

Upper Providence Township Update

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Providence Town Center & Summer Concert Series

All summer long the arts came alive in Upper Providence Township! This year our Summer Concert Series welcomed a new venue for outdoor musical performances at our Providence Town Center.

Throughout the summer performances by popular regional artists including the Fulton Chain Gang, GreaseBand, Blackthorn, and Sensational Soul Cruisers performed for over 400 guests every first Friday of the month on the steps of retail store Eastern Mountain Sports in Upper Providence Township.

The second summer concert location was added in addition to the Amphitheater at Anderson Farm Park as a result of negotiations during the construction of the Providence Town Center. Real estate organization Brandolini Companies, is partnering with Upper Providence Township to provide financial support for all concerts in both locations.

“This partnership has benefited not only our budget for Township programs, but it has allowed us to book bigger name bands, which has built bigger crowds. Also, it allowed the Township to offer more concerts for the community to enjoy,” says Recreation Director Sue Barker.

Having first Friday summer concerts from June through September at the Providence Town Center also provides residents with more opportunities to enjoy other activities. “Now residents and their families can make an entire night at Providence Town Center—you can enjoy dinner, shop, and enjoy live music all



The Irish music group Blackthorn entertained the community on Friday, August 3rd at Providence Town Center.

while spending time with members of our community,” says Barker.

The shops and restaurants are especially busy too, on these select evenings. “We have heard from many of the tenants—the restaurants especially say that concerts have bolstered sales and awareness of the Town Center,” says Harry Watts, Vice President of Property Management for Brandolini Companies. Watts says that partnering with the Township has been refreshing. “We hope this is just the start of a long and prosperous relationship,” says Watts.

The 2013 and 2014 Summer Concert Series expects to continue First Friday performances, at Providence Town Center.

DOW Chemical Relocates Jobs to Montgomery County

In a June 2012 press release, The Dow Chemical Co. announced plans to relocate more than 800 jobs from its Spring House facility to a larger property within the Pfizer complex in Upper Providence Township at the start of next year.

Dow scientists will begin operations next year in a state-of-the-art research and development facility owned by the pharmaceutical company Pfizer Inc. Employees at Dow’s Spring House, Pa. campus will begin moving to the new site as early as the first quarter of 2013. It is estimated that more than 800 jobs will remain in the county as both Spring House and Colledgeville are located within Montgomery County.

“The Dow Chemical Company holds its investments in high regard and wants to ensure that our world-class researchers have all the tools they need to innovate for years to come,” says Dr. Nilesh Shah, Site Leader Spring House Technical Center. He says “In the

same manner, working directly with our communities to invest in programs and organizations that have a long-term impact and serve to provide widespread community involvement has always been a priority for Dow.”

With over 750,000 square feet of laboratory and office space, the facility will also have room to accommodate potential job growth in the future.

For more information about Dow’s presence in the Delaware Valley, visit www.dow.com/delawarevalley.

New On Our Website!

Our homepage has a new “Good News” section! Be sure to bookmark www.uprov-montco.org and read timely, positive news that is happening in our community!



Fall in Love With Autumn Recreation Programs!

Registration for fall recreation programs is open! Register online at www.uptrc.com, click on “Activities,” and choose the programs you want to register for! You can also download a registration form on www.uprov-montco.org and mail it to the township office, or give us a call at 484-391-2390. Become a Member of the Upper Providence Township Recreation Center to save! **Visit us online for Membership prices at www.uptrc.com. See exclusive Membership offer on page 3.** Programs fill quickly, and space is limited—be sure to reserve your spot for your favorite activity today!

Mommy & Me

Presented by Impact Sports
3 to 5 years old – with participating parent
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Session I: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18
Session II: Nov. 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20
Cost: UPTRC Members \$65,
Non-members \$72
Young children develop and refine a variety of manipulative skills and social skills, *with the help of their parent.*

Total Sports – Squiggles

Presented by Impact Sports
3 to 5 years old
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Session I: Sept. 11, 18, 25,
Oct. 2, 9, 16
Cost: \$65
Introduce your kids to the world of sports. Children play Mini Basketball, Soccer, Tag Rugby and Mini Olympic activities.

Total Soccer – Squiggles

Presented by Impact Sports
3 to 5 years old
Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Session II: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11
Cost: UPTRC Members \$65,
Non-members \$72
An action packed program of soccer related activities including shooting, dribbling and passing.

*NEW! Rockwall

Presented by Philadelphia Rock Gym
Ages 6-8, Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 9-11, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Session I: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17
Cost: UPTRC Members \$35,
Non-members \$45
Join Philadelphia Rock Gym for climbing instruction and games on the Rockwall.

Stay connected

Be the first to learn about new recreation programs, community events, and bus trips by signing up to be on our e-mail newsletter list. Visit www.uprov-montco.org or www.uptrc.com to sign up.

