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SUMMER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Public Works Director Ron Stahley has announced the road projects for the summer of 2003.

These repairs constitute the on-going maintenance that is critical to maintaining our Township's infrastructure, while staying within budgetary restraints.

A tentative list of roads scheduled for a hot asphalt overlay are: Brook Street, Copeechan Road, Foxcroft Drive, Timber Lane, Dickson Drive, Hilton Road and Welby Drive.

Microsurfacing, a thin restorative process that creates a stable surface on an existing roadway, will be used on: Hoffman Drive South, Cherry Circle, Sharon Circle, Roberts Road, Clover Circle, Timothy Circle, Foxfire Court, York Drive, Jonathan Court, Newhards Place, Mildreds Way, Kendall Drive, Cobblestone Court and Meadow Lane.

This protective coating is a warm mix of small stones, oil, Portland cement and water. Its benefits include increased skid resistance

and the ability to be driven on within an hour of application.

Another method of paving, FB-2, will be used on the roads in the Windy Heights development; Heights Drive, Hillcrest Drive East and West and Vista Drive. A portion of Rising Sun Road from Devonshire Court west to Riverview Road and Ledge Road will also receive this paving procedure. This process is a cold asphalt application that is cost effective and provides a durable and flexible topcoat to roads.

The roads listed for the all projects are subject to change due to budget constraints.

Prior to publication of this issue, line painting, shoulder clearing, crack sealing and bituminous seal coating operations were completed.

During the time the above mentioned roadwork is being conducted **NO VEHICLES MAY BE PARKED ON THE ROADWAYS.** Roadway workers are instructed to minimize inconvenience to residents.



Tim Trunk and Gary Kressley clear road shoulders on Hillside Rd. in preparation of bituminous seal coating.

Consumer Alert

Many homeowners are approached by paving and home improvement contractors this time of year. We are all aware that many criminal scams are run under these modes. Residents must be careful in these situations.

Aside from security concerns, these individuals are in violation of the Township Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance.

Ordinance 97-5 prohibits door to door solicitation of business with certain exemptions.


During the early part of this past spring, several unscrupulous paving contractors were noted soliciting neighborhoods and paving driveway areas.


Shoddy workmanship seems to be the hallmark of these operations. Little or no excavation or stone base is done. This creates a situation where the blacktop will last only a few years. In addition, permits are required to pave driveways.

These permits are the responsibility of the property owner who is ultimately responsible for any subsequent enforcement action.


If you have any questions regarding driveway paving contact the Township Zoning Office prior to starting any work.

WHAT'S UP?

 By the time you receive this newsletter, the construction of the Routes 309 and 873 intersection should be in the middle of Phase 3 (of 5) construction. Sets of Phase, Construction and Rights-of-way plans are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Township office. It would be helpful to set an appointment time in order to view plans.

 The Township is proceeding through proper channels to seek funding for safety improvements along the Route 145 corridor. A handout on this topic (authored by our traffic engineer is available on request.



 The next bridge scheduled for replacement under the Township's aggressive bridge replacement/repair program is the bridge on Copechan Road. An open span structure will replace the two large pipes. New wooden bridge technology is expected to help the project blend into its surroundings. Pending receiving permits from DEP, we hope to start work this summer.

Pennsylvania Facts

Interesting statistics about our great state

Employment & Housing

Number in Civilian Labor Force	5,972000
Percent Civilian Labor Force Unemployed	4.2%
Total Housing Units	5,249750
Total Households	4,777003
Persons Per Household	2.48
Home Ownership Rate	71.3%
Single Unit Homes	73.5%
Mobile Homes	5%
Homes with Telephone Service	98%
Majority Home Heating Source	gas
Median Gross Monthly Rent	\$521
Median Mortgage	\$993
Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing	\$94,479
About 1/3 of all homes were built prior to 1940	

Health & Vital Statistics

Birth Rate	12.1/1,000
Death Rate	10.8/1,000
Median Age of Death	78.6

Marriage Rate	6.3/1,000
Divorce Rate	3.3/1,000

- Heart disease caused 32.0% of all deaths
- 23,561 total reported cases of AIDS (1980-00)
- 45,931 licensed medical doctors in PA
- 6,499 osteopathic doctors in PA
- Top five birth names for males: Jacob, Ryan, Matthew, Michael & Nicholas
- Top five birth names for females: Madison, Emily, Sarah, Hannah & Alexis

Geography & Climate

Lowest Geographic Point - Sea level Delaware River	
Highest Geographic Point - 3,213' Somerset County	
Average Yearly Precipitation	41"
Land Area (sq.mi.)	44,817
Water Area (sq.mi.)	1,239
Penna. is bordered by Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio & West Virginia	

All statistics are the most recent as of 2000 Census



emergency services news



NOVA NEWS

Area Representatives Discuss Challenges

On April 2, 2003, legislative and municipal representatives from Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services' (NOVA) coverage area met at NOVA's South Station for a roundtable discussion of the growing challenges faced by emergency medical service providers.

