



# Upper Uwchlan Township

## News

### New Faces at Upper Uwchlan Township

The first quarter of 2020 brought new leadership to Upper Uwchlan.

In January 2020, Jennifer Baxter was sworn in as elected Township Supervisor. In March, the Board of Supervisors was pleased to welcome Tony Scheivert as Township Manager.

#### Jennifer Baxter, Township Supervisor

Jennifer is eager to serve Upper Uwchlan Township as a newly elected Supervisor. She and her husband, Andrew, have lived in the township for five years and her children currently attend Shamona Creek Elementary and Downingtown Middle School.

Jennifer moved to Chester County after graduating from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Architecture degree, with a minor

in Urban Affairs and Planning. She spent 10 years with Peter Zimmerman Architects as a project architect, specializing in custom residential projects with a discerning focus on historic restoration and master planning. In 2010, she established her own practice and has created a broad portfolio while servicing homeowners throughout the Philadelphia suburbs. Her career has demanded an understanding of local building codes, zoning ordinances, and engineering, and their ever-changing implications on construction and development. She has worked with building departments in most local townships and has garnered approvals from numerous Zoning Hearing Boards and Historic Commissions to facilitate property improvements for her clients. Her background and collaboration with industry professionals, Township officials and homeowners guided her interest in bringing that experience to serve Upper Uwchlan.

Jennifer is passionate about bringing her perspective as a resident, a small business owner, an architect, and a dedicated parent to serve on the Board of Supervisors. She and her family are committed to supporting and utilizing our local resources, businesses, and community organizations to prioritize the success and safety of our Township.



#### Tony Scheivert, Township Manager



After an extensive search process, the Upper Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors was pleased to announce that Thomas "Tony" Scheivert was selected as Upper Uwchlan Township's next Township Manager. Mr. Scheivert replaces former Township

Manager Cary Vargo, who led Upper Uwchlan Township with more than a decade of dedicated service. Tony began his employment with Upper Uwchlan in March.

"After an extensive search where interest in the position was high and the field of candidates was competitive, the Board of Supervisors is pleased to have hired Mr. Scheivert to lead the organization. We are fortunate to have found someone with his administrative, executive, and legislative experience." said Sandy D'Amico, Board Chairperson.

Tony has over 20 years of local government municipal management service. In his most recent position, he served as Township Manager with New Garden Township for the last 5 years. Prior to that he served as Assistant Township Manager for 10 years with Caln Township and was the Park and Recreation Director for Upper Southampton Township, as well as West Chester Borough. He has a strong background in management, finance, budgeting, collective bargaining, land use planning, and park and recreation programs. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Management and a Master of Public Administration.

"Upper Uwchlan Township is a special place and I am honored that the Board of Supervisors has placed their trust and confidence in me as their next Township Manager. I am looking forward to working closely with the board, the staff and residents of Upper Uwchlan," said Tony.

Local Government Week

★ APRIL 6-10

Welcome!

### Our Township

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Sandy D'Amico, Chairperson  
Jamie W. Goncharoff, Vice Chairperson  
Jenn Baxter, Member

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Tony Scheivert

**ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Shanna Lodge

**TOWNSHIP SECRETARY:**

Gwen Jonik

**TOWNSHIP TREASURER:**

Jill Bukata, CPA

**ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATES:**

Sandy Diffendall  
Lindsay Haines

**CODES ADMINISTRATION:**

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator/  
Zoning Officer  
Rhys Lloyd, Building Code Official  
Kathi McGrath,  
Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mike Heckman, Director  
Kristin Roth, Administrative Asst (P/T)  
Steve Poley Kyle Ripka  
Josh Spangler Dan Zmuida  
Jeff Giannini Tim Connolly  
Frank Rawson Mike Esterlis

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Kathi McGrath

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:**

Gilmore & Associates

**TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR:**

Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris LLP

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Robert Schoenberger, Chairperson  
Sally Winterton, Vice-Chairperson  
Gwen Jonik, Secretary  
Chad Adams Brett Hand  
Jim Dewees Jim Shrimp  
Jeff Smith Joe Stoyack  
Bob Davidson

