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Message from the Chair, Cynthia Jones



As we emerge from winter, we now turn our attention to the blossoming of flowers and trees, and SPRING into the new year! I am delighted to write my first message as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Reflecting on the feedback from our residents last year, one of the most resounding messages was the need for enhanced and transparent communication.

With this in mind, moving forward, each board member will soon have an individual phone number that residents can utilize to voice their concerns and engage in discussions. The Board will also initiate the implementation of an opt-in resident email list, providing another direct channel to disseminate information.

Preserving our community and environment remains a top priority. One notable initiative is the establishment of the township’s Environmental Advisory Committee. Collaborating with residents, our mission is to enhance the sustainability and environmental health of our community. Together, staff and residents will employ creative strategies to conserve open space and passive recreation areas for the benefit of all township residents.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce the completion of the connecting link of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail to Upper State Road. This achievement was made possible through the diligent efforts of township staff securing available grants and the township providing the necessary property. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who dedicated their hard work to this project! This final segment now enables you to stroll along dedicated trails and quiet neighborhood roads from Chalfont and New Britain to Kids Castle in Doylestown and the heart of Doylestown Borough.

Our township staff works tirelessly to preserve and enhance the quality of life that we all enjoy and are readily available for you. I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well and hope to see many of you enjoying our trail systems this spring!

Swearing-In of Elected Candidates

On Tuesday, January 2, 2024, three members of our elected officials were sworn in by Notary Brooke Newborn. Chairwoman, Cynthia Jones, was sworn-in for her second term to the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors. Bridget Kunakorn was sworn-in to serve her first term on the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, Joe Kunakorn was sworn-in as Auditor for a six-year term. All three chose to swear-in on the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as a display of their dedication to both the Country and State that they are privileged to serve under.



Cynthia Jones,
Board of Supervisors,
Chair



Bridget Kunakorn, Board
of Supervisors



Joe Kunakorn,
Auditor

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Easter Egg Hunt

New Britain Township will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 at North Branch Park at 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA, just behind the Township Building. The event begins promptly at 10:00 am. **Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available at 9:30 am and will also be available after the event.**





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North Branch Park Facilities Update

We are excited to announce that New Britain Township has purchased 6 new basketball systems to replace the existing systems at North Branch Park. The court area is scheduled to be repaired, the playing area will be resurfaced, and there will be an installation of split-rail fencing to separate the courts from vehicle traffic along the driveway and parking areas.

Additionally, the 1.25-mile walking trail at North Branch Park is in the process of being repaired and prepped for resurfacing in 2024. After completion, mile markers will be placed along the trail.

Plans to replace the upper playground are also on the capital plan list! New Britain Township has received a design that will combine a new Tot-Lot and Swing Set, to be installed at the site of the existing Tot-Lot. This area will be surveyed and engineered to incorporate an updated pavilion for a better ADA-compliant system and to relieve all drainage issues. The current Swing Set and Spring Rocker will be removed, and that area regraded.

We can't wait to see our community enjoying the improved facilities upon completion of these projects!



Formation of the “Neshaminy Consortium”

In line with the Board's priority of caring for and preserving our township's environment and natural beauty for generations to come, NBT Supervisors invited a representative of the Bucks County Conservation District to its February 5th meeting to discuss the launching of the “Neshaminy Consortium.” A collaborative body of municipal representatives, the Neshaminy Watershed Association, and the Conservation District, this Consortium would introduce a strategic approach to watershed improvements and activities. Township supervisors have been asked to appoint one or two people to represent New Britain on the Consortium's steering committee. The steering committee would then organize and eventually provide oversight of the Consortium.

The Consortium would, *at no cost*, provide access to experts and assist municipalities with projects vital to the health of the Neshaminy watershed. Such projects could include the reduction of stormwater pollution; plans for open space and parks; public education and development of community science activities; and partnership in securing grant funding for watershed programs. Such collaboration will result in more effective projects, yielding the most beneficial ecological impact for our township and its neighbors.

