



Upper Uwchlan Township News

Upper Uwchlan Township Building:

Remember to VOTE!

★ NOVEMBER 3, 2020

In the early Spring, as Pennsylvania and the nation slowly began to re-open after the initial COVID-19 lockdown, crews at the Township Building renovation site resumed work and were finally able to begin closing out the project.

Administration and Police Department employees packed up our temporary offices and, in May, returned to 140 Pottstown Pike.

The renovation has expanded the administration offices by 2,697 square feet and added 3,377 square feet of space to the Police Department. Safety and accessibility enhancements have been added, including a sprinkler system installed in the historic Schoolhouse meeting room, and an elevator between the lobbies of the administration and police departments. Expanded fire safe storage for records such as ordinances has been added to the Administration floor. Each member of the administrative staff is now able to work in dedicated office space. The exterior of the building was designed to fit the aesthetics of the Village of Eagle, complimenting, yet standing distinct from, the historic Windsor Schoolhouse.

Due to the ongoing public health crisis and continued spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Township building is currently open by appointment only. You can conduct a lot of business with the Township remotely by phone or email. Visit www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/directory for the phone numbers and email addresses of the staff. The payment box has been re-installed at 140 Pottstown Pike, accessible from the driver's side of your vehicle.

We are so excited to show you this expanded and renovated space when it is safe to do so - and even more excited to better serve the residents of Upper Uwchlan Township from our home in the Village.

WE'RE BACK!



Police Department Returns to Pottstown Pike

In June, the police department returned to its original location at Route 100 and Park Road. This modern facility has a private complaint room where officers can sit down with citizens to discuss incidents in private. A separate interview room provides the ability to video and audio record a person's statement. The larger lobby affords multiple citizens the opportunity to comfortably complete forms and participate in the medication drop-off program without being cramped when more than one person is in the lobby. There is expanded storage space for equipment, property and records. There is a forensic processing area for evidence and storage. A garage affords officers to safely remove from their vehicles people who were taken into custody and walk them directly into a detention area. All detention areas have running water and toilets, with an added juvenile detention area. There are locker room facilities to accommodate male and female officers. Overall, there is more working space for day-to-day patrol operations and administration of the police department.

Many of the designs were guided by the Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Standards. Within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, there are approximately 1,300 law enforcement agencies. The Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department is one of just 100 departments that is a Pennsylvania State accredited agency. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The cornerstone of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives.



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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 bid Fond Farewells to

AL GASPARI, Building Codes and Zoning Officer;

JOHN MCMANUS, Park & Recreation Board; and

BOB DAVIDSON, Planning Commission

for your dedication and service to UUT!

STEPHEN BECKMAN to the Park & Recreation Board,
and **PETER EGAN** to the Zoning Hearing Board,
as an Alternate Member.

From the Desk of the Township Manager: Upper Uwchlan Residents

Fall is here, and winter is just around the corner. Let's hope that this winter is mild as we certainly deserve it after this extremely interesting 2020 has unfolded. Township staff is back working a normal schedule in the Township Building at our newly renovated building located at 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs. Visitors are asked to make appointments and masks are required to be worn to enter the building.

There has been one major staffing change in 2020. On July 1st, after 24 years of service to Upper Uwchlan Township, Al Gaspari, Building Codes and Zoning Officer retired. Al was a great asset to the residents and employees of the Township and is certainly missed. Anthony Campbell has been hired as Al's replacement and starts with the Township on September 28th. Anthony has been working in the Code Enforcement field for over 15 years.

Please take the time to read this newsletter as it is full of important information. Thank you for your interest in the Township and please contact me if there is anything that I can do to assist you in the future.

Tony Scheivert

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www.chesco.org

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www.toomey.senate.gov
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www.casey.senate.gov

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www.senatormuth.com

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610-883-5050
www.houlahan.house.gov

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(155th District):
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484-200-8259
www.pahouse.com/FrielOtten

Mark your calendar!

13th ANNUAL

Block
Party

JUNE 19, 2021

COVID-19 Mental Health Resources

During this global pandemic, it is completely normal to feel stress, fear, and anxiety.



Know that there are mental health resources available for all Pennsylvanians.

It's OK to ask for help! Please reach out if you need support.

Please visit the Department of Health website at www.dhs.pa.gov.

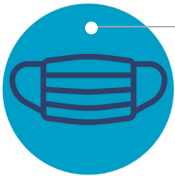
PA Support & Referral Helpline
1-855-284-2494
(TTY: 724-631-5600)



We're All in This Together: Do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19

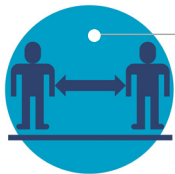
Like the rest of our state, nation, and world, Upper Uwchlan Township is facing the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, doing our part to prevent the spread of the virus, and adapting to the new normal of our everyday lives.

Please be reminded of the everyday actions you can take to keep yourself and our community members safe:



WEAR A MASK

According to the CDC, "COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice." Wear a mask or cloth face covering over the mouth and nose whenever you are in public to help reduce the spread of the virus.



