

# UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP *Update*

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## Breaking Ground on New Township Recreation Center

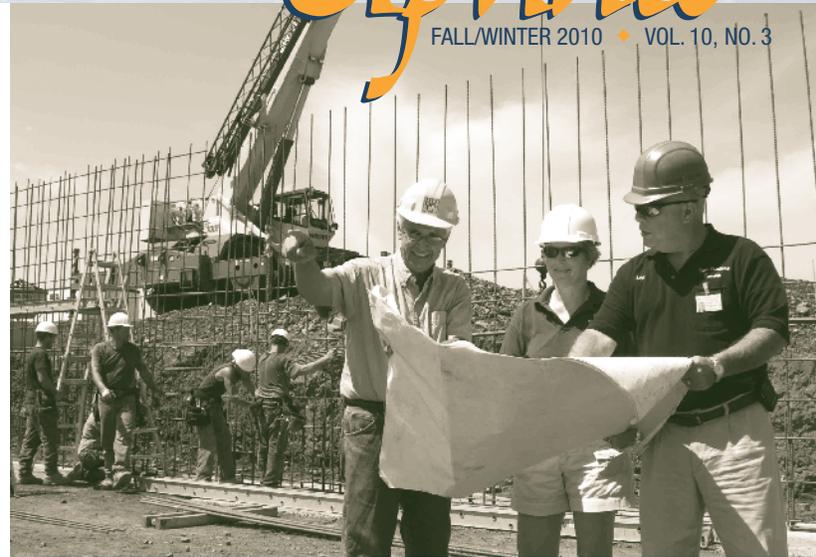
**B**lueprints and architectural renderings of the new Upper Providence \$3 million, 15,500 sq. foot recreation center are coming to life at Anderson Farm Park at 499 Hopwood Road. This summer bulldozers and construction crews from Berks Ridge Construction Company Enterprises were busy laying down the foundation for the 2-story barn shaped community building that is slated to open in early 2011.

The new recreation center will feature a full sized gymnasium, fitness center, classrooms, rock wall, and indoor and outdoor restrooms. Also included in this construction project is a new playground for all age groups to enjoy, and a large 4-hoop outdoor basketball court.

Recreation Director Sue Barker estimates that the new facility will hire up to 10 part-time staff members to fulfill the year-round programming initiative.

### Programs for Adults and Kids Year-round

"We're most excited to open a recreation center because it will give us a chance to offer exercise and recreational programming 12 months a year, instead of just during warmer weather months," says Barker.



Berks Ridge Construction Company Enterprises Superintendent Ron Torres, Recreation Director Sue Barker, and building inspector Matt Light oversee the construction process of the new Upper Providence Recreation Center at Anderson Farm Park.

Although an indoor recreation schedule is yet to be set, the following leagues, classes, and programs are planned to be offered after the grand opening:

- Men's, women's, and children's volleyball leagues
- Men's, women's, and children's basketball leagues
- Adult yoga classes
- Floor hockey leagues
- Basketball and volleyball workshops

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## Celebrate 100th Anniversary with Mont Clare Fire Company, Sept. 11

**T**he Mont Clare Fire Company, one of Upper Providence's volunteer-only fire companies, turned 100 years old on May 23. The entire community is invited to come celebrate 100 years of outstanding service with generations of Upper Providence firemen on Saturday, Sept. 11, during the anniversary parade and after-party.

The parade will begin at Christ Church of the Valley, on Yeager Road and Old State Road, and will end with a large party at the Bluegrass Folding Carton Company on Longford Road. Free burgers, hotdogs, a pig roast, drinks, ice cream, guest speakers, and face painting are some of the celebration-day activities.

### A Proud Tradition of Volunteer Service

Current Fire Chief and 25-year veteran Charlie Palmer couldn't be more proud to be a part of the Mont Clare Fire Company tradition. He says, "A lot of us are sons and

daughters of Mont Clare fire fighters, it's a tradition that everyone has carried on – we do this for the love of serving the community."

