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CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

An Essential Service For Township Safety



Fire and Rescue Services are responsible for 8% of the Township's Budget.

Upper Providence Township proudly supports the volunteer firefighters who respond to emergencies throughout the Township. As the primary resource of fire and rescue services to Upper Providence Township we are fortunate to have four independent volunteer fire companies respond to calls for help. Black Rock Fire Company is the official volunteer fire company of Upper Providence. The Collegeville, Trappe, and Royersford Volunteer Fire Departments also respond to emergencies to various sections of our community.

Each of the Volunteer Fire Departments is provided with substantial financial support from Upper Providence Township totaling \$335,000 in 2016. The Township also purchases the fire trucks for the Black Rock Volunteer Fire Company which range in price from \$350,000 to over \$1M. Additionally, the Township provides financial incentives to the volunteer firefighters for the number of responses each year to encourage their continued service.

The current state of the volunteer fire services is a challenge to communities across Pennsylvania—including Upper Providence Township. Despite efforts to attract and retain volunteer firefighters in the community through

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Lieutenant U. Mark Freeman Graduates Prestigious FBI National Academy

The Upper Providence Township Police Department and the entire Upper Providence Township would like to recognize and celebrate the recent achievement of Lieutenant U. Mark Freeman who, along with 222 other law enforcement officers, graduated from the FBI National Academy Program on December 16, 2016. The graduating class consisted of officers from 48 states, 20 international countries, 5 military and 8 federal organizations. "This is a great honor for our police department and community. Lieutenant Freeman is the first National FBI Academy graduate from Upper Providence Township," says Police Chief Mark Toomey.

The Police Department, with the support of the Board of Supervisors, applied to send Lieutenant Freeman to the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2015. After his acceptance, Lieutenant Freeman attended the 266th session of the FBI National Academy from October–December, 2016. The National Academy program held at the FBI Academy offers advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers.

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On average, the attending officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and typically serve in executive level positions. The training is provided by Academy instructional staff, Special Agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

"For me, the Academy was an amazing professional and personal journey. Professionally, the educational and physical training I received was second to none. All of my classes were academically challenging and taught by experts in their respective fields of study. The Academy allowed me an opportunity to meet some of the most up and coming intelligent men and women in law enforcement," says Lieutenant U. Mark Freeman.

Lieutenant Freeman joined the Upper Providence Township Police Department in December of 1991. He graduated from St. Joe's University in September of 2011 and he received his Masters from St. Joe's University in May of 2014. Lieutenant Freeman was promoted to Lieutenant in June of 2014 and will remain in his current role for the Township.♦

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various recruitment attempts and financial incentives, the number of active firefighters able to respond to emergencies has dropped considerably.

In response to the need to provide fire and rescue services to the residents, businesses, and visitors to our community the Township attempted to supplement the volunteers with township public works employees in 2008, but it was not a long-term or sustainable solution.

Upper Providence Township has a statutory responsibility to provide fire protection, and the community deserves to have a dependable response when confronted by an emergency. In order to supplement our valuable volunteers, the Township Board of Supervisors decided to employ career firefighters to staff a Township fire truck from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday in February of 2015.

The career firefighters staff Engine 93 which is housed at the Township's municipal complex. The engine responds immediately to all emergency fire and rescue calls inside

Upper Providence Township to supplement the response by the volunteers. Having this team of professionals available to respond immediately, and during business hours, means that our community receives an extremely quick response time.

When not responding to fire emergencies, the career staff, who are all emergency medical technicians responds to medical emergencies to supplement our ambulance services. Finally, when not responding to any calls for help, the firefighters perform construction plan reviews and building inspections throughout the community.

Upper Providence Township has invested significant funding to protect the community when fire and rescue services are needed. The costs associated with providing this valuable service to the community are responsible for the single largest increase in the municipal budget since 2015. "The Township is dedicated to ensuring that our volunteer and career staff possess reliable equipment and resources to respond quickly to calls for help," says Lisa A. Mossie, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.♦

Change of Polling Place for Some Upper Providence Township Residents

Please note the update of polling locations for Mont Clare:

From: Upper Providence Township Hall
1301 Black Rock Road
Oaks, PA 19456

To: Valley Forge Baptist Church
616 S Trappe Road Collegeville,
PA 19426

EMS & Public Works Updates



Local Roadway Improvements

The Township Board of Supervisors authorized the most ambitious road projects in Upper Providence history. Over the next few months, the Township will be investing over \$2 million to address its growing list of "Grade F" roads.

