

# THE BOROUGH OF WALNUTPORT

*Northampton County, Pennsylvania*

FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER



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## Greetings from

### WILLIAM TURK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

2020 has brought a lot of uncertainties to all of us with COVID-19. We found ourselves having to make some changes and adjust to a different way of working and interacting with each other. The Borough has strived to continue to meet the needs of the community throughout this time. We have continued to govern the municipality even if we, as Borough Council may not have been as visible.

As things begin to return to a more normal situation however, I want to share some exciting news about a project that was being worked on during the COVID pandemic. The exciting news is...GRANT MONEY... \$300,000.00 to be more exact.

In September 2020, we accepted delivery on a new Elgin Street Sweeper. This street sweeper is a top of the line sweeper with many extra capabilities. Not only will it improve the borough's ability to clean the streets, it also has the ability to lift storm sewer grates, allowing for the excess debris to be removed. This allows the Borough as a whole to be compliant with MS4 standards that dictate the control of storm water runoff into local bodies of water, specifically of us, the Walnutport Canal and the Lehigh River. What this means is less contaminants will end up in our waterways which means cleaner water sources. The past, to accomplish this level of cleaning we had to rent additional equipment at a cost to the taxpayers. The awarding of this grant and the purchase of the new street sweeper eases the cost to the public and the environment.



I personally want to thank Mike Wentz, our Grant Coordinator, for applying for the grant that resulted in the purchase of the street sweeper at no cost to the taxpayer and for all of the additional money he has secured for the Borough of Walnutport over his years as Grant Coordinator.

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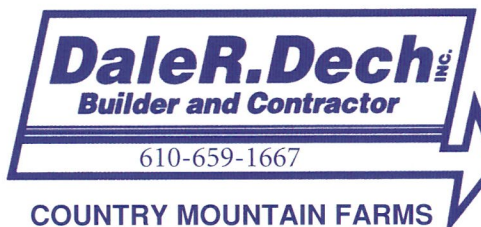


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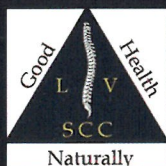
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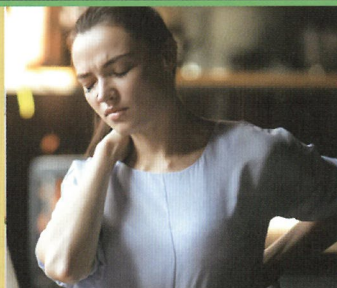
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## MEETING DATES

**WORKSHOP MEETING**  
is the first Thursday

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
is the second Thursday

**WALNUTPORT AUTHORITY MEETING**  
is the second Tuesday

**WALNUTPORT  
PLANNING COMMISSION**  
meets the Third Thursday only when  
there is something on the agenda

**WALNUTPORT ZONING  
HEARING BOARD**  
only meets when there is a hearing

## Know the numbers

**Lehigh County Communications Center**  
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**Walnutport Police Administration**  
610-767-1134 | 610-767-9779 (fax)



## A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE, PETER WAYDA

It has been an interesting few month since Covid-19 has appeared, hopefully the residents of the Borough have remained healthy and are complying with CDC and WHO guidelines. During the pandemic if you have placed a call for service to the Police Department you may have noticed the officer might have contacted you by telephone rather than speak with you directly.

We are complying with CDC and WHO guidelines in an effort to protect our Officers and the public, all Officers are issued masks and gloves and all of our patrol vehicles have sanitizer and N-95 masks for the protection of both the Officers and the public. For now, this is considered the new normal and it may remain this way for the foreseeable future.

As always, we are here to serve the residents of the Borough even through events such as Covid-19.

Reminder: If you witness anything unusual in your neighborhood either during the day or night please contact the police department, even if you think it's nothing important it may be to us. The non-emergency number is 610 437-5252.

## SCOTT LEDO, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Since winter is around the corner, I wanted to remind everyone The Borough of Walnutport has an ordinance about snow removal.

§ 425-24. Plowing and/or blowing or throwing snow.

