



Upper Uwchlan Township

News

Phase II Sewerage Expansion: SPRING 2015



Upper Uwchlan Township has eight public sewerage systems located throughout the Township to collect and treat sewage generated by homes and businesses residing within each system. The Township also has a larger number of homes and businesses that have private on-lot disposal systems consisting of septic tanks and drain fields, some of which are failing. This is an especially critical item as the Township lies within two high quality watersheds; Marsh Creek and Pickering Creek. Due to the initiatives to protect the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays from nutrient overload, these high quality watersheds must be protected, specifically from higher levels of Nitrogen and Phosphorous compounds commonly found in wastewater. Failing or malfunctioning on-lot disposal systems adversely impact the watersheds. Because of this, the Township wishes to eliminate as many of these as possible by connecting them to public sewer.

The solution to failing on-lot systems and the continued development in the Township lies within primarily the Route 100 Wastewater System. This system has the largest service area of all the treatment systems in the Township, currently providing public sewer to approximately 1,200 homes and business. The Plant is presently operating under its permitted Phase I capacity of 300,000 gallons of per day. However, after a long delay, the Phase II Expansion of the Route 100 Wastewater System has begun. This system-wide expansion consists of three major projects, which are discussed below.

Expansion of the Route 100 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Route 100 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, located on Fellowship Road, is currently under construction. The Phase II Expansion of the Plant consists of the construction of two Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBRs). This is a technology that utilizes a biological process and aeration to treat and greatly reduce nutrient levels in the sewage. The addition of the SBRs to the treatment process will double the treatment capacity of the Wastewater Treatment Plant from 300,000 gallons per day to 600,000 gallons per day. The treated effluent will continue to be stored in existing and proposed lagoons, and will eventually be disposed of through one of the spray or drip irrigation fields to allow for beneficial re-use of the high quality effluent water.

The expansion of the facility will allow for existing homes with failing on-lot systems to connect to public sewer, and will provide additional treatment capacity for new homes and business to be built. The Route 100 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion began in September of 2014 and is expected to be in operation by August of 2015.

Installation of the Phase II Collection System

Three subdivisions were identified in a 2000-commissioned study as having the greatest need due to failing septic systems within the Route 100 Wastewater System service area. These are the Eagle Manor, Windsor Place and Heather Hill Subdivisions, located west of Route 100 and north of the

PA Turnpike. According to Chester County Health Department records, a number of on-lot systems in these three (3) subdivisions have a history of failure. Therefore, they are a high priority for connection to the Township's public sewer system.

In order to provide public sewer to these homes, the Phase II Collection System has been designed. This system consists of over 14,000 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer, a small pump station and approximately 5,500 linear feet of 2-inch force main. Once constructed, the Phase II Collection System will provide public sewer to 121 homes and eliminate failing systems in this area of the Township, helping to improve watershed quality.

There has been a small delay to the start of this project for the inclusion of regulatory updates and to accommodate the preferences of the soon-to-be-connected residences. The Phase II Collection System project will be advertised for bid at the end of April 2015. Construction is expected to begin in June of 2015 and should be completed by March of 2016. Following completion of the collection system construction, the 121 homes can be connected. It is now expected this connection will begin after January 1, 2016.

Construction of the Little Conestoga Sewage Pumping Station

In order to connect the Phase II Collection System to the existing Route 100 Wastewater System, a sewage pumping station and force main must be constructed. The Little Conestoga Pump Station will be located at 381 Little Conestoga Road, and a 6-inch force main will run from the pump station to the intersection of Little Conestoga and Park Roads. The Little Conestoga Pump Station will consist of a sewage grinder, two (2) submersible pumps, and an emergency generator.

The Little Conestoga Sewage Pumping Station construction is currently underway and is expected to be in operation by October of 2015.

For questions or further information, please contact the Township Offices at 610-458-9400 or email the municipal sewer Authority Administrator at Authority@upperuwchlan-pa.gov.