Grade F roads are those that have exceeded their typical life-cycle, usually 20+ years, where conventional maintenance methods like crack sealing no longer work. These projects are being bid in two separate phases, Project A and Project B. Coupled with competitive rates on road materials, we are

hopeful that the majority of all the Township's Grade F roads will be milled and overlaid in 2017. A project of this magnitude may cause minor disruptions but will result in a vastly improved road infrastructure once completed. Updates regarding the project will be posted regularly on the Township website.♦

Ambulance Service (EMS) Upgrades Coming to Upper Providence Township in 2017

The Upper Providence Township Board of Supervisors and Staff conducted a comprehensive analysis of the Ambulance Service (EMS) delivery to the community during 2016 and early 2017. The analysis examined response times, EMS station locations, and many other factors that affect the delivery of emergency medical services when 911 is called. Local EMS agencies who provide service to the community also provided input as well at the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety.

Currently, the Township is serviced by three EMS agencies that respond to calls from four different stations. Unfortunately, none of the EMS stations are located inside Upper Providence Township. Additionally, each of the EMS agencies cover multiple communities which may cause a delay in a response to Upper Providence Township. Given the Township growth and development primarily in the center of the community, the analysis was conducted to ensure that residents, workers and visitors are properly served by emergency medical services.

Recommendations To Improve EMS Response Times

The Board of Supervisors and Staff concluded that a centrally located ambulance based inside the Township would improve response times and reliability of EMS service. In the coming months, the Township will interview and appoint one of our local EMS agencies to staff an ambulance unit based at the Black Rock Municipal Campus. The selected agency will have the primary responsibility of responding to EMS calls for a majority of the UPT's geographic area.

The selection process should be completed by July 1, 2017. Operations will likely commence before the end of 2017. The EMS agency selected will operate the new EMS unit and will employ the staff as they currently do now 24 hours each day, 365 days per year. The upgraded service will not add any employees to the Township staff.♦

Upper Providence Township Police Department Grows to 29 Officers



The Upper Providence Township Police Department has grown to 29 officers that work and serve within many different departments to keep the Upper Providence Township Community protected and safe. The Department is led by Police Chief Mark A. Toomey, Lt. Freeman (patrol), and Sgt. Dixon (administration and operations). Investigations, are supervised by Det. Sgt. Bechtel.

The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association introduced the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program in 2001. Accreditation is a way to help institutions evaluate and improve overall performance for a Police Department. Of the 300 Pennsylvania police agencies enrolled in the program, 110 have obtained accredited status. One of the goals of the Upper Providence Police Department

is to achieve accredited status, and since October of 2016 the department has been working to complete its accreditation requirements. The Police Department has updated 133 policies to comply with the standards established with the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation. "Accreditation is designed to increase employee input, interaction, and confidence in the agency. It ultimately furnishes a solid foundation for the agency to build upon for further progress and it provides reliable methods to improve essential management procedures. It's been a great process for our team," says Chief Toomey.♦



Register for Summer Camps!

Please use our online process for a quick way to register for camps. Start at our website at www.uptrc.com find "Activities" on the left toolbar. Go to "Camps" and click on the camp you would like to attend. On the left you will see "Please login to register". If you already have an account, log in with your username and password, if not you will need to create one. Payment is required at the time of registration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at 484-391-2390.

Anderson Farm Preschool Camp

Date 1: June 26 - June 30
Date 2: July 17 - July 21
Date 3: August 7 - August 11
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Cost: \$100 Resident; \$130 Non-Resident
Ages 3-5 years (Must be toilet-trained)
At this half-day camp the kids will do arts and crafts, sports, games, and other activities designed to introduce them to camp life.

Total Soccer Camp

Presented by: Impact Sports
Dates: June 26 - 30 & August 14 - 18
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: Squiggles 9:00 am to 10:15 am
All Stars 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Cost: \$115 Squiggles Resident
\$135 Non-Resident
\$160 All Stars Resident \$180 Non-Resident
Ages 3-5 Squiggles, 6-12 All Stars
Young athletes will learn the key technical skills including – passing, shooting, dribbling & defending in fun small sided games. Players will learn new tactical concepts and take part in the Impact World Cup tournament. All participants will receive an Impact T-shirt and certificate of participation.

