, Officer Worrell said, "It is important that our employers support us."

Chief Splain said he was both surprised and humbled by the award.

"I give you a lot of credit," he said to Worrell, citing his abilities to balance careers, single fatherhood and new home ownership.

Chief Splain has always supported the military, but having a son on active duty raised his understanding. Like himself, Sgt. Patrick Fisher, who was in the audience, and Officer Steve Kilian also have sons serving in the Army, he told the group.

"Thank you," Chief Splain said in closing, drawing a standing ovation.

Commissioner Robert O'Connor publicly thanked Officer Worrell, who also received a standing ovation.

"You are an asset to our community and our country," O'Connor said of Worrell.



Chief David Splain receives "Patriotic Employer" Award, nominated by Officer Michael Worrell

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TSO SMITH IS OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Traffic Safety Officer Kevin Smith is Officer of the Year for the Nether Providence Township Police Department.

The annual award is named in memory of Detective Sgt. Raymond L. White who suffered a heart attack while collecting evidence at the scene of a homicide on April 10, 1983, and died hours later.

TSO Smith, a 23-year veteran of the department who has been heading the Traffic Safety Unit for the past seven years, shows dedication and commitment every day, Chief Splain said in announcing his award.

The award is decided by a vote among peers in the department, most of whom were on hand, joining township leaders, family, friends, and others gathered in applauding the 2023 honoree.

In describing TSO Smith's daily role, Chief Splain said he has taken full ownership of the unit, the first in the recent history of the police department, building it into what he considers "one of the finest and most complete" traffic safety units in the Philadelphia region.

More than that, Chief Splain said, "He's just a good guy to have on your team."



Traffic Safety Officer Kevin Smith is Officer of the Year

SERGEANT STRIPES

In March, Chief Splain announced two hard-earned promotions in the Police Department.

Detective Michael Erickson and Patrolman Michael Markunas were promoted to rank of sergeant, joining Sgts. Robert Elmore, Michael Montgomery, and Patrick Fisher in a supervisory role.

"Sergeants have a pivotal role in the department, and I am pleased to add Detective Sgt. Erickson and Sgt. Markunas to the rank," Chief Splain said. "Between them, they have more than a half-decade of experience in law enforcement, and most of that time was spent here in the township. I look forward to many more years."

It was a family affair at the Board of Commissioners meeting on March 23, as Detective Sgt. Erickson and Sgt. Markunas took their oaths, sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Elizabeth Gallard before a crowd of family and friends. Fellow Nether Providence officers were on hand, along with representatives of many local police departments.

Both men expressed pride in their work, as well as an eagerness to begin serving the residents of Nether Providence in their new position.



Sgt. Michael Markunas on the evening of his promotion

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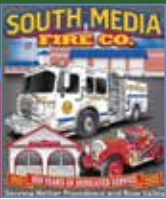
Patrol Officer Worrell graduated with honors in August from Delaware County Community College with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in general studies. Aiming for his bachelor's degree, he is looking forward to his courses in the Fall.

If you haven't already, sign up for the CrimeWatch app - @netherprovidencepolice.org - for all up-to-date information from the Nether Providence Police Department.

Also follow us @NetherProvPD on Twitter; @nether.providence on Facebook; @nether_providence_police on Instagram; and Nether Providence Police Department on Nextdoor.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS - POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE: 9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS	
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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.



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE- EAC

Are We Really Recycling? An explainer from your Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).

Everyone has heard anecdotes about recycling being picked up with the trash and China rejecting imports of US recyclables. So what really happens when we carefully separate and set out our recycling bins for Township collection? The answer is that our efforts at separating recyclables really do help both the economy (recycling is less expensive than disposal) and ecology (recycling is better for the environment).

Nether Providence Township presently contracts with B&L Disposal to collect our recyclables and deliver 100% of the material to the Republic Services material recycling facility (MRF) in King of Prussia, PA. In addition to B&L's commitment to service our account per the contract, there is no incentive to dispose material elsewhere (they would have to pay for the disposal) and B&L does not pick up trash in NPT so there is no rushing and throwing it all in one truck.

Then what happens at the Republic MRF? Republic charges NPT a fee per ton to accept and sort our recyclables into 11 categories including cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, various plastic grades including PET (water bottles) and HDPE (milk jugs), and unrecyclable trash. They bale and sell the material and credit us 80% of the market value. The net cost per ton changes every month.

In one recent monthly calculation values of typical materials included a whopping \$1,091/ton for aluminum cans (but cans only make up 1-3% of the weight of recyclables), \$941/ton for HDPE milk jugs, \$141 for PET water bottles, \$33 for cardboard, negative \$74 for mixed glass (which unfortunately makes up 11-23% of the total weight), and negative \$90 for unrecyclable trash (which makes up 4-16% of the total weight).