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

Hal Harper, Chairperson  
Robert Watts, Vice-Chairperson  
Bill Quinn Lou Schack  
Donald Carlson  
G. Matthew Brown, P.E.,  
Authority Engineer  
Tony Scheivert, Authority Manager  
Christopher Frantz, Solicitor  
Clean Water, Inc., Authority Operator

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD:**

Cathy Tomlinson, Chairperson  
Sushila Subramanian, Vice Chairperson  
Shanna Lodge, Secretary  
Patrick Dennin Chris Foster  
Lou Lanzalotto John McManus  
Praveen Nadkarni

**HISTORIC COMMISSION:**

Brett Hand, Chairperson  
Vivian McCarell, Vice-Chairperson  
Nancy G. Copp Devdeep Maity  
Mark Fisher Jordan Staub  
John Brehany  
RGA, Inc. Robert Wise,  
Commission Consultant

**ZONING HEARING BOARD:**

James Greaney, Vice-Chairperson  
Ray Stubbs, Jr.  
Lauren Cortesi, Alternate Member  
Craig Kalemjian, Solicitor

**TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL:**

Richard Ruth

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Byron Nickerson, EMC/Chairperson  
Jamie Goncharoff, Vice Chairperson  
Kathi McGrath, Secretary  
Richard Ruth Tom Kelly  
Julie Hearn-Nicely Bernie Carroll  
Cathy Tomlinson Chief John DeMarco  
Kevin Cook

**TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD:**

Valerie Brauckman-Burgess  
Richard Bassler  
Ilya Lehrman

**CHIEF OF POLICE:**

John D. DeMarco

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Jami Martin,  
Administrative Assistant (P/T)  
Detective Tom Jones  
Corporal Joseph Carr  
Corporal Brian Gathercole  
Officer Robert Davis  
Officer Steven Jones  
Officer Paul Kemme  
Officer Robert Paradis  
Officer Adam Pozza  
Officer Bill Quinn  
Officer Kyle Sherman  
Officer David Stiteler

**TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

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

### Boards & Commissions News

We'd like to take this opportunity to bid

*Fond Farewells*

**GUY DONATELLI**, Township Supervisor 2008 through 2019;

**CLIFF SCHULTZ**, Zoning Hearing Board since 1992.

Thank you for your service and dedication  
to Upper Uwchlan Township!

*Welcome!*

**JENN BAXTER**, Township Supervisor;

**TONY SCHEIVERT**, Township Manager



### Are You Signed Up for E-Notifications?

Have you checked your eNotification preferences recently?  
Make sure you're signed up for the "Latest News" "News Flash" category to receive the most up-to-date announcements from Upper Uwchlan Township – direct to you via text or email!

Check your **Notify Me** profile by entering your email address at [upperuwchlan-pa.gov/NotifyMe](http://upperuwchlan-pa.gov/NotifyMe).

### Block Party 2019 Fun!



### Elected Officials

**County Commissioners:**

Michelle Kichline  
Josh Maxwell  
Marian Moskowitz  
313 W. Market Street  
Suite 6202  
PO Box 2748  
West Chester, PA 19380  
610-344-6100  
[www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org)

**U.S. Senators:**

Patrick Toomey  
[www.toomey.senate.gov](http://www.toomey.senate.gov)  
Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
[www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov)

**State Senator (44th District):**

Katie J. Muth  
717-576-0376  
[www.senatormuth.com](http://www.senatormuth.com)

**U.S. Congressman  
(6th District):**

Chrissy Houlahan  
610-883-5050  
[www.houlahan.house.gov](http://www.houlahan.house.gov)

**State Representative  
(155th District):**

Danielle Friel Otten  
484-200-8259  
[www.pahouse.com/FrielOtten](http://www.pahouse.com/FrielOtten)

Mark your calendar!