[Added 10-8-1987 by Ord. No. 87-6; amended 5-14-2009 by Ord. No. 2009-03]

During such time a snow-removal condition, as described elsewhere in this article, exists, it shall be illegal for any person, firm, organization or entity to deposit snow into any street of this Borough, whether by the use of a snow blower, or by shoveling, or in any other manner, so as to constitute a safety hazard or to require the duplication of efforts of the Borough employees to clear the streets or alleys of the Borough of snow. It shall be unlawful for any citizen to plow and/or remove snow from the cartway of any Borough roads and/or streets whether by use of a plow, snow blower, or by shoveling or in any other manner.

§ 390-28 Responsibility for removal.

The owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting

or abutting upon any of the streets in the Borough of Walnutport is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from all the macadam or concrete sidewalks in front of or alongside such property all snow and/or ice thereon fallen or formed, within 24 hours after the same shall have ceased to fall or to be formed. No person shall shovel onto any street after it has been plowed, or to pile snow around fire hydrants so as to make them inaccessible; provided, further: the owner of a property shall be responsible for conforming to the requirements of this section where such property is occupied by such owner, or is unoccupied or vacant or is a multi-business or multiple-dwelling property occupied by or designed for occupancy by more than one tenant or occupier; the tenant or occupier of a property shall be so responsible in the case of a single-unit property occupied by such tenant or occupier.

If you have any questions about any other ordinances you can look them up on our website [www.walnutportpa.org](http://www.walnutportpa.org) or stop in the borough office and one of the secretaries will be able to help you.

## WALNUTPORT AUTHORITY REPORT – RONALD KUNTZ, CHAIRMAN

The Walnutport Authority board would like to thank Dennis Green for his 21 years of service on the Authority board, his knowledge of the water and sewer system in Walnutport and wish him well in his retirement. Dennis Rehrig, longtime resident of Walnutport, will fill the vacancy on the board. The Walnutport Authority consists of Chairman Ronald Kuntz, Secretary Robert Treskot, Treasurer Susan Schneck, and members Richard Thomas, Christopher Green, Rica Cook and Dennis Rehrig.

If you have a water emergency when our office is closed or unavailable, you should call the police non-emergency number at 610 437 5252. This number is used for water emergencies only and the police department will contact an Authority employee.

The Authority asks all residents to have their water meter readout clear for meter readers to access. Keep all bushes and plants trimmed or away from this area. Please consider this when installing fencing or shrubbery and call our office at 610 767 7887 if you are not sure where your water meter readout is located.

The Walnutport Authority performs hydrant flushing the third week of April and October. Flushing begins at 11 pm until 5 am and requests residents limit water use during this time to avoid pulling cloudy water into the home. If your water appears cloudy during this time, it will clear with use and is safe to drink.

Walnutport Authority's web page at [www.walnutportauthority.org](http://www.walnutportauthority.org) is where you can view the most recent Consumer Confidence Report (water quality report), public notices, contact information and water and sewer rates. The most recent report is also available in the Authority office, at Borough Hall, or by calling 610-767-7887.

The Authority has an after-hours drop box located at the entrance to our building. We ask you to identify your payment with "water and/or sewer" to insure proper handling of your payment. Please be sure to provide us with your phone number so that we can get important messages to you if it becomes necessary.

Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check, money order, or you can set up payment through your bank with online payments. We do not accept credit card or debit payments or payments over the phone.

FYI...when you use the PA One Call system when digging on your property, the Walnutport Authority will mark your water and/or sewer lines to the curb line or stop only. We do not have information on private property lines.

The Authority is moving forward with the water line project on South Lincoln and South Canal Streets and permits for Canal Street have been approved by DEP.

## MEDICATION DROP-OFF BOX

There is a medication drop-off box located in the hallway of Borough Hall near the Police Department entrance. This is a cooperative program sponsored through Northampton County. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT SYRINGES or LIQUID FORMS OF MEDICINE. DO NOT DEPOSIT LOOSE PILLS.** Make sure they are in a baggie or a bottle.



# A NOTE FROM THE DIAMOND FIRE COMPANY

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Diamond Fire Company is to respond in a safe manner to all reported emergencies in the Borough of Walnutport and other neighboring communities requesting such assistance to help the citizens deal with natural and man-made emergencies using available resources at all times having the utmost regard for the safety of fire personnel of the company and to work to the best of its abilities to limit the loss of life, the environment and property.



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## WE NEED YOU!