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Officer Paul Kemme
Officer Adam Pozza
Officer David Stiteler
Officer Kyle Sherman
Officer Steven Jones
Officer Robert Paradis

TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Administration: 610-458-9400
Police Department: 610-458-5862

Boards & Commissions News

We'd like to take this opportunity to say *Thank You!* to **Anthony Tabasso** for his 8 years of service on the Municipal Authority (2006-2014), **Stephen Beckman** for his 6 years of service on the Park & Recreation Board and **John McTear** for his 6 years of service on the Planning Commission (2009-2014). Their service to the Community is greatly appreciated.

We'd like to also take this opportunity to thank **Tom Baynard** for his dedication and service as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator over the past 6 years! While Tom has stepped down as Deputy EMC, he continues to serve on the Emergency Management Planning Commission, and we wanted him to know we appreciate ALL of the time and energy he has given to Upper Uwchlan, and the surrounding communities, over the years. Thank You, Tom!

We'd like to *Welcome!* recent Appointees: **Brett Hand** (Planning Commission), **Scott Nicely** Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator (EMPC) and **Richard Bassler** (Technology Advisory Board).

THERE ARE OPENINGS on the Historic Commission and the Park & Recreation Board at this time. If you are interested in volunteering, a description of each Board and Commission and the Volunteer Application Form can be found at: www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov



Elected Officials

County Commissioners:

Terrence Farrell, Chairman
Kathi Cozzone,
County Commissioner
Michelle Kichline,
County Commissioner
313 W. Market St., Ste. 6202
PO Box 2748
West Chester, PA 19380
610-344-6100
www.chesco.org

U.S. Senators:

Patrick Toomey
www.toomey.senate.gov
Robert P. Casey, Jr.
www.casey.senate.gov

State Senator (44th District):

John C. Rafferty, Jr.
610-469-8390
www.senatorrafferty.com

U.S. Congressman (6th District):

Ryan Costello
610-696-2982
www.Costello.house.gov

State Representative (155th District):

Becky Corbin
610-524-5595
www.RepCorbin.com

Elected Political Party Representatives:

Republican
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Ben L. LaGarde, Precinct #3
Margaret L. LaGarde, Precinct #3
Democrat
Diane O'Dwyer, Zone Leader

Why Are Building Permits Required?



Residents often ask if and why building permits are required for their project.

The requirements for a project requiring a building permit are listed in the PA Uniform Construction Code which uses the International Building Code (IBC) as the model adopted code.

The reason permits are required is to establish the minimum standards to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

As new materials and new building designs are introduced to the market we want to be sure they will provide the necessary elements as required. The building code evaluates the new products and issues a "code compliant" label when approved.

The fee paid for the building permit is calculated through the Township's Schedule of Fees and is based on the cost to run a building department; also the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania collects \$4 per issued permit for continuing education through seminars, webinars and special training classes. As Building Code Officials we are required to be certified by Pennsylvania Labor and Industry in each model code that we administer with continuing education requirements in each code.

Within the IBC there are 9 individual codes addressing each element of construction. These are:

- International Energy Conservation Code**
- International Plumbing Code**
- International Existing Building Code**
- International Residential Code**
- International Fire Code**
- International Wildland-Urban Interface**
- International Mechanical Code**
- International Fuel Gas Code**
- International Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities**

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps offers FREE CPR/AED and First Aid courses to the members of the communities we serve. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact us at 610-363-1067 (ext. 41) or visit our website at www.station87.com or by sending an email to Training@Station87.com

May 14: Adult CPR / AED	June 11: Infant & Child CPR / AED
July 9: Adult CPR / AED	August 13: Infant & Child CPR / AED
September 10: Adult CPR / AED	September 17: First Aid
October 8: Infant & Child CPR / AED	November 12: Adult CPR / AED
December 10: Infant & Child CPR / AED	

All courses are FREE to local residents, begin at 6 pm and are held at: UAC, 70 W. Welsh Pool Road, Exton, PA 19341. If you would like to register, contact us at 610-363-1067 or www.station87.com





Recycle Right!