Along with retired firefighter volunteers, over 600 firemen, from Montgomery, Chester, Berks, and Lancaster Counties are invited to join the Mont Clare Fire Company in the celebration parade.

"While planning the anniversary event, old-time retirees met with young blood from our current company, and the two generations were able to talk to each other as if they've been friends for years," says Palmer.

### Volunteers Needed for Sept. 11 Celebration

Call Fire Chief Charlie Palmer at 610-933-9481 to learn how you can make the 100th Anniversary Celebration a party our heroic volunteers will never forget. ♦

# New Recreation Programs for Fall 2010!

Just because summer break is over, doesn't mean the fun has to stop! Registering for fall/winter recreation programs is easier than ever on our website. Go to [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org), click on the recreation page, and look for the online registration tool on the right hand side of the site. You can also download a registration form on [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org) and mail it to the township offices.

## **Magic Class: Learn to be a Magician**

*For ages 8 to 12*

**DATE:** Saturday, September 11

**TIME:** 10 a.m. to noon

**LOCATION:** Township Hall Building

**COST:** \$30

Students will learn performance techniques that turn a magic trick into astounding entertainment. Class includes all props, a deck of trick cards, written instructions, and a magic book. Please note age recommendation for this class.

## **Total Sports Program – Sporty Squiggles**

*For ages 3 to 5*

**DATE:** Mondays, September 20 – October 25

**TIME:** 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Black Rock Park

**COST:** \$65

Experience an assortment of sports and games with this innovative program for tots. Throughout the week kids will take part in mini-basketball, soccer, tag rugby, and track and field activities.

## **Share Your Ideas!**

Want to suggest a recreation program for Upper Providence to offer next year? Please send ideas to the Recreation Department at [PandR@uprov-montco.org](mailto:PandR@uprov-montco.org)



Recreation Director Sue Barker and Program Coordinator Jim Dempsey take a water break with Camp Black Rock campers at Black Rock Park on a hot July afternoon.

## **Internet Safety Speaker: Protecting Kids Online**

*Adults*

**DATE:** Thursday, September 30

**TIME:** 7 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Township Hall Building

**COST:** Free

Protecting Kids Online (PKO) is an awareness program designed to educate parents, caregivers, teachers, and children about Internet safety. Upper Providence Police Officer Sauermelch will present this program to educate audiences about laws, personal responsibilities, and safeguards to be taken against online victimization. PKO presentations are provided free of charge to our community through a grant-funded partnership among the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Center for Schools and Communities.

## **Core Fusion Class**

*For ages 18 and older*

**DATE:** Saturdays, October 9 – 30

**TIME:** 10 to 11 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Township Hall Building

**COST:** \$55

A fusion of Yoga and Pilates, this exercise class will be sure to tighten and tone your entire body! Get your sweat on with a certified instructor who blends the stretching elements of yoga with the intense core workout of Pilates.

## **Total Soccer Program – Soccer Squiggles**

*For ages 3 to 5*

**DATE:** Wednesdays, September 22 – October 27

**TIME:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Black Rock Park

**COST:** \$65

This weekly program introduces first time players to the world of soccer through fun games and skill basics! Supportive coaches from Impact Soccer will lead your tots through this exciting 6-week soccer, education, and exercise class.

## **Red Cross Babysitting Course**

*For ages 11 and older*

**DATE:** Saturday, October 2

**TIME:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Township Hall Building

**COST:** \$60

The American Red Cross sponsors this babysitting workshop to teach teens how to supervise children, feed babies, prepare simple food, and diaper and dress infants. The class will discuss ways to select safe toys and games as well as how to stay safe on the job, prevent accidents, and respond to emergencies. Please bring a bag lunch.

# Watching New Development

The Planning Commission reviews development plans at public meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the township building. If you have questions about development, call the township office at 610-933-9179, or stop by to review development plans or talk with a township staff member.