The Neshaminy watershed is comprised of 236 square miles of land that drains into Neshaminy Creek. It includes all New Britain Township and its neighbors in southeastern Bucks County. The watershed supplies drinking water for people and wildlife, provides a wide array of recreational opportunities, and sustains the health of our natural environment.

You can help! If you wish to get involved in Neshaminy conservation projects, check out the Neshaminy Watershed Association's project page: <https://neshaminy-watershed.org/projects>



Neshaminy Creek from Neshaminy Watershed Association Facebook Page

2024 New Britain Township Events Calendar

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 AM

Photos with the Easter Bunny, 9:30 AM
Easter Egg Hunt at North Branch Park,
207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 21, 2024

from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

at North Branch Park, 207 Park Avenue,
Chalfont, PA 18914

Community Shred & E-Recycle

Saturday, May 4

from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

at 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Veterans Day Ceremony

Monday, November 11 at 11:00 AM

at the Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park,
located at the corner of New Galena Road and
Walters Road, Chalfont, PA 18914

Spring Yard Waste Collection

Tuesday to Friday, May 7 - 10

from 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

and Saturday, May 11

from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

at 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Fall Yard Waste Collection

Tuesday, November 12 – Friday,
November 15 from 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM

and Saturday, November 16

from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

at 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Tri-Municipal 4th of July Parade

Thursday, July 4 at 9:30 AM

The parade starts at the Town Center in New Britain
Borough and ends at North Branch Park in New Britain
Township, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914.

Santa House

Friday and Saturday, December 13 & 14

from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Santa arrives by Fire Truck at 5:00 PM at
New Britain Village Square at 4275 County Line Rd,
Chalfont, PA 18914





We are offering our residents a drop-off container for Spring Yard Waste. The walk-in 40-yard container will be located next to the Municipal Building at 207 Park Avenue, by the fenced area of the parking lot.

Please deposit plant materials only. Loose, in 40- gallon biodegradable or recyclable paper bags only! Paper bags are available at local hardware and grocery stores.

Do not mix trash or other debris with leaves and plant materials.

Remember that recycling is extremely important. It helps the environment and keeps our Township clean. For additional information call 215-822-1391

MAY 7, 2024 – MAY 11, 2024

TUESDAY – FRIDAY: 7:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

SATURDAY: 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Visible street address numbers are critical to life and safety when Emergency Responders are called to a location. Valuable minutes can be lost in trying to locate an address that does not have visible numbers. New Britain Township requires property owners to make their address easily seen from the street.

Township Ordinance No. § 5-202.1.P requires property owners to have property identification numbers placed where it is easily visible from the street, with a minimum height of 6 inches and a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch. Structures that are set back more than 50 feet from the right-of-way should have the address numbers 4 inches on a post or mailbox, on both sides, at the end of the driveway.

No street numbers can be painted on any public curbs, streets, signs, posts, or sidewalks without prior written approval of the Township and the Fire Marshall's office.



A composite image of three fire safety posters. The left poster is red with the text "Smoke Alarms Save Lives!" in yellow. The middle poster is white with the text "Test your smoke alarms once a month." in red, followed by "A smoke alarm can save your life in a fire. Use the test button to make sure your smoke alarms are working." in black. It features an illustration of a hand pressing a button on a smoke alarm. The right poster is blue with the text "Replace your alarms after 10 years." in yellow, followed by "Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, replace them with new alarms." in white. It features a circular arrow graphic with "10 years" in the center. Logos for the U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA, and "Fire is Everyone's Right" are at the bottom.

News from Nicole Percetti, the Tax Collector

The 2024 County/Township Real Estate Tax Bills were mailed on March 1, 2024. If you did not receive your bill, please send me an email or call me and I will be happy to email or mail you a copy. You may also pick up a copy from my office. The Township millage rate has remained the same as 2023 at 14.5 mills but the County has increased their millage rate by 2 mills totaling 27.45 mills so you will see a slight increase in your tax bill.

The 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is open for eligible taxpayers to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent you paid last year. Income limits increased this year to \$45,000 annually for both homeowners and renters (excluding 50% of Social Security), so if you were earning too much to qualify before, you may be eligible now. The rebate amount has also increased. If you need an application, you can apply online, pick up an application at your local state representatives office, or I will have applications in my office.