Provided by
The Chester County Board of Commissioners
through the Chester County Solid Waste Authority
610-273-3771, ext. 228



THE ITEMS COLLECTED THROUGH INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS VARY: CONTACT YOUR HAULER, MUNICIPALITY OR DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTER TO VERIFY THE ITEMS THEY COLLECT

Single Stream Items Typically Collected In **One** Container:

Yes

- Newspapers**
- Mixed Paper** - cardboard, paper bags, magazines, all mail, phone books, home, office & school paper, paperback books, paper egg cartons, clean pizza boxes, box board (cereal, cake and cracker boxes). *Check with your hauler or municipality.*
- Glass** - clean food & drink bottles and jars only. Rinse and remove lids. Labels need not be removed.
- Aluminum** - beverage cans, pie plates and clean foil. Rinse.
- Metal** - Rinsed food & beverage cans, empty metal aerosol cans.
- Plastic** - #1 through #7 plastic containers. Rinse & remove caps. (No styrofoam, foam or polystyrene). Return plastic bags to grocery store

No

- light bulbs
- drinking glasses
- ceramic cups and plates
- mirrors
- paint cans
- food wrappers
- plastic bags
- wax or plastic coated boxes
- tyvek plastic envelopes
- tissues, towels, napkins
- metallic wrapping paper
- plate glass window glass
- crystal
- flower pots
- ovenware
- no oil cans or bottles
- no caps or lids

CALL 610-273-3771, ext. 228 FOR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS
www.chestercountyswa.org

2015 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

www.chestercountyswa.org

New Electronics Recycling Law!

Televisions, computers, monitors, laptops, etc. are no longer permitted to be disposed of with your household trash. A new State law, effective January 24, 2013, requires these items to be recycled.

One recycling option is to contact the stores where these electronics are typically purchased.
Contact DEP's Recycling Hotline 800-346-4242.

Acceptable E-Waste:

CPUs/Laptop Computers, Monitors, Printers, CRT TVs, Non-CRT TVs, Cell Phones, Microwaves, Radios, Toner/Ink Cartridges

Not Acceptable:

Explosives & Ammunition, Household Batteries, Tires, Appliances with Freon, Used Motor Oil, Latex Paint, Unidentified Waste, Smoke Detectors

Holidays:

If your scheduled collection day falls upon a Holiday, your pick up will be the next day.

Bulk Trash:

(up to 2 bulk items per collection/month)
Bulk items: chairs, toys, mattresses, small sofas, bed frames, bicycles, and appliances – Please Note: DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL APPLIANCES.

Freon Items:

Please call the Township Office at 610-458-9400 to schedule pick-up of freon-containing items such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers.

Compost Lawn and Leaf Collection: Wednesdays

Seventeen (17) yard waste (including grass clippings) and leaf collections will occur throughout the year. Use your open containers (no lids) or Biodegradable Bags for leaf and yard waste disposal. Biodegradable bags are available at the Township Office for \$2.50/5-bag bundle. Leaf and yard waste debris placed in plastic bags will NOT be collected; this material is destined for the composting process.

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| May: 6 & 20 | June: 3 & 17 |
| July: 15 | August: 12 |
| September: 9 & 23 | October: 7 & 21 |
| November: 11 | December: 2 |

***No open burning is permitted in Upper Uwchlan Township. The Township is no longer issuing burn permits due to a signed Ordinance by the Board of Supervisors effective August 25, 2014.**

Township Bulletin Board



Yard Waste Collection

WEDNESDAYS

5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, 7/15, 8/12, 9/9 and 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/11, 12/2

*The current collection contract expires July 31, 2015. The new contract will increase the Yard Waste collections from 17 per year to 36 per year due to the **NO Burning Ordinance effective 8/25/14**. Check the Township website in June for additional information regarding the new contract.

Residential Re-Sales

When selling your home, the Township requires a Use and Occupancy Re-Sale Inspection at least two (2) weeks prior to your settlement date.

The owner of the property or their Realtor, must contact our office to obtain the Certification Request form.

The fee for this is \$60.00.

Your trash/sewer certification is also included. Once the signed Certificate is returned to the Township, we will automatically transfer the service(s) account to the new owner's name.