Representing North Whitehall Township were Supervisor Ron Stahley and Emergency Management Director Richard Benjamin. Also attending were State Representative Paul Semmel, legislative aides from the offices of State Representative Julie Harhart and State Senator Charles Dent, representatives from Lehigh County Emergency Management Agency, Eastern PA EMS Council, Slatington and Washington Township.

NOVA's Board of Directors, Ambulance Chief, Director of Administration, Director of Operations and Auxiliary led the discussion on the following issues:

- The increased educational requirements for an emergency medical technician (EMT) or paramedic.
- The lack of available trained certified EMTs and paramedics.
- The sharp decline of volunteer involvement.

- The cost of technological advances.
- The increasing cost of equipment and personnel to operate the equipment.
- The sharp decline in Medicare and insurance funding to pay for services rendered; and
- The misconception that emergency medical services in Penna. are funded by local and state governments.

The importance of community support through subscriptions, donations and volunteerism was discussed. It is also important for residents to contact their elected officials to encourage them to support increased funding for emergency medical services.

Future meetings regarding these challenges will be ongoing between NOVA and the municipalities in NOVA's coverage area.

NOVA ambulances provide 24 hour/day emergency medical services to residents of North Whitehall Township, Lowhill and Washington Townships and to the Boroughs of Slatington and Walnutport.

Their stations are located at 2375 Levans Road in Coplay (North Whitehall) and at 66 Dowell Street in Slatington.

For information on volunteering your services to NOVA, becoming a subscribing member or making a donation, please contact NOVA at 610-262-1075.

By Ruth Weber, NOVA Administrative Director

Tri Clover Volunteer Fire Company will host an Open House at its station located at 4801 Kernsville Road in Orefield on August 24, from noon to 4:30 PM.

Several of the activities planned include: fire training simulator, 911 simulator, Penn Star helicopter, health screenings, rescue demonstrations, forestry crew and the child ID program. Activities for children include a coloring contest, face painting and moon bounce.

The highlight of the festivities will be the dedication of their new 2003 Freightliner Spill Containment Truck at 1 PM.

There will be displays of fire and ambulance equipment along with demonstrations and instructions on how to use fire extinguishers. Antique fire trucks will be displayed. Miller Memorial Blood Bank will be conducting a blood drive from noon to 3:30 PM. Anyone interested in donating blood please call 610-398-0360 to schedule a time. Plan to attend this fun and informational family event. For information check www.tricloverfc.org.



Tri Clover Fire Company's new Spill Containment Unit

Schnecksville Fire Co. Casino Bus Trip -

The Schnecksville Vol. Fire Company is sponsoring a casino bus trip to Atlantic City.



The trip is scheduled for Friday, August 8. For more information please contact Darlene Laub at 610-799-3735.

Township Tidbits

From the Tax Office. . .

Tax Collector Susan Gelinias has announced dates for her public sitting to collect taxes: Saturday, August 16, 2-3 PM at Laurys Station Fire Co.

Regular hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 AM-5:30 PM; 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month 9 AM-12 noon. Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

The following changes to her regular office hours for the summer are: August 19-31: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 AM-5:30 PM; Saturday mornings August 9, 16 & 30 9 AM to 12 noon; and Thursday, August 28, 6:30-8 PM.

Moving permits are required to move into, out of and within the Township.

Again this year, payment of school real estate taxes can be made by Discover Card in the tax office. No other credit cards are accepted and the transaction must be made in the office, not by mail.

Any taxes issued in 2003 and not paid by December 31, 2003 will be turned over to the designated collector of delinquent taxes. Only cash, cashiers' checks and money orders are accepted as payment between December 15 and 31, 2003. If you have any questions please call the tax office at 610-799-2032.