*Imagine making a difference in the lives of others in our community. Opportunities and training are available for:*

- **Firefighting Operations:** Explore the exciting world of firefighting and receive the training to do it safely. As a firefighter, you will do the work necessary to advance the hose line, to perform search and rescue, and to position ladders strategically.
- **Rescue Operations:** As part of Rescue Operations, you will respond to specialized calls, including automobile accidents, carbon monoxide alarms, medical emergencies and rescue calls.
- **Fire Police Operations:** Fire police assist in traffic management and crowd control, and provide general assistance at emergency scenes.
- **Social Functions:** If firefighting is not for you, assist with the many functions held at the fire company during the year that include fish dinners, flea markets, drawings, etc.

## A NOTE ABOUT GARBAGE

At the September 10, 2020 council meeting, borough council accepted and opened bids for the new 4-year garbage contract beginning in 2021. Upon approval of submitted documents, County Waste will take over as the Borough's garbage hauler as of the New Year. Keep a look out for your holiday schedule to come to you in the mail closer to the end of the year. Until then remember the following tips for garbage:

### The garbage hauler will NOT take:

- Electronics
- Tires
- Construction debris
- Railroad ties
- Concrete
- Metal beams
- No paint, oil, gas or other chemicals



### They will take:

- Household garbage
- Furniture
- Carpeting- tied or bundled in manageable bundles no longer than 4 foot
- Branches or bush - tied or bundled in manageable bundles no longer than 4 foot

If you are not sure or have a large piece to put out you can reach out to Tamaqua Transfer at 1-866-337-1007.

If you need a copy of the 2020 recycle/garbage schedule they are in the foyer at borough hall or call the office to have it emailed to you.

When making your garbage payment you have several options. You can mail your payment, drop it in the after-hours box outside the front door at borough hall or stop in the office to pay. We accept cash or check. When making your check out, make it payable to the Borough of Walnutport and please write legibly. We have a new way of processing checks with the bank. It is done remotely from the office, less time out of the office and legibility will affect the processing of your payment. We want everyone to get credit for the correct payment amount on time. If you are paying cash, we ask that you bring the exact amount to limit the exchange of currency. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the borough office Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

## NORTHERN LEHIGH EVENTS COMMITTEE

We have good news and bad news. First the bad, after consulting with PennDOT and our local communities, it is just not feasible to plan our annual Halloween parade under the current restrictions. But, we will be back in full force on Saturday, October 30, 2021 for next year's Parade. And now the good news...we think 2020 needs some fun, so the Northern Lehigh Events Committee is hosting our first ever Haunt Your House decorating contest. The rules: dress your house in its blood curling, spine tingling finest, snap a picture, and email it along with contact name, address, and phone number to [NLHalloweenParade@yahoo.com](mailto:NLHalloweenParade@yahoo.com) by Friday, October 16th. Entries will be posted and voting will open on Saturday, October 17. Voting will close on Friday, October 30 and the winners will be announced on Saturday, October 31. Winners will be determined by 'likes' on Facebook. Prizes will be awarded to 1st (\$200), 2nd (\$100), and 3rd (\$50) places. Please note that contest is open to residents of Northern Lehigh School District only. Happy Haunting! If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany at 484-619-0140.

## TRICK OR TREAT 2020

After careful consideration, The Borough of Walnutport has decided to schedule Trick or Treat for Wednesday, October 28th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

The Borough would like to encourage all residence to be mindful of CDC guidelines during this time. When Trick or Treating please maintain the suggested 6-foot social distancing standard at all-time unless you are participating as a family or group. Wear facial coverings where appropriate. In addition, the Borough would like to offer the following suggestions. If you wish to participate and wish to limit physical contact, consider placing candy outside on a small table so trick or treaters can pick their own. If you wish to sit outside with your candy, maintain the 6-foot social distancing standard. If you do not want to participate than simply leave your porch light off. Please only pre-wrapped candy. The Borough also wants to remind everyone to be alert during this time as many children and adults will be crossing the borough streets. Be conscientious and abide by post speed limits. If restrictions alter or are lifted, we will announce changes as quickly as possible. As so many other activities and events have been cancelled, Borough Council hopes that everyone a safe and Happy Halloween!

## NORTHERN LEHIGH COMMUNITY CENTER

Hello to all Walnutport Borough residents from your Northern Lehigh Community Center Board of Directors. The land and the building on W. Church Street across from the Slatington Fire Department that we acquired and built are all paid for through grants and your gracious donations in the last 23 years to the amount of \$600,000. To continue the project, we need YOU to get involved at our next November 17 meeting at 6:30 at the Vigilant Fire Company on Walnut Street, Slatington. You can also email your interest in helping with this project to [nlcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:nlcommunitycenter@gmail.com).