Save the Date! 7th Annual Block Party Saturday, June 20

Volunteers,
Vendors & Crafters Needed!
Check our website for registration
and more information
Contact: Kathi McGrath 610.646.7001
www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov

Volunteer!

Would you love to help out?
We are always in need of Volunteers.

Just say Yes!

Share the pride in your community, Volunteer today!

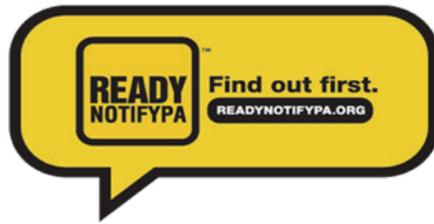
Removal of Dead Deer & Animals

- Township Roadway: Game Commission 610-926-3136, Enter "0"
- State Roadway: 484-340-3201
- Humane Removal of Wildlife: Call Mike Z Animal Management: 215-913-3713 (cell)
- Raccoons, Squirrels, Bats, Skunks, Snakes, etc.: Call Rick Shervais, Critter Control 888-330-5334 or 610-385-4405
- Removal of Domestic Animals: Upper Uwchlan Township Animal Control for Domestic Animals ONLY: Chester County SPCA 610-692-6113

Holiday Hours

- The Township offices will be closed on the following dates:
- ★ May 25, 2015 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday;
 - ★ July 3, 2015 in observance of Independence Day and
 - ★ September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day.

ReadyNotifyPA



ReadyNotifyPA is used to notify you during a major crisis or emergency, and delivers important emergency alerts, such as weather, road closures, health, or community alerts. You can choose to sign up by county, municipality, or by topic.

Notifications and updates to you on all your devices:

- ✓ email account (work, home, other)

- ✓ cell phone (via SMS)

- ✓ pager

- ✓ smartphone/PDA

Registration takes only a few minutes!
You can register by visiting www.readynotifypa.org

It is free to sign up for ReadyNotifyPA, and you can choose the type of alerts that you get. Your wireless carrier may charge you to get messages on your device, so check your plan to see what is covered. You can choose to stop getting these messages at any time.

Junior Police Academy

June 8, 9 and 10 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Calling all Township Teens ages 12 to 15!

The Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department is affording the young people of our community, ages 12 - 15, an opportunity to experience Law Enforcement firsthand. Students will learn the basic functions of a Police Department as well as have a chance to observe other Emergency Services.

The Academy will be held at the Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department which is located at 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend the academy. Snacks and lunch will be provided every day.

There will be a Luncheon and Graduation Ceremony on the afternoon of the last day of the Academy. The families of the graduates are invited to attend.



Some of the activities students will be involved in are:

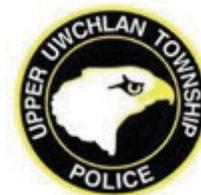
- Police Patrol Vehicles
- Various Types of Police Equipment
- Canine Demonstration
- Crime Scene Processing
- Fire, Rescue and EMS Display
- SWAT Display
- Court Room Visit
- Visit to Chester County Department of Emergency Services

To receive an application, e-mail Officer Adam Pozza at:
Apozza@upperuwchlan-pa.gov

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Most of your homes have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. The units do not have an infinite life. The average effective life of a smoke detector is 8 to 10 years and a CO detector 5 to 7 years. When these units fail, they often send an alarm signal the same as a real event. We would suggest that you replace your units as they approach their life cycle end. This will save you the frightening experience of alarms going off and save the fire company the risk and expense of emergency response. Any time your alarm goes off, dial 911 and we will respond, day or night 24/7.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Upper Uwchlan Township Police

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

The Upper Uwchlan Police Department now has a secure container for you to dispose of your old prescription medications, located in the Township's main entrance for convenient drop off. Thanks to the efforts of the Upper Uwchlan Township Board



of Supervisors, Libby Egnaczyk of Downingtown Area Communities that Care and our State Representative Becky Corbin for securing the funding to purchase this special container.