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Along with wearing a mask, social distancing can decrease community spread. The CDC advises that you "stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces."



WASH YOUR HANDS

Yes, washing your hands is still the most basic step you can take to stay healthy. Use soap and water and scrub for at least 20 seconds. Where soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol is the best alternative.

Remember – if we all do our part, we can keep each other safe, support our local economy, and work toward recovery. You can find information about COVID-19 at www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/coronavirus.

At that site are links to health resources, details about Township operations, and a log of the Township announcements related to the virus.

Don't Let the FLU Catch You!

Flu Vaccine Clinics

Use the QR code or register online at: Chesco.org/Flu or call 610-344-6225

October 1
3 - 7 p.m.
Unionville High School

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| October 8 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. Kennett High School | October 15 3 - 6 p.m. Gordon Early Literacy Center (ELC) | October 19 3 - 6:30 p.m. Owen J Roberts Middle School | October 22 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Collegium Charter School Building 500 |
| October 24 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. West Chester East High School | November 9 2:30 - 6 p.m. Octorara High School | November 12 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. Coatesville Area Senior High | November 16 4 - 7 p.m. Phoenixville Area Middle School |

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.



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.



NEW RULES on Extra Recycling:

EXCESS MATERIALS MUST BE BAGGED OR BOUND:

Any recyclables that do not fit in your Toter must be placed in paper bags. Cardboard boxes must be broken down and bound with twine.

CARPETS MUST BE CUT UP AND BOUND INTO 3' SECTIONS

and no more than one room at a time collected on bulk day.

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.

Sept 16, 23 Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 Dec 9, 23

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

Trash
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 totter, **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!

Bulk trash reminder: No construction material will be collected at any time. Do not put out for trash or bulk.

Box Springs and Mattresses must be placed in plastic bags for bulk collection, they will not be collected if they are not in bags.

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



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 totter, 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

UPPER UWCHLAN
Established 1893

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

Save the Date!
13th Annual Block Party
Saturday, June 19, 2021
Volunteers, Vendors & Crafters Needed!
Contact: Kathi McGrath
610.646.7001
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.
 Smart911.com

National Farmer's Day is October 12!
Thank a farmer for the hard work they do to supply us with food!

Sign up for the LATEST NEWS!
Check your Notify Me profile by entering your email address at upperuwchlan-pa.gov/NotifyMe

Prescription Take Back Box
is available again and located at the Upper Uwchlan Police Department
Route 100 & Park Road

Holiday Hours
The Township offices will be closed on the following dates:
★ November 26 & 27
In observance of Thanksgiving;
★ December 25
in observance of Christmas;
★ January 1, 2021
in observance of New Year's Day

Election Day!
Remember to **VOTE!**
Tuesday November 3
Polls Open 7am-8pm

Historical Commission News



Fetters Farmstead

The Historical Commission visited the Fetters Farmstead prior to a full architectural survey/record by our township consultant, Bob Wise.

They noted the interesting features of the original portions, areas that can be redesigned and not affect the style of the house. The insight of the additions over time is important for understanding how many farms expanded as families grew.

The Commission members are working with several other properties to retain the original intent and character of the buildings in our township. Those properties will be discussed in upcoming meetings.

VOLUNTEER!
YOU CAN
Make a Difference!

Volunteer!

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

Just say Yes!

Become a Member?

To volunteer to become a member of one of the Township's boards or commissions, please complete a Volunteer Position Application, found on our website and submit it to Upper Uwchlan Township by mail or in person.

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



General Election Tuesday, November 3 Polls open 7am-8pm

Register to Vote by 10/19/2020:

www.pavoterservices.pa.gov

If you're interested in requesting an absentee or mail-in ballot for the 11/3/2020 election, you must be a registered voter and your completed application must be received in the County office by 5:00 PM on 10/27/2020. The deadline to return your voted absentee or mail-in ballot is 8:00 PM on 11/03/2020.

Apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot:

www.votespa.com/applymailballot

Upper Uwchlan Township information:

www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/elections

Chester County Voter Services:

chesco.org/elections 610-344-6410

VotesPA, PA's official voter information website:

www.votespa.com

REMEMBER TO
VOTE!
You can Make a
Difference!

- You have the option to vote by Mail-in Ballot, Absentee Ballot, or In Person.
- If you vote by **Mail-in or Absentee Ballot**, you will be able to track your ballot every step of the way.
 - You can see when your application is received, when your ballot is mailed to you, and when your completed ballot is received by Voter Services.
 - You can use the same link if you voted by mail in the primary and aren't sure whether you requested a mail ballot for the general.
 - If you do not receive your ballot within seven days of it being marked "Mailed," or if your ballot is not marked "Received" within seven days of mailing it back, you can contact Voter Services and they will send you a new one. *(They will cancel any extra ballots assigned to you.)*
 - To avoid any last-minute issues, request your ballot today if you plan to vote by mail, and mail it back as soon as you receive it!
- Chester County plans to have secure drop boxes available at multiple locations throughout the county. Drop boxes are a safe way to return **mail-in and absentee ballots** and reduce in-person contact (and long lines!) on Election Day. A list of drop box locations will be posted to the **Chester County Voter Services website** once the locations are finalized.
- If you plan to vote **in person**, you may want to **confirm your polling place online** closer to Election Day, as some polls may be consolidated due to an expected shortage of poll workers.

