



Upper Uwchlan Township News

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Ready, Set, Grow!

New Developments Coming to Upper Uwchlan

Take a drive through Upper Uwchlan and you're likely to encounter new construction.

What you may *not* know is the process developers go through when proposing a project. Here's a simplified explanation, which may help residents understand how and why different developments - subject to the Township's Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO) ordinance - come to be. Many developments may require a series of approvals, including Conditional Use, Zoning Hearing, Subdivision Plan, Preliminary Land Development Plan, Final Land Development Plan. All subdivision/land development plans also have to be reviewed by the County Planning Commission, and when any new sewer systems are involved, the County Health Department and PA DEP.

The Planning Commission. The first stop for proposed SALDO development is the Township's Planning Commission. Appointed members of the Planning Commission are volunteers who are responsible for reviewing and evaluating subdivision and land development applications, providing guidance and issuing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Critical in its evaluation role, the commission's task is to ensure that all development occurring within the township adheres to the community's zoning and land development ordinances and meets the spirit of its Comprehensive Plan. *For more information, check out the UUT Code §162-8.*

The Comprehensive Plan.

The Township "Comp" Plan is the official account of a municipality's planning goals. The document guides future development - proposed projects are evaluated against the Plan's goals and objectives. The most recent Comp Plan was developed in 2014 with assistance and expertise provided by Brandywine Conservancy and other Township consultants. The Plan is a direct result of the time and effort expended by the township's Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and staff. Members of these groups spent a considerable amount of time analyzing data, hearing public input, and discussing the most appropriate methods for managing the township's future growth and protecting its resources.

You can view the plan anytime at www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/CompPlan.

Board of Supervisors.

Next stop: The elected Board of Supervisors. "Upon receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation and other supporting information, the Board shall, at one or more regular or special public meetings, review the final plan and shall, within the time limitations set forth hereinbelow, either approve or disapprove the plan. §162-8B(2)(c)[2]"

Current Developments:



The Reserve at Chester Springs

62 single-family home development along Little Conestoga Road.

The Townes at Chester Springs

40 townhomes located along Park Road between Little Conestoga Road and Heather Hill Drive.

Village at Byers Station

Located along Station Boulevard between Graphite Mine Road and Pottstown Pike. Construction on the residential portion - consisting of 121 townhomes - is underway. The southern portion of the site will consist of commercial/retail space of up to 75,000 square feet. The development of this mixed-use parcel initially received approval in 1999 and various concepts have been proposed through the years.

Marsh Lea

27-home development on Little Conestoga Road at the Wallace Township boundary, with 21 homes in Upper Uwchlan and 6 in Wallace.

McKee-Milford Associates

This Active Adult Community for those 55 years old and older was approved in October 2017 and proposes 114 single-family homes, 156 twins, 105 triplexes, a clubhouse, and amenities. The Developer is in the process of acquiring permits from outside agencies.

Attending public meetings is a great way for residents to stay updated on proposed and approved developments in the Township.

You can also keep up by reading the minutes of these public meetings, which are archived on the Township website, www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov. Please note that the above process is far more complex than explained here - check out the resources above to learn more!

Our Township

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John D. DeMarco

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Detective Tom Jones
Corporal Joseph Carr
Corporal Brian Gathercole
Officer Robert Davis
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

Welcome

to the Planning Commission: **JEFF SMITH**

and to the Board of Supervisors: **SANDY D'AMICO**



Sandy, her husband Brian, and children have lived in the township for 21 years. Sandy moved to the area shortly after graduating from Albright College, with a degree in Business Administration and Spanish. Sandy's older children graduated from Downingtown West High School.

Sandy recently retired after a 31 year career in banking. While at Wachovia/Wells

Fargo, she held a variety of regional leadership positions in Retail Banking and Distribution Strategy. Sandy moved to Citibank in 2012 where she was the U.S. Branch Channel Director and led the national retail branch expansion program. Her background in banking, finance, and commercial real estate lends itself to the multiple priorities facing Township Supervisors. Throughout her career, Sandy brought together diverse groups of people to build community, find common ground, and achieve shared goals.