If you have any questions, please email me at newbritaintax@gmail.com or give me a call at 215-822-2930.

New Britain Township Police Department

New Britain Township Police Department New Additions and Modernization in 2023

This past year has been an exciting year for the New Britain Township Police Department. We added personnel, technology, and updated the look of our patrol vehicles. NBTPD hired two new officers in 2023. Officer Bryce O'Connor was hired in May to expand the department to 15 sworn officers. Officer O'Connor is one of the youngest and first officers hired without any prior police experience by the department in over 12 years. Officer O'Connor graduated Temple University's Police Academy in March of 2023. In November we added Officer Connor Maloney to the ranks. Officer Maloney, an Army Veteran, is a 2021 graduate of Temple University's Police Academy and previously worked part time as a police officer in Bristol Borough. Both are proving to be great additions to the team and eager to serve the New Britain Township community.

The addition of Officer O'Connor facilitated the establishment of the full time Highway Safety Unit. Patrolman First Class (PFC) Paul Zielinski was moved from patrol to the Highway Safety Unit the beginning of 2024. This provides the department with the ability to focus additional resources on traffic safety and addressing traffic complaints. PFC Zielinski has additional training, knowledge and expertise in traffic accident investigations, commercial truck enforcement, and related areas that will be put to better use to improve the overall efficiency of the department.

We will say farewell and best wishes to Corporal Joseph Karpovich in 2024. Corporal Karpovich will be retiring April 30th after 31 years of dedicated service to New Britain Township. Over those 31 years, Corporal Karpovich served primarily in the patrol division and was one of the department's Firearms Instructors. Joe and his wife will be moving to North Carolina to be closer to their children and grandchildren. We wish Joe and his family all the best in the next chapter of their lives.



Over the past year the police department added body worn cameras and is currently in the process of implementing In Car Cameras. These technology initiatives have been purchased with the assistance of grants from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). This technology has

proven to be instrumental in investigating and prosecuting crimes, provide better analysis of critical incidents, and further strengthen trust with the community through transparency.

NBTPD has changed the look of the patrol cars. We moved to a traditional black and white design with a simple, clean, professional look. By the end of 2024 the police fleet will be updated and all marked patrol vehicles will be Ford Police Interceptor SUVs with the new design.

Safety Tips

Going on vacation this summer or anytime throughout the year? Let us know and officers of NBTPD will be more than happy to check your residence occasionally. You can either contact us by phone or email listed below or fill out the Vacation Home Check on our website at NBTPD.org.

It's Spring – Decorate your yard and show your support for NBTPD with a Yard Sign

After many requests, New Britain Township Police Department, has "We Support Our Police" yard signs. Donations for these signs are accepted, but not required. Stop by and pick up your sign today! We are open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.



Officer Connor Maloney (left) and Officer Bryce O'Connor (right)



Corporal Joseph Karpovich (above)



Two ways to stay up to date on the latest crime and safety information.

You can be more involved with the community and stay up to date with the latest information from NBTPD at our CrimeWatch and Neighbors by Ring sites. We will do our best to post up to date information such as last-minute road closures, criminal activity where you may be able to help us solve local crimes, and community events. It is quick and easy to set up alerts to your email or the CrimeWatch and Neighbors apps. Go to NBTPD.org or scan the barcode in the images to the right.

DEA National Drug Take Back Day April 27th

This event is an opportunity for you to safely dispose of any unused or expired prescription medications. It's important to properly dispose of these medications to prevent them from falling into the wrong hands or damaging the environment. The Police Department will be collecting sharps as well.

Here are the details for our local event:

- Date: Saturday, April 27th
- Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Location: Police Department (207 Park Ave, Chalfont) & Giant Food Store (4275 County Line Road, Chalfont)

Please note that this is a drive-thru event, so you can drop off your medications without leaving your vehicle. All medications will be safely collected and disposed of by public safety officials.

Drug drop boxes are also available during business hours in the Township and Police Department lobbies.

