

A Good First Year, Looking Forward to the Next

As I complete my first year as Upper Providence's recreation director, I look back and reflect on the year. We have added many new items to our parks system: **Reynolds Dog Park, new skate park ramps, a deck hockey rink, playgrounds, bathrooms, pavilions, signage, and benches.**

The Parks & Recreation Department, under the direction of the Township Supervisors, has made acquisitions for open space a priority. In the past year we have added three properties totaling 30.22 acres to our preserved open space, and have an additional 70+ acres under agreement at press time. With this additional open space comes the opportunity to enhance our trail and park system.

Expanding our parks and their amenities will increase the amount of upkeep and maintenance they require, and I'd like to ask for your help. Upper Providence's Public Works employees are working closely with the Recreation Department to maintain, repair, and keep these areas neat and clean. Please help them by doing your part to keep our parks and trails free of trash and debris. If you see an area that needs attention, please contact the Recreation Department.

As I begin my second year on the job, I think about the future and the great programs we have in place for Summer 2008. We are presenting movies and music in the park again this summer, the perfect way for families to spend time together. We have also partnered with surrounding townships to offer you even more bus trips this summer. And for the first time, the Recreation Department is offering a **full-day summer camp program, plus many more sports camps and activities.**

I look forward to another successful year, with plans to focus on creating family-oriented activities and activities just for adults. Open volleyball, softball, and the creation of a deck hockey league are just some of the ideas we have in the works.

For updates on Parks & Recreation happenings and open space initiatives, visit our website often at www.uprov-montco.org.

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Schuylkill River Trail Open



From left, John Wood, chief of open space planning; Montgomery County Commissioner Bruce Castor, Jr.; Commissioner Vice Chairman Joseph Hoeffel; State Representative Mike Vereb; and Steve Nelson, director of policy; led the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new section of trail.

Upper Providence residents and state and county representatives gathered at the Longford Road Trailhead to open a new section of the Schuylkill River Trail in Upper Providence on April 14. The new two-mile section extends the Schuylkill River Trail from Oaks to the village of Mont Clare.

John Wood, chief of open space planning for Montgomery County, spoke about the cooperation between the township and the county that made building this section of trail possible. He also spoke about the county's goal of fostering a more walkable community, and how the new section of trail helps the county close in on this goal. Wood, Montgomery County Commissioner Bruce Castor, Jr., Commissioner Vice Chairman Joseph Hoeffel, Director of Policy Steve Nelson, and State Representative Mike Vereb led the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the trail.

The Schuylkill River Trail is a 25-mile multiuse trail that starts in Philadelphia and ends in Mont Clare. Seventeen miles of the trail run through seven townships and boroughs in Montgomery County. The trail is a popular place for county residents to go biking, rollerblading, jogging, and walking. The U.S. Department of the Interior's National Trails System recognizes the Schuylkill River Trail as a National Recreation Trail.

Summer Recreation Programs

To register for summer programs, visit the Recreation section on www.uprov-montco.org or contact the Recreation Department at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org, unless otherwise stated.

Camp Black Rock

For ages 6 to 13

DATE: Monday through Friday, July 14 to August 8
TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Black Rock Park
COST: \$325 per child; \$250 each additional child (same household); \$400 per non-resident

This full-day camp promises to keep kids entertained for weeks. Mornings are filled with games, sports, and crafts. After lunch campers board buses for a variety of activities, including swimming and visits to an aquarium, amusement park, or zoo.

Spring-Ford Baseball Camp

For 8th to 10th graders

DATE: July 7-11
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Black Rock Park
COST: \$95 per camper; \$85 for a second child; \$75 for a third child

Spring-Ford Health and Physical Education teacher and head varsity baseball coach Mr. Bruce Brobst teaches campers the fundamentals of baseball. With daily instruction and games in a fun environment, campers will practice specific skills and drills to become better players.

Spring-Ford Softball Camp

For 4th to 8th graders

DATE: June 16-19
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to noon
LOCATION: Black Rock Park
COST: \$85 per camper

Spring-Ford varsity coach Mr. Tim Hughes helps campers develop their softball skills with instruction in a fun atmosphere. Campers will have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in game situations.

Epic Boot Camp for Women

- ◆ **SESSION 2:** June 2-27
- ◆ **SESSION 3:** July 7 to August 1
- ◆ **SESSION 4:** August 11 to September 5

TIME: 5:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., or 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Black Rock Park
COST: \$299, 5 days per week; \$249, 4 days per week; \$199, 3 days per week

Women of all fitness levels will receive fun fitness instruction, nutritional counseling, and motivational training. Choose to join for three, four, or five days a week and from three different start times. For more information and to register, visit www.epicbootcamp.com.

