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- Thursday, November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving Day)
- Wednesday, December 23, 2026 (Christmas Eve)
- Thursday, December 24, 2026 (Christmas Day)
- Thursday, December 31, 2026 (New Year's Day)
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A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER



As another year comes to a close, township staff are busy preparing for the fall and winter seasons while reflecting on another productive year of serving the North Whitehall Township community. We hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and well.

I am pleased to report that North Whitehall Township remains in a strong financial position and continues to make meaningful progress toward the goals outlined in our Comprehensive Plan. Through careful fiscal management and strategic planning, we have continued investing in our infrastructure, parks, public safety and preservation efforts while maintaining the high level of service our residents have come to expect.

Farmland preservation remains one of the township's highest priorities. Thanks to the continued support of our Board of Supervisors and our preservation partners, the township has now permanently preserved **935 acres** of farmland and open space. Protecting these valuable agricultural lands helps preserve our rural character, supports local farming and ensures that future generations can continue to enjoy the scenic landscapes that make North Whitehall Township such a special place to live.

Our Planning and Zoning Department continues to shape the township's future through responsible growth and long-range planning. Staff have made significant progress updating the township's Zoning Ordinance and is nearing completion of the township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).

Our Recreation and Communications Department continues expanding opportunities for residents to stay informed and engaged. Through social media, monthly e-newsletters, community events and recreational programming, we strive to strengthen community connections while offering activities for residents of all ages.

The Public Works Department has remained busy maintaining more than 120 miles of township roads, stormwater infrastructure, parks, buildings and our municipal fleet. As we enter the winter months, we ask residents to review the snow removal and winter maintenance information included in this newsletter.

Last but not least, I would also like to recognize and thank our volunteer firefighters, emergency medical personnel, law enforcement officers and emergency management volunteers for their unwavering commitment to protecting our community.

I wish you and your family a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving you in 2027.

Warm regards,



Randy Cope

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- **Berger Sanitation** 610-837-6711
- **Waste Management** 610-440-3700

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Fire Departments
- **Schnecksville Community Fire Company #1** ... 610-799-3457
- **Neffs Fire Company** 610-767-4784
- **Laurys Station Company #1** 610-262-9261
- **Tri-Clover Fire Company** 610-398-0360

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Parkland School District Administrative Office ... 610-351-5503
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Voter Registration 610-782-3194

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- **Facebook:** @northwhitehalltownship
- **Instagram:** @northwhitehalltwp

BE PART OF IT

Do you want to serve your community but don't know how to get involved? North Whitehall Township has different boards for you to consider getting involved with (training will be provided as requested). Please fill out and return the Board Appointment Interest Form to be considered! The form can be accessed by scanning the QR code to the right or visiting https://northwhitehall.org/forms.html. For additional information, please visit www.northwhitehall.org or call 610-799-3411.

Township Meeting Schedule

Township Building, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA 18037*

- **Board of Supervisors**
  Second Monday of each month at 7 pm
- **Farmland Preservation/Open Space Board**
  Second Thursday of February, April, July and October at 7 pm
- **Ironton Rail Trail Oversight Committee**
  Third Tuesday of every other month at 7 pm (location varies)
- **Planning Commission**
  Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm
- **Recreation Board**
  Third Monday of January, March, May and September at 6 pm
- **Zoning Hearing Board**
  Third Wednesday of each month as needed at 7 pm

* *Meeting dates and locations are subject to change. Please refer to our website to stay up to date.*

Township Tax Collector

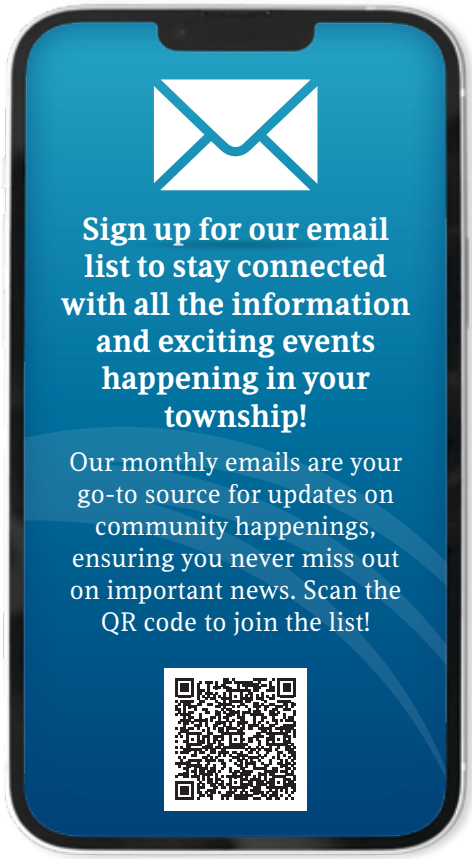
Tax Collector: Donna Kumernitsky

Office Hours: Hours vary by month. Please check your tax bill or northwhitehall.org for the most up-to-date hours.

Contact Information: 3256 Levans Rd., Coplay, PA 18037. Email realestatetax@northwhitehall.org or call 610-799-3411.

Helpful Tips/FAQs:

- Real estate tax bills are mailed on April 1. If you do not receive yours by April 10, call or email the tax collector.
- School district tax bills are mailed on July 1. If you do not receive yours by July 10, call or email the tax collector.
- Your municipal tax collector only collects township and school tax bills.
- If you receive an exception bill, this bill is in addition to your regular bill. Many people receive these when they upgrade their property.
  - If you have a mortgage and you pay your property tax through escrow, forward your exception bill and regular tax bill to your mortgage company.
- Write your check with a gel pen and write "for deposit only" on the back of the check to make it harder to "wash."
- Always include a phone number with payment.



HOMETOWN HEROES
BANNER PROGRAM

North Whitehall Township's Hometown Heroes Banner Program is a living tribute created for the community to recognize and honor our local Veterans who have served or are currently serving our country!



Contact our office at 610-799-3411 for additional information on how to sponsor your Veteran for our Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
NEW HIRES

We would like to welcome the following individual to North Whitehall Township!



Receptionist/ Permit Administrator: Kate Wenck

Congrats!

NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
RETIREMENT HIGHLIGHT



Jane Kelly

Please join us in congratulating Jane Kelly on her retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to North Whitehall Township!

Since 2006, Jane's professionalism, attention to detail and deep institutional knowledge have supported countless township services and strengthened our connection with residents. Her commitment to public service has made a lasting impact on our community.

Thank you, Jane, for two remarkable decades of service. We wish you happiness and all the best in this exciting new chapter!

THANK YOU
TO OUR INTERNS

We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of our interns this year!

Isabella Witt:
A Recreation Summer Camp Manager intern, currently in her third year of the nursing program at Coastal Carolina University. Isabella also helped prepare for the summer camp season, assisted with daily camp schedules and managed her camp site staff and campers each day.

Delaney Troxell:
A Recreation Summer Camp Manager intern, currently in her third year of the special education program and a member of the softball team at Millersville University. Delaney also helped prepare for the summer camp season, assisted with daily camp schedules and managed her camp site staff and campers each day.

Thank you, Delaney and Isabella, for your contributions; you've both left a lasting impact on our team!

NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:
Fire Code Administrator

Help us welcome Jim Steward, North Whitehall Township's Fire Code Administrator! Jim joined our team in June 2025 after retiring from a 38-year career in microelectronics engineering. Transitioning from engineering to local government, Jim chose this role to continue pursuing his lifelong passion for public safety and community service. This new position was developed to emphasize fire prevention and life safety as fundamental township values, an undertaking perfectly suited for Jim.

As a lifelong township resident and the current Fire Chief of the Neffs Volunteer Fire Company, where he has volunteered for 45 years, Jim brings local knowledge to the job. His hands-on experience is supported by professional certifications as a fire officer, inspector, investigator and plan examiner. He has also attended many other state and federal training courses and currently serves as an appointed Assistant PA State Police Fire Marshal.

In his township role, Jim focuses on commercial fire and life safety inspections by conducting checks and enforcing compliance of the Township Fire Code. He serves as a key member of the Township Staff Planning Team, reviewing new development plans to ensure robust fire and public safety standards are built into the township's growth. He also assists the township fire services with daily administrative support as well as responding to emergency incidents in the township.

Jim and his wife of 40 years, Lois, reside in Neffs and have three adult children and five grandchildren. Outside of his public service, Jim is an active member of Union Lutheran Church. Jim and Lois enjoy traveling the country with the goal of visiting all 50 states (19 to go)—a mission occasionally detoured by family trips with their children and grandkids to various Disney destinations.

Fun Facts About Jim:
- *Favorite Food:* Perfectly cooked steak (don't let his doctor know)
- *Favorite Activities:* Helping his children with their home improvements
- *Favorite Sports Team:* Pittsburgh Steelers



You can reach Jim by emailing him at jsteward@northwhitehall.org or by calling the office at 610-799-3411.

JUST FOR *seniors*

Did you know that many organizations within North Whitehall Township and across the Lehigh Valley are dedicated to helping our senior population? Below is a listing of a few local resources. We encourage seniors to visit lehighcounty.org/departments/human-services/aging-and-adult-services or simply call 211 on your phone for a broad listing of all available resources.

- **Meals on Wheels:** 4240 Fritch Drive, Bethlehem • 610-691-1030
- **Lehigh Valley Active Life:** 1633 West Elm Street, Allentown • 610-437-3700
- **Senior Helpers of the Lehigh Valley:** 2814 Walbert Avenue, Allentown 610-440-4933
- **Jewish Family Services:** Provides counseling for seniors who are isolated and lonely through a friendly telephone caller and visitor program. 2004 W. Allen Street, Allentown • 610-821-8722
- **Person Directed Supports, Inc.:** Provides meal preparation, laundry, transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping. 1541 Alta Drive, Whitehall • 610-841-4401
- **Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services:** 17 South Seventh Street, Allentown • 610-782-3034
- **Home Instead Senior Care:** Assists with meal preparation, laundry, transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping. 3722 Lehigh Street, Whitehall • 610-770-7773

SCHNECKSVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP



The Schnecksville Senior Citizens Group is actively looking for new members to join! Weekly meetings are held every Thursday at Grouse Hall (3335 Levans Rd., Coplay, PA). Doors open at 11:30 am. The group offers a light lunch at noon, followed by a brief meeting. Members can also play bingo or cards if they'd like, or they can leave after the meeting.

If you are interested or have any questions, call Angela at 610-509-7292.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FOR RESIDENTS

The township has contracted with EACR Inc. to provide electronics recycling for residents!

Hours & Location: Please visit our website or call the township office to verify our current available drop-off hours. Electronics recycling will take place at our yard waste drop-off site behind the Township Building, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA 18037. Electronic recycling hours follow our Yard Waste Site hours.

STEP-BY-STEP DROP-OFF GUIDE

1. Appropriate Items and Cost. Check our website to ensure that we will accept the items that you would like to recycle. Please also make note of the nominal fee associated with recycling each item.

2. Arrive at the Township Building. Bring a copy of your driver's license (to prove residence) to the Township Building.

3. Let Us Know What You're Dropping Off. Tell the receptionist exactly what items you have for electronics recycling and make the payment (cash or check only).

4. We'll Issue Your Receipt. Our receptionist will fill out a triplicate receipt. You'll receive the top two copies.

5. Drop Off. Head over to the electronics recycling drop-off area during regular business hours (check website for hours) and hand one receipt to the attendant (must be done within 30 days).

6. Get Rid of Your Unwanted Electronics. Place your items into the large recycling container, and they will be recycled!

We've designed this process to be efficient and easy for everyone. We expect that this program may be popular, and we ask that you please be patient if there is a line for dropping off materials. We will do our best to ensure your electronics recycling drop-off experience is quick and easy. Thanks for doing your part to keep the township clean and green!

–Your Township Public Works Team

TRASH AND RECYCLING

North Whitehall Township does not hold a contract for garbage collection. All residents are required to have a contract for garbage collection, as required by Township Ordinance 2008-01.

FREE recycling labels are available at the township office for your own purchased recycling container.



NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

YARD WASTE FACILITY

Spring and Summer Hours *(April 1 – October 31)*
- Tuesday and Thursday: 9 am – 6 pm
- Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 9 am – 3 pm

Winter Hours *(November 1 – March 31)*
- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 9 am – 3 pm

The drop-off center is located at 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA 18037, and is for North Whitehall Township residents ONLY.

Residents must obtain a pass to utilize the facility. Applications for the pass can be filled out in the office or online (scan the QR code above). If filling out the application online, your pass will be sent to you by mail in 10-14 business days after application. If filling out the application in the office, your pass will be given immediately. Passes are now a blue window sticker and do not have an expiration date.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure the information for your yard waste account is up to date. The license plate number and make/model of the vehicle entering the facility must match the information given on your application. If you purchase a new car or have a temporary rental, please inform the office.

Acceptable yard waste material: Wood/tree limbs (up to 12 inches in diameter and 8 feet long), wood chips, pine cones, pine needles, leaves, yard vegetation (free of dirt), flower/garden plants (free of dirt) and grass clippings (April 1 – September 30).

Seasonal acceptable yard waste material: Christmas trees (December – January).



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As your representative in Congress, nothing is more important to me than making sure our communities have the resources they need to stay safe, grow and succeed. That's why my team and I work every day to bring federal dollars back home and deliver real results for the people of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos. Through this year's appropriations process, we secured over $12 million for local projects across our region, along with tens of millions of dollars in additional programmatic funding to support jobs, public safety and economic growth.

A priority has been supporting our first responders. We secured over $1.6 million for a new firehouse in Alburtis, replacing an aging building that can no longer support modern equipment and helping firefighters do their jobs safely and effectively. We also made investments in law enforcement and emergency services, including $700,000 for Bethlehem Police Department upgrades, $60,000 for the Carbon County Sheriff's Office, and over $2 million for a new Carbon County emergency radio system to improve communication during emergencies.

We also worked to support jobs and manufacturing right here in our region. The Lehigh Valley has a proud manufacturing tradition, including Mack Trucks, and through the appropriations process, we secured $47 million in programmatic funding for Mack Defense, supporting continued production and helping sustain high-skilled jobs locally.