Let's work together to keep our community safe and healthy. We hope to see you there!

Take advantage of accessing these crime prevention and community policing initiatives through CrimeWatch

- Alarm Registry Form
- Camera Registry Form
- Compliment an Officer Form
- Do Not Solicit
- File Complaint Against Officer Form
- Fingerprinting
- Request for Extra Patrols
- Special Needs Registry
- Traffic Complaint Form
- Vacation Home Check

Even if you don't have a Ring camera you can share videos with the police department through the Neighbors App. By working together, we can all make New Britain Township a safer community.

If you witness a crime in progress call 911. If you have witnessed suspicious activity, call or email and let us help you.

Important Police Phone Numbers

Emergency – 911

NBTPD Non- Emergency - 215-822-1910

Email: police@nbtpa.us

Bucks County Emergency Communications – 215-328-8508



From the Office of **Planning & Zoning**

Considering installing a shed? Did you know that you must apply for a Zoning permit from the township to put up a shed. NBT Ordinance No. 27-3002.

A residential shed must be a freestanding structure, with a maximum size of 10 feet by 20 feet (200 sq. ft.) and no taller than 12 feet. If you are planning something larger, you will need to apply for a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board.


A residential shed is used for the storage of household items used in the day-to-day care and maintenance of a residential property. These items may include lawn mowers, garden tools and supplies, and barbecue grills.

The following regulations for sheds are exceptions to the regulations generally covering residential accessory buildings:

- No residential sheds can be placed in front yards of properties with less than 10 acres in size.
- No more than two residential sheds can be placed on any property one acre or less in size. On properties larger than one acre in size, one additional shed may be situated on the property for each additional acre in size above one acre.
- No residential shed shall be located in any easement or right-of-way.
- The minimum setback from your side or rear property line is 15 feet from the side yard line and 15 feet from the rear yard line. If your property is 25,000 square feet or less the required side or rear yard setback is a minimum of 5 feet from any side or rear property line.

Application forms can be obtained at the Township building or on the Township website. Any questions, please call 215-822-1391, extension 107.

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Public Works installed 6 Flexstorm Inlet Filter Bags in storm sewer systems, 3 were installed in the Little Neshaminy Watershed and 3 were installed in the Mill Creek Watershed Districts located along Upper State Rd.



New Britain Township has an MS4, a Township-owned storm sewer collection system including swales, pipes, inlets, and drains associated with the Township's roads, parks, and municipal facilities. This storm sewer system is regulated via an Individual Permit (MS4 Permit) from the PA Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law. The Permit, which became effective on September 1, 2019 and will expire on August 31, 2024, allows the Township to discharge stormwater into the local creeks and tributaries.

The MS4 Permit is designed to help reduce the discharge of pollutants from the regulated small MS4 and to protect water quality. This is accomplished through the development and implementation of a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) which features 6 minimum control measures to meet certain measurable goals.