U.K. Elite Soccer Camp

For ages 5 to 14

DATE: June 16-20
TIME: 9 a.m. to noon
LOCATION: Black Rock Park
COST: \$145

For serious soccer players intent on improving their skills and understanding of the game, this program provides fun, challenging experiences for players of all skill levels. For more information or to register, contact Steve Wilman at 610-747-0838 ext. 203 or stevew@UKElite.com.

Fairman's SUMMER AM JAM Skate Contest

DATE: Saturday, July 19
TIME: 9 a.m. registration; event immediately follows
LOCATION: Black Rock Park
COST: \$20 entry fee per skater

Skaters of all ages are invited to compete in beginner, intermediate, advanced, sponsored, and best trick categories. Sponsored by Fairman's Skate Shop of West Chester, Pa. For more information, visit www.fairmans.com or call 610-344-9959.

Create Your Own Video Games Camp

For ages 8 to 12

DATE: June 23-27
TIME: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Meeting Hall
COST: \$130 per camper

Children will learn how to create their own video games at this morning camp. Computers and equipment will be supplied.

First Serve Tennis Academy

For ages 6 to 8

DATE: July 7-10
TIME: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Black Rock Park
COST: \$90

Kids will learn the tennis basics at this multi-day camp: forehand, backhand, how to volley, proper footwork, and the parts of the racquet.

American Red Cross Babysitter Training

For ages 11 to 15

DATE: July 9-10
TIME: 9 a.m. to noon
COST: \$60 per person

Learn the skills and knowledge you need to become a responsible, safe babysitter. Participants will develop skills in five important areas: leadership, safety and safe play, basic care, first aid, and professionalism.

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For ages 8 to 12

DATE: June 23-27
TIME: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Meeting Hall
COST: \$130 per camper

Children will learn how to create their own video games at this morning camp. Computers and equipment will be supplied. Space is limited, so register early.

Bus Trips

All trips depart from the Upper Providence Township Building unless stated otherwise. To make your reservation, contact the Recreation Department at PandR@uprov-montco.org or 610-933-9179, unless otherwise stated.

Culinary Institute of America

DATE: Tuesday, September 23

DEPARTURE: 7:15 a.m.

RETURN: 10 p.m.

COST: \$85 per person

Enjoy lunch in the American Bounty Dining Room at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. and attend a student-led tour. Experience a tour of Val Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's summer retreat. We will stop for dinner on the way home.

Cape May Whale Watch

DATE: Sunday, August 10

DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.

RETURN: 8 p.m.

COST: \$55 per person

Travel to Cape May, N.J., for a three-hour ride aboard the popular Cape May Whale Watcher, a 110-foot cruiser.

Michigan

DATE: Saturday, June 28 – Friday, July 4

COST: \$799.95 per double occupancy

This trip to Mackinac Island, Frankenmuth, Greenfield Village, and Upper Peninsula includes many meals and guided tours. Please call Julie Setzer for more information at 610-608-2739.

Finger Lakes Wine Fest, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

DATE: Saturday, July 19

DEPARTURE: 6:30 a.m.

RETURN: 10 p.m.

COST: \$85 per person

Join us as we travel to Watkins Glen, N.Y., home to more than 70 wineries, wine seminars, arts and crafts and cooking demos, live music, and a food court.

Mount Rushmore

DATE: Sunday, June 29 – Wednesday, July 9

COST: \$1,495

This 11-day, 10-night trip to Mount Rushmore includes visits to: Crazy Horse Monument, Custer State Park, Bad Lands National Park, and more. Many meals and first-class hotel accommodations are included.

New York City on Your Own

DATE: Wednesday, July 16

DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.

RETURN: 8 p.m.

COST: \$40 per person

Spend a day in New York City and leave the driving to us! A luxury coach will drop travelers off in Times Square, near the Visitor's Center, where half-price tickets are available for on- and off-Broadway shows. Design your own itinerary for the day and choose the sights you'd like to see.

Atlantic City, N.J.

◆ **TRIP 1:** Sunday, June 22

◆ **TRIP 2:** Sunday, July 27

DEPARTURE: 9 a.m.

RETURN: 8 p.m.

COST: \$10

Enjoy a day in the seaside city that is "Always Turned On." Atlantic City provides a mix of attractions that offer something for everyone. Action-packed Atlantic City has casinos, world-class entertainment, fine dining, shopping, and more.

