

# Lower Mt. Bethel Twp News

## TOWNSHIP SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW COMMITTEE

On November 20, 2015, the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas approved a settlement agreement between Lower Mount Bethel Township (LMBT) and Gravel Hill Enterprises (GHE) regarding the operation of a wholesale wood waste grinding/mulching business at 10147 Gravel Hill Road.

The LMBT Board of Supervisors (BOS) is establishing an ad hoc committee for the purpose of advising the Board in two areas: (1) monitoring, control and reporting mechanisms for the future operations of the Gravel Hill site in accordance with the settlement

Department to GHE.

The committee will be comprised of representatives from the LMBT Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Environmental Advisory Committee, engineering and environmental professionals, and interested LMBT residents. It is anticipated that the committee will meet two or three times as necessary to review the settlement terms, assess the Township's current capabilities, and make recommendations to the Board on what is needed for the Township to effectively monitor and enforce

hoc advisory committee is encouraged to submit a letter of interest to the Township. The letter should include a brief personal background, a summary of reasons for interest in serving on the committee, and any other pertinent information. The BOS will make the final determination on the number of resident members of the committee and may decline some or all letters of interest.

Letters of interest must be received in the Township office by close of business on Friday, April 29, 2016. Please contact the Town-

### PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26th**

Centerfield School  
Lower Level  
6984 S Delaware Drive

### WWW.LOWERMTBETHEL.ORG

- Copies of Board minutes
- Copies of recently adopted ordinances
- Links to Planning documents
- Events and important information
- Download forms
- Contact Information

THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE NOW HAS A MAIL SLOT FOR AFTER-HOURS DROP-OFF

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[www.facebook.com/lmbt1](http://www.facebook.com/lmbt1)



### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

PA State Police  
(610) 759-6106

Northampton Cty Courthouse  
(610) 559-3000

District Court 03-3-03  
Magistrate's Office  
(610) 588-3998

PennDOT  
(800) FIX-ROAD



**ADVANCED DISPOSAL**  
[www.advanceddisposal.com](http://www.advanceddisposal.com)

Sanitation pickup is once per week and recycling is once every two weeks.

Construction materials, yard waste, car parts, paint cans, oil cans, steel drums, gasoline, diesel, kerosene, liquids, tires, block, brick, concrete, dirt, tree stumps, electronics and hazardous materials are not part of the contract. You can go to [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) to find a place that will safely dispose of these items.

As part of the contract, you are entitled to dispose of one bulk item per week. Size is limited, please contact Advanced Disposal customer service. Refrigerators and air conditioners must be drained of all Freon and tagged appropriately by a professional.

If you are experiencing problems, please contact their customer service.

**RECYCLING CANS**

Cans are available at the Township office. Extra containers can be purchased at a cost of \$15.00 each.



**OTHER SANITATION TIPS**

LMBT Ordinance 2012-03

"No refuse and recycling containers shall be placed for collection earlier than 6 a.m. of the day prior to a scheduled collection date."

"No refuse or recycling containers shall remain curbside or in the vicinity of the cartway of the street or alley beyond 6 p.m. of the day

**LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TWP  
 TAX COLLECTOR**

Regina Marinelli  
 Martins Creek, PA 18063  
 462-1414  
 (610) 250-0935 (fax)  
 Email: [lmbttax@ptd.net](mailto:lmbttax@ptd.net)

2016 Lower Mount Bethel Township Real Estate Tax bills have been mailed. If you did not receive your bill, please contact Regina immediately. Failure to receive a bill does not exempt you from the taxes.

**LMB/Sandt's Eddy Fire Co.**

LMB / Sandt's Eddy Fire Company is a non-profit organization providing services to the Township of Lower Mount Bethel.

The 2016 letter campaign has been sent out. The fire company wishes to thank everyone who has donated. The fire company is also accepting donations of used clothing and shoes. The bin is located at the 6246 S. Delaware Drive station.

With the spring and summer approaching, please remember to contact the Fire Chief prior to burning. Fire Chief Larrison

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH**

is **TAX DAY**

**DON'T FORGET TO FILE!**

**KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS**

**HELPLINE**

**1-888-328-0565**

**Northampton County  
Earth & Health Day  
April 21, 2016—11:30 to 1:30  
Government Complex  
7th & Washington Streets  
Easton, PA**

The goal of Northampton County Earth and Health Day is to engage and exchange with County employees, neighbors, and municipal representatives, on environmental conservation and nutrition and health topics; to enhance and experience the environment; and strengthen our nutrition and wellness behaviors.

**Location:** Outside on the 7th Street Patio  
Rain or Shine

**Presenters:** County staff including the Health & Wellness Committee, Penn State Master Gardeners and Watershed Stewards representatives and other partners.