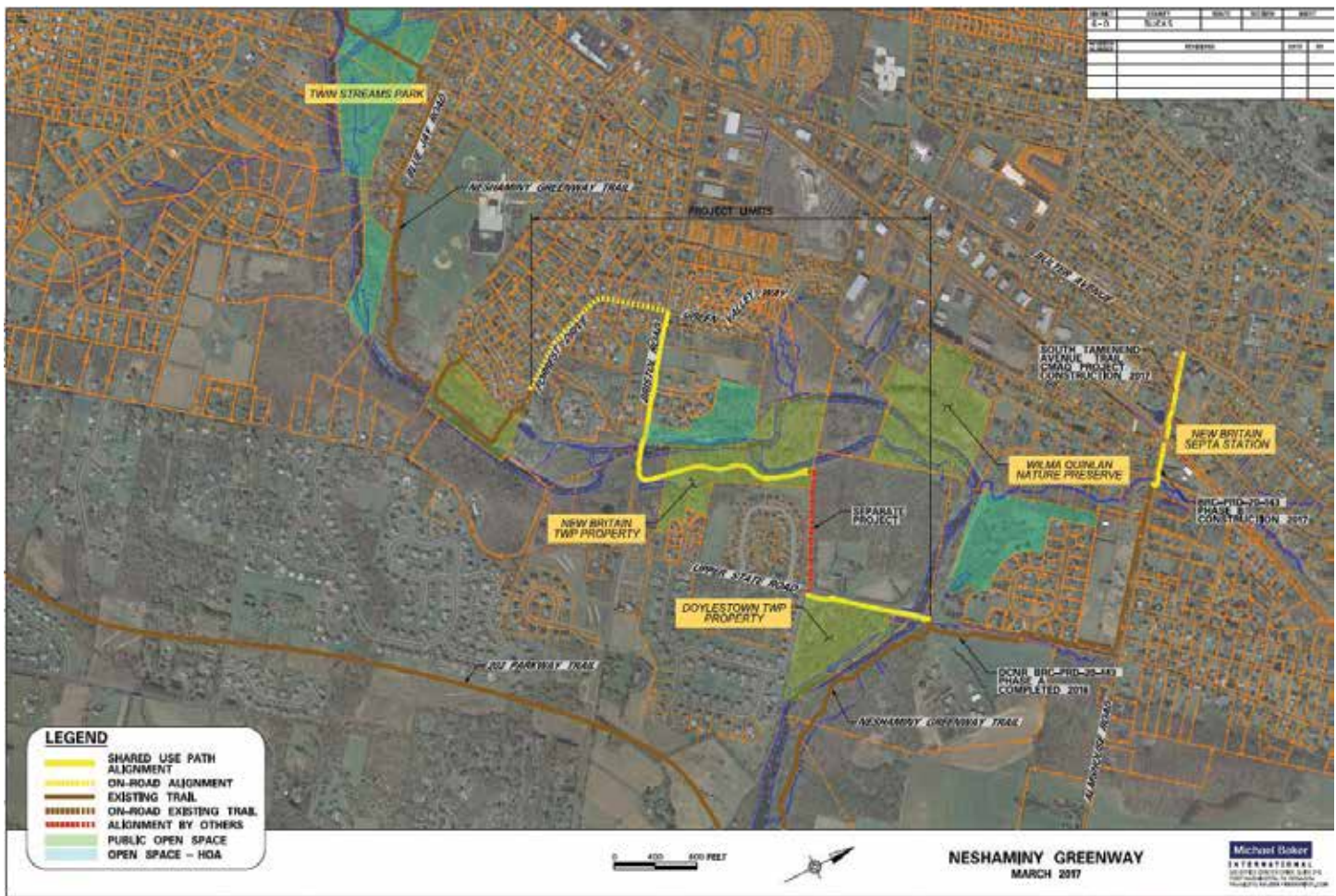


Figure 1: A polluted waterway (Source: wwf.panda.org)

1. Public education and outreach
2. Public participation and involvement
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination
4. Construction Site runoff control
5. Post-construction runoff control
6. Pollution prevention/good housekeeping

The Township is in the process of completing an application for renewal of this permit which will continue to propose a reduction in sediment and total phosphorus (TP) in accordance with the Township's TMDL PRP (Total Maximum Daily Loading and Pollution Reduction) Plan. The Plan can be found at the Township website <https://newbritaintownship.org/information/stormwater-management/>. Some projects that have taken place within the Neshaminy Creek watershed in the past include naturalizing stormwater basins, installing water quality inlet inserts, and tree plantings by local volunteers and watershed associations. The Plan lists conceptual Best Management Practices that could potentially be implemented within the next 5 years including streambank stabilization at Brittany Farms Open Space, retrofitting the Walden Way stormwater basin, improvements to the Sycamore Circle Open Space or detention basin, and more. For information on how you can help, please see the Township's Website, click on the Services pull down menu, see the link to Forms and Documents, and complete the Event Volunteer Application.