TOWNSHIP POLLING PLACES:

Vineyard Church, 614 Fellowship Road, Chester Springs
Pickering Valley Elem. School, 121 Byers Road, Chester Springs

IMPORTANT: Change in Real Estate Property Tax Collection

The Upper Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors approved a resolution at their August 17, 2020 meeting to appoint the Chester County Treasurer's Office as the Deputy Tax Collector for the Township effective January 1, 2021.

The County will prepare and mail all Township real estate tax bills for 2021 during the week of February 1 to the property owner's address of record. This does not affect the property taxes collected by the Downingtown Area School District.

When you forward your tax bill to your mortgage company, please make sure to emphasize the change of address so that they don't mail it to the address they used previously.

The tax millage for Upper Uwchlan Township remains unchanged at 1.034 mills.

TO OBTAIN TAX CERTIFICATIONS

For **2020** taxes - please contact the Upper Uwchlan Township Treasurer at: jbukata@upperuwchlan-pa.gov

For **2021** taxes - please submit your request to:
Chester County Treasurer
313 West Market Street, Suite 3202
West Chester, Pa. 19382

The Township's website will be updated with more information as we move closer to completing this transition.
upperuwchlan-pa.gov

Tree Trimming Reminders

It is the property owners job to maintain the trees and shrubbery on their property.

Low hanging branches in the roadway cause hazards for mail trucks, trash trucks, delivery trucks, school buses, street sweepers and plow vehicles. Trees should be trimmed to a minimum height of 12 – 14 feet above the road and should be cut back at least 6" behind the curb line. If left untrimmed, Township workers will need to perform a "truck cut", in which they will only trim branches obscuring the path of vehicles. Residents are typically not happy with this type of cut as it leaves the tree/ shrubbery unevenly trimmed.

This operation is usually done in October and November, so please have your trees trimmed by the end of September in preparation for winter maintenance.

Be Storm Water Smart

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Good Rain Gone Wrong. Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!

Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.

Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.

Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.

Contact the township or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management. www.dep.pa.gov



Leaf Season is Upon Us!



Residents are reminded to never rake or blow leaves into the streets or storm drains.

Leaves are to be placed into brown compost bags or open containers for collection on designated yard waste days. The leaves clog the drains which causes flooding.

This act violates Township Ordinance §155-24.

Winter Weather Updates



Upper Uwchlan Township Public Works Department is responsible for plowing and salting over 59 miles of roadway and would like to take this opportunity to issue several friendly reminders:

- Please make sure trees along the roadway are trimmed to a minimum of 12' – 14' above the sidewalk. Tree branches hanging in the street prevent plow trucks from cleaning the entire street.
- Please be patient as our crews are working long hours in harsh conditions to keep roads clear and residents safe.
- There is No Parking on the roadway during snow and ice events. Vehicles parked on the streets interfere with plowing and salting operations.
- Wait to shovel. As we plow the roads, we have no place to push the snow except to the curb line. If you shovel your driveway, sidewalk or mailbox before we have completed you will need to clear those areas again.
- Please do not deposit snow into the roadway when clearing your driveway or sidewalk.
- Please remove trash and recycling totes from the roadway as soon as possible so they do not interfere with plowing or salting operations.
- Property owners are required to remove snow or ice from sidewalks and fire hydrants if located on your property.

NEW THIS YEAR!

LIGHT UP UPPER UWCHLAN!
4TH ANNUAL
UUT Tree Lighting

For the past three years, the Upper Uwchlan Park and Recreation Board has been delighted to host their flagship event, the Township Tree Lighting, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. With the current public health situation, the 4th Annual Tree Lighting will be a little different. This year, we'd like your help to **Light Up Upper Uwchlan!** We're asking residents to decorate your homes and neighborhoods and submit your address to the Township to be added to the official "Light Up Upper Uwchlan" map.

The Tree at Upland Farms will be lit on Saturday, November 28th.

Drive by, enjoy the Tree, then follow the map around the Township to see the displays. End your drive in the Village of Eagle and you'll see some **fireworks light up the sky** over Upper Uwchlan! We hope many of you will participate and keep your lights up throughout the holiday season.

Visit upperuwchlan-pa.gov/lightup for all the details and to sign up to participate.



Marine Toys for Tots Foundation



November 2 thru December 11, 2020

Bring a NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY(s) to help children in need.

Collection Site:
Upper Uwchlan Township
Administration Building
140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425

Thank you

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