

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE

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A Grants Windfall!

Upper Providence Township recently hit the grants jackpot receiving a string of important grants that will help it achieve major, longstanding goals to improve the character and quality of life in Upper Providence.

On October 1, 2018, PennDOT announced a \$927,000 grant award that will allow the Township to complete the long-awaited alignment of Bridge and Jacob Streets in the Township's Mont Clare neighborhood. This neighborhood has endured years of traffic backup and stalled traffic queues, adversely impacting the area's economic vitality. In 2015, the Township acquired 135 Bridge Street as part of a friendly condemnation and razed the building to free up the necessary real estate to perform the improvement. This project is a shovel-ready project and will be included in the proposed 2019 capital budget. Expect a completion date next summer.

"I'm very happy for the residents in Mont Clare who have waited many years for this improvement," said John Pearson, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. "The entire Board worked very hard lobbying our state elected officials on the importance of this project."

The Township was also awarded a \$250,000 grant for the construction of the Schuylkill Trail East Pedestrian Trail. This new trail route will connect Upper Schuylkill Valley Park with Lock 60 along the Schuylkill River utilizing an existing sewer easement. This project was in partnership with Montgomery



County Parks and Recreation which manages both parks.

"These types of trail connections are part of a larger Board goal to link our Township and County trail systems into one unified trail corridor for all residents and businesses to enjoy" said Al Vagnozzi, Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

This \$250,000 grant is in addition to two other trail grants that the Township received in the past two years. The recently completed Black Rock Loop Trail, situated at Black Rock Park, offers a one-mile trek through beautifully preserved wetlands and naturalized basins. Located near Quest Diagnostics, it's frequented by residents and commuters alike.

Not far from the Black Rock Loop Trail is the new trail connection that is currently under construction in front of the Upper Providence Township municipal campus. When completed, this new trail will parallel Black Rock Road and link up to the Route 29 intersection, where it will eventually connect with a new trail extension on the Glaxo Smith Kline property. This will be a huge milestone that will unite a once fragmented trail system separated by Route 29," stated Timothy J. Tieperman, Upper Providence Township Manager.

Finally, before this newsletter went to publication, we learned that the UPT Police Department will be receiving a special grant for the procurement of body cameras, which will soon be worn by all active Township police patrol officers. This grant was funded by

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Public Works

Skate Park Project is Underway

The Public Works Department teamed up with Skatwave and is updating the Skate Park located on Black Rock Road. The designs were completed by professional skateboarders. The new layout will help with flow for the skateboarders. Both old and new equipment will be used in the completed Skate Park. Completion of this project will be in late 2018. ♦



Skate Park before renovations.



Skate Park during renovations.



COMING IN LATE 2018
Concept Plan of finished Skate Park.

Look Before you Leave

Spotted Lanternflies have started laying their eggs for next season. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture urges residents to “Look Before You Leave” to prevent the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly.

Residents are strongly encouraged to check your yard



Department of Agriculture

and trees for egg masses. Egg masses can look like mud. Each egg mass contains 30—50 eggs. If found, scrape the masses into a plastic bag filled

with rubbing alcohol. The alcohol will destroy the eggs.

All destroyed egg masses can be reported at: <https://www.paplants.pa.gov/EntomologySurveyExternal.aspx> ♦



The 2018 Road Paving Project has been completed. ✓

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Proper Mailbox Placement

Winter is quickly approaching. To prevent mailbox damage from snow plows, mailboxes should be placed 6-8" from the curb and be 41-45" above the ground. All mailboxes should always face the curb or road edge.

The Township is not responsible for damage caused by an improperly placed mailbox.

Another winter tip: to prevent your driveway from being plowed in, pile the snow to the right, not the left, of the driveway. Please note, all

State Roads are maintained by PennDOT.

For more information on snow removal and plowing, please visit us at: <https://www.uprov-montco.org/199/Snow-Removal> ♦

Electronic Recycling Day!

Due to an overwhelming response, Upper Providence Township will once again be hosting our Electronic Recycling Event on **Saturday, November 3rd** at 9:00 a.m. at the Black Rock Municipal Campus. Residents can recycle old or unwanted electronics for a fee.