Total Sports Camp

Presented by: Impact Sports
Date 1: June 26 - June 30
Date 2: August 14 - August 18

Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: Squiggles 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

All Stars 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Cost: \$115 Squiggles Resident;
\$135 Non-Resident

\$160 All Stars Resident; \$180 Non-Resident
Ages 3-5 Squiggles
Ages 6-12 All Stars

This week long camp takes on a variety of sports including basketball, soccer, tag, rugby, cricket, field hockey and IS Olympics. All participants will receive an Impact T-shirt and certificate of participation.



Register in advance! Many camps have limited capacities.

Basketball Camp

Presented by: Impact Sports
Dates: June 19 - June 23
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Cost: Resident - \$160 Non-Resident \$180
Ages: 6 to 12
Camp features daily round robin events and a Playoff Series. All participants will receive a T-shirt and certificate. We will be working on dribbling, shooting, rebounding, passing and defense skills through fun exercises and games.

Volleyball Skills Camp

Dates: June 20 - June 22
Location: Recreation Center at Anderson Farm Park
Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: Resident - \$190 Non-Resident - \$260
Ages 8 - 15
Come and sing "Welcome to the Sixties". On Friday on the outdoor stage at 3 pm, you can bring your chairs and watch our final performance. All Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced players who would like to improve their skills and abilities are invited to participate. Instruction will include techniques for setting, passing, serving, spiking, blocking, resistance training, and defense.

Flag Football Camp

Presented by: Impact Sports
Dates: June 19 - June 23
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Cost: Resident \$160 Non-Resident - \$180
Ages 6 to 12
Campers will throw and catch, pulling flags on defense and running for touchdowns – all while making friends!

Musical Theater Camp "Hairspray"

Presented by: Valley Forge Dance School
Dates: June 19 - June 23
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: \$190 Resident; \$260 Non-Resident
Ages 7 to 15
On Friday on the outdoor stage at 3 pm, you can bring your chairs and watch our final performance. On Wednesday we will see Peter Pan at the Dutch Apple Theater in Lancaster.

Space: Infinity and Beyond!

Presented by: Mad Science
Dates: June 26 - June 30
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Cost: Resident - \$160 Non-Resident - \$180
Ages 6 - 12
Using the Scientific Method, campers will investigate the mechanics of unique flying machines, such as balloon-copters, boomerangs, and mini hovercrafts.

Spy Training

Presented by: GeoVentures
3 Day Camp
Dates: July 5 - July 7
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Cost: \$85 Resident; \$95 Non-Resident
Ages 8 to 12

After assuming your new secret identity and being debriefed, your spy training will begin and include becoming an expert in the art of disguise, code-breaking, surveillance, stealth and leaving no trace.

Superhero Camp Presented by:

Bricks4Kidz
3-day camp
Dates: July 5 - July 7
Location: Recreation Center at Anderson Farm Park
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Cost: Resident - \$95 Non-Resident - \$115
Ages 5-12

Explore all the caped crusaders and discover their super powers. Create a fantasy world and protect it against all the evil enemies with contraptions made with LEGO bricks.

Jedi Academy, Presented by:

GeoVentures
3 Day Camp
Dates: July 5 - July 7
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Cost: Resident - \$190 Non-Resident - \$260
Ages 8 to 12
Campers will learn the way of the Jedi through games and team challenges.

Musical Theater Camp: "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs"

Presented by: Valley Forge Dance School
Dates: July 10 - July 14
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: \$190 Resident; \$260 Non-Resident
Ages 9 to 12

Campers will learn to build programs to teach their robot/car/Ferris wheel how to move, and see how their work on the computer effects the movement of their robot.

Chess Camp

Presented by: Shining Knights
Dates: July 17 - July 21
Location: Recreation Center at Anderson Farm Park
Time: 1 to 4 pm
Cost: Resident - \$185 Non-Resident- \$195
Ages 6 to 12

On Friday on the outdoor stage at 3 pm, you can bring your chairs and watch our final performance. On Wednesday we will see Peter Pan at the Dutch Apple Theater in Lancaster.

Nature Superheroes Camp

Presented by: GeoVentures
Dates: July 24- July 28
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: Resident - \$130 Non-Resident - \$150
Ages 5-8

Design your own superhero character, complete with an original story, secret identity, and super powers. Each day will include hands-on activities, and a team activity.