In addition, we're investing in projects that improve daily life for residents and support future growth. We secured $2 million for improvements at Lehigh Valley International Airport, including new escalators and elevators to improve access and keep up with record passenger growth. We also supported projects that improve accessibility and transportation across our communities, including local bridge repairs and ADA-access improvements to ensure public spaces are accessible to everyone.

These investments reflect what I hear from people across our region: support for first responders and practical improvements that make a difference in everyday life. If you have questions, thoughts or need assistance with a federal agency, my team is here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our district offices.



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- PennDOT driver and vehicle services.
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As we wind down the two-year legislative session for the Pennsylvania General Assembly, I want to remind you that my office can provide assistance with a number of state-related services.

THESE INCLUDE:
- Driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork.
- PACE and PACENET applications for seniors.
- Help with obtaining birth and death certificates.
- State tax forms.
- Student aid applications.
- State park information and vacation guides.
- Referrals to agencies to resolve state-related matters.
- Limited notary services. Please schedule an appointment.

My district offices also can assist with identifying unclaimed property currently being held by the state Treasury. Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left inactive by the owner for a period of seven years or more. If no lawful owner claims the property at that time, it is transferred to the Treasury. The most common kinds of unclaimed property include savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, unclaimed insurance benefits and items abandoned in forgotten safe deposit boxes. The amounts can range from a few dollars to a few thousand dollars. To find out if you or a member of your family is entitled to unclaimed property, visit www.patreasury.com.

Another service my offices provide is assistance with Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications. Older residents looking for an opportunity to recoup some of the money they pay in property taxes or rent are encouraged to check out the program, which is one of several senior programs supported by proceeds from the Pennsylvania Lottery. This year, income limits have been increased to $48,110. The maximum amount each homeowner and renter can receive is $1,000.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms are available by contacting my offices or by visiting the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue's website at www.revenue.pa.gov. My staff also provides free assistance with filling out and filing the forms. Applicants should be prepared to provide all the necessary income, property tax or rental information required to process claims quickly and accurately. Applications are due by December 31.

Finally, we offer assistance to local veterans through a Veterans Outreach Specialist from the American Legion in Wilkes-Barre. The specialist is available by appointment from 10 am – 2 pm on the first Thursday of alternating months at our Northampton and Slatington offices to help veterans access VA benefits and services. Please contact either office to schedule an appointment.

In closing, if there is anything my staff or I can do to be of service to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.





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SEASONAL REMINDERS FROM THE ZONING OFFICE

As the seasons change, the township would like to remind residents of several common property maintenance and zoning requirements that help keep our community safe, accessible and in compliance with township ordinances.

Snow and Ice Removal
With winter weather approaching, the township reminds property owners and occupants of their responsibility to keep sidewalks clear and safe for pedestrian travel.

Pursuant to **§ 370-25 of the Township Code,** all persons owning, controlling or occupying property that abuts, adjoins or fronts a sidewalk are required to remove snow, sleet, hail or ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours after the same has ceased to fall or accumulate. When snow or ice has become compacted and cannot be completely removed, the sidewalk must be covered with sand or another suitable substance to help provide a safe walking surface.

Keeping sidewalks clear helps ensure safe access for residents, pedestrians and emergency personnel throughout the winter season. Thank you for helping maintain safe and accessible walkways throughout the township.

Recreational Vehicle Parking and Storage
As a reminder, the township regulates the recreational use of engine-powered recreational vehicles on private property under **§ 403.1 of the Township Code.** These regulations are intended to balance recreational use with the protection of neighboring properties and the quality of life within the township. Recreational operation of engine-powered recreational vehicles, including ATVs, dirt bikes and similar vehicles, is permitted between 9 am and 9 pm. Recreational vehicles must be operated at least 50 feet from all property lines unless an applicable exception under the Township Code applies. Operators must also ensure that dust, mud or debris generated by operation does not leave the property where the vehicle is being used.

These requirements do not apply when recreational vehicles are being used for certain property maintenance activities, including snow removal and other permitted maintenance tasks. Residents with questions regarding recreational vehicle use or applicable restrictions are encouraged to contact the Township Zoning Office before operating these vehicles on private property.

Planning Ahead for Spring Projects
Although spring may seem far away, winter is an excellent time to begin planning outdoor improvement projects. Many projects—including swimming pools, sheds, garages, additions, decks, fences and other accessory structures—may require zoning permits and, in some cases, building permits under the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC).

Beginning the permitting process early can help avoid delays once construction season arrives. While many applications are reviewed sooner, projects requiring UCC review may take up to 15 business days for plan review, so residents are encouraged to submit complete applications well in advance of their anticipated construction schedule.

If you are unsure whether your project requires a permit, please contact the Township Zoning Office before purchasing materials or beginning construction. We are happy to answer questions and help ensure your project gets off to a smooth start.

New Community Cat TNR Program Offers a Humane Response to Resident Concerns

In response to resident concerns about the growing number of free-roaming community cats, the township has adopted a new Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program designed to humanely manage community cat colonies while improving the quality of life for both residents and the cats themselves.

The township has partnered with Aunt Helen's Cats in Need and has dedicated funding to cover the cost of spay/neuter procedures for eligible community cats participating in the program. Funding is available through the township's annual budget appropriation and will be provided while allocated funds remain. Residents who wish to participate will be asked to work with the township and its TNR partner to coordinate trapping and scheduling.

Cats participating in the program are humanely trapped and transported to a licensed veterinarian where they are spayed or neutered, vaccinated against rabies and ear tipped as a universal sign that they have been sterilized. After recovering from the procedure, the cats are returned to their home area. Returning the cats to their familiar territory is a key component of the TNR program and helps prevent new, unsterilized cats from moving into the area.

TNR is a nationally recognized, humane approach to managing free-roaming cat populations. Sterilization helps prevent future litters while reducing nuisance behaviors, such as fighting, spraying and yowling. As colony populations stabilize and naturally decline over time, neighborhoods benefit from fewer complaints while the cats themselves enjoy healthier lives.