Please visit our website www.uprov-montco.org or [Facebook.com/UpperProvidenc](https://www.facebook.com/UpperProvidenc) for more details. ♦



2018 Fall and Winter Holiday Office Closures

Veterans Day — November 12

Thanksgiving — November 22-23

Christmas — December 25-26

*If police assistance is needed, please call 911 for emergencies or 610-489-9332 for non-emergencies.



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 eighty-nine 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 – Ninety-seven residential units (single homes and carriage homes) on Black Rock Road, east of Route 29.

Global Packaging – A 225,000 square foot manufacturing/warehouse building on Hollow Road, east of the Meadows Condominiums

Highpointe at Providence – Fifty-two attached singles at the corner of Black Rock Road and Route 29.

Highfield at Providence/Hess Phase II – Applicant proposes a twenty-eight lot residential subdivision on Borough Line 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.

Cellco Partnership – Applicant proposes a monopole on property owned by Glaxo Smith Kline on Ashenfelter Road adjacent to Route 422.

Ridgewood – Applicant proposes 235 residential townhouses on Linfield Trappe Road at Pennapacker Road.

Michael Kirk/DDHD Holding – Applicant proposed to subdivide one lot from the 9.33 acre site on 425 Mennonite Road and is currently updating the existing home and removing the barn.

Global Packaging – Applicant is building a 225,000 square foot manufacturing/warehouse building on Hollow Road east of the Meadows Condominiums

Plans in Final Review

615 Egypt Road – Applicant proposes forty-nine townhouses on the southeast corner of Egypt Road and Hollow Road.

SEI – Applicant proposes five buildings and a parking garage on the east side of Upper Indian Head Road.

Spares Circle – Applicant proposes a five-lot subdivision on a 3.22 acre site on Spares Lane

Plans that have received Tentative Plan approval (no new submissions as of print time)

Catskills Farm – Applicant proposes a four-lot residential subdivision at 615 Port Providence Road.

Devimy Equities – Applicant proposes a school and dental office at 1431/1441 S. Collegeville Road.

Providence Business Park/BWR – Applicant proposes a rehabilitation center at Egypt Road and Meadowview Lane.

239 Grace Street – Applicant proposed to subdivide their 4.83 acre lot into five lots for single family detached homes.

Plans Requesting Tentative Review and Approval

Providence Business Park III—HB Frazer – Applicant is proposing a 30,000 square foot office building within the Providence Business Park development.

Fully Approved Plans (no construction as of print time)

Twins on Fourth Avenue – Applicant requests a three-lot subdivision on Fourth Avenue in Mont Clare.

Zoning Hearing Board Applications

239 Grace Street – Applicant is awaiting a decision by the Zoning Hearing Board on a special exception for steep slopes in a yard area and a variance from a lot width requirement.

Lewis Road – Applicant is requesting a variance from setback and other dimensional issues for a proposed single family detached home at 716 S. Lewis Road.

615 Port Providence Road – Requesting a special exception for lot areas within the Steep Slope Protection District.

Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority – Requesting a special exception for lot areas within the Steep Slope Protection District.



Police

(continued from page 1) the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. “The acquisition of body cameras is another technological tool that not only protects the integrity of the officer but also the investigatory process when an incident occurs,” said Police Chief Mark A. Toomey. ♦

Two Officers are Appointed to Detectives



Officers Shea Johnson and Sean Franchini have been appointed to their new roles as detectives. Both Johnson and Franchini stood out in the Department with their tenacity and exemplary insight to criminal investigation.

Detective Johnson started with Upper Providence Township Police Department in March of 2014. Prior to his employment with Upper Providence, Detective Johnson was employed as a Police Officer with the Temple University Police Department in Philadelphia. Detective Johnson served in the United States Army and is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) where his service earned him the Bronze Star Medal. Detective Johnson also holds a Bachelor’s Degree in History from Pennsylvania State University and is currently working towards his Master’s Degree in Law Enforcement Administration.

