

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE

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UPPER PROVIDENCE POLICE TO BECOME ACCREDITED



Upper Providence Township Police Vehicles during Accreditation

When the Board of Supervisors updated its strategic plan in 2017, it reaffirmed once again its core goal of providing Upper Providence residents and businesses with the best and highest quality police services in the region. Saying this and doing what was required to attain this high service quality was not easy and required several arduous years to achieve the holy grail in police services: Obtaining official recognition as an accredited Police Department.

This accreditation journey started in late fall of 2012, when the Board of Supervisors began serious discussions about the future of policing in Upper Providence Township. As one of the fastest growing municipalities in Montgomery County, the Board decided that, to meet the needs of this growing community, one of its early goals would be to obtain accredited status for our Police Department. The hiring of Police Chief Mark Toomey was an important first step in this process. The Board also recognized that the working conditions in its

old facility were completely inadequate, unsafe and inefficient, precluding any hope of ever achieving accredited status.

With an eye toward achieving accredited status, in the Spring 2013, the Board began active discussions for designing a new Police Administration Building.

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We've Moved! (Temporarily)

The Administrative Building is now under construction for the addition of a conference room to accommodate 200 people! Residents are encouraged to navigate our new website (www.uprov-montco.org) to help address their questions, comments and concerns.

Residents will be able to take all of their in-person tax, administrative and planning and zoning-related business across the street to the Town Meeting Hall until construction is over. ♦



Police

In case of emergency call 911 · Non-emergencies call 610-489-9332
Administrative police questions call 610-933-7899

Upper Providence Township Police to Become Accredited (Continued)

The architects of Richard Kapusta and Company were retained to design and oversee the construction of a state-of-the-art police facility, which, after its official dedication in June 2015, quickly jump-started the department's procession toward accreditation.

"We cannot emphasize enough how important this accreditation is for the Upper Providence community," stated Lisa A. Mossie, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "Accreditation is a time-tested approach to improving a police department's performance. It's more than just a badge of honor. It's a hard-earned designation grounded in years of professional training, the development of professional standards and the application of those professional standards in the workplace. While the national discourse is often focused on police response, it's more critical than ever that the Upper Providence Township Police Department has the best skills and training necessary to deal with the unexpected."

Achieving accredited status brings many added benefits, a few of which include:

- Providing solid performance benchmarks from which to accurately evaluate departmental practices and procedures;
- Lowering liability insurance premiums and expenditures;
- Providing a positive nexus between law enforcement and community relations;
- Improving employee productivity; and,
- Promoting better planning, innovation and teamwork among all departmental staff.

"Many departments throughout Montgomery County and the Commonwealth have visited the new



Upper Providence Township Police Department

Upper Providence Township Police headquarters as a model for efficiency and best practices," said Chief Mark Toomey. "None of this would have been possible without the vision, leadership and foresight shown by the Board of Supervisors. Residents and businesses should feel safe and honored that they are residents of a first class municipality." ♦

Changes in the Traffic Code

Under the extraordinary leadership of Traffic Safety Sergeant Robert Solorio, the Police Department's reconstituted Highway Safety Unit was successful in persuading PennDOT, after numerous false starts, to permit changes to the Township's Traffic Code. Ordinance 565 reduces the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on Egypt Road from Collegeville Road to 270 feet east of Willow Drive in Upper Providence Township, a change long-awaited by many Upper Providence Township residents. Ordinance 566 extends the brake retarder prohibition zone on Egypt Road from Hollow to Greentree Roads.

"We never give up when it comes to traffic safety and the protection of lives," stated Sgt. Solorio.

The ordinances amending the Upper Providence Township Code were passed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 2, 2017. ♦

Drug Takeback Day

Date: Saturday, October 28

Time: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal.



Fire and Emergency Services



Important Changes to Upper Providence's Emergency Services Code

Recently, the Board of Supervisors authorized significant organizational changes to the Township's Department of Fire and Emergency Services. Rapid growth coupled with a decline in volunteer firefighters necessitated changes that will provide improved municipal oversight, leadership and coordination among the various fire and emergency service agencies that protect our residents and patrons.

Receiving the benefits of a largely volunteer fire service with improved municipal coordination ensures the efficient delivery of fire and emergency services across the Township. With the impending addition of a dedicated EMS unit to provide emergency medical services, additional coordination is needed.