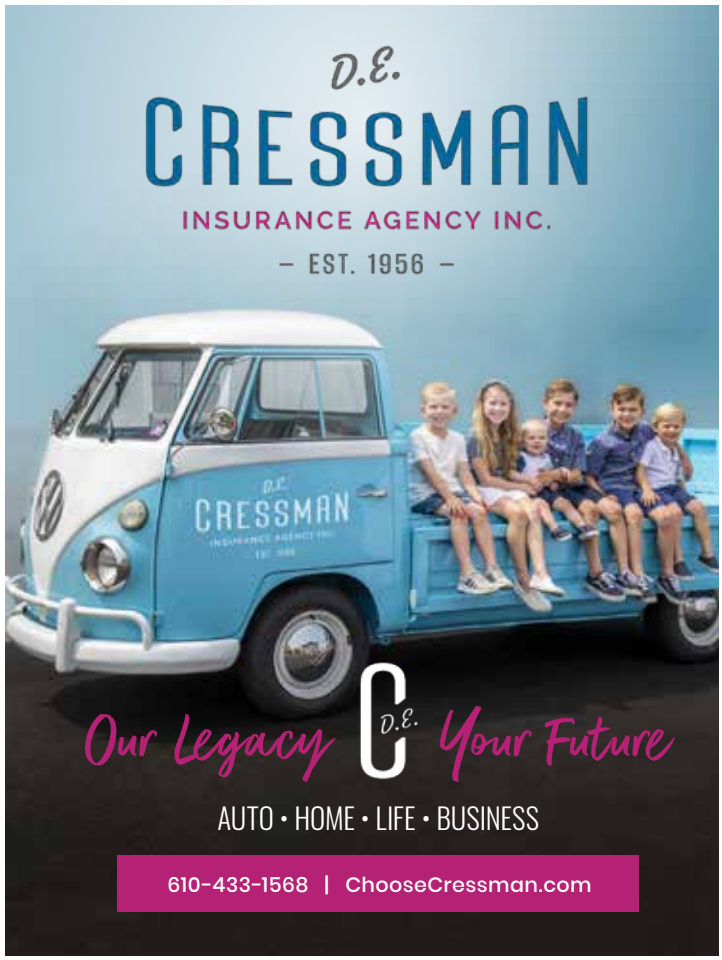
Residents who regularly care for a colony of community cats are encouraged to register as caregivers with the township. Registration allows the township and our TNR partner to provide assistance and resources while helping ensure colonies are managed responsibly. Caregivers are asked to cooperate with trapping efforts, maintain feeding areas in a clean and sanitary manner, and help identify any new, unsterilized cats that join a colony.

The program is voluntary and is designed to support both animal welfare and the quality of life in our community. It also provides important protection for ear-tipped cats that have already been through the TNR program and helps prevent the abandonment of unwanted cats.

Residents who would like to register a community cat colony, learn more about the township's TNR Program or discuss community cat concerns are encouraged to contact the Township Zoning Office. Those interested in volunteering, trapping assistance or other TNR-related services may also contact our partner TNR organization directly.

TOWNSHIP CONTACT
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TNR PROGRAM PARTNER
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North Whitehall Township Reaches 935 Acres of Permanently Preserved Open Space

North Whitehall Township is proud to recognize both the Stewart and Skorinko families for their commitment to preserving the community's agricultural heritage and open spaces through the township's Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program.

The Stewart family permanently preserved 67.15 acres near Scheidys and Clearview Roads, while the Skorinko family preserved eight parcels totaling 134.65 acres. Together, these preservation efforts have helped North Whitehall Township reach an exciting milestone of 935.4 acres permanently protected throughout the township. Every property preserved represents another investment in protecting the farmland, woodlands, open space, scenic landscapes and rural character that make North Whitehall Township such a special place to live. The township extends its sincere appreciation to both families for their vision and commitment to preservation. Their decisions will leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Property owners interested in learning more about the North Whitehall Township Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program or the proposed EIT are encouraged to contact Mike Kukitz by emailing mkukitz@northwhitehall.org or calling 610-799-3411. Additional information about the Open Space Earned Income Tax (EIT) referendum is available at https://northwhitehall.org/eit.html.



SPECIAL NOTE: Interest in the township's preservation program continues to grow. Currently, 10 landowners have applied to preserve an additional 312 acres, and nine more property owners have expressed interest in preserving another 239 acres. Existing preservation funding is not sufficient to meet this demand. **As North Whitehall Township continues its commitment to protecting farmland and open space, residents should be aware that an Open Space Earned Income Tax (EIT) referendum will appear on the General Election ballot this November.** The referendum asks voters to consider replacing the township's existing Open Space Property Tax with a dedicated Earned Income Tax to provide a more sustainable funding source for future preservation efforts.

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OPEN SPACE EARNED INCOME TAX (EIT) INFORMATION



NOTICE OF UPCOMING REFERENDUM VOTE:

- **What is on the ballot?**
  A referendum question regarding North Whitehall Township's Open Space EIT.
- **When is the vote?**
  General Election Day:
  Tuesday, November 3, 2026.
- **Why now?**
  Open space tax rates can only be modified or repealed by a majority vote of the residents. This means YOU decide if we should have this tax to preserve more land.
- **Where do I vote?**
  At your standard designated township polling place. To view your polling place, visit www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

North Whitehall Township is asking residents to decide if they would like to initiate a .15 mill Earned Income Tax (EIT) dedicated to farmland and open space preservation. This question will be on the ballot this November for residents to vote on. Funds would be restricted by Pennsylvania Act 153 and used only for open space purposes, including preservation, acquisition, maintenance and recreation-related improvements.





Why is North Whitehall Township considering this? Over the past decade, residents have consistently expressed concerns about the increasing development pressure facing the township and the loss of open space. Placing the EIT referendum on the ballot gives residents the opportunity to decide whether to provide additional funding for land preservation and help protect the township's remaining undeveloped land for future generations.

The township currently has applications from 10 property owners interested in preserving more than 312 acres of land. The existing preservation tax only generates about $160,000 annually, which is sufficient to preserve roughly one property each year. Without additional funding, preservation efforts may be delayed, increasing the likelihood that these properties are developed before they can be permanently protected. If this EIT measure passes, the existing 0.1 mill property tax would be eliminated.

How much will my taxes go up if the referendum is successful? Your specific tax increase will depend on your income. The median two-person household income in North Whitehall Township, as of 2025, is $110,000. For the average household income of $110,000, an EIT increase of 0.15 would increase individual taxes by an estimated $165.20 annually, which equates to $13.77 per month (less than a monthly Netflix subscription) or 45 cents per day.

How much funding will the North Whitehall Township Open Space EIT raise for preservation efforts? We estimate that a 0.15% increase in the Earned Income Tax rate will generate $1,000,000 per year. Efforts will focus on acquisition and purchase of development rights through conservation easements so that preservation is maximized and costs are minimized.

Why not "just say no" to developers and proposed land development projects? The township is legally required by Pennsylvania's Municipal Planning Code to accept our fair share of development (and all types of development) and cannot "just say no" to development. Developers have their rights, as do property owners. The intention of the Open Space program is to permanently protect undeveloped land remaining in the township to better benefit the residents of today and tomorrow. The program will provide willing landowners with an option other than selling their land for development and will give the township a seat at the table when fee simple acquisition is of more interest to the landowner.

What will the funding be used for? The funds can only be used for open space purposes, such as acquisition, planning for acquisition, preservation, maintenance, recreation and recreation-related improvements to land acquired using open space funds. Open space can include farmland, wetlands, wooded areas, meadows, parks, stream corridors, wildlife habitats, scenic overlooks, community gardens and other undeveloped or minimally developed lands that provide environmental, recreational, agricultural, scenic or conservation benefits.

What will prevent the open space revenue from being used for other purposes? Pennsylvania Act 153 legally restricts the funds to preservation purposes. Revenue would also be maintained in a separate, auditable account.

Do taxpayers ever vote to increase taxes? Yes. North Whitehall would not be the first community to use an Earned Income Tax for open space preservation. Similar voter-approved programs already exist in Lehigh County, including Lower Macungie Township (.15%), Heidelberg Township (.175%) and South Whitehall Township (.10%), demonstrating strong local support for preserving farmland and open space throughout the Lehigh Valley. In Northampton County, the following seven municipalities have approved a .25% EIT: Williams Township, Bushkill Township, Moore Township, Lower Mount Bethel Township, Lower Saucon Township, Upper Mount Bethel Township and Plainfield Township. If approved, the township then cannot repeal or change the EIT any sooner than five years after it is first imposed OR until any municipal debt/bonds borrowed against that tax to buy open space land are completely paid off, whichever takes longer.