Processed recycled glass was recently the hero of the I-95 emergency repair, but most glass presently goes to replacing clean soil as an alternative landfill cover. That is still far from the desired "circular economy" where glass and PET bottles are turned back into glass and PET bottles – not downscaled into road base and plastic park benches - but still better than disposal. Aluminum cans are turned into aluminum cans, and cardboard is turned into new cardboard.

As people work to improve the rest of the system, what can we individuals do?

Reduce/Reuse/Recycle - Buy less single-use stuff of any kind. Use your own shopping bag and refillable water bottle. Look for lighter and more recyclable packaging. NPT saves around 4 cents each time you drink your favorite beverage from an aluminum can instead of a (heavier and less valuable) glass bottle. Expanded polystyrene (XPS or Styrofoam®) packaging is generally not recyclable at all.

When In Doubt Throw It Out - Reduce the amount of unrecyclable waste and food contamination in the recycling stream. Republic just has to pick out the trash and charge us for it and the market value of their recyclables is affected by dirty materials. Any plastic bags including their contents are also unsortable and disposed. Processing is most efficient when recyclables are left loose, but if you really enjoy crushing your cans you can be allowed that small luxury.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

Forrest Ave - The drainage work on the Forest Avenue has been completed. A huge thank you to our Public Works Department for their hard work.

Putnam Ave - Speed humps have been installed on Putnam Ave.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

The Civic Access Project work will start this Fall as we received a grant to put an elevator in the Township Building.

The new wing of the Public Works Building will also start this Fall. This will replace a section of the building that was in need of repair, and it will add more space for maintenance and storage of equipment.

NETHER PROVIDENCE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NPAA):

Fall programs are available. Be sure to check out these organizations' websites for more information and registration.

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

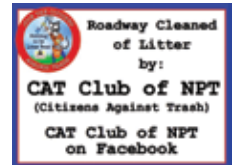
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POLLING LOCATIONS - FINALIZED MAY 3, 2023

Nether Providence 1-1	Strath Haven Middle School	200 S Providence Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 1-2	Strath Haven Middle School	200 S Providence Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 2-1	Strath Haven Middle School	200 S Providence Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 2-2	Strath Haven Middle School	200 S Providence Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 3	Wallingford Elementary School	20 S Providence Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 4-1	Media (ACME) Shopping Center	515 E Baltimore Pk	Media	PA	19063
Nether Providence 4-2	Media (ACME) Shopping Center	515 E Baltimore Pk	Media	PA	19063
Nether Providence 5-1	Garden City Fire Co 1	412 Moore Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 5-2	Garden City Fire Co 1	412 Moore Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 6-1	Nether Providence Elementary School	410 Moore Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 6-2	Nether Providence Elementary School	410 Moore Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 7-1	Nether Providence Elementary School	410 Moore Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086
Nether Providence 7-2	Nether Providence Elementary School	410 Moore Rd	Wallingford	PA	19086

For more information on the Election and your voting location please visit <https://delcopa.gov/vote/where.html>





TOWNSHIP NEWS

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 them 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.



What you can do to be part of the solution

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.



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.



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Be HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few safety tips.



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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- ➔ **When choosing a costume**, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- ➔ **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- ➔ Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. **Keep** these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- ➔ **It is safest to use** a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all time when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- ➔ **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- ➔ **Tell children** to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 1,000 reported home fires each year.



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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.

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

As winter approaches, our thoughts turn to other activities as we plan for the annual hibernation to the indoors. This is also a good time to plan a safe hibernation for your house as well. The constant change in the weather can have a significant effect on your house that, if left unchecked, may result in major repairs in the future.

Now is the time to inspect your house for anything that does not appear to be normal. Things to look for include loose siding, missing or torn shingles, broken or sticking doors, missing caulking around windows or any other item that will leave your home exposed to the elements. Now is the time to start addressing these items before the cold weather sets in and these items are forgotten.

You may also want to take a look at other items that are often overlooked until it is too late. One important item is your home heating system. Most people who are not on a maintenance program forget to have service performed until well into the heating season when the furnace decides to stop working. Unfortunately, this is the time that most heating contractors are busiest and you may have to wait for service. Avoid the headache and plan ahead.

Items such as your water heater may need your attention as well as other home appliances. Remember to check and make sure water pipes are properly insulated and not exposed to freezing temperatures. Be sure that leaves and debris do not obstruct water flow from gutters and downspouts. Water that freezes and is allowed to back up rooftops often provides you with unwelcome leaks. The lists are endless, but remember your home is a major investment - take good care of it.



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