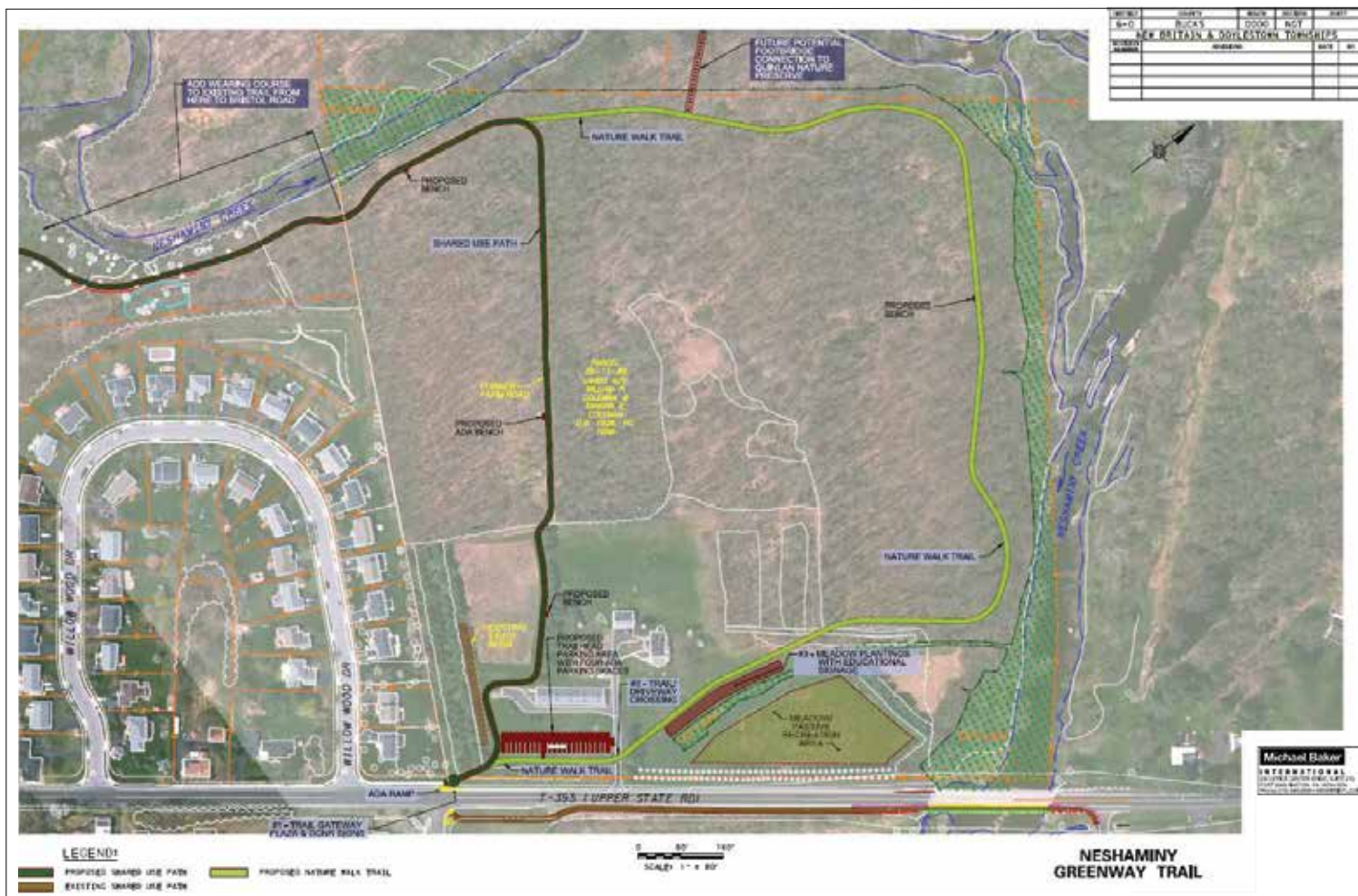
Neshaminy Greenway Trail History



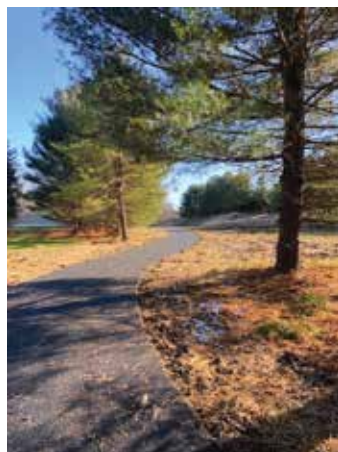
Since 2016, New Britain Township, Doylestown Township, and Chalfont Borough have jointly planned and sought grants to implement construction and completion of significant portions of the Neshaminy Creek Greenway, **"the Greenway"**. Upon completion, the Greenway will follow the Neshaminy Creek 30 miles from Peace Valley Park in Central Bucks to the Delaware River, connecting residents to natural open spaces, countless municipal parks, local schools, employment areas, and other community destinations.

Recognized as a Priority 2 regional greenway trail by the Circuit Trail Network and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR), this makes the Greenway a key trail in Bucks County. In November 2019, New Britain Township awarded a bid to construct Neshaminy Greenway Trail Phase III. Participating municipalities provided funding in addition to Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants, and DCNR grants. Completed in 2021 this portion of the trail, terminates north of Willow Wood Drive and includes work on the south side of Upper State Road, in Doylestown Township, from Leapson Lane toward the existing Neshaminy Trail at the Chalfont-New Britain Sewer plant. A 3/4-mile gap in the Greenway remained at the project's conclusion (see map above).

Neshaminy Greenway Trail What's Next?



A.H. Cornell completed the excavation, stone base and asphalt base course of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail that runs through the Coleman Property located at 1606 Upper State Rd. The final pave will be taking place in spring of 2024. See below pictures of the base course. Looking forward to seeing our neighbors on the completed trail.



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MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY SHREDDING & E-RECYCLE EVENT



WHEN

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024
9:00AM TO 1:00 PM

WHERE (2 LOCATIONS)

NORTH BRANCH PARK
207 PARK AVENUE, CHALFONT
AND
KING PARK
1597 TURK ROAD, WARRINGTON

OUR EVENT

New Britain, Doylestown, Warrington & Warwick Townships and Chalfont & New Britain Boroughs are pleased to announce the 2024 Community Shredding/E-Recycling Event!

The event is limited to Township and Borough Residents Only, NO businesses.