Don't we already have ordinances that create open space? Why do we need to be taxed for it now? Partially. Development ordinances require some open space within new developments, but they do not preserve large tracts of land in strategic locations. Direct preservation allows the township to protect important properties before development occurs.

How will the township determine which properties are acquired and/or preserved? The Farmland & Open Space Preservation Committee is a nine-member advisory board composed of township residents as well as the township's elected officials. This committee evaluates properties and recommends acquisitions and preservation agreements.

I still have unanswered questions. Who can I speak with for more information?
Mike Kukitz, *Director of Grants, Preservation & Trails*
610-799-3411 • mkukitz@northwhitehall.org

Public Works

STREET LIGHT OUT?

Burned-out street lights can be reported to PPL at 800-342-5775. When calling, you must provide PPL with the exact address and the pole numbers, which are located on a tag on the pole. If PPL does not repair the street light within three weeks, contact the township by calling 610-799-3411.

STATE ROAD REQUEST FOR SERVICE

Maintenance of state roads that run through North Whitehall Township is the responsibility of PennDOT. This includes roadside mowing, snow plowing, fixing potholes and removing roadkill.



PennDOT Maintenance can be reached at customercare.penndot.gov or 610-798-4282. You should receive an electronic response explaining the resolution to your question and an approximate time in which work will be completed, if required.

TOWNSHIP FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

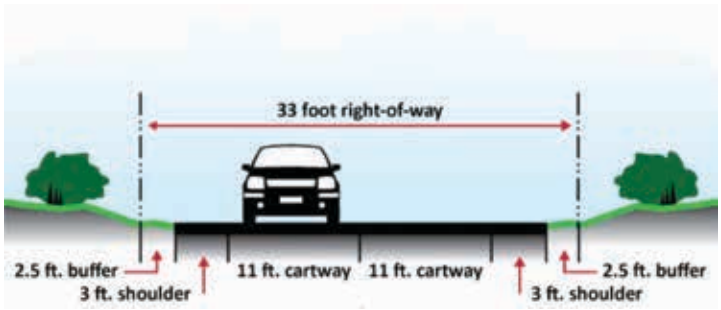
North Whitehall Township Public Works will continue its Curbside Fall Leaf Collection Program for residents starting in the middle of October. Township crews will be making routine trips around the township throughout each week. Due to inclement weather and scheduling conflicts, it is impossible to maintain a set timetable for leaf pickup. The last trip through the township will be during the first week of December. Please have all leaves curbside by the first week of December. You may also bring your leaves to the Township Yard Waste Center while the facility is open.

LEAVES ONLY PLEASE! It is imperative to keep your curbside leaf piles free from any and all non-leaf debris. Other material going through our equipment can cause malfunctions and create significant delays while the equipment is being attended to. Please check your piles to make sure our crews can continue their routes without equipment breakdowns.

- No dirt and soil
- No garbage
- No garden residue
- No stumps/logs
- No pet waste
- No twigs/branches
- No grass clippings
- No roots from trees or plants



RIGHT OF WAY



All township roads are located on land that is referred to as road right-of-way. The road right-of-way provides the space needed for the road surface, roadside shoulders, drainage systems, aerial and underground public utilities, sidewalks or non-motorized paths and traffic signs.

The width of the township road right-of-way can vary, however, the general rule of thumb is that the road right-of-way is 33 feet wide, approximately 16 ½ feet measured from the center of the road on both sides. The width of some township roads and most state roads are greater than 33 feet wide.

Because the township has the responsibility to maintain roads in a safe condition for travel, property owners are not allowed to install, construct or place any item or work within the road right-of-way without a permit. The exception to this rule is that a mailbox may be installed. Owners are responsible to ensure that the mailbox doesn't extend over the edge of the road surface, making it susceptible to plow damage.

All non-approved objects placed or work conducted within the road right-of-way are considered to be encroachments, which include but are not limited to: cultivating, plowing or planting; depositing of stone, rocks, trash, grass, yard waste or debris of any kind; draining swimming pools, sump pumps, downspouts or any other facility; trees or shrubs growing into the right-of-way; and installation of fencing, driveway access or placement of anything else such as recreation equipment.

Encroachments in the right-of-way may be removed by the township without prior notice to the property owner, or the township may choose to notify the owner that they must remove the encroachment or face legal action. The township is not responsible for any damage to encroachments caused by removal or maintenance within the right-of-way.

Contact the township first before doing anything in the right-of-way, even if it is meant to be temporary, to learn what regulations there are and what permits you may need.

If you are considering the installing of something close to the right-of-way line like a retaining wall, landscaping, fencing, etc., we recommend that you use a surveyor or engineering firm to determine the actual location of the road right-of-way line so you don't have to later remove your improvement because it's in the right-of-way. At the very least, you should verify the width of the right-of-way and then back off an added three plus feet from your measured line.

Lastly, if you are going to landscape your property, make sure that you plant your trees or shrubs far enough back from the right-of-way that when they mature, the foliage doesn't extend over the line.

SNOW SHOVELING SAFETY

Why Is Snow-clearing So Dangerous?

Shoveling snow may look like a simple chore, but it's one of the most heart-straining activities you can do—especially for older adults.

Wet snow is heavy. A single shovelful can weigh about 16 pounds, and 10 minutes of shoveling can mean moving nearly 2,000 pounds. Research shows a shoveler's heart rate can climb to 97% of its maximum—higher than during a full-effort treadmill test. Cold air makes it worse. Breathing frigid air constricts your blood vessels, raising blood pressure and making it harder for your heart to get blood.

Shoveling is uniquely dangerous because it's static exertion: you stand still while straining with your upper body, which causes sudden spikes in heart rate and blood pressure. Lifting with your arms is harder on the heart than lifting with your legs, and we tend to hold our breath while straining. Standing still also lets blood pool in your legs instead of returning to your heart.

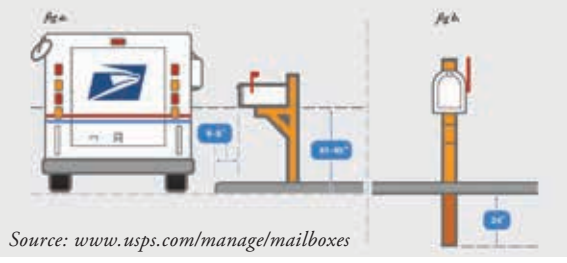
Age matters. People in their 20s and 30s rarely have trouble, but those 45 and older—especially with known or hidden heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure or a sedentary lifestyle—face real risk. Sometimes, the first symptom of heart disease is cardiac arrest.

SAFER TIPS: Push, don't lift. Take frequent breaks. Dress in layers. Avoid heavy meals, smoking and alcohol around shoveling. Consider an electric snow blower. And if you feel pain anywhere from the belly button up, stop and call 911 for any heart attack signs. For people in their 70s and 80s, the safest move is to pay someone else to do it.