Upper Lehigh Historical Society News

The UL Historical Society would like to say *Thank You* to all the generous donors who contributed pre-industrial era artifacts to their organization. These items will be used to furnish the Schneck House with implements and accessories that would have typically been found in this area around the late 1700's and early 1800's.

Watch for signs posted at the log home on Route 873 in Schnecksville announcing the Society's Homemade Soup and Bake Sale. Guided tours of the historic house will also be offered at this time.

Anyone wishing to join the UL Historic Society is welcome to become a member. For information call Sharon at 610-767-8560



Upper Lehigh Lions Roar with the Lions Festival

The Neffs Church picnic grove will be the setting for the Upper Lehigh Lions' annual festival on July 25th and 26th. Friday, the festival opens at 5 PM with music provided by *The Cramer Brothers Band* performing from 7:30 to 10:30 PM.

Saturday the festival is open from 8 AM to 10:30 PM. Breakfast will be served from 8 - 11 AM. Over 100 craft vendors will be on hand from 9 AM - 3 PM. Strolling guitarist Brian Xander will perform from 10 AM to 2 PM. *Remember When Band*, featuring music from the 50's, 60's and 70's, will perform beginning at 7:30 PM. Tasty food will be available throughout both days.

Plan to attend this great summer event. Bring the whole family. For more information call 610-767-6368.

Look for the Lions... at the "Night in the Country" festival on August 23. This event is held at the Northwestern Recreation Fields in New Tripoli from 5 - 10 PM. The Lions will have their famous food trailer and some games for the kids.

Starting Friday, August 29, the Lions will be at all the Parkland High School home football games and remember to support the Upper Lehigh Lions food stand at the Great Allentown Fair August 26 to September 1.

*Thanks to Everyone for Supporting the
Lions Club*



Barbecued Chicken Dinner

The Auxiliary of Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services (NOVA ambulance) will be sponsoring a barbecued chicken dinner fund raiser on Saturday, July 19. The event will be held at the ambulance corps building located at 2375 Levans Road from 2 to 6 PM.

Enjoy your dinner in their air-conditioned social room or as a take-out order. Tickets must be ordered in advance and are \$7.50 per person.

For more information and ticket sales call 610-262-7181.

Township Tidbits



Recycling Center Alert



The yard waste recycling area to the rear of the municipal building has been the target of illegal dumping again. This center is designed to accept organic yard waste only.

However, items such as pressure treated lumber, shingles, scrap wood and mixing of materials (brush and ground mixed in with grass) have recently been discovered.

This facility has been available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the convenience of our residents.

Due to the number of abuses (illegal dumping) the Township is now considering methods to limit access to certain days and times. Fencing the area is also being considered.

Security cameras have been installed in hopes of identifying and prosecuting offenders. The license numbers of some offenders have been reported to the Township Recycling Coordinator.



Loader operator Dave Crilley places stone for Doug Wetzel and Kris Kreglow as they work on a new walkway.

Anyone visiting the Municipal Building in recent weeks should have noticed the construction activity in our front yard. A new and safer driveway and parking lot is being constructed.

The Township continues its efforts in dealing with the overcrowding in both the administrative offices and the public works garage.

The Zoning and Planning Offices have undergone a reconfiguration of work space. We anticipate constructing another shed to house equipment and a new public works garage.

We hope to complete the shed before the end of 2003 and construct the garage in early 2004.

Kolapechka Park News

The new park under construction at Sand Spring and Coffeetown Roads is showing signs of progress. The Heavy Equipment Operator class from Lehigh Career and Technology Institute will be doing Erosion and Sedimentation controls and beginning the rough grading of the parcel.

The name, Kolapechka, is being considered to honor the Native American Chief Kolapechka. His tribal nation, the Lenni Lenape, used the area comprising North Whitehall Township as their hunting, fishing and camping grounds. The word Coplay is derived from the chief's name.

Minnich Tract - A Master Plan for the future recreation site in Laurys Station is underway.

Independence Park - The soccer field will remain closed in order to enhance the turf grass development. We hope to open the field for limited play in fall. The park has experienced some vandalism and abuse by skateboarders and bladers. We are asking any park users who observe these abuses to contact the State Police (610-861-2026) and the Township (610-799-3411) immediately.



Equipment stands ready to excavate new recreation park



Thank You - Thanks to Girl Scouts from Troop 1097, under the leadership of residents Sue Horwith and Connie Kreglow, the area around the Municipal Building's flagpole will again be filled with flowers.