Thanks from Paul Gass, President

The following information regarding the use of the Borough of Walnutport's Public Park is contained in the Public Notice that has been posted at our community park. Even though the Notice has been posted numerous times, they somehow seem to disappear. For your information, kindly note the following:

In regards to the use of the Borough of Walnutport's Public Park, please note the following in accordance with the current CDC guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Face coverings are **REQUIRED** on anyone over the age of two (not required for babies or anyone younger than two because of the danger of suffocation).
2. NO organized sports or activities will be allowed unless previously approved by Walnutport Borough Council.
3. Safe distancing (6 foot) must be followed.
4. Gatherings no larger than 25 people will be allowed unless part of a previously approved organized sport or activity.

Please also note:

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 is a possibility in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and/or death.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are the **MOST VULNERABLE**. Please be advised that The Borough of Walnutport **DOES NOT** have the capability to disinfect borough playground equipment on a regular basis. By visiting our park, you voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19.

**STAY HEALTHY!**

Walnutport Borough Council





## BRIAN FILCHNER PRESIDENT OF THE WALNUTPORT PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

2020 has been a rough year for the Walnutport Playground Association. The girls' softball teams, and boy's baseball teams had their seasons canceled due to the Covid-19 virus.

The annual 2020 Carnival was cancelled. The Carnival is the main fundraising event for the WPA. The playground board will decide in the beginning of 2021 whether we will have the Carnival next July.

The Playground holds various events for the community every year. An Easter Egg Hunt for children toddler to 10 years of age, with many lucky eggs, great prizes, and the appearance of the Easter Bunny. Unfortunately, the Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled. The playground board made the decision to donate the candy to the Northern Lehigh School District. The candy was distributed to the student lunches as part of the Grab-N-Go lunch pickup.

The WPA has sponsored the Phillies Home Run Derby for over 40 years. The derby is for boys and girls age 7 through 12. Any player in the Lehigh Valley is eligible to participate at no cost. The HR Derby was also cancelled!

We also had to cancel the Dream Come True Benefit softball/baseball game and raffle. Last year we raised \$11,250 for the Blue Ridge Chapter of Dream Come True.

We also host Senior Night for the Northern Lehigh High School Girls Varsity Softball Team which was also cancelled.

Every year the WPA also awards a \$250.00 scholarship to a Northern Lehigh High School Senior Softball player and a Senior Baseball Player. The awards were presented in August.

Congratulations to this year's recipients Lauren Hoffman and Preston Bauer.

## NORTHERN VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (NOVA) is a not-for-profit organization. Each year, NOVA fundraises over \$400,000 to provide cost-effective community-based emergency medical services to Heidelberg, North Whitehall, and Washington Townships, Slatington and Walnutport Boroughs, and portions of Lowhill Township.

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In addition to covering emergency calls, we attend on standby for Northwestern Lehigh and Northern Lehigh School districts' football games and other sporting events as requested. It's a little-known fact that we standby for churches, bike races, marathons/5K's, and many other community events that require the presence of an ambulance.

NOVA has a certified technician who will make certain your child's car seat is installed correctly by performing a Child Car Seat Safety Check; free of charge.

NOVA's Auxiliary supports the Corps by raising funds. They cater weddings, parties, and corporate events in addition to hosting many events throughout the year. Events include an apple dumpling sale in October, Election Day bake sale and a Thanksgiving sale including filling, bacon dressing, and nut breads in November. Their cooking is second to none! Call 610-262-7749 for information or to place an order.

Northern Valley EMS, Inc. would like to thank the Walnutport Borough Council for their annual financial contribution which helps meet fundraising needs necessary to support Walnutport and the other communities we serve.