Washington, D.C.

DATE: Saturday, August 2

DEPARTURE: 7:30 a.m.

RETURN: 10 p.m.

COST: \$45 per person

Spend the day in our nation's capital and design your own trip. Visit the National Gallery of Art, the Air and Space Museum, or the National History Museum. The bus also stops at several memorials and the Smithsonian. Registration deadline is July 1.

Movies in the Park

Bring your blankets, chairs, and friends and join us at Black Rock Park for two family-friendly features. Admission is free.



Enchanted

Friday, June 27

8:30 p.m.

Rated PG

107 minutes

A classic Disney fairytale lands in New York City when a storybook princess is thrust into modern-day Manhattan by an evil queen. Her prince follows to rescue her, but the journey causes her to find new views on life and love after meeting a handsome lawyer. **Rain date: June 29.**



Bee Movie

Friday, August 15

8:30 p.m.

Rated PG

90 minutes

Barry B. Benson, a bee who just graduated from college, is disillusioned with his only job prospect, honey. Barry is shocked to find out that humans have been stealing bees' honey for centuries, and decides to sue them in this animated comedy. **Rain date: August 16.**

New Bookmobile Stop at Upper Providence on Alternate Tuesdays

The Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library Bookmobile will visit Meeting Hall, 1286 Black Rock Road, every other Tuesday this summer starting June 3. On these Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. until noon, Upper Providence residents will be able to borrow books, books on tape or CD, and DVDs from the bookmobile and obtain their library cards.

Music in the Park

Upper Providence Township's Park and Recreation Board and the Schuylkill Canal Association (SCA) present the Music in the Park program again this summer. Bring blankets and chairs and join us in the picnic grove at Lock 60 in Mont Clare for great performances all summer long. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be cancelled.

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be offered for a donation or at a minimal cost. For more information, please contact the SCA at 610-917-0021 or visit www.schuylkillcanal.com.

2008 Season at Lock 60

Thursday, July 10
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

West Chester Band

Enjoy this community concert band with a reputation for performing a variety of crowd-pleasing music. Visit www.wcband.org for more information.

Thursday, July 24
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Lukens Band

Wear comfortable dancing shoes and enjoy the sounds of the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Visit www.lukensband.org for more information.

Thursday, August 7
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Fiorenza – Dowlin Duo

David Fiorenza and Wayne Dowlin will perform their family-oriented show with a set list that includes covers of The Beatles, the Beach Boys, James Taylor, and a variety of children's songs.

Thursday, August 21
6 to 8 p.m.

Radio Ranch

Enjoy a mix of new and traditional Americana, country, and roots music by this local trio.

Volunteers Needed to Plant Native Species Near Mingo Creek

The Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to help plant native trees and shrubs near Mingo Creek, on the corner of Springertown Road and Second Avenue. A grant awarded by the Montgomery County Conservation District's Tree Vitalization Watershed Program will cover the removal of invasive plant species in this portion of the Schuylkill River Watershed and the cost of new, native trees and shrubs. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sue Barker, Recreation Director, at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org.

Your Gifts to the Parks Are Making a Difference

The Upper Providence Gifts to the Parks program is in full swing, and your gifts are making a difference.

A resident couple recently donated a bench in memory of a friend who had passed away. And

GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals donated a bench and spent several days working in Black Rock Park as part of its Adopt-a-Park program.

Another way residents can give to the park—and give to a friend or family member at the same time—is with a remembrance tree. A remembrance tree is a great gift for a birthday, wedding, or anniversary, and a meaningful way to honor a friend or relative. It is a lasting, unique gift or tribute that persists through several lifetimes.

To give a remembrance tree for \$250 or a bench for \$700, download an order form from the Recreation section on www.uprov-montco.org or contact Sue Barker, Recreation Director, at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org.

No matter how much or little you'd like to give, every gift helps us beautify our parks. Thank you for your contributions.



Concerts at Black Rock Park

Join the Upper Providence Parks & Recreation Department as it hosts concerts at Black Rock Park. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until 8 p.m.

◆ **Thursday, June 26**

Dr. Ben's Backbones Blues Band

◆ **Thursday, July 17**

Paddy's Well

◆ **Thursday, July 31**

Zidigo a Go Go

◆ **Friday, August 8**

Steve and Steve

Discount Theme Park Tickets

Take your family and friends on a fun-filled day-trip this summer, and save as much as 60 percent! Choose from one of 13 great locations listed below.