**Scheduled Topics:**

**Environment**

Recycling & waste reduction  
Trails/Open Space/Greenways  
Food Waste Composting  
Water Conservation  
Rain Water Utilization  
Energy Conservation

**Health**

Nutrition  
Exercise and Fitness  
Community Gardens and  
Urban Farming  
Buying Local Food

For more information, please contact

ZONING OFFICER HOURS

Ken Nicholson

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Permit applications are available online at the Twp website.
- Complaints can be filed with the zoning officer for violations of Township ordinances.
- Not sure if you need a permit? Call him and ask!

**Board of Supervisors ...**

The Board of Supervisors wishes to extend their sincerest thanks to our Township Road Department:

Fred Heitzman, Foreman

Mark Hess

Shannon Parsons

for a job well done this winter. Mother Nature hit hard with over 30 inches of snow at once this season and our guys met the challenge. Well done, guys!

The President has declared certain Pennsylvania counties including Northampton County to be eligible for reimbursement of funds for blizzard response. Lower Mount Bethel Township is eligible to receive a refund of up to \$17,604.66 for Winter Storm Jonas!

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The Board has awarded a contract to Hanson Aggregates to pave Berry Hollow Road. The total cost of the project is \$199,496.40. The

LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP / MARTINS-JACOBY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAY— SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

**LMBT Welcome Center**

7701 Martins Creek Belvidere Highway

Bangor, PA 18013

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M.

**Tentative Schedule of Work and Fun Educational Sessions Include**

- \* Tree Identification Program
- \* Cleanup of butterfly garden
- \* Virtual tour of the Visitor Center Area
- \* Trail Hiking



Lunch will be provided. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact the Township office or John Mauser at [jmmauser@epix.net](mailto:jmmauser@epix.net) or Pat McInerney at [pmcine4325@aol.com](mailto:pmcine4325@aol.com).

## DO I NEED A PERMIT...

Permits are required for the following:

- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| * New Construction                  | * Any work in the floodplain                   |
| * Businesses / Home Occupations     | * Grading Work                                 |
| * Driveway Installation / Regrading | * Fence or Wall Construction                   |
| * Interior Renovations              | * Install Outdoor Woodburning Stove            |
| * Swimming pools / Hot Tubs         | * Well drilling and construction               |
| * Sheds                             | * Electrical upgrade                           |
| * Decks                             | * Central Air installation / Generator Install |
| * Additions                         | * Garage / Pole Building Construction          |
| * Septic Installation / Repairs     | * Solar Panels / Windmills                     |

Work done without the proper permits is a violation of Township ordinances and will result in a violation notice. Most permits are issued by the Township Zoning Officer. Septic permits are issued by Sewage Enforcement Officer, Tom Noll.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENTS

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Northampton Community College Main Campus  
Bethlehem Township, PA**

Entrance from Green Pond Rd ONLY  
Follow signs to parking area across  
from Kopecek Hall and Lipkin Theatre

### **NORTHAMPTON COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

No Appointment Needed

No Charge for Household Hazardous Waste  
Need Photo ID or recent utility bill

Tire Collection Fees: \$2 /car tire including rim

### **MATERIALS ACCEPTED**

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Adhesives                       | Fire Extinguishers             |
| Aerosol Cans                    | Herbicides/Pesticides          |
| Antifreeze                      | Household cleaners             |
| Automotive Fluids &<br>Cleaners | Mercury-containing<br>Products |
| Batteries                       | Motor Oil/Filters              |
| Compressed Gas                  | Oil-based Paint & Stain        |
| Fluorescent Lights              | Pool Chemicals                 |
| Flammable/Combustible Fluids    |                                |
| Thermostats                     |                                |

Non-hazardous materials will not be accepted  
No latex paints or stains

## HUNTER MARTIN MUSEUM

Located on Church Road just off Three Church Hill, in the little red school house next to the old Scotch-Irish Presbyterian Burial Ground, the museum will be open to the public on the second Sunday of the summer months in 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

June 12

July 10

August 14

### **MEETINGS**

Tuesday, May 24 @ 7:30 p.m at the museum—The speaker will be Melissa Hough, Bangor Heritage Center curator and president. Her topic will be “The Scotch-Irish and Damn Dutch.” You will be amazed at what our ancestors when through to migrate and finally settle in our local area.

Tuesday, June 21 @ 7:30 p.m. at the museum—Sharon Gothard, the Attendant at the Marx Room (Easton Public Library) will add to our knowledge of what is so special about this room. How it came to be, what missing links from our local ancestors we may find there—and how to find it. If you’ve never been there, you will be surprised at what you have missed.

September will be our annual covered dish at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The actual date and time will be announced in the museum newsletter coming out in early May.

For visits any other time, call 610-498-4616 or 610-252-2837 for an appointment or assistance. Always feel free to bring a friend.

Annual membership is \$3.00 and lifetime membership is \$100.00. Larger contributions are welcome too.