Learn to be A Magician!

8 to 12 years old
Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Cost: UPTRC Members \$32,
Non-member \$40
Learn to perform some of the best beginner magic effects. Class includes a deck of trick cards, written instructions, and a magic book.

Basic Drawing

6 to 9 years old
Tuesdays, 4:30-5:20 p.m.
Session I: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16
Session II: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11
10 to 12 years old
Wednesdays, 4:30-5:20 p.m.
Session I: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17
Session II: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12
Cost: UPTRC Members \$35,
Non-member \$45

Explore the world of art using pencils, pastels, and paint. Learn basic elements of line, shape, form, and texture.

Indoor Soccer

Ages 5 to 6, Tuesdays, 4:00-4:50 p.m.
Ages 7 to 9, Tuesdays, 5:00-5:50 p.m.
Session I: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16
Session II: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11
Cost: UPTRC Members \$30,
Non-member \$39

Learn basic techniques and skills. Each class includes warm up, instruction, and game play.

NEW! Hip Hop Dance

8 to 11 years old
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Session I: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16
Session II: Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11
12 to 15 years old
Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Session I: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18
Session II: Nov. 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20
Cost: UPTRC Members \$30,
Non-member \$39

Learn “Pop & Lock” dance techniques—just like dancers on TV! All music and movement will be age appropriate.

Basketball by Impact Sports

9 to 12 years old
Fridays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Session II: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14
Cost: UPTRC Members \$40,
Non-member \$45
Dribble, shoot, score! Learn basketball techniques, workouts and drills, and play a variety of basketball games.

Dodgeball

9 to 12 years old
Thursday, 5:00-5:50 p.m.
Session I: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18
Session II: Nov. 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20
Duck and dive to avoid getting “out”!
Playing different variations of the game, children will learn rules, warm up and play!

Red Cross Babysitting Class

11 to 15 years old
Saturday, Oct. 20th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Cost: UPTRC Member \$85,
Non-members \$90
This babysitting workshop will teach teens how to be superior babysitters! Be sure to pack a bag lunch.

Parents’ Night Out

4-14 years old
Friday, October 5th, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Friday, December 7th, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Cost: UPTRC Member—\$10/child
Non-Member—\$15/child
Date Night! No sitter? No problem; leave the kids with us! Rock wall, games, pizza and more

Floral Turkey Arrangement

16+ (children 10 & up with participating parent)
Monday, Nov. 19th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Cost: UPTRC Member \$27,
Non-members \$32
Learn floral design techniques as you create a floral turkey for your Thanksgiving table. All floral supplies are included; please bring floral shears and box to carry your creation home.

All programs are located in the Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.

Adult Recreation and Fitness Classes

All programs are located in the Recreation Center.

Cardio Kick

Ages 16+

Mondays, 6:00-6:50 p.m. — Allison
Session I: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15
Session II: Nov 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec 3, 10
Cost: UPTRC Member \$30,
Non-member \$39

Kick and punch your way through this fast paced aerobic workout.

Pilates

Ages 16+

Mondays, 8:00-8:50 p.m. — Gina
Session I: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15
Session II: Nov 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec 3, 10
Tuesdays, 9:00-9:50 a.m.—Christine
Session I: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16
Session II: Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 11
Tuesdays, 7:00-7:50 p.m.—Laurie
Session I: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16
Session II: Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 11
Cost: UPTRC Member \$30,
Non-member \$39

Slim your waist, stomach and hips; strengthen and tone your muscles.

Cycling

Ages 16+

Mondays, 9:00-9:50 a.m.— Kurt
Mondays, 7:00-7:50 p.m.— Gina
Session I: Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15
Session II: Nov 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec 3, 10
Wednesdays, 7:00-7:50 p.m.— Gina
Session I: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17
Session II: Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12
Cost: UPTRC Member \$23,
Non-member \$42

Take a journey on a stationary bike. Beginner and experienced cyclists welcome!

Yoga

Ages 16+

Thursdays, 6:00-6:50 p.m. — Holly
Session I: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18
Session II: Nov 8, 15, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20
Cost: UPTRC Member \$30,
Non-member \$39

A traditional Yoga workout. Bring a mat!

Yoga Firm

Ages 16+

Tuesdays, 7:00-7:50 p.m. — Arlene
Session I: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16
Session II: Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 11
Cost: UPTRC Member \$30,
Non-member \$39

Strengthen and tone your core, upper and lower body using small balls, bands and mini weights. Bring a mat!

Zumba

Ages 13+

Wednesdays, 6:00-6:50 p.m. — Barbara
Session I: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17
Session II: Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12
Cost: UPTRC Member \$30,
Non-member \$39

Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program that will blow you away!

