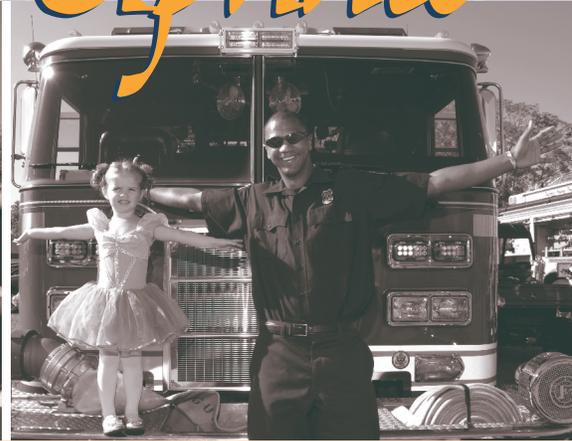


UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

Update

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See more great photos from Community Day throughout this issue, and on www.uprov-montco.org.

Over 9,000 Attend Community Day 2010

An estimated 9,000-10,000 people gathered on Saturday, September 18 for Community Day. The Vendor Blender, a first this year, was well attended with 25 home-based businesses to shop. Next door, attendees browsed 50 businesses and organizations at the Business Expo.

"People really enjoy the live music," says Recreation Director Sue Barker, "and the fireworks were great!" Attendees also enjoyed good food, a petting zoo, carnival activities, and more.

Help Plan 2011!

If you are interested in volunteering or have ideas for our 2011 Community Day, please contact Sue Barker, Recreation Director, at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org.

Volunteers Make It Possible

As always, Community Day wouldn't be possible without many hard-working volunteers.

Special thanks to:

- ♦ Springfield Interact Club
- ♦ Upper Providence Little League
- ♦ West Mont Soccer
- ♦ Extreme Girls Softball
- ♦ All the other wonderful volunteers

"I also would like to thank the Park and Recreation Board, for their support year round," says Barker. Thanks also go to the Community Day Committee of, June Batista, Betsy Daley, Gwen McDonnell, Tom Thunstrom, and Gloria Vollert. ♦

Don Sherid Celebrates 40 Years

Forty years ago, Don Sherid was the township's second full-time police officer serving about 6,200 residents. Today, Police Chief Sherid supervises a 25-officer department serving nearly 20,000 residents.

"I don't look at it as an accomplishment," says Chief Sherid. "To me, it's never been a question of longevity. It's just been a good place to work."

However, to the supervisors, staff, and residents of Upper Providence, 40 years of service to the township is worth celebrating. As stated in a resolution recognizing his service, "Don has devoted his time and energy over and above the requirements of his position toward the betterment of the township and the benefit of his fellow citizens."

Chief Sherid has seen change over the years. The most notable changes he says are technology, "we didn't even have



Pictured from left: Supervisor Phil Barker, Chief Don Sherid, Supervisor John Pearson, and Supervisor Bob Fieo.

portable radios," training mandates for officers, "there was no police academy," and the growth of the township.

The one thing that has stayed the same is his relationship with the staff and Board of Supervisors. "That's one of the reasons you stay at a place, you have good people to work with," says Chief Sherid. "But I won't be staying for a second 40, I can tell you that!" he jokes. ♦

Pick Up Discount Movie and Ski Tickets

Movie tickets

Whether you're in the mood for a romantic comedy, an action flick, or an animated feature, pick up discount movie tickets at the township office before you head out and save up to \$2.75 per ticket. Buy some for yourself, or give them as a gift.

Regal Cinemas

\$7.50 adult ticket

United Artists Theatres

\$7.50 adult ticket

2010-2011 Discount ski ticket sales

Discounted ski tickets are available for purchase starting December 15 at the Upper Providence Township office. Sorry, no phone or mail orders. Cash, check, or credit/debit cards are accepted. Offered on first paid basis while supplies last.

No Refunds or Exchanges.