The girls and their mothers planted red leaf salvia, white flowering vinca and Victoria blue sage plants on May 12, 2003.

Stop by and view their handy work.

RECREATION & PLAYGROUND NEWS

North Parkland Athletic Association



Registration for North Parkland Athletic Association's football and cheerleading will be held Saturday, August 2 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Practice will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the field behind Tri Clover Fire Co. Boys ages 6 - 14 years may register for flag through 135 pound teams.



Girls may sign up for cheerleading squads. The fee is \$35.00 per player. Any child who is pre-registered may pick up equipment at the field house the week of July 27 - August 1.

Please call for an appointment for equipment pick up. For additional information please call Terry Stoudt at 610-395-2764 or Shelly Pany at 610-395-4173.

NW Senior Slo-pitch League



The 11th season of the NW Men's Slo-pitch League is underway with all six teams from 2002 returning.

Full teams and individual players may register to be placed on a waiting list for the 8th Annual Fall League.

Teams play single games on Mondays and Thursdays under the lights at the Laurys A.A. Field.

Play begins September 4.

A new program will be offered this fall depending on interest. Weekday morning softball, playing twice a week from September till November is being planned.

Call Rick at 610-767-7468 to register or for more information.

Parkland Girls "3 on 3" 6th Annual Basketball Tournament

The Parkland Girls 3 on 3 Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 26 (rain date Sunday, July 27) at the North Whitehall Township basketball courts, located at the recreation field adjacent to the municipal building.

There will be three divisions: 6 - 7 grade (fall of '03)
8 - 9 grade (fall of '03)
10 - 12 grade (fall of '03)

The Round Robin format will have an 8 team maximum per division (first 8 teams to register in each division) and a 4 player roster maximum per team.

Medals will be awarded to the top 4 teams in each division and all players will receive a t-shirt.

Registration is \$50.00 per team and the deadline for registering is July 22. For more information contact Ray Deutsch 610-799-2249, Bob Banzhoff 610-799-4880, Dan Frontino 610-799-4022 or Dave Kentner 610-530-8003.

**Please return the registration below with payment to:
Dave Kentner, 247 Sylvia Lane, Allentown, PA 18104.**

Parkland Girls 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Team: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Player #1 _____ Grade(fall of '03): _____

Address _____

Phone _____ T-shirt size: M, L, XL circle one

Player #2 _____ Grade(fall of '03): _____

Address _____

Phone _____ T-shirt size: M, L, XL circle one

Player #3 _____ Grade(fall of '03): _____

Address _____

Phone _____ T-shirt size: M, L, XL circle one

Player #4 _____ Grade(fall of '03): _____

Address _____

Phone _____ T-shirt size: M, L, XL circle one

RECREATION & PLAYGROUND NEWS



Schnecksville Playground Association



The Schnecksville Playground Association will present its Annual Soccer Camp August 11th to the 15th. The camp will be held on the LCCC fields in Schnecksville.

Ages 5-6 years will be held from 9 -10:30 AM at a cost of \$62.00, ages 7 - 16 years will be held from 9 - noon at a cost of \$100.00. Cost includes a ball, T-shirt, evaluation and ticket to a MetroStars/DC United home game.

Teams of all ages will be held at 5 - 8 PM. Team fee of \$1150.00 will include an evaluation and a ticket to a MetroStars/DC United home game for each player. Team fee of \$1250.00 will include a ball or shirt, an evaluation and a ticket to a MetroStars/DC United home game for each player. Team fee of \$1350.00 will include a ball, shirt, an evaluation and a ticket to a MetroStars/DC United home game for each player

For more information go to www.schnecksvillesports.com



or russell.owen@rodale.com



Library Happenings . . .

Summer Read-to-Me Club - for children between the ages of 2 to 5 who have not started kindergarten. This program encourages parents to read library books to their child at home. Keep track of books read in a Read-to-Me log. Children earn prizes when they turn in their log to the library.

Library Jeopardy - for readers entering grades 5, 6 and 7. This reading game meets Wednesday on July 16 and August 6 at 11 AM and 7 PM. The "final jeopardy and auction" will be held August 13 at 7 PM.

Get in the Game - Summer reading program for readers entering grades 1 through 7. Drop by to play games, make crafts and eat snacks every Monday from July 7 till August 4 between 11 AM and 7 PM.