PAR-Recycle Works will supply both shredding and electronic recycling services. **You must provide a valid Driver's License or ID indicating you are a resident upon arrival.**

Shredding:

- Five (5) bag limit per household (bags should be no larger than the size of a leaf bag).
- Paper Items Only! No Metal, Clips, Binders.

Electronic Recycling:

- Televisions, Personal computers, printers, VCR/DVD/CD Players, Game Systems (Xbox, Nintendo, PlayStation, etc.) and much more will be accepted. *Fees may apply.*



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Be The Solution to Stormwater Pollution

WHY IS STORMWATER AN ISSUE?

Stormwater washes pollutants into Waterways. Stormwater runoff can pick up and carry litter, nutrients, bacteria, chemicals, sediment (soil) and other pollutants through a storm drain system, untreated, to the nearest creek, stream, or lake that we use for swimming, fishing and as a drinking water supply.

- Sediment clouds the water and makes it difficult for aquatic plants to grow; it can destroy aquatic habitat.
- Nutrients applied in excess cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and pathogens washed into swimming areas can create health hazards.
- Litter, including plastic bags, cans, bottles, and cigarette butts, washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Hazardous household products like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil can poison aquatic life.
- Polluted stormwater can affect drinking water sources and increase the cost of treatment.

Never dump anything down storm-drains or in ditches. Many people wrongly think that storm drains are part of a sanitary sewer system that flows to a wastewater treatment plant. Storm drains are a direct link to local streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands.



Pick up after your pet. Pet waste that is left on streets, sidewalks, yards, or trails near streams can easily wash into area creeks and streams. Always pick up after your pets and dispose of their waste in a trash can or flush it down the toilet!

Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil: Improper disposal of used oil, which includes oil leaking from cars, contributes significantly to stormwater pollution. Improper disposal of used oil contributes significantly to stormwater pollution. If you change your own automotive fluids, recycle your used motor oil. Many places that sell motor oil also collect it for free.