	Gate Price	Discounted Price	Savings
Bear Creek Macungie, PA www.bcmountainresort.com			
Weekday*	\$46.00	\$30.00	\$16.00
Night (4 p.m. to 10 p.m.)	\$34.00	\$23.00	\$11.00
*open to close			
Jack Frost Blakeslee, PA			
Big Boulder Lake Harmony, PA www.jfbb.com			
Adult Midweek*	\$44.00	\$36.00	\$8.00
Adult Weekend*	\$50.00	\$42.00	\$8.00
Youth Midweek (age 7-18)*	\$33.00	\$32.00	\$1.00
Youth Weekend (age 7-18)*	\$40.00	\$34.00	\$6.00
Night (3 p.m. to close) BB only	\$28-32.00	\$26.00	\$2-6.00
*open to close			
Blue Mountain Palmerton, PA www.skiblument.com			
Weekday*	\$55.00	\$38.00	\$17.00
Weekend/Holiday*	\$63.00	\$47.00	\$16.00
Night (Mon-Sat.)	\$37.00	\$29.00	\$8.00
Weekend Tubing*	\$29.00	\$24.00	\$5.00
*open to close			
Camelback Tannersville, PA www.skicamelback.com			
Midweek*	\$48.00	\$41.00	\$7.00
Weekend/Holiday	\$58.00	\$51.00	\$7.00
*open to close			
Elk Mountain Union Dale, PA www.elkskier.com			
Midweek*	\$48.00	\$42.00	\$6.00
Weekend/Holiday*	\$58.00	\$52.00	\$6.00
*day or twilight			
Snö Mountain Scranton, PA www.snomtn.com			
Midweek*	\$44.00	\$36.00	\$8.00
Weekend*	\$53.00	\$45.00	\$8.00
Youth Midweek (age 7-18)*	\$34.00	\$26.00	\$8.00
Youth Weekend (age 7-18)*	\$42.00	\$32.00	\$10.00
*day or twilight			



Public Compost

Bring leaves, grass clippings, ornamental stumps, branches (up to 5 inches in diameter), and ornament-free Christmas trees to be recycled and turned into mulch and compost. Come back in the spring and pick up free compost for your garden! (Residents only.)

Find out more on www.uprov-montco.org, **Public Works > Compost Site.**

Compost Site: 1094 Longford Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Winter Hours:

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

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Township Supervisors

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

Township Manager

- ◆ George Waterman



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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.

Plans in Final Review

Residential:

- ◆ **Arcola Road, near Mennonite Road between routes 113 and 29.** White Springs Farm has proposed 341 age-restricted and age-targeted units on 85 acres.
- ◆ **Bechtel Road, just west of Route 113.** A proposal to create seven lots, by Robert Fieo.
- ◆ **750 Black Rock Road.** Desimone proposes a three-lot residential sub-division.
- ◆ **1080 S. Collegeville Road.** Toll Brothers is proposing 34 residential lots on 62 acres.

Commercial:

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

- ◆ **Black Rock Road and Route 29, southwest corner.** Brandywine Senior Care is proposing a 120-bed assisted living facility.
- ◆ **Campus Drive, between Troutman Road and Route 29.** The Berwind Group plans three additional buildings on 289,300 sq. feet. This project has received preliminary approval.
- ◆ **500 Cresson Boulevard.** Audubon Land Development proposes to demolish the structure at 500 Cresson Boulevard and replace it with a Hilton Garden Hotel.
- ◆ **Egypt Road, south side, just west of Hollow Road.** Gambone Brothers proposes nine flex buildings located on a 42-acre tract.
- ◆ **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. Audubon has proceeded with the re-location as permitted in the MPC and is awaiting approval of site work prior to final recording of plans.

- ◆ **1851 E. Ridge Pike.** Kap Realty proposes the development of a car wash, Jackson Automotive.

Plans Requesting Preliminary Review

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

- ◆ **220 Black Rock Road.** Richard and Helen Moyer propose a two-lot sub-division of the property.
- ◆ **1116 Longford Road.** BNB Family Limited Partnership proposes a lot line adjustment and the creation of additional parking on the property.

Plans Requesting Tentative Approval

- ◆ **Black Rock and Egypt roads, northeast corner.** The Bock Group proposes an UNO Chicago Grill for the site.

Sign-up for Emergency Notification via E-mail, Phone, or Text Message

Even when you are not at home, Upper Providence Township can contact you with time-sensitive messages. Many residents already receive messages on their home phones, but by registering with Upper Providence's Blackboard Connect, you can choose to receive them via e-mail, text message, or on a different phone number.

Examples of messages include road closings, severe weather warnings, hazardous traffic conditions effecting local routes, or any situation that would impact the safety and property of residents. Receiving messages on your cell phone or via e-mail makes it possible to modify your travel home, or make necessary arrangements to be safe.

Signing up is easy, just visit www.uprov-montco.org and click the button in the right-hand column.

If you registered before with Connect-CTY, you're all set! Blackboard Connect is the same service, they just changed the name. ❖

See A Broken Streetlight?

If you notice a blown out streetlight, please report your finding to the Public Works team at the township office: 610-933-9179, or e-mail admin@uprov-montco.org.