12th ANNUAL

**Block Party**

JUNE 20, 2020

## Hickory Park Temporary Closure

Capital plans for the Pennsylvania Turnpike include widening and reconstructing the toll road. In anticipation of that reconstruction, the PA Turnpike Commission is requiring TC Energy to relocate a 14" natural gas pipeline that runs beneath the Turnpike and bisects Upper Uwchlan Township's Hickory Park. The line is currently several feet below ground but will be re-located within the same right of way approximately 25 feet deeper. The relocation will be achieved by horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The relocation will necessitate a temporary closure of Hickory Park to the public. This closure will last through the beginning of April, barring any unforeseen delays. Park user groups have been notified of the planned closure. Upper Uwchlan Township has coordinated with TC Energy to minimize the impact on Township facilities and establish temporary workspace plans. No work will take place on the surface of the playing fields within the fenced areas. At the conclusion of the project, any parking lot area utilized by the contractor will be re-paved; any green or landscaped areas will be re-seeded and restored. All compensation provided to the Township for the temporary workspace will be re-invested in Upper Uwchlan Township parks.

Please visit the Township website for additional information and updates on the closure.



## Spring/Summer 2020 DARC Programs

DARC (Downington Area Recreation Consortium) offers a variety of programs and classes – and Upper Uwchlan Township residents pay a reduced rate! Keep an eye out in your mailbox in April for the 2020 spring/summer program catalog.

Half-day Playground Camps for elementary and pre-school aged children will be offered at Pickering Valley Elementary School. 2020 Specialty Camps include Mad Science in the Garden, Bricks4Kids: Pirates, Championship Cooking, Science Explorers: Greatest Hits, Chess Camp. Soccer Shots youth soccer will be offered at Larkins Field.

[Visit darc.info to learn more and register!](http://darc.info)



### UPLAND FARMS PARK

Save the Dates!



### THIRD ANNUAL Easter Egg Hunt!

**Saturday, April 4 • 10am**  
(Rain Date April 11)  
Upland Farms Park  
301 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs

*Kids under 10 invited to attend and hunt for candy and prize filled eggs! Along with your own Easter basket, bring a non-perishable food donation for the*



*Items needed include cereal, canned fruit, and canned meat.*

### UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP Trail Celebration!

**Saturday, May 16**

*Details for both events coming soon. Watch the Township website and social media for more information!*

# Recycle Right!

## Curbside Single Stream Recycling

Toss these items directly into your Recycling Toter. DO NOT use plastic bags.

**PAPER** Newspapers, cardboard, paper bags, magazines and junk mail, phone books, home/office paper, paper egg cartons, rinsed milk and juice cartons, clean pizza boxes, and boxboard food packaging. Break down and flatten.



**PLASTIC** Containers marked #1—#5 and #7. Throw away caps and lids. Rinse thoroughly.

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LOPE  
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OTHER



**METAL** Food and drink cans, pie plates, clean aluminum foil. Rinse thoroughly. Empty aerosol cans.



**GLASS** Clean food and drink bottles and jars. Throw away lids. Rinse thoroughly.



### For the Garbage Toter



**TRASH** Food waste; light bulbs; mirrors, plate glass, window glass, drinkware and crystal; ceramic cups and plates, flower pots, ovenware; caps/lids from recyclable containers; empty paint cans, empty oil cans and bottles; plastic food wrappers, plastic bags; wax or plastic coated boxes/paper, plastic and Tyvek envelopes; straws, tissues, towels, napkins, plasticware; Styrofoam/polystyrene; shoes and clothing; metallic wrapping paper.



## Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Events

### NO ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED

**Saturday, April 4**

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9AM to 3PM

Center for Arts & Technology  
(CAT)-Pickering Campus  
1580 Charlestown Road  
Phoenixville

**Saturday, April 18**

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9AM to 3PM

Octorara High School  
226 Highland Road  
Atglen

**Saturday, May 9**

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9AM to 3PM

Owen J. Roberts High School  
881 Ridge Road  
Pottstown

**NOTE: ALL BOX SPRINGS and MATTRESSES MUST be placed in plastic bags and put out at curbside the night before a Bulk collection day. If they are not in plastic bags, they WILL NOT be taken. Mattress Bags are sold at hardware stores and online.**

## Compost Leaves and Yard Waste: 36 Collections Annually - Wednesdays

Place leaves, grass clippings and yard waste in biodegradable paper bags or open containers. DO NOT use UUT Toters. DO NOT use plastic bags; these collections are composted. DO NOT overload bags. Tree limbs (no larger than 3" diameter and 3' long) must be bundled with string/twine. Place yard waste at the curb the night before collection to ensure it will be picked up.

