

SPRING 2021
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NEVILLE NEWS



Neville Township * 5050 Grand Avenue, Neville Island, PA 15225 Phone 412-264-1977

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP SALUTES ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS!



The Neville Township Board of Commissioners recently partnered with Lamar Advertising to thank essential workers traveling through Neville Island. Our bus stop sign is just one more way to recognize those providing essential services during the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency.

It has been one year since the start of the pandemic and the Township is grateful for each of the essential workers who live or are employed on Neville Island, including store clerks, restaurant employees, postal and delivery drivers, teachers, medical professionals, first responders and our municipal staff.

The Township appreciates the Cornell School District, Meals on Wheels, the West Hills Area Community Food Bank, our local churches, and all those who are volunteering their time and funds to help feed and care for those in need.

2020 was a rough year in so many ways and we are all looking forward to Spring 2021 and the end of the pandemic. The Commissioners extend their sincere condolences to all those who have lost loved ones and their sincere appreciation to all residents and our business community for their patience and cooperation during this challenging time.

PANDEMIC RENT, UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM - Eligible Allegheny County residents who are renting and have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic can apply for assistance from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Apply online at <https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us>. By phone: ACTION Housing at 412-248-0021.



Pennsylvania 211: Get Connected. Get Help: 911 is for life-threatening emergencies. **211 can help you find resources in your community.** This free United Way service program can help you locate crisis intervention, housing assistance, help with food and utility bills, after-school programs for kids, health and employment resources, and more. Just dial “211” or text your zip code to 898-21 to speak with a resource specialist at no cost.

Stay Up-To-Date on COVID-19 and Vaccine Info.



AlleghenyCounty.US/Coronavirus



AlleghenyCountyHealth



HealthAllegheny



Sign up for text, email or voicemail alerts at AlleghenyCounty.US/Alerts

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR SEWAGE TREATMENT BILL? ALCOSAN'S Clean Water Assistance Fund provides assistance to eligible low-income homeowners. Call 1-888-282-6816

SPRING 2020 CALENDAR



Spring Hydrant Flushing - April 22 and April 23 2021, from 4:00 pm - Midnight.



Customers may notice discolored water and are asked not to do laundry or use large amounts of water during this period. If you experience discolored water, please flush your lines by running cold water. If the discoloration remains after 10 - 20 minutes, please call the Township at 412-264-1977.

Street Sweeping - Program Resumes Wednesday April 7, 2021.

Street sweeping occurs EVERY WEDNESDAY through the end of November.

The Township is divided into three zones, each with **Two-Hour Parking restrictions every Wednesday.**

- Zone 1: First Ward (First Street to Pershing Way) - 8 AM to 10 AM.
- Zone 2: Second Ward (Hubert Street to Gibson Lane) - 10 AM to 12 Noon.
- Zone 3: Third Ward (Cottage Avenue to Von Stein Lane) - 1 PM to 3 PM.



Residents are expected to move their vehicle EVERY WEDNESDAY. Please do not call the Township to ask if the street sweeper is operating. Last minute cancellations may occur due to equipment failures or other emergencies. The office may not have the latest information and you will not be excused from moving your vehicle or parking citations.

If you receive a parking citation you may pay by mail, in person, or via the Township's 24-hour drop box. *Failure to pay within 30 days will result in a police traffic citation that includes a larger fine and court costs.* **Warnings citations are issued during the 1st week of street sweeping ONLY!**

The Township's Street Sweeping Program is an essential service. Not only does it keep our community looking its best, but it prevents litter and debris from reaching our storm sewers and ultimately the river. Street Sweeping keeps water quality high and prevents flooding.

Cottage Park Rental - Reservations being accepted for 2021 dates.



If you are planning a picnic, party, family reunion or other summer event, pavilion rental forms are now available. Stop in the Township Office or call 412-264-1977 to reserve a space.