Special Programs - July 10 at 11 AM and 4 PM **USA 1-2-3 Tennis** will be presented by the US Tennis Association. For grades 1 through 7, registration required.

July 31 at 11 AM and 7 PM **Origami with Mark Kennedy** . For children ages 9 and up, registration required.

Adults - Book Signing - September 15 at 7 PM, David Colley author of "Blood for Dignity: The Story of the First Integrated Combat Unit in the US Army".

September 18 at 7 PM, Shawn McBride, author of "Green Grass Grace" will be at the Library for an book signing. He is a graduate of DeSales University.

For further information contact the Library at 610-398-1361.



Ladies Aerobics - Registration for the fall aerobics class will be held on Wednesday, August 27, at the North Whitehall Municipal Bldg. from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Everyone must send in the pre-registration form and also register in person in order to participate. The Recreation Board has tentatively scheduled the classes for Tuesday & Thursday, starting on September 2 till October 23.

Depending on the number of registrants there may be two classes a night. In the event two classes are held, the tentative class times would be 6-7 PM and 7:15-8:15 PM, if one class is scheduled the time would be 6:30-7:30 PM. This program is for North Whitehall Twp. residents only and participants must be 18 years or older to register.

A one-time fee of \$25.00 will be collected at the time of registration. The classes will be held in the gym of the Schnecksville Elem. School. To pre-register, mail the coupon below to John Drabic, 3951 Maple Street, Allentown, PA 18104.

Ladies aerobics pre-registration form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Bldg, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA (Ironton). All meetings start at 7:30 PM except where noted. Phone 610-799-3411. Fax 610-799-9629 E-mail News@northwhitehall.org or bborder@northwhitehall.org



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS..... 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS AT 4:00 PM
 ZONING HEARING BOARD..... 2ND TUESDAY
 PLANNING COMMISSION..... 4TH TUESDAY
 RECREATION BOARD..... 3RD MONDAY OF ODD MONTHS
 HISTORICAL COMMISSION..... 2ND MONDAY OF JAN., APR. & AUG.



- August 8...S'ville Fire Co Casino Bus Trip 610-799-3735
- August 19...Ironton Rail-Trail Mtg Whitehall Twp Bldg 6:30 PM
- August 21...Neffs Fire Co Meat/Seafood Drawing 610-767-4784
- August 24...Tri Clover FC Open House/Truck Dedication noon-4:30 PM
- August 27...Ladies Aerobics sign-ups 6 - 7:30 PM Twp Bldg
- September 1...Labor Day - Township Offices closed
- September 4...Schneck House Lecture - "Women & Early Automobiling" (Grove home) 7:00 PM 610-767-8560
- September 16...Ironton Rail-Trail Mtg Coplay Boro Bldg 6:30 PM
- September 21...NOVA Auxiliary Bus Trip - Lily Langry 610-799-3483
- September 21...S'ville Fire Co Flea Market 610-767-6553
- September 28...S'ville Fire Co Buffet Breakfast 610-799-3735
- Schneck House open last Sunday each month 2-4 PM
- Schnecksville Fire Co Bingo every Monday 6:45 PM 799-0434

- July 4.....Independence Day - Township Offices closed
- July 15.....Ironton Rail-Trail Mtg N. Whitehall Twp Bldg 6:30 PM
- July 19NOVA Ambulance BBQ Chicken Dinner 610-262-7181
- July 25-26...Lions Festival - Neffs Church Grove 610-767-6368
- July 263 on 3 Girls Basketball Tournament 610-799-4880
- August 2.....N Parkland football sign-ups 610-395-2764
 cheerleading sign-ups 610-395-4173

Illegal Dumping - Are You Guilty? The Township receives complaints annually from our farming community regarding residents, adjacent to farm fields, dumping grass clippings, yard waste and even garbage into crop areas. Likewise, some residents continue to dump their grass clippings in swales and drainage courses. Other homeowners insist on filling them in with topsoil and seeding them.

This defeats the purpose of these important drainage facilities. This practice can create problems with the flooding of roadways and adjacent properties and must be discontinued. Property owners must be aware that roadways are meant to convey traffic not water. The Township strives to provide safe travel by keeping water off the roads as much as possible, but we need the cooperation of the community.

Swales are a requirement on most lots and along most roadsides and filling them in may result in a citation. Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for their waste and dumping it without permission is illegal dumping. To be sure, many farmers may not object to grass clippings or organics, but not without their permission.

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