To accomplish these changes, the Board created a new position titled Chief of Fire and Emergency Services. This newly formed position has been filled by Fire Marshal Joshua Overholt. As a veteran of fire and emergency services with over twenty years of experience, Chief Overholt holds multiple fire service certifications and a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Fire Department Administration. These new organizational changes authorize Chief Overholt to develop new policies to standardize and coordinate emergency responses among all the contracted Fire and EMS agencies serving Upper Providence.

"While our current multi-agency approach to emergency services provides a high level of service to our community, the Township is rapidly developing. Calls for service have increased and it's directly related to the growth in population and traffic. Municipal coordination of our multi-agency model will enhance responder safety and provide an overall enhanced service to our community," stated Chief Overholt.♦



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

Township Manager

- ♦ Timothy J. Tieperman

Upper Providence Township Photography Contest

Upper Providence Township is seeking pictures of the Township. Photographs must be taken within the Township and be original works. Images must be 2200 pixels wide (or 1MB in size) and have a Resolution of 72 dpi or higher.

All photos can be uploaded to our website at www.uprov-montco.org/295/2153/Photography-Contest. Winners will receive their photo prominently displayed on the new Township website as well as a featured spotlight article. Photographs from all seasons are welcomed.





Public Works

Supervisors Authorize Unprecedented Pavement Program To Combat Grade F Roads



In 2017 the Board of Supervisors authorized the most ambitious road pavement project in the Township's history, giving the green light to the Public Works Department to contract

the milling and overlaying of 7.5 miles of roads. The Board took advantage of a very competitive bid environment and with the assistance of the Township Engineer, secured very favorable bid results, which were historical in their own right.

Every year the Public Works Department evaluates and recommends to the Board of Supervisors which roads should be prioritized for paving based on its road grading system. Based on these grades, the Department proposed a 10-year revolving road plan.

Depending on a road's age and amount of cracks, as well as how it appears during a visual inspection, the department will rate a road Grade A, Grade B, Grade C, Grade D or Grade F. Grade F roads are of the highest priority, needing immediate attention, while Grade A roads need the least amount of attention from the department.

For the past several years, the Township has strived to maintain a regular pavement cycle before roads become Grade F. "Unfortunately, we're dealing with a series of local roads which were failing prematurely due to poor pavement materials used at the time," stated Tom Broadbelt, Upper Providence Township Director of Public Works.

"We appreciate the Board's foresight in investing the necessary dollars to eliminate these Grade F roads in 2017," stated Broadbelt. "We're hopeful that in the next 5 years, no roads in the Township will be either a Grade D or F."

The paving work was bid in two phases totaling over \$2 million, all of which will be paid from non-debt instruments, stated Broadbelt. "We expect all work will be done before the winter season commences." ♦



Milling crew milling the roadway.



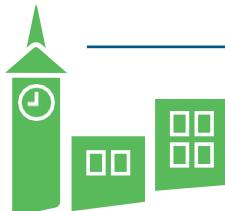
Paving crew paving the roadway.



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In Development

The Planning Commission reviews development plans at public meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Center. 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/226/Planning-Commission.

Under Construction

- **Morgan Tract** – A combination of 89 residential units (single homes and townhouses) on the east side of Route 29 south of Black Rock Road.
- **Jeb Group** – 60,000 square feet of self-storage buildings at Ridge Pike and Kline Road.
- **Preserve at Providence** – 97 residential units (single homes and carriage homes) on Black Rock Road east of Route 29.
- **Shoppes at Upper Providence** – 40,000 square feet of retail space plus a 36,000 square foot Lidl Grocery store on Ridge Pike at Township Line Road.
- **Highpointe At Providence** – 52 attached singles at the corner of Black Rock Road and Route 29.

Plans in Final Review

- **Hess Phase II** – Applicant proposes a 28-lot residential subdivision on Borough Line Road.
- **615 Egypt Road** – Applicant proposes 49-townhouses on the southeast corner of Egypt Road and Hollow Road.
- **Global Packaging** – Applicant proposes a 225,000 square foot manufacturing / warehouse building on Hollow Road east of the Meadows Condominiums

Plans Requesting Preliminary Review

- **SEI** – Applicant proposes 5 buildings and a parking garage on the east side of Upper Indian Head

Road.