## BOROUGH OF WALNUTPORT LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2020

### North End of Town to Main Street: Mondays

October 26th   November 2nd   November 9th  
November 16th   November 23rd   November 30th

### New Street to Lehigh Gap Street: Wednesday

October 28th   November 4th   November 18th  
November 25th   December 2nd

### Main Street to New Street: Tuesday

October 27th   November 3rd   November 10th  
November 17th   November 24th   December 1st

### Lehigh Gap Street to Third Avenue: Thursday

October 29th   November 5th   November 12th  
November 19th   December 3rd

Dates are subject to change without notice due to inclement weather or equipment issues! If times permits, we will pick up on non scheduled days. Leaves are to be raked into the street along the curbing. (Preferably, line leaves along curb instead of one big pile.) No debris including branches and twigs will be accepted. Please be courteous to other residents (and street department) by not parking in front or behind of someone's leaf piles.



## MOVING PERMIT

May of 2020 the Northern Lehigh School District published a legal notice reminding all residents over 18 years of age their responsibility to notify the proper Per Capita Tax Enumerator of his or her becoming a resident or inhabitant of the district. This means when you turn 18 years old and live in the Borough of Walnutport you need to go into the borough office and complete a moving permit. Please notify the secretary that you live in the borough but just turned 18.

As a reminder to all residents you do need a moving permit if you move in, out or within the Borough of Walnutport. This will remove or add you from the tax rolls and the residency list. Should you have any questions you can contact the borough office.

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## WALNUTPORT RECREATION BOARD

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 2020

Although it will be slightly different this year, The Walnutport Recreation Committee would like everyone to know that The Fourth Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be taking place on December 5th. Applications to Adopt-A-Tree can be found on the Borough of Walnutport's Website and The Borough of Walnutport's Facebook page. Physical copies can be picked up at Borough Hall as well as this Fall Newsletter. Applications will be accepted until November 9th. We will have the trees delivered and set up by Noon on November 21st. You will have until Friday, December 4th to decorate your tree. When decorating your tree please abide by the CDC social distancing standards if still in effect. The Tree Lighting Ceremony itself will be virtually broadcasted via social media unless restrictions are lifted. This event as always been a community event. Time to spend with your neighbors and friends and to support the community. This year has been difficult for many and we hope that by continuing what has become a tradition we can maintain and strengthen the ties that define the Walnutport Community. Minimum donation to adopt a tree is \$40.00.

*The mission of the Walnutport Recreation Committee is to bring activities and events into the Borough along with providing recreational facilities to the community.*

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## 4TH ANNUAL "ADOPT A TREE" GUIDELINES

### BOROUGH OF WALNUTPORT'S RECREATION BOARD - TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY 2020

Thank you for considering to "Adopt a Tree" for the Fourth Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony" for the Borough of Walnutport.

All trees will stand between 5' and 6' tall. Tree stands will be provided. You will be provided with a tree number once your donation has been confirmed. **Dates to decorate your tree will be from November 21st (after 12 noon) to December 4th.** All trees must be decorated by December 4th so we can test the electricity and make any changes as needed. The tree lighting ceremony is planned for Saturday, December 5th.

Below are some additional guidelines that will need to be followed when decorating your tree:

- You must use LED lights when decorating and please limit your lights to no more than 300. Trees using non-LED lighting will not be plugged in and/or you will be asked to switch them out.
- Please attach an 8 to 10 foot outdoor extension cord, labeled with your name, to your tree stand and extending out. Please DO NOT push the cord under the tree, so we do not have to search for the cord.
- The electricity will not be turned on when you decorate your tree, so please test your lights prior to decorating it.

- Please no tinsel or similar items (it will blow off!).
- Please NO glass ornaments. Using them can create a hazard if they break or blow off.
- Please secure all ornaments you use with twist ties, pipe cleaners, etc. This will hopefully keep them from blowing away in windy conditions. On a similar note, please consider the value of the ornaments you use. Windy conditions, bad weather and, unfortunately, vandalism can damage and destroy ornaments. The Borough of Walnutport's Recreation Board is not responsible for damage/destruction due to the above mentioned conditions. Thank you for your understanding!
- If bad weather does occur, please take the time to check your tree in case damage had occurred.

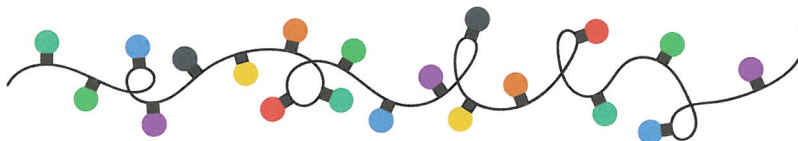
**Trees can start to be undecorated January 10th will need to be undecorated by January 18th. All trees and tree stands will be disposed of on January 19th. Any decorations/lights remaining on the trees after the 19th will be disposed of as well.**

If you have any questions, please contact the event committee.