PREP YOUR MAILBOX FOR WINTER

SHAKE YOUR MAILBOX AND MORE BEFORE WINTER

While out in the yard raking and blowing leaves this fall, if you have a mailbox out in the right-of-way (out by the street), take a few minutes to check the condition of your mailbox and post. Over time, screws loosen/break and posts rot. If the mailbox moves when you shake it, the mailbox and/or post may not withstand standard winter snow removal operations and should be repaired or replaced before winter. The most common reason why a mailbox and post is damaged during the winter is not from physical contact with a plow but it is the result of the deteriorating condition of a mailbox and/or post combined with the impact of snow being thrown from plows off of the street.



Source: www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes

USPS MAILBOX LOCATION STANDARDS

It's also important to make sure your mailbox is located to U.S. Postal Service standards. Mailboxes located too close to the street or posts not adequately secured are more susceptible to damage by winter maintenance operations. Mailboxes are one of the only objects allowed by law to be placed in the road right-of-way. The location and construction of mailboxes must conform to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Postal Service and standards established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) in the Roadside Design Guide. The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. Position your mailbox 41 inches to 45 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry. Place your mailbox 6 inches to 8 inches back from the curb or edge of the pavement for those areas that do not have a raised curb.

Addressing mailbox condition and location in the fall will help avoid potential mail delivery delays and repairs during the winter season.

SNOW PLOWING

North Whitehall Township has 12 trucks with plow blades and salt spreaders. During inclement weather, township crews are out clearing the roads based on weather conditions. **NOTE:** *There are 20 roads in North Whitehall that are maintained by PennDOT. For a list, refer to www.northwhitehall.org.*

KEEP ROADS CLEAR

Avoid parking vehicles and placing trash cans and other items in the roadways during snow events to allow crews to effectively plow roads. These obstacles are hazards to snow plow drivers and snow cannot be properly cleared from the roads. Please keep roads clear. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to keep our roads safe and accessible for everyone!

STREET PLOWING PRIORITIES

- **Level 1: Collector/Arterial Streets.** Higher traffic volumes and higher speed limits.
- **Level 2: Major Residential Streets.** Plowing the middle of the street first and then pushing snow left to right in order to clear the street to full width.
- **Level 3: Cul-De-Sacs.** North Whitehall has over 100 cul-de-sacs. They take 3-4 times longer to plow. Crews take a quick first pass to provide access to streets and will return, as time permits, to clear.

MS4 SPOTLIGHT

MS4 is short for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System," where the word "Municipal" refers to a unit of local government like a borough or a township but may also refer to an organization responsible for the administration of a developed area. And the number 4 refers to the four words that start with the letter "S": "Separate," "Storm," "Sewer" and "System."

A separate storm sewer system is a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, roadside inlets and underground pipes, designed to gather stormwater from built-up areas and discharge it, without treatment, into local streams and rivers.



NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

North Whitehall Township's Recreation Department is excited for our upcoming programs and events! All program registrations will go through RecDesk and will open approximately one month prior to the start of the program. **Please note, some dates and times for events/programs are tentative and are subject to change.** We encourage you to stay up to date by looking at our website, Facebook, Instagram, RecDesk and the monthly email blasts! Scan the QR code or visit northwhitehall.recdesk.com/Community/Home to access RecDesk.

rec desk

NEW! MONTHLY SENIOR PROGRAM!

*First Wednesday of each month at 11 am. North Whitehall Township Building Training Room. These programs are **FREE** to North Whitehall Township seniors.*

- **October 7: *Intro to Tai Chi*** by Lehigh Valley Martial Arts
- **November 4: *Fraud Prevention Info Session*** presented by Neffs National Bank
- **December 2: *Holiday Trivia***
- **January 6: *Bingo***
- **February 3: *Bring Your Own Craft.*** Bring your own craft to work on and socialize, or bring extra supplies and introduce someone else to a new craft!
- **March 3: *Nutrition Info Session***

NEW! FITCAMP ZUMBA

Tuesdays, November 10 – December 29, 6 – 7 pm. North Whitehall Township Building Training Room.

Each class blends functional strength training, cardio intervals, core and stability work, mobility, endurance and total-body conditioning into one energetic workout. Participants are encouraged to work at their own pace, with beginner, low-impact and higher-intensity options offered throughout the class. Move well. Get stronger. Build confidence. Have fun. Leave feeling better than you came.

BUILT BY ME LEGO® ROBOTICS & CODING

Wednesdays, October 14 – November 18; Thursdays, November 6 – December 18; and Wednesdays, February 7 – March 13. North Whitehall Township Building Training Room.

Built by Me LEGO® Robotics & Coding offers STEM programs geared to children in grades 1-5. Their mission is to teach children to create via technology. These programs are all interactive, collaborative, hands-on, project-based and focused on using technology to create and learn new skills while having fun. This program explores many aspects of STEM using LEGO® Essential Education Robotics Construction Sets. Focusing on means of transportation, students will work in pairs to build prototypes as they learn the engineering design process.

NEW! CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays, November 10 – December 15 and January 17 – March 9. North Whitehall Township Building.

Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga practiced while sitting in a chair or standing and using a chair for support. This class focuses on improving flexibility, balance and strength while promoting relaxation and stress relief. It is perfect for older adults, individuals with limited mobility or anyone looking for a safe and accessible way to enjoy the benefits of yoga. No prior yoga experience is needed—just wear comfortable clothing and come ready to move at your own pace.

ADULT BASKETBALL

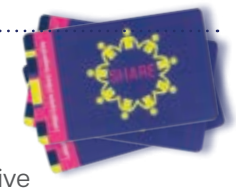
Thursdays, December 4 – March 19. 6 – 8 pm. Schnecksville Elementary School Gym.

Join us on Thursdays for pickup basketball! Anyone age 18 and older is welcome to participate in this program. Please wear sneakers and bring water. All other supplies will be provided.

YOGA

Thursdays, November 12 – December 17 and January 19 – March 11. Newly added Saturday sessions, January 23 – March 13. 6 pm. North Whitehall Township Building.

Yoga is a practice that combines movement, breathwork and mindfulness to support overall health and well-being. This class will guide participants through a series of poses designed to improve strength, flexibility and balance while reducing stress and increasing relaxation. The pace is slow and supportive, with plenty of modifications offered so everyone can feel comfortable and successful. Please bring a yoga mat and water, and wear comfortable clothing.



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Contact Chloe Pauls by emailing cpauls@northwhitehall.org or call 610-799-3411 to make 2027 another great year for North Whitehall Township's Recreation Department!

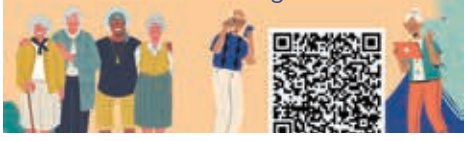
SENIOR DAY

Open to all senior citizens who reside in North Whitehall Township

OCTOBER 15 · 11 AM – 3 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 10:30)
UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pre-registration is required by October 9. Register at www.northwhitehall.org, scan the QR code below, stop into the office or call 610-799-3411.

Join us for an afternoon of food, drinks, games and fellowship with your local friends and neighbors.





FALL FOLIAGE JAM

Enjoy the fall season with live music, food trucks, craft and business vendors, pumpkin carving and more family fun activities for all ages!