- **SEI** – Applicant proposes a parking deck on the west side of Upper Indian Head Road.
- **Starbucks** – Applicant proposes a Starbucks with a drive through on the northeast corner of Egypt Road and Mill Road.
- **Ridgewood Phase II** – Applicant proposes 235 residential townhouses on Linfield Trappe Road at Pennapacker Road.

Plans Requesting Tentative Approval

- **Catskills Farm** – Applicant proposes a 4-lot residential subdivision at 615 Port Providence Road.
- **Twins on Fourth Avenue** – Applicant requests a three-lot subdivision on Fourth Avenue in Mont Clare.
- **Cellco Partnership** – Applicant proposes a monopole on property owned by GlaxoSmithKline on Ashenfelter Road adjacent to Route 422.

Zoning Proposals

- **PTC 106** – Applicant is requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to allow 585 apartments and a hotel on the south side of Arcola Road behind the Providence Town Center and the White Springs Farm Development.
- **Providence Business Park** – Applicant seeks an institutional zoning overlay for a property on Hollow Road east of the Meadows Condominiums

Electronic Recycling Day Results

August 26th's Electronic Recycling Event collected a total of 26,604 pounds of materials! 3,594 lbs. of microwaves, 13,501 lbs. of televisions, 6,209 lbs. of printers and scanners, 752 lbs. of electronic waste, 2,198 lbs. of PCs and 350 lbs. of wires were collected at the event. Thank you to all who came out and recycled their electronics!



Cars line up to recycle electronics at the August 26th Event.



Administration

Administration Building Project

No doubt if you have traveled to Black Rock Park recently,

you have noticed a substantial amount of earth moving activity.

This will be the future site of a new and improved municipal services center that will soon offer one stop shopping opportunities to all residents and businesses.

Whereas before a resident had to travel to multiple locations to transact business, now they can do this at one convenient location. The new municipal campus includes a renovated Administration Building, which will centralize all administration operations in one location, yielding operational efficiencies and allowing municipal business to be done more efficiently with less staff.

The new facility will also include a new township meeting room, which will be used for not only township functions but community-wide functions and regional forums as well. A large component of this

project includes major infrastructure improvements to Black Rock Park, most notably an expanded parking

area that will accommodate larger tournaments.

The Board understands and appreciates the inconvenience this project is posing to its residents, but rest assured the final product will make the community proud. “What used to be an unfriendly morass of confusing corridors will soon give way to an inclusive, inviting municipal center for all residents to enjoy,” explained Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman. ♦



Rendering of entrance



Rendering of Municipal Complex

Joyce Tract Acquisition

Another important strategic goal of the Board of Supervisors is the preservation of Upper Providence’s open spaces. While the Township has experienced unprecedented growth over the past few years, the Board has managed to balance this growth with prudent zoning and good open space planning. The Township now has over 340 acres of open space and over 246 acres of parkland. This past June the Board added to this inventory by acquiring the 29.7 acre Joyce Tract. This new addition represents a pristine tract of land along with a vintage farmhouse, carriage house and pond, true Rockwellian elements that will make a wonderful addition to the Township’s park system. ♦



Joyce Property



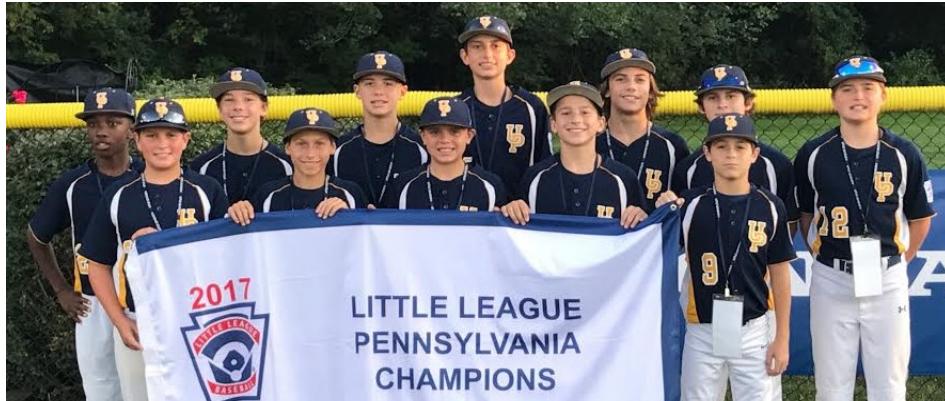
Joyce Property

Parks and Recreation

Visit www.uptrc.com or call 484-391-2390 for more details!