Hope to see you at the ceremony!

Tree # \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEADLINE FOR "ADOPT A TREE" IS NOVEMBER 12, 2020**

## **4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE PARK REGISTRATION FORM**

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- ☐ Tree adoption
- ☐ Refreshments – this option is up in the air right now
- ☐ Candy canes – this option is up in the air right now
- ☐ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Let us know if you are willing to volunteer with the event.

*Due to COVID-19 there will be changes this year to the tree lighting. We have not made decisions on how we will proceed. We will do the tree lighting no matter what the out come of the other festivities.*





## NORTHERN LEHIGH RECREATION AUTHORITY Announces Winter and Spring Programs

The Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority, a multi-municipal authority supported by the boroughs of Walnutport and Slatington and Washington Township, has put together a diverse schedule of programs and events for this Fall and Winter that are available to Northern Lehigh residents at little or no cost. Several popular programs are currently on hiatus due to the COVID pandemic, but will, hopefully, be available soon.

The landmark Strength & Stretch for Seniors (S.A.S.S.) continues at Diamond Fire Company on Mondays and Fridays from 10 am to 11 am. This adult group fitness class combines getting into shape with fun and friendship. The Instructor is Tiffany Lakatosh. Cost for the class is a drop-in fee of \$3.50. Discount punch cards are available from the Instructor. Class size is limited to 25.

Many outdoor activities and events are planned for the Winter and Spring. A Nature Photography class lead by popular local photographer, Alyssa Grimm, will be held on Sunday, October 25th from 1am to 3pm at Slatington Trailhead. The cost is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required. The last Community Night Hike of the year with Wildlands Conservancy will be held on Thursday, November 12th from 5:30pm until 7pm and focuses on Raptors! Dress appropriately, wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight for this free program.

Bulldog School Break Camps will be held at various times during NLSD vacation breaks. The first will be during Thanksgiving Break on Monday, November 29th from 9am to 1pm. A second camp will be held during the Christmas/Winter break from Monday, December 28th through Wednesday, December 30th and the last will be held during Spring Break on Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th. The location is yet to be determined. Supervised activities will include games, arts & crafts and bowling. The cost for camp each day is \$20. Pre-Registration is required.

NLRA hopes to have its annual Candy Cane Hunt on Saturday, December 12th from 10am to 11am at Walnutport Park. The event will be entirely held outside, so dress warm!

Registration for the Bulldog Summer Blast Program opens in January. The popular program will be at three locations this summer, Slatington and Peters Elementary Schools and a third, new location at Walnutport Park. There will be seven weeks of fun, games, arts and crafts, swimming and trips. The program will run from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm Mondays through Fridays, with Fridays, being field days at Eagles Nest Park in Washington Township. An optional extended day until 4:00 pm will be available at Slatington Elementary School only.

Snowshoeing returns to Covered Bridge Trailhead on Sunday, February 28th from 1pm to 3pm. The cost for the program is \$15 for one adult and one child with a cost of \$10 for each additional adult and \$5 for each additional child. Online registration with Wildland's Conservancy is required. All equipment will be provided.

Finally, several programs are in the works, with details still be finalized, including a Nutritious & Easy Cooking Class offered by Penn State Extension, beginning in January and a St. Patrick's Day Doggie Hike on the D & L Trail will be offered by Mannered Mutts Dog Training in March and Walk with Ease will be back for another session in April. Check out Northern Lehigh Rec.'s website ([www.northernlehighrec.org](http://www.northernlehighrec.org)) or Facebook page for more information on these and many other programs.

## A NOTE FROM THE WALNUTPORT CANAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Walnutport Canal Association is a volunteer group that cares for the 5-mile section of the Lehigh Canal that runs through Walnutport. We are continually looking for volunteers to aid in the development and the care of canal properties and grounds.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN AND HELP  
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Please contact Jeanne 484-201-1732

Due to the coronavirus, we have not held any events this year,  
**SO YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS MORE APPRECIATED THAN EVER!**

We never underestimate our community's support and you have all contributed to our success!

Hopefully we will be gathering in 2021 and enjoying each other's company again

**THANKS, AND SEE YOU ALONG THE CANAL**



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