Detective Franchini graduated from Temple University in 2012 with a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. While attending college, he worked in the drug and alcohol field at a rehabilitation hospital as well as the Montgomery County Emergency Services where he assisted patients dealing with crisis and mental health issues. He attended the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy and graduated in July of 2013. He began his career with the Upper Providence Township Police Department in March of 2014. During this time, Detective Franchini has had the privilege to join the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Drug Task Force, the Bike Patrol Unit and served as a certified Field Training Officer.

Upper Providence wishes Detective Johnson and Detective Franchini the best of luck in a long careers and keeping Upper Providence safe. ♦

In case of emergency call 911 · Non-emergencies call 610-489-9332

Administrative Police questions call 610-933-7899

Be Aware of IRS and Other Scams

A common scam is the IRS Scam. Scammers call stating that they are the IRS and try to deprive you of your money and personal information. According to the IRS, they will never call and demand immediate payment using a specific method. They will not demand payment without the opportunity to question or appeal, and they will not threaten to bring local police into the matter. The scammers use these tactics to illicit a response and trick individuals into giving up money and/or personal information.

Upper Providence Police Department reminds all residents to contact UPT should they have a question as to the legitimacy of a caller. ♦

Lock Your Car Doors

Upper Providence Township Police Department reminds residents to always lock your car doors. Simply locking your doors greatly reduces risk from someone entering your vehicle at night. Thefts from vehicles are much more prevalent in vehicles that remain unlocked. ♦



Oaks Public Safety Community Event

Thank you to everyone that participated and attended the Oaks Public Safety Community Event held at Lowes on October 20th. This event included first responders from multiple agencies. A great time was had by all. Enjoy snapshots from the event below. ♦





Fire and Community

Fire Prevention Week



Fire Prevention Week is held each year during the month of October, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." Township Firefighters have spread this message while performing fire prevention education at over 20 different fire prevention events during the month of October.

New this year is an inflatable house that gives children an opportunity to walk through and learn fire prevention tips in rooms found in a typical home. The inflatable house also gives children the opportunity to climb out of a window in a controlled environment to learn about alternate methods of escape from a fire. ♦♦

Holiday Safety Tips

Upper Providence Township Firefighters stress the importance of not overloading an outlet or surge protector during the holiday season.



Keep an eye on all candles, and do not leave them unattended.

If your home has a chimney serving a wood burning appliance, make sure to have the chimney cleaned by a qualified professional at least once per year.

Make sure your home has carbon monoxide alarms on each floor.

If you have a natural Christmas tree in your home, please make sure to water the tree often so it does not dry out.

**Upper Providence Township provides a drop off site to recycle Christmas trees. Please see the Township website for more information. ♦♦



More images from the Oaks Public Safety Community Day.

Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee

Upper Providence Township is putting together a subcommittee to begin the process to update the Township's Comprehensive Plan. The process, projected to take twelve to eighteen months, will start in January 2019. Members are expected to attend monthly subcommittee meetings during the plan development process.

Subcommittee membership will consist of members of the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Board and other interested Township residents. If you are interested in finding out more about the plan development process, necessary time commitment, serving on the committee, or have any other questions about the plan, please contact Geoffrey Grace, Director of Planning at either 610-933-9179 or ggrace@uprov-montco.org.

Comprehensive Plans are meant to proactively and comprehensively address future growth and development of a municipality. Upper Providence Township's plan will outline community objectives, provide a vision for the future, and detail the steps to make that vision a reality. The adopted plan becomes the basis and guide for revision of the Township's land use regulations that will guide development over the next decade.

While the exact content of the plan will be discussed during the initial meetings, plan elements will likely include a statement of community objectives, a plan for land use (amount, intensity, and character), a plan to meet housing needs, a transportation plan, a plan for community facilities, environmental protection plans, and short - and long-term implementation strategies.