Storm Water Pollution Solutions

– Excerpts from EPA's "After the Storm Brochure"

Lawn Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- ✓ Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- ✓ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- ✓ Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- ✓ Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

Pet Waste

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterways.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

Snow Angels

Who are you gonna call when snow falls? You're not going to call "Ghostbusters," you're going to call...our "Snow Angels." Wearing their bright florescent green shirts and hats they stand tall, ready to answer the Call.

Winter may be a distant memory by now, but the efforts of our Public Works crew to clear the roads of snow and ice and having the roads ready for school buses and commuters has not been forgotten. They are dedicated to the task of getting people safely to their destinations. These men take pride in a job well done. So when you see them on our roads working the rest of the year give them a wave and **a thumbs up for a job well done.**



Finance Department News

This is a reminder that Refuse/recycling and Sewer billing has been brought in-house; our Finance Department processes all payments. These are utility payments due to a municipality, therefore municipal liens can be placed on your property if not paid within a certain period of time. We would appreciate separate checks for refuse and sewer payments.

REFUSE/RECYCLING:

Checks should be made payable to Upper Uwchlan Township.

This is an annual utility fee and can be paid in a lump sum payment prior to September 30, 2015 or it can be split in two payments. If you choose to pay in two separate installments, the account must be paid in full no later than September 30, 2015. If payment is received after that date, you will be charged a 10% late fee. Please include your account number on your check and please do not staple the check to the remittance advice. (Marsh Harbour and The Mews at Byers Station residents are not billed through the Township for trash services, as this is included in their HOA fees).

SEWER: Checks should be made payable to UUTMA.

This is a quarterly utility bill and is billed as a flat quarterly fee. Please ensure payment is paid to UUTMA as this is a separate account from the trash account. Please include your account number on your check and please do not staple the check to the remittance advice. If you want to pay through "bill pay" with your bank, PLEASE make sure your sewer payments are payable to UUTMA and NOT Upper Uwchlan Township as this delays processing and could be applied to your trash account in error. Include your township account number on your online payment; both sewer and trash have the same account number.

If you have questions regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department office at **610-646-7009**.

New Payment Drive-Up Drop Box

Sewer & Refuse payments can now be placed in a new drive up "Drop Box" located in the front of the **Township Building at**

140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA

Save time and a stamp and place your payment in the secure box. Please make sure your Account Number is on your check (no parcel or pin numbers). **NO CASH!!**

Sewer payments payable to:

UUTMA

Refuse payments payable to:

Upper Uwchlan Twp.

*Payments will be collected throughout the day.



ALERT TO RESIDENTS Whose Taxes are Escrowed and Paid as Part of a Mortgage Payment

By Ben LaGarde, Tax Collector, Upper Uwchlan Township

If you have not already done so by now and your taxes are part of your mortgage payment and are paid for you by a third party, **PLEASE ALERT THE CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THAT ESCROW AGENT THAT YOU HAVE A NEW TAX BILL!**

Residents in this situation should do this before doing anything with the bill. The phone number of customer service is usually right on the mortgage bill. This should give the homeowner peace of mind knowing that the bill has been received and is in the process of being paid. After that, the resident should be able to track their payment through their escrow account with the mortgage company to verify payment has indeed been made.

Please realize that I am required to send the Upper Uwchlan Township tax bills to the owners listed as deed holder by Chester County. I do not send them to the mortgage company directly although I have established electronic relationships with some of the bigger ones to do that. But every resident is sent a bill.

When you get your bill, if your taxes are escrowed, **call the escrow company and ask if they need the bill!** If you have any questions for me as Tax Collector, please email me at blagarde2@gmail.com

KEYSTONE COLLECTS

Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can e-file on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at

www.KeystoneCollects.com

Please note that the forms changed this year. If you will be claiming an out-of-state tax credit or if you work in Philadelphia, you may be eligible for a local earned income tax credit up to the amount you owe to your resident municipality. The worksheet on the back of the form will help you calculate your out-of-state tax credit (attach a copy of your out-of-state filing).

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, call Keystone's **Taxpayer Helpline** at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions to "Taxpayer Support" at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

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