## Plans in Final Review

### Residential:

- ◆ **Bechtel Road.** Creates seven lots just west of Route 113 by Robert Fieo.
- ◆ **773 Black Rock Road, south side between Hollow and Longford roads.** Applicant proposes 105 age-restricted residential units by Toll Brothers on 54 acres at 773 Black Rock Road located on the south side of Black Rock Road between Hollow Road and Longford Road. It is anticipated that this project could start in the fall of 2010.
- ◆ **1080 South Collegeville Road.** Located at 1080 South Collegeville Road, the applicant is proposing 34 residential lots on 62 acres by Toll Brothers.
- ◆ **Arcola Road.** Applicant has proposed 341 age-restricted and age-targeted units on 85 acres located on Arcola Road near Mennonite Road between Route 113 and Route 29 by White Springs Farm.

### Commercial:

- ◆ **Black Rock Road and Egypt Roads, northwest corner.** Pad sites for Wawa and Chili's restaurant at the Oaks Shopping Center by Audubon Land Development.

- ◆ **Black Rock Road and Route 29, southwest corner.** Applicant is proposing a 120 bed assisted living facility for the southwest corner of Black Rock Road and Route 29 by Brandywine Senior Care.
- ◆ **Campus Drive, between Troutman Road and Route 29.** Three additional buildings for a total of 289,300 sq. feet by the Berwind Group. This project has received preliminary approval.
- ◆ **500 Cresson Boulevard.** Applicant proposes to demolish the structure at 500 Cresson Boulevard and replace it with a Hilton Garden Hotel by Audubon Development.
- ◆ **Egypt Road, south side, just west of Hollow Road.** Applicant proposes 9 flex buildings located on a 42-acre tract on the south side of Egypt Road just west of Hollow Road by Gambone Brothers.
- ◆ **122 Mill Road.** Audubon Land Development has proposed the re-location of the self-storage units from the Oaks Mills site at 122 Mill Road in Oaks to the old Synthane site at the end of Highland Avenue. Applicant has proceeded with the re-location as permitted in the MPC and is awaiting approval of site work prior to final recording of plans (Area 5).
- ◆ **1851 East Ridge Pike.** Kap Realty proposes the development of a car wash (Jackson Automotive) on the site at 1851 East Ridge Pike.

## Plans Requesting Preliminary Review

The following projects have received tentative approval and are awaiting preliminary review in the 2010 calendar year:

- ◆ **357 Greenwood Avenue.** Applicant proposes a three lot residential sub-division at 357 Greenwood Avenue by Wagner.
- ◆ **750 Black Rock Road.** Applicant proposes a three lot residential sub-division at 750 Black Rock Road by Desimone.

## Plans Requesting Tentative Approval

- ◆ **Black Rock Road and Egypt Road, northeast corner.** The Bock Group proposes either a bank or a Chicago Grill for the North East Corner of Black Rock Road and Egypt Road.
- ◆ **Hopwood Road.** Applicant proposes 12 residential lots by Cold Springs on Hopwood Road between Morgan Lane and Donneybrook Way.

## Donald Crabtree Receives Township Service Honor

In May, the Board of Supervisors recognized and honored Donald Crabtree with an Appreciation for Township Service Award for his many years of public service in Upper Providence. He has been a township resident since 1977 and has served as an Oaks Fire Company member since 1981 where he held almost every position imaginable, including: Assistant Engineer, Chief Engineer, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Chief, and Board of Directors member.

Over his career in Upper Providence, Crabtree served as a leader on the Fire Commission, Fire and Emergency Services Board, and as Emergency Management Coordinator. The township thanks him for devoting his career to Upper Providence, providing superior fire protection services, and for putting the safety of his fellow citizens first. ❖



Donald Crabtree accepted an Appreciation for Township Service Award in May 2010.

# Public Works Update

For a second season, the Upper Providence Public Works department will offer free mulch and compost to township residents at the new township compost site. Read on for more details, and winter weather reminders, and bookmark our website [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org) to stay up to date on all township advisories.