	Gate Price	Our Price
Adventure Aquarium Camden, NJ www.adventureaquarium.com		
Adult (13-61)	.....\$19.21	.....\$14.00
Child (2-12) / Senior (62+)	.....\$16.00	.....\$10.00
Baltimore Aquarium Baltimore, MD www.aqua.org		
Adult (13-59)	.....\$21.95	.....\$20.00
Senior (60+)	.....\$20.95	.....\$19.00
Camelbeach Poconos, PA www.camelbeach.com		
Adult or Child (3+)	.....\$31.95	.....\$23.00
Clementon Park Clementon, NJ www.clementonpark.com		
Adult (36" or taller)	.....\$32.99	.....\$20.00
Dorney Park Allentown, PA www.dorneypark.com		
Adult (48" or taller)	.....\$38.99	.....\$30.00
Parking Fee \$8.00		
Dorney's gate price is lower than our selling price before May 26 and after September 3. Age 2 and under are free. Junior price is \$18.00 at the gate.		
Dutch Wonderland Lancaster, PA www.dutchwonderland.com		
Regular (3-54)	.....\$29.95	.....\$26.00
Parking is FREE		
Senior tickets at gate only.		
Hersheypark Hershey, PA www.hersheypa.com/attractions/hersheypark		
Adult (9-54)	.....\$47.95	.....\$37.00
Child (3-8) Senior (55-69)	.....\$28.95	.....\$27.00
Parking Fee \$8.00		
Knoebels Amusement Park Elysburg, PA www.knoebels.com		
Weekday Regular (48" and taller)	.....\$29.50	.....\$26.00
Weekday Child (under 48")	.....\$19.50	.....\$16.00
PA Renaissance Faire Lancaster, PA www.parenaisancefaire.com		
Adult (12+)	.....\$28.95	.....\$21.00
Child (5-11)	.....\$9.95	.....\$9.00
Philadelphia Zoo Philadelphia, PA www.philadelphiazoo.org		
General Admission (age 2+)	.....\$17.95	.....\$14.00
Sesame Place Langhorne, PA www.sesameplace.com		
General Admission	.....\$51.02	.....\$42.00
Parking Fee \$10.00		
Sesame tickets can be upgraded to Elmo's Passport, which allows you to return a second day for \$7.52 at the gate.		
Six Flags Great Adventure Jackson, NJ www.sixflags.com/greatadventure		
Regular (age 4+) (Theme Park/Safari)	.....\$74.89	.....\$29.00
Hurricane Harbor Water Park	.....\$34.99	.....\$25.00
Parking Fee \$15.00		
Splash Zone Wildwood, NJ www.splashzonewaterpark.com		
4 hour ticket	.....\$25.99	.....\$19.00

Tickets will be on sale from May 1 through September 1 at the township office, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets may be paid for by credit card (Master Card, Visa, Discover) or cash. Sorry, no refunds. Prices do not include parking fees. We recommend calling five days in advance to be sure we will have all the tickets you need.

Play at Your Parks

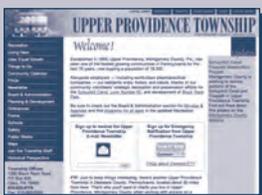
- ♦ **Black Rock Park**
1286 Black Rock Road, between Routes 113 and 29, next to the township's Administration, Police, and Public Works buildings
- ♦ **MacFarlan Park**
250 Greentree Road, between Black Rock and Egypt roads and adjacent to the Oaks Fire Company
- ♦ **Anderson Farm Park**
499 Hopwood Road, on the corner of Hopwood Road and Route 113
- ♦ **Lock 60, Schuylkill Canal**
Across the river from Phoenixville
- ♦ **Port Providence Road Park**
300 Walnut Street
- ♦ **Upper Providence Canal Park/Reynolds Dog Park**
100 Longford Road
- ♦ **Hess Park**
275 Rittenhouse Road

Annual Community Day is Saturday, September 20

Don't miss out on the event of the year! Upper Providence Township Community Day is Saturday, September 20. Join us at Black Rock Park for the Business Fair and Craft Show, as well as live music, food, children's events, demonstrations, and fireworks. The all-day event features a 5K race in the morning. To sell crafts at Community Day or to sign up for the race, contact the Recreation Department.

Look for more details online at www.uprov-montco.org, and in your e-mail when you sign up for eNews Updates. We are always looking for volunteers to help plan and run the event. If interested in volunteering, please contact Sue Barker, Recreation Director, at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org.

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UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP 2008 RECREATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

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