Schnecksville Fire Company
October 15 | 6 – 10 pm



VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

November 11 · 11 am – 1 pm
Union Lutheran Church

Join us for the free community Veterans Day luncheon! Each year, we have over 50 veterans attend our program as we thank them and their families for their service to our country. Registration will be required. You must register by Thursday, November 5. Scan the QR code, go to the calendar page on northwhitehall.org, call 610-799-3411 or visit our office!



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- **Northern Valley EMS**
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  northernvalleyems.com

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE UPDATED BURN ORDINANCE

To balance resident enjoyment with community safety, our updated burn ordinance establishes specific rules for "Casual Fires"—fires lit solely for recreation, cooking or warming. These guidelines help prevent accidental fires while still allowing everyone to enjoy a relaxing outdoor fire safely.

The best part? If you follow these safety regulations, you do not need a burn permit!

Here is a quick guide to keeping your casual fire safe and legal:

- **LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!** To protect your home and your neighbors, your fire must be placed safely. Fires are not permitted in front yards, and they must be located at least 20 feet away from: any house, building or structure; vehicles or combustible materials; neighboring property lines; utility poles, transformers and fire hydrants.
- **USE THE RIGHT CONTAINER.** What is allowed: You must use a non-combustible fire ring, a commercial fire pit, a stone/masonry pit or a free-standing device like a chiminea or fire bowl. Fires may never be placed inside a metal barrel or drum.
- **KEEP THE FIRE SMALL.** To keep the flames manageable, the total fuel pile inside your fire pit must not exceed 4 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height.
- **BURN THE RIGHT MATERIALS.** To prevent toxic smoke and flying embers, you must be selective about what you burn.
  Approved fuel: Charcoal, coal or natural tree firewood **ONLY.**
  Strictly prohibited: Dimensional lumber (like 2x4s), pressure-treated wood, railroad ties, pallets, yard waste (leaves, grass, brush), trash, cardboard and newspapers. ***Burning of refuse, tires or other materials that produce noxious fumes and odors is always strictly prohibited.***
- **NEVER LEAVE IT UNATTENDED!** A competent adult must constantly watch the fire until it is completely extinguished (this includes making sure all glowing embers are cold). You must have an adequate water source—such as a connected garden hose, water-filled buckets or a fire extinguisher—on hand and ready to use at any time.
- **BE SMART.** Never burn during high winds, dry spells or declared "burn bans." This includes Red Flag Warning days issued by the National Weather Service. Open burning should only occur when atmospheric conditions allow the smoke to clear safely and completely.
- **BURN PERMITS.** Burn permits are now required for any other fire that does not meet the above-mentioned casual fire regulations, excluding agricultural burning. Any ceremonial or recreational fire, such as a bonfire, requires a burn permit to be applied for and approved before burning. Burn permit applications for these request types will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, evaluating the specific purpose, location, setbacks, size, conditions and potential community impact. The Fire Code Administrator or township delegate can impose restrictions or deny applications to ensure community safety. This can include, but is not limited to, fuel load size, fire extinguishment capabilities and fire location.
- **BE COURTEOUS.** Our burning regulations are designed to ensure public safety, promote neighborly courtesy and still allow residents to enjoy a cozy outdoor fire when meeting the outlined rules.

Learn more about the burn ordinance by scanning the QR code or by visiting https://ecode360.com/35642396#35642396.



NORTHERN VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (NOVA) is a non-profit organization committed to delivering affordable, community-oriented emergency medical services to the residents of Heidelberg, North Whitehall and Washington Townships, as well as the boroughs of Slatington and Walnutport, and parts of Lowhill Township.

NOVA's skilled paramedics and EMTs respond to over 3,600 calls each year from three stations located at 2375 Levans Rd, Coplay; 524 W. Church St., Slatington; and 6272 PA Route 309, New Tripoli, ensuring that the nearest available unit is dispatched promptly.

In addition to emergency responses, NOVA offers standby services for sporting events at Northwestern Lehigh and Northern Lehigh football games, churches, bike races, marathons and other community gatherings that require ambulance presence.

The 2027 subscription drive flyers will be mailed to households within NOVA's primary service area in November. For more information, please visit northernvalleyems.com. Your generous support and donations are invaluable.

NOVA's Auxiliary plays a crucial role in fundraising and catering for weddings, parties and corporate events, while organizing several annual activities. Noteworthy events include an apple dumpling sale in October, a bake sale on Election Day and a Thanksgiving sale featuring fillings, bacon dressing and nut breads in November.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are proud to serve as your primary 911 emergency medical services provider.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UPPER LEHIGH LIONS CLUB

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October 6 and November 10

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- October 24, 2026
- November 21, 2026
- December 19, 2026

Upcoming Events at UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

- **BASKET BINGO** | October 11, 2026
  1 pm. $25 pre-sale, $30 at the door. Twenty regular games, five special. Win a basket of goodies inspired by and including a gift card by local businesses.
- **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** | December 6, 2026
  2 pm. Free admission; any donations benefit a local charity.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** | December 24, 2026
  3 pm: Family Christmas Service featuring a Christmas Play led by the junior choir.
  7 pm: Candlelight Service with communion led by the Praise Band.
  9 pm: Candlelight Service with communion led by the Union Chorale.
- **PURSE BINGO** | March 14, 2027
  1 pm. $25 pre-sale, $30 at the door.
  Raffles, 50/50, baked goods and food.

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NOVEMBER 14 | 9 AM - 3PM

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December 5, 2026 • 3 pm

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December 13, 2026 • 7 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE EVE WORSHIP
December 23, 2026 • 7 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
December 24, 2026
3 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm

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5550 Route 873, Neffs

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

LAURYS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (LAA)

Laurys Athletic Association is a non-profit youth baseball and softball organization located in North Whitehall Township. The primary objective of the organization is to assist in developing community youth and young adult baseball and softball players through mentoring, sportsmanship, athleticism and strategy. We are supported by dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and resources, local business sponsorship and your valued donations. https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/laurysaa

ORMROD PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION (OPA)

Fall registrations will be opening this summer. For more information, visit our website at ormrodball.com. Michael Evans, a member of Boy Scout Troop 57, has chosen to work on a much-needed siding renovation on the Ormrod fieldhouse. The new metal siding will provide enhanced protection against the elements, reducing maintenance needs and extending the life of the building. We applaud Michael Evans for his dedication, hard work and the positive impact this project will have on the Ormrod Playground and the community.

NORTH PARKLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NPAA)

The 2026 North Parkland Spring Knee-Hi Baseball Team finished 2nd in the league with a 15 – 4 record and played in the championship game. Every player made valuable contributions to the team. Equally impressive was our team's unity, work ethic, enthusiasm and love for the game. The NPAA extends its sincere appreciation to our players and our dedicated coaches. They remained focused on improvement and achievement both on and off the field.