Camp Anderson Farm

UPDATED - Now 3, 2-week sessions
Dates: July 10 - August 18
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost per session: Resident - \$300/Siblings \$270 Non-Residents - \$380
Ages 6 to 12

New this year! We enjoy sports, games, field trips, and arts & crafts in the outdoors. During camp you will enjoy special events and visitors, Nature Day, Water Day and more. Exciting day trips and swimming are included.

Camp Black Rock

UPDATED - Now 3, 2-week sessions
Dates: July 10 to August 18
Location: Black Rock Park
Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost per session: Resident - \$300/Siblings \$270 Non-Residents - \$380
Ages 5-12

Explore all the caped crusaders and discover their super powers. Create a fantasy world and protect it against all the evil enemies with contraptions made with LEGO bricks.

Awesome Robotics

Presented by: Computer Explorers
Dates: July 10 - July 14
Location: Recreation Center - Anderson Farm Park
Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Cost: Resident - \$160 Non-Resident- \$190
Ages 9-14

Campers will learn to build programs to teach their robot/car/Ferris wheel how to move, and see how their work on the computer effects the movement of their robot.

Wilderness Survival Camp

Presented by: GeoVentures
Dates: August 7 - August 11
Location: Recreation Center at Anderson Farm Park
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Cost: Resident - \$130 Non-Resident - \$150
Ages 9-14

Become a member of the Zombie Outbreak Response Agency. As an agent you will learn proper protocol for building zombie-proof shelters, locating supplies using GPS, signaling skills to communicate with other agents.

Zombie Survival Camp Presented by:

GeoVentures
Dates: August 7 - August 11
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Cost: Resident - \$130 Non-Resident - \$150
Ages 9 to 14

Campers are challenged to build natural shelters; introduced to outdoor navigation and signaling; learn how to pack for adventures with their families; and practice the secrets of invisibility and stealth.

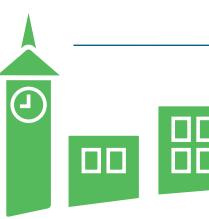
Musical Theater Camp: "The Canterville Ghost"

Presented by: Valley Forge Dance School
Dates: August 14 - August 18
Location: Anderson Farm Park
Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: Resident - \$190 Non-Resident- \$260
Ages 7 to 15

American Family moves into a British haunted house and comical events occur with a ghost who likes to sing and dance. On Friday on the outdoor stage at 3 pm, you can bring your chairs and watch our final performance.

Lunch & More Online!

Learn About Lunch Options, Camp Handbook, Camp Waiver requirements, and Before and/or After Camp Care at www.UPTRC.com



In 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:

- Hess – Borough Line RD.** Applicant requests sub-division of 40.35 acres to create 31 residential building lots for single family homes.
- Bard Property.** Applicant proposes a three lot sub-division at 628 Black Rock Rd.

Commercial:

- Audubon Land Development.** Applicant proposes an outside trailer and equipment storage use for 10.25 acre at the rear of this property.
- Oaks Properties Inc – Smythe Tract.** Applicant proposes the use of outside storage for a 4 acre property at the end of New Mill Road adjacent to the Lower Perkiomen Valley Park.
- Volpe.** Applicant requests a 5 acre Subdivision of the Huganir property to provide for additional outside storage of trailers.

Save The Date: Community Day September 16

Join us for our annual Community Day on Saturday, September 16 from 1-8 pm at Anderson Farm Park. Community Day celebrates Upper Providence Township and features food vendors, family fun activities, and of course fireworks! If you wish to be a part of the Business Expo & Craft Fair applications are available on our website and Facebook page. ♦♦



Want even more details and behind-the-scenes photos of Community Day? Like our Upper Providence Township Community Day Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/UPTCommunityDay



Community Day 2016 Petting Zoo

Township Tax Bill Update: Explaining the Public Safety Levy

This past winter, Upper Providence Township officials received resident inquiries about the 2017 County and Township Real Estate Tax bills. Until this year, Upper Providence remained the only municipality of Montgomery County's 62 municipalities without a real estate levy. "Upper Providence Township has been able to support a combined \$7.5 million public safety budget without any property tax over the past 15 years. In municipal circles, this is almost unheard of," says Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman.

To address a projected and growing structural deficit and to meet the rising costs associated with providing these core public safety services, the Township introduced this new levy in 2017 to help stabilize the Township's finances and eliminate this structural deficit. In conjunction with this new levy, Upper Providence Township also repealed the Per Capita Tax. "Even with the new levy, the Township still has the lowest municipal real estate levy in Montgomery County for towns that provide paid police and fire services," says Tieperman.