Primary Election Day - Tuesday, May 18, 2021



Pennsylvania polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

TAX QUESTIONS?
Call Jordan Tax Service at 724-731-2311
Or visit www.jordantax.com

Neville Island Real Estate Tax - Thursday, May 27, 2021 * 9:00 am - 12:00 pm



On April 1st Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed to all property owners. For residents who wish to pay in person and prior to the end of the discount period, Jordan Tax Services representatives will be at the Municipal Building according to the following schedule: **Thursday, May 27, 2021 * 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.**



Celebrate Earth Day: Thursday, April 22 – Saturday, April 24.
 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Neville Township and Neville Green have cancelled our annual event and instead will support socially distant, individual litter sweeps to celebrate Earth Day 2021. Resident and business volunteers are asked to perform litter pick-ups in their neighborhoods or along any Township roadway **ON YOUR OWN SCHEDULE**. The Township will provide trash bags, safety vests and gloves. Please call 412-264-1977 if you need supplies. **Check the Neville Green Newsletter for other ways to celebrate Earth Day.**



Can you spot the Spotted Lanternfly? – The SLF may look beautiful, at least for a bug! But this one is a dangerous insect! Harmless to humans, but deadly to trees, grapes, stone fruits and other plants. The SLF hitchhikes on vehicles and the Department of Agriculture has issued a Quarantine Order to stop the spread of the invasive pest. Most businesses that operate vehicles must now obtain a SLF permit! Homeowners and campers should learn how to stop the spread of the SLF. To learn more visit <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly> or visit the latest news section of the Township’s website at www.nevilletownship.us



MOVE OVER, SLOW DOWN – Pennsylvania’s Move Over Law requires drivers approaching an emergency response area who are unable to safely merge into a lane further away from the response area to slow down to at least 20 mph less than the posted speed limit. An emergency response area is where an emergency vehicle has its light flashing, or where road crews or emergency responders have lighted flares, posted signs, or try to warn travelers. A first offense carries a fine of \$500.00 and two points.

Before you plan your first spring fire or cookout, make sure you are familiar with the Allegheny County Health Department Open Burning Regulations. Rules limit fire size and materials. Visit burnfactsallegheny.info, call 412-578-7963 or pick-up a fact sheet at the Township office.



HELP YOUR COMMUNITY - Residents with an interest in activities are invited to organize community events (car shows, craft shows, movie or game nights, music or meet and greet events, etc.) Community events are exciting and help make everyone’s quality of life better. Creativity is welcome and the Township will work with residents or groups to support and encourage ideas to make Neville Island a better place to live, work and play!

The Neville Township Board of Commissioners, with the generous support of the Keith-Holmes Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 402, Coraopolis, is pleased to offer a **Military Troop Banner Program**. Banners may be purchased to honor any veteran or active service member who is a current or former resident of Neville Township. The 24’ x 36” banner will be displayed along Grand Avenue. For banner program information and applications, contact the Township or [visit www.nevilletownship.us](http://www.nevilletownship.us).

Update: The Township has received over 50 banners and is anxiously awaiting approval from Duquesne Light for installation. Duquesne Light received our request in April 2020, but due to the COVID Pandemic is reporting review and approval delays. **You can view our virtual community banner display on-line at www.troopbanners.com.** Select “Neville Township.”



SPRING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CHECK LIST

If your spring or summer plans include home improvement projects, please review this list of important reminders.

PERMITS: Many common spring and summer projects, including decks, fences and swimming pools require a building, electrical permit and/or are subject to zoning regulations including height and set-back rules. *The best time to speak to the Township building inspector is during the planning phase of your project.* Call 412-264-1977 and schedule a time to ask an inspector about permit and construction requirements.

Permit applications are available at the Township. During the busy construction season and prior to holiday weekends, you should allow for up to 2 weeks for the review of your completed permit application packet. If you are hiring a contractor, make sure to discuss who will be applying for and paying for all permits. Construction without a permit can result in a stop work order and your project will be delayed and subject to citations and fines.



KNOW WHAT'S BELOW... CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!