SCHNECKSVILLE PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION (SPA)

The SPA Basketball Program featured 11 travel teams competing across various divisions and leagues, along with 15 recreational teams participating in the Parkland Recreation Program. Our travel teams enjoyed a strong season, with several advancing to the playoffs. A special congratulations goes to the SPA 3rd/4th Grade Boys Rising Stars B Team for capturing their league championship. At the conclusion of the season, SPA Basketball continued its commitment to community service by donating more than 50 basketballs and hundreds of uniforms to iHave-iNeed. This summer also marked the launch of our 1st Annual Skills & Drills Basketball Clinics. We are excited to build on the success of this inaugural program and look forward to expanding it in the years ahead.

The SPA Spring Baseball Teams opened their new snack stand at the Tri-Clover Fire Co. and regraded both fields there. The kids were part of 18 teams with 200 kids learning the game of baseball and having fun. We had an in-house T-Ball program and Grasshopper Program with 10 teams and eight teams playing Biddy, Midget and Knee-Hi in the Parkland Youth League, Central Whitehall League and the Lehigh Valley Little Baseball League (LVL).

All of our sports programs are run entirely by volunteers, and helping hands are always needed and appreciated.

PARKLAND AREA SOCCER CLUB (PASC)

PASC is a soccer organization offering great programs that include: Developmental, Recreational and Travel. Learn more at pasoccer.org.

SCOUTS

If you would like to join a Parkland Area troop, please use the information below.

Girl Scouts: https://www.girlscouts.org/en/get-involved/become-a-girl-scout.html

Boy Scouts: Troop 57 is dedicated to giving back. Most recently, our Scouts teamed up with our local Cub Scout Pack for the national Scouting for Food Drive, collecting and donating hundreds of pounds of food to support our local food bank and help neighbors in need.

Our youth-led program keeps Scouts active, learning and outdoors!

- **Weekly Fun & Skills:** We meet every Tuesday night and regularly participate in local events, like the First Aid Meet at the Schnecksville Fire Company, disc golf at the Neffs Disc Golf Park, bowling and fishing.
- **High-Adventure Camping:** Our outdoor calendar is packed! Recently, our Scouts braved the winter elements at Camp Minsi for the Klondike Derby, camped on an island in the Delaware River during our Treasure Island adventure, spent a week at Summer Camp at Bashore Scout Reservation, backpacked on the Appalachian Trail and enjoyed local campouts right in the Neffs woods.
- **Earning Their Own Way:** To help fund these adventures, Scouts participate in various fundraisers throughout the year, including our annual popcorn and candy sales, car washes and our popular Spaghetti Dinner at the Union Lutheran Family Life Center.

Join the Adventure!

If you are looking for a premier program where your child can build lifelong friendships, learn invaluable skills and develop real-world leadership, Troop 57 is the perfect fit!

- **Who:** Open to youths ages 11–17.
- **Get in Touch:** Email us at neffstroop57@gmail.com
- **Follow Our Journey:** Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/NeffsTroop57
- **Visit:** neffstroop57.wixsite.com/bsa57.

Cub Scout Pack 57

Cub Scout Pack 57 has been busy. Activities included ice skating in Bethlehem, civil engineering lab tour at Lehigh University, Pinewood Derby Car Race, Parkland CARES food pantry visit, Laurys Station Firehouse visit, hike at Trexler Game Preserve, Blue & Gold Banquet, Wildland Conservancy visit, Iron Pigs Scout Night and our annual Egg Drop with the Neffs Fire Company.

At Cub Scout Pack 57, our activities include camping and hiking, swimming, Halloween parades, bakeoff auctions, visiting the State Police and participating in the NWT Tree Lighting Ceremony, just to name a few. The culmination of the scout year is our annual Summer Camp at Camp Minsi in July where the kids learn archery, cooking and swimming, amongst other outdoor activities. The Cub Scout program is also designed to focus on important life skills like leadership, community service and character development. In our pack, the kids have the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and grow in confidence and independence.

If interested in joining, please contact Cub Scout Pack 57 by e-mail at neffspack57@gmail.com, check out our Neffs Pack 57 FB Page at www.facebook.com/neffspack57 or visit https://neffspack57.com.

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NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP **FINANCE REPORT**

State of the Township

NWT released its 2025 audit report on July 2, 2026. The report confirms that NWT accomplished a general fund budget surplus of $366,000 in 2025. NWT achieved a general fund budget surplus in each of the last six fiscal years. All audit reports are available on the Finance Department webpage.

The report also indicates that NWT's 2025 investment strategy yielded excellent returns. NWT booked $518,000 in interest income on cash reserves in 2025, accounting for 6% of total income. The township closed 2025 with about $9M on reserve in its general fund and, as per its fund balance policy, is required to maintain a minimum of $3.8M in cash on hand for emergencies. Investments of taxpayer funds are limited to short-term money market instruments with a high degree of liquidity and low credit risk. As such, returns are highly sensitive to changes in the Fed Funds Rate.

Due to its healthy fund balances, the township continues to be in a substantial capital investment cycle. The $6M in proceeds from our 2024 general obligation bond issuance has now been fully exhausted to fund the township building renovation. The township plans to draw on its remaining investment capital for a host of projects designed to return benefit back to the taxpayers, such as the new yard waste site and repairs to critical infrastructure, which are discussed in more detail elsewhere. A fleet replacement cycle also remains top of mind for our five-year capital plan, with an estimated $3.5M needed by the end of 2030 for heavy equipment to service our roads, parks and infrastructure.

The fire tax, which was new in 2025, is performing as anticipated. This summer, NWT was able to use fire tax proceeds to pay its first interest-free payment of $185,000 on a note to Lehigh County for emergency radio equipment upgrades. The township was also able to increase its funding to the volunteer fire companies and to add $180,000 to a capital reserve fund to assist the fire companies with their heavy-duty equipment replacement cycle. NWT projects said capital reserve account will report assets of about $1.05M by the end of 2026 and about $1.5M by the end of 2030. The rising cost of firefighting vehicles and equipment warrant serious financial planning well before the end of the equipment's useful life.

Monthly financial reports detailing cash flow performance across all funds are available at northwhitehall.org/fin_about.html.

The Director of Finance can be reached at soneill@northwhitehall.org if the public has any questions about the township's financial statements and budgets.

Monthly Bill

In 2025, the township increased its property tax levy largely to head off an unmanageable financial future for the volunteer fire companies. Below is a "monthly bill" showing the breakdown of how your property taxes are put to use by the township.

The median property value for a single-family residence in NWT is $240,000. The annual township property tax bill for such a property is $288.00. The monthly cost is $24.00.

Customer:	**Joe Smith**	**MONTHLY TAX BILL Tax Year 2026**	
Address	**1234 Main St.**		
City/State/Zip Code	**Schnecksville, PA 18078**		
Property Tax Value	**$240,000**	**Rate:**	**1.2 Mills**
Annual Township Property Tax	**–**		**$288.00**
Account	**Item**	**Total Amount**	**% of Bill**
Fire Tax	Fire Protection	$9.00	37.5%
General Tax Levy	Public Works	$5.41	22.6%
General Tax Levy	General Services	$4.81	20.0%
Farmland Preservation	Farmland Preservation	$2.00	8.3%
General Tax Levy	Planning & Zoning	$1.42	5.9%
General Tax Levy	Debt Service	$0.84	3.5%
General Tax Levy	Parks & Recreation	$0.52	2.2%
Total Monthly Amount Due		**$24.00**	**100%**



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