Upper Providence Little League Wins State Tournament



Pictured above: Team members TJ Cadden, Ryan Garvey, Brendan Kenning, Michael McKenna, Cole Niles, Cam Paquette, Gavin Schauder, Ryan Shaner, Vernon Sheeler, Gage Swanger, Matt Tsiaras and Jake Voynar.

Upper Providence Little League's very own team of twelve 12-year-old boys won the Pennsylvania state tournament with four game wins, amounting to a combined score of 48-9. The secret to the team's success? Manager Keith Cadden credits their win to the fact that "The boys like playing so much and have played together for so long (since they were 7)." Led by manager Keith Cadden and coaches Bob Swanger, Bill Niles and Brent Voynar, the team

took on Districts, Sections, and finally States.

While they did not win Regionals, the boys still won two of their games against teams from Delaware and Maryland. When asked how the team of incredibly young boys managed the pressure of such high-stakes games, Cadden said, "They don't see it as pressure. Just having a good time playing with their friends." This outlook on the game probably determined the outcome of four of the earlier games they played (two districts, one sec-

tions, and one states) in which the team fell behind 0-4 in the first inning.

According to Cadden, the boys "knew they were capable of scoring enough runs to come back," which they eventually did, winning each game by at least 10 runs. However, based on what Manager Cadden knows about the team and the boys' "endless desire to improve," there's no doubt that this isn't the end of the team's success. ♦



Breakfast with Santa

Date: 12/2/17

Bring the whole family for a "Continental Breakfast," crafts, story time and moon bounce with Santa and Mrs. Claus! A great fun-filled morning with Santa and the whole family!

New York City On Your Own

Dates: 11/8/17 and 5/9/18

Plan a fun day with friends or family in New York City. We will drop off in the Times Square area and you have the entire day to explore the sights and sounds of NYC!

Bethlehem Christkindlmarkt

Date: 11/30/17

Get ready for the holiday season with some shopping at Christkindlmarkt in Bethlehem, PA! This event will definitely put you in the holiday spirit with crafters and food.

WICKED on Broadway

Date: 5/9/18



Radio City Rockettes

Dates: 12/7/17 and 12/12/17

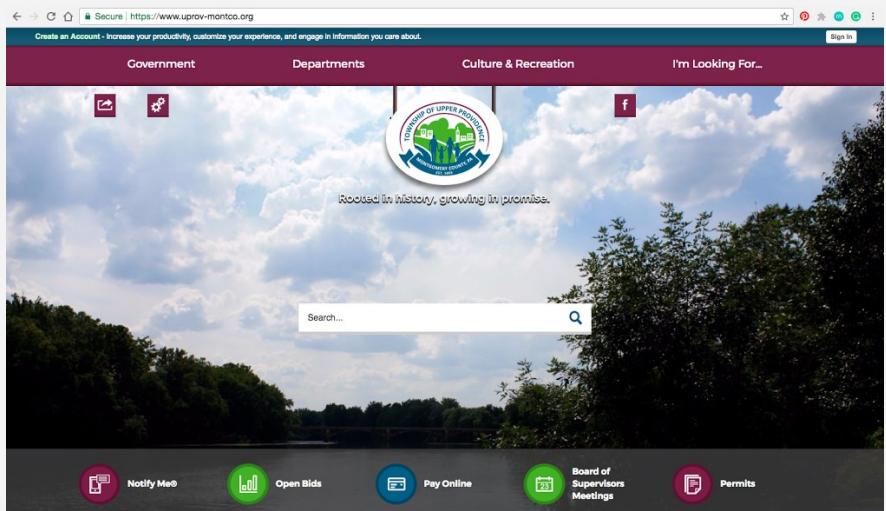


Kick off the Christmas celebration and see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Seats will be in the orchestra section. Show time: 11:00 AM. Free time after the show in New York City is also included.

More information at: www.uptrc.com

Check Out Our Website!

Upper Providence Township is proud to announce its redesigned website! On the website, residents can find a plethora of information from events within the Township to permits and applications. Residents can get notifications with information from the Township's new Facebook account (accessible from the website at www.facebook.com/upperprovidence) and the Township's website itself by creating an account. Find facilities, pay your bills, find information about activities within the Township or Township-provided services such as the Compost Site and snow plow services. The resources are endless at www.uprov-montco.org. ♦



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