April 8, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13, 20, 27

June 3, 10, 17, 24

July 8, 22

## Trash & Recycling

UUT Toters are your PRIMARY containers for trash and recycling collection. Place Toters at the curb the night before your collection day, and at least 3 feet apart and away from mailboxes, cars and other obstacles.



3 Feet



### Recycling

64 Gallon Toter  
Blue Lid

96 Gallon Toter  
Black Lid

Bulk pick-up is the 3rd pick-up of the month.

**DO NOT PUT CLEAN RECYCLING INTO PLASTIC BAGS – THEY ARE NOT RECYCLABLE!**

Recycling is to be put directly into the recycling tote, UNBAGGED. If you put in plastic bags, it does not go into the single stream recycling, it's contaminated and goes to TRASH, DEFEATING the purpose of recycling and not helping the environment. Styrofoam is not recyclable.

**SEE Chart for proper handling of recycling!**

Do you have only the (1) 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, call 610-827-6033 to discuss your options.

**All recyclables are to be placed directly into the recycling tote.**



**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.

**Please note:** Yard waste is not considered trash and should NOT be put in with your trash. Use open containers (NO Attached lids) or brown compost bags. If yard waste is put in trash tote, it will not be taken.

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

# Township Bulletin Board

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

## Electronics Recycling Event



**"ANYTHING WITH A PLUG™!"**

March 28, 2020 • 9am -12pm  
Public Works Facility  
132 Oscar Way, Chester Springs



Upper Uwchlan Township is pleased to offer Township residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics. Electronics will be collected and recycled by eForce Compliance. **Township residents ONLY.**

Accepted items include computers and computer peripherals, cameras, phones, and small appliances.

- \$30 for televisions or computer monitors. \$100 for wooden console televisions.
- All other items free.
- NO smoke detectors, large appliances, or projection televisions will be accepted.
- All data media will be destroyed or wiped.

Residents who recycle televisions or monitors will be offered a coupon for eForce's retail and repair shop to use toward the purchase of a reconditioned item, or for a computer diagnostic and upgrade.

**VOLUNTEER!**  
**YOU CAN**  
Make a  
Difference!

## Volunteer!

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

**Just say Yes!**

# Junior Police Academy

June 16-19, 2020

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 Upper Uwchlan Township building which is located at 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and 3:00 p.m. on Friday**. There is no cost to attend the academy. Snacks and lunch will be provided every day.

### Activity Highlights Include:

- 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 Department of Emergency Services
- Visit to Chester County's Public Safety Campus including Tactical Village



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. This will be held at Upland Farm at 301 Pottstown Pike Chester Springs, PA 19425.

To receive an application after March 1, e-mail: [jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov).

All applications must be submitted no later than May 25, 2020. Space is limited so applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

**Completed Applications can be emailed to: [jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov) or dropped off in person at the Upper Uwchlan Police Department.**



 [@upperuwchlanpd](https://www.facebook.com/upperuwchlanpd)

# Pot Hole Problems



**Everyone hates potholes. Unfortunately, they are a fact of life in Pennsylvania, thanks to our severe freeze/thaw cycle.**

During the winter, crews will make road repairs when the weather permits. Because of the temperature, pothole repairs will only be temporary, using a

mixture called cold patch. Cold patch is asphalt mixed with soap, water, and fine stones. The soap and water allow the material to remain flexible so crews can work with it. After the soap and water evaporate, the material becomes hard.

### How Potholes Form

Temperatures in Pennsylvania can fluctuate between freezing and mild daily during the winter months. After precipitation occurs, the water seeps into the soil below the roadway surface. When it gets colder, the precipitation freezes and the ground expands, pushing the pavement up. Then, the weather warms and the precipitation melts, leaving a gap between the pavement and ground below it. When a vehicle drives over the cavity, the pavement surface cracks, falls into the hollow space, and creates

a pothole. So, winters with a lot of precipitation (not necessarily just snow) and fluctuations in temperature often result in more potholes. *Sounds like a typical Pennsylvania winter, right?*

In the spring, the state's asphalt plants open and warm mix becomes available for more permanent repairs. The pothole is cut square, cleaned, and then treated with a tack-coat of asphalt that acts as glue. After the tack-coat application, the hot mix is placed into the pothole and compacted using a roller or other device.