In addition to her professional experience, Sandy has served the local community in a variety of ways. These include volunteering at the Lord's Pantry, serving as a board member on the Albright College Alumni Board, as well as Mommy's Light Lives On Foundation (now known as Family Lives On), and serving as Secretary of the Downingtown West Football Club. Both she and her husband coach Lionville Youth Association (LYA) sports teams. **Welcome, Sandy!**

We're Preserving History

The Upper Uwchlan Township Historical Commission recently began a digital archival project that will seek to preserve our township's history, and make our history available for access by the public via an internet database! Stay tuned.

As we transform many different buildings, structures, and historic farmland throughout the township, such as Upland Farms Park, the Historical Commission has a shared responsibility with all other township commissions to protect and preserve our areas historical significance.

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

Mark your calendar!

10th ANNUAL

Block Party

JUNE 16, 2018

Come Enjoy Our Parks!


UPLAND FARMS

As you may know, the Park and Recreation Board was re-established in June of 2017. The team which has been assembled is absolutely amazing. If you attend our public meetings, you'll feel the energy in the room.

We are a group of resident volunteers with diverse perspectives, talents and interests. This makes for interesting meetings and dynamic ideas for programs and long-term planning for our Township. We'd like to thank the hundreds of you who came out to our kick-off event in November. If you missed it, don't worry - It was the first of many Tree Lightings at Upland Farms!

We have a ton of ideas about events, trails, and recreational programs for UUT, but we'd love input from our fellow residents. We usually meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Township building. Stop by! In addition, keep an eye out for a public survey on parks and recreation coming soon.



Thank you to all those who attended our First Annual Tree Lighting at Upland Farms! It was a big success!

The Park and Rec Board is also pleased to sponsor our

FIRST ANNUAL Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 31, 2018 • 10am-12noon

Upland Farms Park, 301 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs

Children ages 2-10 are welcome to bring your own basket and hunt for candy filled eggs!

Bring a food donation to support the
Items needed include cereal, canned fruit, and canned meat.



See you in the parks!

— The Park and Recreation Board

National Earth Day! April 22

Trees for the Earth - Let's get planting!

Every Action Counts

Do One Thing to fight climate change and help the planet! The more people join in, the bigger the difference we make.

Trees help combat climate change.

They absorb excess and harmful CO₂ from our atmosphere. In a single year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO₂ produced by driving the average car 26,000 miles.

Trees help us breathe clean air.

Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

Trees help communities.

Trees help communities achieve long-term economic and environmental sustainability and provide food, energy and income.



Recycle Right!

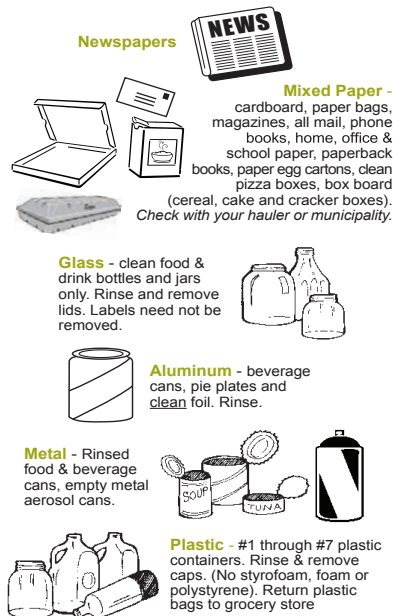
Provided by
The Chester County Board of Commissioners
through the Chester County Solid Waste Authority
610-273-3771, ext. 228



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



No



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

Trash and Recycling

As a reminder, Upper Uwchlan collects trash using an automated collection truck, with each collection limited to one (1) trash Toter issued by the Township. Please place your trash and recycling Toters at the curb, the night before collection, three (3) feet apart and three (3) feet from any immovable objects, such as motor vehicles, mail boxes, etc. Bulk pick-up is the 3rd pick-up of the month.