Don't litter! Pick up trash you see on the ground (even if it's not yours) and participate in a creek or watershed cleanup! Litter can wash into area creeks and streams through storm drains where water from our streets goes untreated. Litter can also be dangerous to wildlife that might mistake it for food or get tangled in the trash. If you are out for a

stroll or walking your pet, bring an empty grocery bag to collect any litter you might encounter.

Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks after application. Use fertilizers according to your lawn and plant needs and the labeled instructions. Sweep driveways and sidewalks after application. Fertilizers applied in excess or scattered onto driveways or sidewalks have the potential to be carried by rain runoff into creeks and streams, causing high levels of nutrients in our waters, which can lead to unnatural algae growth, creating green "slimy" or "hairy" water that depletes oxygen for aquatic ecosystems.



Compost yard waste and sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing. Grass clippings and leaves can contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which can cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways. Mulch leaves by running the lawnmower over them and leaving the shredded leaves and grass on the lawn. This also adds needed nutrients back to your lawn, minimizing the need for added fertilizers. Consider a compost bin or pile. Be sure to sweep up leaves and grass from driveways and sidewalks so they don't end up down the storm drain.

Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces to slow water down. When rain falls on a roof, its momentum increases and gives it more power to wash pollutants into storm drains. Storm drains carry rainwater untreated to area creeks and streams. By diverting your gutter downspouts to grassy areas, runoff can be slowed and allowed to soak into the soil. Consider using rain barrels or installing a rain garden to capture the rain as it flows off roofs. The collected water can be used during dry spells to water lawns and gardens.



Wash your car at a commercial carwash that is plumbed to a treatment plant instead of washing your car on a driveway or street. When you wash your car on the driveway or street, dirt, grease, and soap can wash into storm drains and directly into creeks and streams. Concentrations of detergents in streams can kill fish and their eggs and disrupt their ability to reproduce. Detergents can also destroy the natural protections fish have against bacteria and parasites and can severely damage fish gills. The phosphates from soap can also cause excess algae to grow in our waterways. Take your car to the car wash where the rinse water goes to a wastewater treatment plant instead of storm drains. If you do wash your car at home, do it on grassy or gravel areas that absorb the water without washing it into the street.



Use integrated pest management practices for controlling pests around your home. Use pesticides cautiously and only use recommended amounts. Excess pesticides applied to lawns and around surfaces like driveways and sidewalks wash off and pollute streams. These include bug killers, weed killers and fungus treatments. The most effective and important practice to minimize lawn and garden pests is to observe what is going on in the yard. Many serious diseases or insect problems can be stopped or slowed down early by observation and timely intervention.

Vegetate bare spots in your yard and terrace slopes to minimize erosion. Cover bare spots in your yard with mulch or vegetation. If your yard is sloped, think about terracing the land into steps to help slow down the water as it moves across your property.



Information for this article was taken from the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Research Extension, Northwest Arkansas Stormwater Program.

MAINTAIN DRAINAGE SWALES

A grass drainage swale is an open channel that collects water from hard surfaces and allows it to percolate into the ground. Swales can help to increase water infiltration, decrease water flow velocity, prevent erosion, and direct runoff during storms into other stormwater facilities or the storm drain system.

The following is a list of ways to maintain your swale:

Monthly: Inspect your swale after all storms. Check that water has drained and that there is no erosion. Remove sediment and debris from in and around the swale.

Seasonally: Mow bluegrasses and fescues no shorter than 2.5 to 3 inches. Remove tall clippings. Manually remove weeds or invasive plants. Remove leaves in the fall as they may smother grass and block the flow of water. Adjust the mower height to avoid scalping the edges of the side slopes.

As Needed: Re-seed any bare areas. Contact DEP if you continue to have problems.

Never: Never use fertilizers or pesticides in the swale. Do not over-mow or mow shorter than 2.5 to 3 inches. Never mow immediately after rain events.

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If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact your municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Office. For general questions, you may also contact DEP's Bureau of Water Management at (717) 772-5661 or visit www.dep.state.pa.us. Thanks to the Washington State Water Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster



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