Report potholes and other roadway concerns by calling **1-800-FIX-ROAD** or by visiting [customercare.penndot.gov](http://customercare.penndot.gov).



# Are You Prepared for a Disaster or Emergency?

## Four Simple Steps to Financial Preparedness

- ASSESS & COMPILE:** Gather important documents and contacts.
- REVIEW:** Review insurance policies and financial paperwork to be sure they are still accurate and current.
- SAFEGUARD:** Store paper and electronic copies of all files in safe locations.
- UPDATE:** Revisit and update your Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) often. Updates are especially important when certain changes in your life occur.



#BeInformed

Ready.

The EFAK is available for free from FEMA. Call (800) 480-2520 and ask for publication number 1075. It is also available as a free download online at: [www.ready.gov/financialpreparedness](http://www.ready.gov/financialpreparedness) and at [www.operationhope.org](http://www.operationhope.org)

## Scoop the Poop!



### Always pick up your pet's waste!

Did you know that dog poop is toxic for the health of waterways? Pet waste contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Overly fertile water becomes cloudy and green making it unattractive for swimming, boating and fishing.

Additionally, pet waste can contain fecal coliform bacteria which directly harms aquatic life and human health. Dog poop often contains antibiotics. When dog poop isn't picked up, whether in your yard or in a public area, these bacteria and medications are carried off by rain and sent directly through the stormwater system into our rivers and lakes without any treatment or filtration.

*The EPA estimates that two or three days' worth of droppings from 100 dogs in a watershed can contribute enough bacteria to impact the surrounding 20 miles and make them unsafe for fishing and swimming.*

There is no perfect solution for pet waste disposal but here are some of the smartest options:

- Put it in a bag and throw it in the trash. This is not the ideal solution because it can create problems at landfills or incinerators but is still better than leaving it in your yard.
- Flush it down the toilet where it will be treated before being released.
- Dig a hole or trench that is about 5 inches deep and away from vegetable gardens and any lake, stream, ditch or well. Microorganisms in the top layer of the soil will break down the waste and release nutrients to fertilize nearby plants.
- If you are away from home, look for a pet waste station where you can often find bags and a disposal bin.

Source: Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust, Inc. in accordance with WDNR NR.216. Get more information online at:

[RespectOurWaters.org](http://RespectOurWaters.org) RESPECT OUR WATERS



## VIRUS Prevention and Treatment

### Prevention: How to protect yourself

*You may be able to reduce your risk of infection by doing the following:*

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are sick

### How to Protect Others:

If you have cold-like symptoms, you can help protect others by doing the following

- stay home while you are sick
- avoid close contact with others
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands
- clean and disinfect objects and surfaces

**Treatment:** There are no specific treatments for illnesses caused by human viruses. Most people with common human illness will recover on their own. However, you can do some things to relieve your symptoms

- take pain and fever medications (Caution: do not give Aspirin to children)
- use a room humidifier or take a hot shower to help ease a sore throat and cough

### If you are mildly sick, you should

- drink plenty of liquids
- stay home and rest

*If you are concerned about your symptoms, you should see your healthcare provider.*

# DO I REALLY NEED TO LOCK MY CAR? The answer is absolutely!

By leaving your cars unlocked or your property unsecured, you are placing your development on the map! The wrong-doers will know to come back to your development over and over because nobody secures their belongings. Do not send that message out. Let the message evolve that this community locks everything up and is secure so the wrong-doers move right along! During the Spring and Summer months, the Upper Uwchlan Police Department tends to get numerous reports of wrong-doers going inside unlocked vehicles and removing items. Police find that the wrong-doers quietly walk through developments just checking door handles and seeing what they can quietly find.

Our department recommends that you simply "Lock It Up" every night, and if you see something - say something! Do not hesitate to call police if you see or hear something that looks out of place for Your Neighborhood!

**Let's all have a Safe and Theft-Free Summer!**



## It's TAX TIME!



Information about Upper Uwchlan Township Real Estate and Earned Income taxes can be found at [www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/taxes](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/taxes)

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