Do you have only the one 64 gallon recycling Toter originally issued by the Township? Do you need additional recycling capacity? In an effort to emphasize single stream recycling and make it as convenient as possible, the Township will either swap your 64 gallon recycling Toter with a new 96 gallon recycling Toter or issue you an additional recycling Toter, all at no additional cost to you. If you are interested in additional recycling capacity, please call 610-827-6033 to discuss your options.



All recyclables are to be placed directly into the recycling toter.

DO NOT place recyclables into non-recyclable plastic bags then put into toter. The hauler WILL NOT take your recycling if it is enclosed in a non-recyclable bag inside you're recycling toter.

Recyclable materials include:

aluminum products, glass, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, periodicals, bulk mail, phone books.

Reminder: The Township is no longer legally allowed to collect e-waste such as televisions, computers, etc.

The burning of recyclable materials, to include yard waste, trees, shrubs, leaves, garbage, etc. is strictly prohibited. Burning permits are no longer issued.

Electronics Recycle Day!

Saturday, April 14, 2018 • 9AM to 12PM
Upper Uwchlan Township Public Works Building
102 Oscar Way, Chester Springs

ITEMS ACCEPTED (no fee):

Computers, Laptops & related equipment
Networking equipment
Printers & related equipment
Office & home electronics
LCD Monitors
Wire, cables, AC adapters
UPS Batteries
Open toner cartridges

(NO cardboard boxes or plastic tubs accepted, items MUST be removed from containers and given back to the persons dropping off.)

FEE – CASH ONLY

CRT Televisions (\$40.00 up to 27". Over 27" \$60.00)
CRT Monitors – Computer (\$20.00 under 17". Over 17" \$40.00)
LCD TV (32" & under \$20.00, 32" to 60" \$40.00, Over 60" \$60.00)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Smoke Detectors
Fluorescent Bulbs/Tubes/Lights
Monitors with broken glass
Furniture
Alkaline Batteries
Paper, paper documents & cardboard
Electronics in wooden cases (old console TV's, stereos & speakers)

Compost Lawn and Leaf Collection:

These collections are composted. Use biodegradable bags or open containers (no lids). Do NOT use plastic bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Tree limbs/branches must be bundled with twine no larger than 3' x 3' bundles, or placed in open containers with no lids. Bags are available for purchase at the Township building.

April: 4, 11, 18, 25 May: 9, 16, 23, 30 June: 6, 13, 20, 27
July: 11, 25 August: 8, 22 Sept: 5, 12, 19, 26

Township Bulletin Board



Save the Date!
10th Annual Block Party
Saturday, June 16, 2018
 Volunteers, Vendors &
 Crafters Needed!
 Contact: Kathi McGrath
 610.646.7001
www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov

Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 31
 10AM • Ages 2-10
 Upland Farms Park

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 \$100.00.

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.

www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov

Plan Ahead for Any Emergency!

Sign up for Smart911 so first responders will be aware of important information to help when you call 9-1-1.



Electronics Recycle Day

Saturday, April 14
 9AM to 12PM
 UUT Public Works Bldg.

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!

Prescription Take Back Box Moved to Police Department

Can be accessed
 Monday, Wednesday & Fridays
 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Holiday Hours

The Township offices will be closed:

- ★ **March 30, 2018**
 In observance of Good Friday;
- ★ **May 28, 2018**
 in observance of Memorial Day;
- ★ **July 4, 2018**
 in observance of Independence Day
- ★ **September 3, 2018**
 in observance of Labor Day

Dead Deer

Effective immediately, call Tom Marsh, Jr. at 484-571-2092 to report dead deer in Upper Uwchlan Township. If the deer is on the road or a resident's property, Mr. Marsh should be called. He is contracted by the State Game Commission to pick them up.

Reminder: No Open Burning is permitted in Upper Uwchlan Township.

Junior Police Academy June 19-22 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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 am and end at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and 3:00 pm on Friday. 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. Graduates' families are invited to attend.