Yogalates

For Active Adults

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:50 a.m. — Chris
Session I: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17
Session II: Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12
Cost: UPTRC Member \$22,
Non-member \$30

Beginner class designed for active older adults! Class focuses on strength and balance through mat exercises.

Strength In Motion

For Active Adults

Wednesdays, 9:00-9:50 a.m. — Chris
Session I: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17
Session II: Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12
Cost: UPTRC Member \$22,
Non-member \$30

Increase strength, balance and flexibility using bands and light weights. Designed for active older adults.

Yoga Stretch— A Silver Sneakers Program!

Ages 55+

Mondays, 10:15-11:05 a.m. — Kurt
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:50 a.m. —Christine
Cost: Free for Silver Sneakers Members,
\$5 drop in fee for non-members
Move your body through a complete series of seated and standing yoga poses. Class is designed to increase flexibility, balance and range of movement.

Muscular Strength & Range of Movement—A Silver Sneakers Program!

Ages 55+

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:50 am — Kim
Thursdays, 10:00-10:50 — Laura
Cost: Free for Silver Sneakers Members,
\$5 drop in fee for non-members
Move to music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activities for daily living. A chair is used for support.

Match Up at Our New Tennis Courts

Serve up some fun at our new township tennis courts located at Black Rock Park near the Basketball court. Courts are open to the public! *Please read court rules prior to starting your game.



Feel The Burn: Oaks Fire Company 5K Sunday, October 7 at 9 a.m.

Lace up your running shoes for a 5K run or 1 mile fun walk to benefit the Oaks Fire Company. Runners take off at 9 a.m., and registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Register in advance at runtheday.com or brynmawrrunningco.com. Registration fee: \$20 online, \$25 race day. For more information contact: oaksladiesaux@comcast.net or 610-666-6400.

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. Learn more at www.uprov-montco.org/planning.

Plans in Final Review

Residential:

- **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 Wendy's restaurant at the Oaks Shopping Center by Audubon Land Development.

- **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.
- **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.

- **North East Corner Black Rock Road & Egypt Road.** Audubon Land Development proposes the creation to two pad sites.

Plans Requesting Preliminary Review

- **628 Black Rock Road.** Bard Property proposes a three lot sub-division.

Plans Requesting Tentative Approval

- No tentative sketch plans are currently under consideration by the Township.

Zoning Proposals



The following locations are under consideration by the Board of Supervisors as of September 2012:

- **South East Corner of Black Rock Road and Route 29.** Applicant Freeland Village proposes a multi developer residential project of mixed density
- **Campus Drive off Arcola Road.** Proposal of a zoning text amendment to allow the development of apartments.

Lock Up Your Car!

Due to an increased report of car theft and burglaries, please remember to lock all vehicle doors and report any suspicious looking persons or activity in your neighborhood to the Montgomery Police Radio: 610-489-9332.

Have a Crime or Drug Tip?

Please call 610-933-7899. Your call will remain anonymous and all calls will be treated confidentially.

A Special Gift for New & Renewing Recreation Center Members!

When you purchase a UPTRC Membership, receive a gift, while supplies last (limited to first 50 applicants). A Membership to our state-of-the-art facility gives you access to everything you need to live a healthy, energized, and exciting life. Take advantage of exercise classes, childcare, fitness center, and so much more. For more information call 484-391-2390 or visit www.uptrc.com.

Sign Up to Get Important Messages

Register your phone and e-mail addresses on the Upper Providence Township homepage at www.uprov-montco.org.

Even when you are not at home, Upper Providence Township can contact you with time-sensitive messages. By registering with Upper Providence's Blackboard Connect, you can choose to receive alerts via e-mail, text message, or on a any phone number.



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Live greener, live safer, live healthier



Updates from our Public Works Department, Recreation Center, and Police Departments

Know Where It Goes: Stormwater Management

Stormwater is the water that runs down the street when it's raining. After stormwater flows into the storm drain, it make its way into the Schuylkill Canal, the Schuylkill River, the Perkiomen Creek. Any pollutant on the street or in urban runoff gets carried to our watersystems. Soaps, grass clipping, trash, pet waste, pesticides, and oil are just some of the pollutants that make our water unhealthy for our residents and wildlife.

Here are some ways residents can protect our water supply:

- Use the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to dispose of hazardous household substances, such as used motor oil, cleaning supplies, and paint.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly to prevent excess runoff.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly.
- Instead of washing your car in your driveway, take it to a commercial car wash.
- Plant drought-tolerant, native plants and grasses in your garden. They often require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.

For more tips on effective Stormwater Management, visit www.uprov-montco.org/stormwater.html



Know What's Below: Call 811 Before You Dig

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.

Every digging job requires a call—even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Calling 811 before every digging job gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences.