Make the World Greener for the Holidays

When wrapping your holiday gifts this year, consider using gift bags that can be reused or buying wrapping paper made out of recycled paper. If you have children, get some rolls of brown recycled paper and markers or crayons. Wrap your gifts with their masterpieces, and you give two gifts at the same time. Forgo the metallic sparkly bows that will not biodegrade, and instead use candy canes or wrapped sweets to decorate your packages.

Throughout the year, you can recycle:

- ◆ Aluminum Cans
- ◆ Clear and Colored Glass Containers
- ◆ Tin, Steel, and Bimetallic Cans
- ◆ Clear and Colored Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)

Plastic Bottles

- ◆ Natural and Pigmented High-density Polyethylene (HDPE) Plastic Bottles
- ◆ Newsprint material

Your trash hauler will provide you with a recycling pickup schedule, and if you live in an apartment contact the management staff for recycling information.

If you are a new resident, or need a new bin, recycling containers can be picked up (at no charge) at the Upper Providence Township Administration Office at 1286 Black Rock Road between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. ❖

New Recreation Programs for Winter 2010-2011

Yoga, drama, finances, and scrapbooking are just a few of the eclectic offerings this winter. Sign-up for our eNews on www.uprov-montco.org for the latest recreation offerings that didn't make our print deadline.

Yoga

For ages 18 years and up

SESSION I: Tuesdays,
November 30 – December 21

SESSION II: Wednesdays,
January 5 – January 26

TIME: 7 to 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Level Road School House

COST: \$55

Beginner yoga focuses on basic yoga flow and inspired postures. Enjoy learning the principles of calm mental and physical being. Focus on core strengthening with attention to the upper and lower back. Bring a yoga mat and water to each class to stay comfortable and hydrated. Wear comfortable exercise attire. No prior training needed.

SAT Prep Class

For high school juniors and seniors

SESSION I: December 18

SESSION II: February 5

TIME: 1 to 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Meeting Hall

COST: \$10

The SAT test is just a few hours of your day that can determine your academic future. It is important to prepare both long and short-term for this college entrance exam. Taught by Gerald Davis from Hunting Valley Learning Center, this workshop will introduce you to the format of the SAT and discuss how you can prepare in order to reach your desired score. The class will talk about the college admissions process and building a portfolio. This session is intended for high school juniors and seniors, planning to take the Winter/Spring SAT.

Financial Planning for Moms— General Financial Planning

For adults

DATES: Tuesdays, January 18 –
February 22

TIME: 1 to 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Meeting Hall

COST: \$10

Instructors Terence Kita and Rob Gorman teach this six-week financial planning series that examines the needs and concerns for moms and soon-to-be moms. The series focuses on the special financial planning approaches necessary for women with children. Individual sessions will concentrate on why planning now will help in the future, the importance of making sure our children understand finances, and being prepared to save funds for college. In addition, we will examine the differences in how women invest, what insurances are needed, and how women's estate planning needs differ from men's.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

For ages 11 and older

DATE: Saturday, January 29

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

LOCATION: Township Meeting Hall

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. Additionally, the class will cover selecting safe toys and games, staying safe on the job, preventing accidents, responding to emergencies, and job interview tips.

Scrapbooking Class

For ages 15 years and up

SESSION I: Wednesday, February 2

SESSION II: Wednesday, February 16

SESSION III: Wednesday, March 2

TIME: 7 to 9 p.m.

LOCATION: UP Elementary Faculty Room

COST: \$15

Class participants of all levels will learn techniques while completing scrapbook pages ready for pictures. (It is not necessary to bring photos to class.) Beginners will learn the basics of scrapbooking including terms and how to use tools. More advanced scrapbookers will pick up tricks and techniques. Participants must bring a basic class kit to each class: a 12-inch trimmer, the adhesive of their choice (instructor recommends the EZ tape runner), and a pair of scissors. A glue pen and flat glue dots may also be helpful. Any brand that is acid free is ok. Please do not bring glue that is not marked acid free. For questions, please contact Scrap with Shelby at shelby@scrapwithshelby.com or call 484-973-1232.

Imagine Tomorrow Computer Class

For ages 3 to 5

DATES: Fridays, January 7 – February 25

TIME: 10 to 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Township Meeting Hall

COST: \$120

Kids become computer detectives and animated characters known as the Puterbugs to solve silly missions. Children will work as a team to discuss and solve each mission. Each child gets their own laptop to work on! All children must be potty trained.



Winter Bus Trips

Visit our website at www.uprov-montco.org/bustrips to read full descriptions, view more trips for 2011 and register online!

Mount Airy Casino Resort - Christmas Memories

Added a 2nd Bus!