All applications must be submitted no later than Friday June 8th at 4:00 pm. Space is limited, applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

**Any questions please contact
Upper Uwchlan Township Police
at 610-458-5862.**



Some of the activities students will be involved in are:

- Police Patrol Vehicles
- Canine Demonstration
- Crime Scene Processing
- Fire, Rescue and EMS Display
- SWAT Display, Chester County Emergency Response Team
- Court Room Visit, District Court 15-2-07
- Visit to Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services
- Visit to Chester County's Public Safety Campus including Tactical Village
- Motorcycle Demonstration

To receive an application, e-mail Officer David Stiteler at: dstiteler@upperuwchlan-pa.gov



WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY.



All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb. Then into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. And that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact your municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Office. For general questions, you may also contact DEP's Bureau of Water Management at (717) 772-5661 or visit www.dep.state.pa.us. Thanks to the Washington State Water Quality Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster.

Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium



Celebrating
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS!



Did you know that 2018 will be the 25th anniversary of DARC's founding? We've been around for so long that, to most of our residents, DARC gets taken for granted. As we look back and celebrate this milestone we wanted to share with you our history and purpose.

What is DARC?

D.A.R.C. is short for the Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium. We serve the recreational needs of over 69,000 residents made up of 40,000 households. DARC is the largest recreational provider in Chester County. We are an independent organization (Council of Government) that was created by the eight municipalities that make up the Downingtown Area School District. We are governed by a Board made up of representatives from each member municipality and one from the School District.

When Chester County was growing rapidly 25 years ago, our municipalities had the foresight to think ahead. It was decided that each municipality would focus on what they did best – provide parks and local community based events. But it was determined that it would be much more efficient – from a tax dollar perspective and in cheaper recreational costs to the residents – to form an organization that served the recreational programming needs of everybody in the school district.

Because of our size we are able to provide a much broader range of recreational opportunities than any single municipality could. We are able to keep our programming costs down because our municipalities and the school district graciously provide spaces to run our programs in. We are also able to negotiate with outside, for-profit recreational providers for better program rates for our residents.

We do all this, each and every day, at an annual cost in tax dollars to your municipality of less than \$1 per person. That's a bargain anyway you look at it.

Please browse our newly formatted program catalog that is mailed to every resident of the School District and register online using our new registration website at:
downingtownpa.myrec.com

Happy anniversary from the gang at DARC!



Township Receives Awards for PSATS



Communication
EFFORTS

Upper Uwchlan Township's efforts to keep its residents updated and informed about the community have earned the municipality two awards in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' (PSATS) 50th Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens.

Upper Uwchlan received first place in the Class 1 Newsletters category (for townships with populations over 10,000) and second place in the Most Improved Newsletter category.

The contest attracted entries from across the commonwealth in eight categories, including printed and electronic newsletters, most improved newsletters, other publications, audiovisual communication, cable TV programs, social media, and websites. In all, 40 townships submitted 99 entries for this year's competition, and 20 individual townships won awards.

All contest entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to township residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability.

Judges included members of the association's standing committees and PSATS staff.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents Pennsylvania's 1,454 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal political arenas. Townships of the second class represent more residents — 5.5 million Pennsylvanians — than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth.

A special thank you to Linda Jacobs of Downtown Deziign, LLC for producing the newsletter for Upper Uwchlan Township since 2015.

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

Thank You!

RATE Increase

From the Municipal Authority:
PUBLIC SEWER increasing from
\$175 to \$190/per quarter.
Effective 4/1/18.

PECO Infrastructure Upgrades

PECO crews will be working along Pottstown Pike Upper Uwchlan Township between February and August 2018 to upgrade the infrastructure of the local electric distribution system.

This is part of PECO's System 2020 plan to "make it more weather resistant and less vulnerable to storm damage." Work will take place along Pottstown Pike (Route 100) in the northernmost part of the Township. Work along state roads is expected to take place between 9 am and 3 pm. In April, crews expect to begin working on electrical equipment, in some cases installing new poles and aerial wires.

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