We are still  
File—if you  
returned your  
you need more  
above phone



working on the Veterans  
haven't completed or  
form, please do so. If  
forms, contact one of the  
numbers.

## NEED A PLACE TO HOLD A PARTY

The Lower Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors has established the following fee schedule for the rental of Township pavilions and rooms:

|                         | Resident | Non-Resident |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Centerfield Lower Level | \$ 50.00 | \$ 75.00     |
| Pavilions               | \$ 25.00 | \$ 50.00     |
| Centerfield Gym         | \$ 20.00 | \$ 40.00     |



## DID YOU KNOW...

Any property owner conducting a business out of his home must file for a home occupation permit with the Township zoning officer. Failure to do so constitutes a violation of the Township zoning ordinance and can result in a civil complaint filed with the magistrate. This will result in fines.

Also, any business owner is required to file a Local Services Tax form with the Township office every quarter. Failure to file the form and remit payment to the Township can result in a non-traffic citation filed with the magistrate. This will also result in a fine.



## Center for Animal Health and Welfare

The Center for Animal Health and Welfare offers low or no-cost spay and neuter services to the public. Contact them for an appointment at (610) 252-7722 ext. 8. Prices are as follows:

**Cats**—includes spay/neuter, rabies and distemper vaccine and E Collar

**Male Dog**—includes neuter, E Collar, pain medication, and nail trim

**Female Dog**—includes spay, E Collar, pain medication, and nail trim.

Vaccines are not included in the fee for dogs, but can be provided at an additional cost. Flea treatment is also an additional cost for both cats and dogs. Testing and microchip are additional costs.

Trap, Neuter and Release Program for Feral Cats is \$35.

The Center accepts donations of food, litter, cat toys, dog toys, towels, cleaning products, and hand sanitizer. For more information and a complete list of services, events and volunteer opportunities, visit their website at [www.healthyanimalcenter.org](http://www.healthyanimalcenter.org)

## Street Light Assessments—2016

The 2016 Street Light Assessments shall be mailed on April 15th and shall be due on June 15th.

The rate for 2016 for the Martins Creek Street Light District is 50 cents per foot of frontage for properties with improvements and 12.5 cents per foot of frontage for properties without improvements. This is the same rate as last year. All property owners located within 250 feet of a street light are assessed.

The rate for the 2016 for the Turnquist Street Light District is \$50 per property. The increase is due to increasing electric bills for the district. All property owners located in the development are assessed.

Assessments that are not paid are subject to collection. This will result in the addition of attorney's fees and subject your property to a lien. If you didn't pay your 2015 invoice, please contact our collections solicitor, Amato Keating & Lessa, PC at 610-866-0400 to make payment.

Failure to receive your invoice does not exempt you from the responsibility of paying the assessment.

If you notice a street light that is out, please contact

## 2016 SANITATION ASSESSMENTS



All 2016 Sanitation Assessments are due by the close of business on April 15th.

The annual sanitation assessment of \$225 is equal to \$18.75 a month for weekly garbage and bi-weekly recycling pickup.

All assessments paid after April 15th are subject to a 10% penalty. All delinquent assessments shall be subject to collection. This will result in action filed with the local magistrate, addition of attorney's fees, and a lien filed on your property. Numerous liens can result in the Board instituting sheriff's sale on your property.

Payments can be made at the Township office or at Merchants Bank (Martins Creek branch only).

All residential units pay the sanitation assessment. Vacancy does not exempt a unit from being assessed. Failure to receive your bill does not exempt your responsibility.

Past-due assessments? Please contact Amato Keating & Lessa, PC at 610-866-0400 for balances and payment arrangements.

## Lower Mount Bethel Township Recreation Board

Susan Pensack

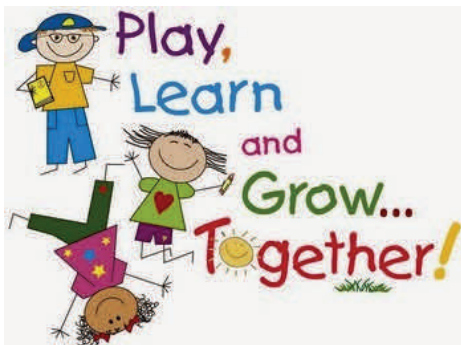
Duke Frinzi

Ronald Learn

Al Capecci

Antoinette Cavaliere

Supervisor Liaison: Michael DeBerardinis



The Recreation Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Centerfield Building.

Their office is located in the rear of the building. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

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**Board of Supervisors**

**Stu Gallaher, Chair**  
**Susan Disidore, Vice-Chair**  
**Michael DeBerardinis**  
**Howard Klein**  
**David Ascani**

**Meeting Dates and Times**

Board of Supervisors, 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission, 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Board, 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board, 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

*\*Scheduled on an as needed basis\**

Environmental Advisory Council, 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Open Space Committee, 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.