The new 1.2 mil levy is projected to generate \$2.4 million. Residents may visit at www.uprov-montco.org to read the detailed budget transmittal letter and the 2017 budget breakdown.

The introduction of these new public safety revenue sources will put Upper Providence Township on a sound financial footing in the years to come. "Residents and businesses should not expect any future levy increases in the near future," says Tieperman. Township officials. ♦♦

Cost Containment Initiatives

The Township is also working diligently to keep the Board of Supervisors core goal of "pursuing operational efficiencies to meet both operational and capital needs" in the forefront of all initiatives.

"As a Township we have not just focused on just revenues but also our expenses," says Tieperman.

Major adjustments include pension changes for now employees, a full-time hiring freeze, health insurance plan changes have been implemented, and certain privatization initiatives and more.



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Township Supervisors

- ♦ Lisa A. Mossie, *Chairman*
- ♦ Philip A. Barker, *Vice Chairman*
- ♦ Albert Vagnozzi, *Supervisor*

Township Manager/Secretary

- ♦ Timothy J. Tieperman

Update: Park, Open Space and Trail Master Plan

Reaching the end of the development and concept planning stage of the Park, Open Space, and Trail Master Plan, the Board of Supervisors recently adopted concept plans showing the potential development of four parks within Upper Providence Township, a new Township-wide Trail Master Plan, and a new plan showing Open Space preservation priorities as part of the on-going Comprehensive Plan updates.

Concept Plans were developed for Anderson Farm Park, Black Rock Park, MacFarlan Park and the undeveloped Staley Park (formerly the Taylor property). For Anderson and MacFarlan Parks the concept plans showed minor refinements to existing recreation facilities, but primarily focused on review and support of those existing recreation amenities.

Black Rock Park's concept plan showed the area now dedicated to an expanded municipal building, the relocation of a softball field, and development of property on the south side of Black Rock Road. The concept plan for Staley Park, which is currently undeveloped, shows both active and passive recreation with the development of a trail system, community gardens and new ball fields (baseball/softball and football/soccer fields).

The Trail Plan reinforced the 2006 plan while also proposing new trails to connect the park system within the Township and connecting to the trail system serving the greater Montgomery County area.

The Open Space Plan was developed with the same philosophy, reinforcing and adding to the existing open space within and surrounding Upper Providence Township. All the Park Concept Plans, Trail and Open Space Master Plans will be posted to the Township's website for public viewing at www.uprov-montco.org. ♦♦

Summer & Fall Bus Trips!

Take an exciting trip this summer or fall and leave the planning and driving to us! All bus trips depart from the Upper Providence Township Building or another local township building. Visit our website to see even more Bus Trips for Fall 2017. To make your reservation, register online or download a registration form at www.uprov-montco.org, and mail it to the Township office. **All tickets are limited, book in advance to avoid disappointment!**

All bus trips are offered as a collaboration through Lower Providence, Upper Providence, and Worcester Townships. Exact timing and two pick-up locations are communicated with residents one week in advance. The two pick-up locations are determined based on the registrant residency.

St. Michael's Maryland

Date: May 16

Cost: \$57 per person

Departs: 7:30 am (tentatively)

Departs MD: 5:00 pm

Explore the beautiful, exquisite Chesapeake town of St. Michael's, MD. It is a picturesque harbor town on Maryland's Eastern Shore. You have a free day to shop, dine and tour the town.

NYC Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty

Date: June 29

Cost: \$69 per person

Departs: 7:00 am

Departs NYC: 4:30 pm

Plan for a day on your own to explore the history of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty! Includes ferry tickets.

NYC Broadway, Anastasia

Date: July 19

Cost: \$160 per person

Departs: 7:45 am (tentatively)

Departs NYC: 5:30 pm (approximately)

From the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. She embarks on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

Sand Castle Winery Tour & Lunch

Date: August 26

Cost: \$80 per person, must be 21

Departs: 10:00 am

Departs winery: 4:30 pm

Receive a private tour of the vineyards and 30,000 sq. ft. Chateau, and 3.5 story below-ground cellar. Guests will be served a selection of wines for tasting, and a private catered lunch on-site.

Stay connected with eNews

Stay in-the-know with frequent e-mail communications sent to you from our Township offices. Add your family's e-mail address to the list on Upper Providence Township website homepage at www.uprov-montco.org and at our Recreation Center website at www.uptrc.com.

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