PA One Call: If your project plans include any digging or excavation, don't forget to call 811. **PA homeowners and contractors are required to contact PA One Call by dialing 811 at least three business days prior to any project that breaks ground.** *The law applies to even simple projects like planting a shrub or installing a new mailbox post!* With a single call to 811, all utilities will respond to locate underground power, gas, water, and sewer lines and communication cables. New regulations require Neville Township to report all violators. Work will be stopped until all utilities are marked and you may be fined and be responsible to make restitution for any damages to unmarked utility lines.

CONSTRUCTION RUN-OFF: State and local storm water regulations require all property owners to prevent damage to storm sewers and waterways by controlling construction run-off from the property. It is illegal to discharge dirt, mud, gravel, cement, grass clipping and organic and non-organic materials from your property into a public street, storm sewer or waterway. Homeowners are responsible for all contractors working on their property. To discuss a project or report a violation, please call 412-264-1977.

Pool Credit Program: If you plan to fill a new or existing swimming pool this season, please be advised that residents must have the Township Water Department read the meter PRIOR TO and AFTER filling the pool and there will be a minimum charge for the additional meter readings. The Township no longer accepts any applications for a pool credit without verified permits and meter readings for the gallons of water used to fill the pool. Pool credit applications are available at the Township.

Disposing of Electronics and Large Bulky Items: If your plans include a garage or household cleanout, don't forget you can now take advantage of the Waste Management Home Collection Program for Household Generated Special Materials. This service is provided at no additional cost to residents. The Board approved this program to encourage the responsible disposal of environmentally sensitive items and to help keep our neighborhoods, yards and sidewalks looking tidy.

Residents, landlords and tenants are required to schedule a collection appointment for all electronics, hard-to-recycle and large, bulky items. YOU MUST SCHEDULE A SPECIAL PICK-UP! These items cannot be placed with your weekly curbside pick-up. Please visit the www.nevilletownhip.us for instructions on how to set-up a collection appointment

Need Forms? – Most forms and applications are available on-line and we offer evening hours each Thursday to help you get your project done right!



Stormwater

– What does it mean to you?



Stormwater (rain) hits ground and is either absorbed into the ground, which replenishes ground water, or runs into our streets. The water in the streets makes it way into a storm drain and piping system that carries the water to the Ohio River.

Products such as oil, anti-freeze, detergents, and paints that accumulate on the streets get picked-up and deposited into rivers and streams. Flowing storm water also picks up trash, dirt and grass clippings that have accumulated on the street. Residents and businesses are prohibited from putting any of these items on the street because they all negatively impact the environment and the rivers.

The Ohio River is our source of drinking water, recreation activities and an important part of our unique identity as an island community. Here are some ways you can do you part to reduce pollutants and protect water quality:

- Never dump anything besides stormwater into a storm drain, inlet, street or the Ohio River. Dumping is stormwater violation subject to fines under the Township's Stormwater Ordinance.
- Report any observed illegal discharges you see by immediately notifying the Township at 412-264-1977.
- Pick up litter, debris and garbage from your yard, sidewalk, driveways and other areas to prevent these items from washing into the storm drain.
- Wash vehicles in your lawn or gravel areas so that wash water does not enter the stormwater drains and streets or use a commercial car wash.
- Pick-up and properly dispose of pet waste. It is illegal to dispose of pet waste in a storm drain, catch basin or waterway.
- Recycle or properly dispose of hazardous materials, including used oil, paints and chemicals.
- Choose environmentally friendly lawn care products.
- Move all vehicles each week so the Township Streetsweeper can keep our roadways clean.

24-HOUR UTILITY BILL PAYMENT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE!
A SECURE DROP BOX IS LOCATED BY THE MAIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING ENTRANCE AT 5050 GRAND AVE.
OR PAY BY CREDIT CARD ON-LINE at www.nevilletownship.us

Next Newsletter –
Summer 2021

Mailed with Water Bill
on July 1, 2021



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