## Public Compost Site is Looking for Leaves!

**W**hen fall comes into full bloom, crispy auburn leaves fall to the ground. Before you bag and put your leaves to the curb, the Upper Providence public compost site wants you to consider driving them to the new 4.3-acre location on 1094 Longford Road. Leaves should be separated from all branches, and can be donated in biodegradable bags at the compost site. \*Plastic bags will not be accepted.

“In order to keep making nutrient rich compost for the community to enjoy using, we need people to bring us unwanted leaves,” says Public Works Director Tom Broadbelt.

Leaves are an important component for composting because:

- Trees have extensive root systems, and leaves are the recipient of all nutrients gathered from soil.
- Leaves are highly fibrous. They improve soil aeration and composition.

## Pick Up Free Compost Wednesdays, Saturdays

For now, compost and mulch is free for township residents only, so please bring a photo ID to the compost site. Also, be sure to call the Public Works office before stopping by the compost site to confirm that mulch and compost are available: 610-933-9179.

Fall 2010 Compost Site Hours:

- Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to dusk
- Saturdays, 8 to 11:30 a.m.

## Compost Site Celebrates its First Anniversary

This October marks the 1-year anniversary of the opening of the Upper Providence public compost site where township residents can bring leaves, grass clippings, ornamental stumps, branches (up to 5 inches in diameter), and Christmas trees to be recycled responsibly and turned into mulch and compost.

## Recycling Your Christmas Tree is Easy!

**A**fter you've un-decked your halls, be sure to recycle your Christmas tree into aromatic mulch and nutrient rich compost! Upper Providence is one of many municipalities that offers eco-friendly options for the more than 30 million Christmas trees that Americans unload every year.

Between Dec. 26 and Jan. 31, bring ornament free trees to:

- The township offices at 1286 Black Rock Road (\*During township office hours)
- The public compost site at 1094 Longford Road (\*During listed drop off times)
- Or call your individual hauler to inquire when they will be picking up trees curbside.



The new public compost site, located at 1094 Longford Road, is proud to offer free mulch and compost to township residents.

## Help Keep Our Roads Safe: Shoveling Etiquette

**U**pper Providence, PennDOT, and private contractors are all part of the snow removal team that keeps snowy and icy roads safe for our community during the winter months.

Keep these snow etiquette rules in mind to best help crews clear the roads:

- Park all vehicles off the street before, during, and after a snowstorm.
- Refrain from throwing snow onto the roadway when shoveling, or you may be fined.
- For recycling and garbage day pickup, please shovel an area for containers on your curb or driveway.
- Parents, please watch your children closely during snow time play!
- Keep all sleds and toys out of the street.
- Remove snow from the end of your driveway and in front of your mailbox.
- Shovel snow to the right of the driveway to avoid having plows push snow back into your driveway.

## Mailbox Placement Reminder

**C**hecking your mailbox placement now will keep you worry free all winter when plows rule snowy roads. To prevent damage from passing snowplows, mailboxes should be installed so that the top is 41-45 inches from the ground, and should be set back 6-8 inches from the front face of the curb or road edge. The township is not responsible for damage caused by improper mailbox placement or rotten mailbox posts.

# Community Day Introduces New Vendor Blender – Saturday, Sept. 18

**S**pend time with neighbors and friends and take part in many free, exciting, and family-oriented activities at Upper Providence Township's 14th Annual Community Day on Saturday, September 18. Join the celebration at Black Rock Park for fun with inflatables, live music, food, candy art for kids, fireworks, a petting zoo, and more!

For the first time ever, Community Day will also include a Vendor Blender. Here, residents can shop a variety of local, home-based business all in one place! The vendor blender will be located near the business expo tent during this year's celebration.

Kids aren't the only ones who get to have a blast on September 18. In addition to this year's Vendor Blender, parents and adults can look forward to browsing local businesses and meeting nonprofit organizations at the business expo. All ages will enjoy grooving to the beats of The Grease Band, Mango Men, and The Barren Hill Band all day long.