DATE: Wednesday, December 1

DEPARTURE: 9 a.m.

DEPART MOUNT AIRY: 5 p.m.

COST: \$55 per person

The package includes ticket to the show, \$35 in slot cash and transportation.

NYC On Your Own

DATE: Saturday, December 11

DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.

DEPART NYC: 6 p.m.

COST: \$45 per person

DATE: Saturday, April 30

DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.

DEPART NYC: 6:30 p.m.

COST: \$45 per person

Spend a day in NYC and leave the driving to us!

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show

DATE: Tuesday, December 14

DEPARTURE: 9 a.m.

DEPART NYC: 7:30 p.m.

SHOW TIME: 5 p.m.

COST: \$105 per person

Cost include transportation and admission to the show.

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

Mohegan Sun

DATE: Sunday, February 20

DEPARTURE: 9 a.m.

DEPART NYC: 4 p.m.

COST: \$25 per person

Your package includes round trip motor coach transportation, \$15 in slot play and a free brunch buffet at Timbers.

Hunterdon Hills "Great American Songbook"

DATE: Saturday, March 19

Go online for details.

Mamma Mia

DATE: Wednesday, March 30

Go online for details.

Jersey Boys on Broadway

DATE: Wednesday, May 11

DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.

DEPART NYC: 6 p.m.

COST: \$145 per person

Cost includes transportation and orchestra seating.

Ellis Island

DATE: Saturday, May 21

DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.

DEPART NYC: 6 p.m.

COST: \$65 per person

Included in your transportation and tour package is the Monument Access Pass for the Statue of Liberty.

Drama Kids

For ages 6 to 11

DATES: Thursdays, February 3 – March 24

TIME: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Meeting Hall

COST: \$115

This internationally acclaimed program uses drama and theater activities to develop speaking skills, social skills, and self-confidence in children. Whether they are destined for Broadway or the boardroom, this program can help put children on a path for lifelong success. Children learn to speak up clearly with confidence, and use their creativity in a fast-paced and fun environment. Included at the end of the program will be a mini presentation/performance.

Kidnetics Phys Ed

For ages 2 to 5

DATES: Mondays, January 17 – February 21

SESSION 1: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

SESSION 2: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Meeting Hall

COST: \$65

Impact Sports provides this all-inclusive program for children who want to have fun and exercise their bodies and minds! Children participate in activities which encourage social interaction, movement, and the development of self esteem and teamwork, without requiring a particular interest in a specific sport.

New From the Library – Free eBooks & Language Learning System

Your library card has gone digital. Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library (MC-NPL) now offers free eBooks for download from their website, www.mc-npl.org. Browse and download from your computer, and read on screen or on a supported eReader.

Another new addition to the library's collection is Mango Languages, an online language learning system for libraries. Using an easy-to-follow interface, practical conversations, and audio from native speakers, it's the easiest way to learn a foreign language, or English (ESL). ❖

The MC-NPL bookmobile is at Arnold's Family Fun Center on alternate Tuesdays. You can also visit our local branch:

Royersford Free Public Library
200 South Fourth Avenue,
Royersford, PA 610-948-7277

Special Events

Breakfast with Santa

DATE: Saturday, December 11, 2010

TIME: 9 to 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Philadelphia Greater Expo Center in Oaks

HALL A - 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456 (located behind BJ's Wholesale and the movie theater)

COST: \$10 per family pre-register; \$15 at the door

Enjoy a cereal breakfast with an assortment of sweet toppings: gummy bears, Hersey kisses, nuts, and more! Bring a canned good or boxed food donation to have your picture taken with Santa will benefit Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS).

For more information or to register for any event please visit www.uprov-montco.org or call 610-933-9179.

Parents Night Out

For parents with kids ages 3 and up

DATE: Friday, February 11, 2011

TIME: 7 to 10 p.m.

LOCATION: Township Meeting Hall

COST: \$10 for first child; \$5 for additional child

Enjoy a romantic night out and leave the children with us. We will watch your children and include a dinner of pizza and drink. Space is limited. All children must be potty trained.

1st Annual Community Golf Day

DATE: Saturday, April 16, 2011

TIME: noon

LOCATION: RiverCrest Golf Club

COST: \$75 includes green fee, cart, and lunch

Join us for our 1st Annual Community Golf Day. Golf, dine, and collect your prize for overall top score, closest to the pin, or longest drive. Proceeds from the event will help support the programs offered by the Recreation Department.



The Upper Providence Recreation Center at Anderson Farm Park is well underway. Crews from Berks Ridge Construction Company Enterprises were pouring rubber for the playground at the beginning of November. Opening is planned for early 2011.

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