Smell Gas? Call PECO Immediately!

Reporting any gas odor promptly plays a critical role in ensuring you and your family's safety.

If you smell gas, suspect a leak, or if there is an unplanned fire or explosion, call PECO immediately: 1-800-841-4141. PECO's emergency personnel are available 24 hours a day, every day.

Be prepared for these scenarios:

A faint odor of natural gas: Check to see if a pilot light is out or if a burner was left on my mistake. If you cannot find the source, call PECO immediately.

A very strong gas odor: Evacuate everyone immediately and call PECO and 911 from the outside of the building.

- Do not turn on or off any electrical switches
- Do not use a land line phone in the building where you smell gas
- Do not use a radio, doorbell or flashlight
- Do not smoke, light a match, or use a lighter
- Do not start a motor vehicle nearby

Get even more informed at peco.com.

Recycling Your Christmas Tree is Easy!

Between December 25 and January 31 please bring your ornament-free trees to:

- The township offices at 1286 Black Rock Road
- The public compost site at 1094 Longford Road

Public Compost Site: Hours & Electronics

Our township public compost site, located at 1094 Longford Road, is proud to offer free mulch and compost to township residents. Compost and mulch is free for township residents only, so please bring a photo ID to the site. Please call the Public Works office prior to your visit to confirm that mulch and compost are available: 610-933-9179.

- Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to dusk
- Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Electronic Waste Update

Due to circumstances beyond the Township's control the compost site will no longer be able to accept electronic waste.

Shoveling Etiquette & Mailbox Reminders

Keep these snow etiquette rules in mind to best help Upper Providence, PennDOT, and private contractor crews keep snowy roads safe for our community during the winter months:

- Park all vehicles off the street before, during, and after a snowstorm.
- Refrain from throwing snow onto the roadway when shoveling. You could 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 play!
- Keep all sleds and toys out of the street.
- Remove snow from the end of your driveway and in the front of your mailbox.
- Shovel snow to the right of the driveway to avoid having plows push snow back into your driveway.

Check your mailbox placement

Check your mailbox now, and be worry-free all winter long when plows are on the roads! To prevent damage from passing snowplows, mailboxes should be should be installed following these specifications:

- Top of mailbox is 41-45 inches ground. Mailbox 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.

Fall Bus Trips!

Have a ball this fall—and leave the driving to us! All bus trips depart from the Upper Providence Township Building or another local township building. To make your reservation, register online or download a registration form at www.uprov-montco.org.

Gettysburg

Date: Saturday, September 22
Departure: 6:30 a.m. approx.
Depart: 3:30 p.m. approx.
Cost: \$68 per person

Visit the Welcome Center where you can explore the museum and view the Cyclorama, lunch at General Pickett's Buffet and embark on a 2-hour tour of the battlefield.

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs

Date: Tuesday, October 2
Departure: 9 a.m. approx.
Depart: Mohegan Sun: 4 p.m. approx.
Cost: \$39 per person- Includes \$25 in free slot play & \$10 in food coupons
 Try your hand at Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs for a day of games, slots, and the option for a gourmet meal! Must be 21 or older.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

We're offering 3 dates! Seats fill quickly so reserve your space today.
Date 1: Monday, December 3
Departure: 7:45 a.m. approx.
Depart: NYC: 4:30 p.m. approx.
Cost: \$110 per person
 *Tickets are for 11 am show.
Date 2: Wednesday, December 12
Departure: 7:30 a.m. approx.
Depart: NYC: 4:30 p.m. approx.
Cost: \$110 per person
 *Tickets are for 11 am show.
Date 3: Monday, December 3
Departure: 8 a.m.
Depart: NYC: 5 p.m.
Cost: \$110 per person
 *Tickets are for 2 pm show.
 Every glittering performance of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular features the Radio City Rockettes. Before or after the show (depending on show time) you will have free time to shop and explore all that New York City has to offer. Price includes tickets and transportation.

NYC ON YOUR OWN

Date: Wednesday, October 17
Departure: 8 a.m. approx.
Depart: NYC: 4:30 p.m. approx.
Cost: \$45 per person
 Travel to Times Square, see a Broadway show, sight-see, or shop Spend the day enjoying all the city has to offer.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 15th
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 (Open House format)
Location: Recreation Center
 Enjoy a continental breakfast and crafts with Santa Claus! Bring your camera to take pictures.
Cost: UPTRC Members \$10/Family
 Non-member \$20/Family

Reminder! Community Day is Saturday, September 15
 All-day family activities: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Black Rock Park



◆ Register for Fall Recreation Programs! There is so much to do, see, and experience on this fall! See activities on pages 2 & 3
 ◆ Are you playing safe? See a variety of safety bulletins from our town officials on page 5.

What's Inside:

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