## Community Day Participation — Stronger Than Ever

For the past two years, Community Day has recorded over 9,000 people in attendance. This annual event began in 1997 when it was called Pride Day. Since then, attendance has grown from 500 participants to more than 9,000.

"We brainstorm event activities, themes, and ideas that excite not only kids, but parents too – I think this contributes to the success and huge participation in Community Day – we touch every age group," says Recreation Director Sue Barker about Community Day's participation numbers.

## There is Still Time to Volunteer!

Even though Community Day is just weeks away – we still need volunteers to help make this event a huge success!

If interested, please contact Recreation Director Sue Barker at 610-933-9179 or write [PandrR@uprov-montco.org](mailto:PandrR@uprov-montco.org) to find out how you can pitch in.

Also, look for more details online at [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org) and in your e-mail in-box when you sign up for Upper Providence's eNewsletter. ❖



Summer 2010 Black Rock campers cool off during a water break at Black Rock Park.

# Breaking Ground on New Township Recreation Center

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- Introduction to rock climbing classes
- Personal training packages at the fitness center
- Group exercise classes, such as "Keeping Fit"
- Open gym opportunities

In addition to these programs and other future programs, the on-site fitness center will be open seven days a week – giving residents an opportunity to join and use the facility year-round to keep in shape. The fitness center will feature cardio machines, free weights, weight machines, exercise balls, resistance bands, and more.

Although a price has not been established, Barker says there will be a family fitness center package special to Upper Providence residents.

Stay up-to-date on construction progress and indoor recreation center programming on our website: [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org). ❖

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- ◆ Robert A. Fieo, *Vice-Chairman*
- ◆ John F. Pearson

### Township Manager

- ◆ George Waterman



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# NEW! Fall Bus Trips & Multi-Day Trips

This fall, take an exciting day trip or sign up for a week-long excursion, and leave all the planning to us! These are just a few of the bus trips and multi-day trips on our fall/winter lineup, so be sure to visit [www.uprov-montco.org/bustrips](http://www.uprov-montco.org/bustrips) to book your next adventure.

## NEW! Take a Long Weekend in Lake George

**DATES:** Thursday, September 30 – Sunday, October 3

**COST:** \$519.<sup>95</sup>

Take a ride on our deluxe motor coach accompanied by a fabulous escort for a Thursday through Sunday long weekend getaway in beautiful Lake George, NY. Trip includes three nights at the Surfside on the Lake Hotel, three hearty breakfasts, and three full-course dinners. Tickets to a show at Club Hamilton and admission to Adirondack Museum, Wild Center, and Prospect Mountain are also included.

## Radio City Christmas Spectacular

**DATE 1:** Monday, December 6

**DEPARTURE:** 7 a.m.

**DEPART NYC:** 4 p.m.

**COST:** \$97 \*11 a.m. show time

**DATE 2:** Tuesday, December 14

**DEPARTURE:** 9 a.m.

**DEPART NYC:** 7:30 p.m.

**COST:** \$105 \*5 p.m. show time

**DATE 3:** Thursday, December 16

**DEPARTURE:** 8 a.m.

**DEPART NYC:** 5:30 p.m.

**COST:** \$97 \*2 p.m. show time

Make a holiday memory with your family that will last a lifetime! Every glittering performance of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular features the Radio City Rockettes and a special appearance from Santa. Before or after the show, you will have free time to shop and explore all that New York City has to offer. Price includes tickets and transportation.

## NEW! Mount Airy Casino Resort – Christmas Memories

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 1

**DEPARTURE:** 9 a.m.

**DEPART POCONOS:** 5 p.m.

**COST:** \$55

Take a ride up to the Mount Airy Casino Resort in the Poconos, and enjoy a holiday performance jam packed with all of your favorite Christmas songs. Stick around to enjoy \$35 of complimentary slot cash at the casino!

### Reserve Your Seats Online!

Reserving seats for our bus trips is easier than ever on our website. Go to [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org), click on the recreation page, and look for the online registration tool on the right hand side of the site.

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

POSTAL CUSTOMER

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