The Township's Comprehensive Plan was last revised in 2009 and last adopted in 2010. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code recommends that municipalities update their Comprehensive Plan every ten years. The current plan can be viewed on the Township's website (www.uprov-montco.org) and found by searching "Comprehensive Plan 2010". ♦♦

Weekly Fitness Classes at the Upper Providence Township Recreation Center (++ Childcare is offered)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Yoga ++ 9-9:50am - MPR Holly	Power Bands ++ 9-9:50am MPR Arlene	Strength in Motion 9-9:50am - GYM Chris	Pilates 9-9:50am - MPR Chris	Strength in Motion 9-9:50am - GYM Chris	Grit & Gears 8:30-9:20am - SILO Kristi
	TRX 9:00-9:50am - GYM Jordan	Pickleball 11:00am – 3:00pm – GYM	Mindful Movement 11-11:30am - MPR Arlene	Core Strengthening 10-10:50am - GYM Gina	Zumba 10-10:50am – MPR Blaire
Strength and Stability 5-5:50pm – MPR Arlene	Fit & Fab 5:30-6:00pm – MPR Caitlin		Build & Burn 5-5:50pm - MPR Kristi	Pickleball 11am – 3:00pm -GYM	
Cycling 6-6:50pm - SILO Gina	Lean Legs Express 6-6:30pm – MPR Arlene	Cardio-Infused Pilates 6:30-7:20pm - MPR Arlene	Yoga 6-6:50pm - MPR Holly		
	Yoga Firm 6:30-7:20pm - MPR Arlene	Zumba 6:30-7:20pm – GYM			

Class Pricing Per Six Week Session

	50-minute Classes	30-minute Classes	Drop-in Weeks
Member	\$38	\$30	FREE
Non-Member	\$50	\$40	\$8

Personal Training Sessions

1-on-1 training
30 minute session - \$25
60 minute session - \$40

Weekly Senior Fitness Classes at the Upper Providence Township Recreation Center (++ Childcare is offered)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chair Yoga ++ 10-10:50am - MPR Holly	Silver Sneakers Classic ++ 10-10:50am - MPR Becky	Silver Sneakers Yoga 10-10:50am - MPR Chris	Silver Sneakers Classic 10-10:50am - MPR Geri	Silver Sneakers Classic 10-10:50am - MPR Chris
	Zumba Gold 11-11:50am - MPR Becky	Brain Games 1-3:00pm - MPR		

Current Memberships Available at the Upper Providence Township Recreation Center

Full Facility Membership	Resident	Non-Resident
Monthly Membership	\$20	\$30
Silver Sneakers Membership	No Charge to Member	
Silver & Fit Membership	No Charge to Member	

Rentals

We are now opening our building for rental purposes. If you would like more information, please call (484)-391-2390 or email us at uptrcenter@gmail.com.

Childcare:

Childcare is available Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9-11am. The cost is FREE to our members and \$5.00 per child, per hour for non-members

Program Cancellation and Refund Policy

Upper Providence Township reserves the right to cancel any program, trip or activity due to insufficient registration, inclement weather or any reasonable cause; in this case a full refund will be issued. No refunds will be issued for cancellations unless requests are made *in writing* prior to fourteen days of the start of a program. All refunds are subject to a 15% processing fee. No refunds or credits will be issued for cancellation of bus trips or cancellations made after the start of a program. There is a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks.

Special Accommodations Statement

Our programs are for people of ALL abilities. If you require special accommodations, please make the Recreation staff aware when registering for a program. We want to serve you, so let us know how we can help! Call (484) 391-2390 to speak with someone from the Recreation Department.

Upper Providence Township is committed to providing equal opportunities to all participants.

Recreation



Recreation Programs

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Happy Halloween!	1 Story Time at the UPT Rec Center	2	3
5 Hook & Needles Club @1pm	6 Angelina Ballerina Story Time @10am	7	8	9	10
12 Hook & Needles Club @1pm	13	14 Tween/Teen Crafternoons	15	16	17
19 Hook & Needles Club @1pm	20	21	22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	23	24
26 Hook & Needles Club @1pm	27	28 Kids Crafternoons	28	December 6 – Story Time 8 – Breakfast w/Santa 12 – Tween/Teen Crafternoons 14 – Parent's Night Out 18 – Angelina Ballerina Story Time 20 – Toddler Time	

Hook & Needles Club – Mondays at 1:00pm at UPT Rec Center

Come work on your own knitting and crocheting projects in a group setting! Meet new people and maybe learn some new techniques! This event is **Free!**

Story Time – Every 1st Thursday of the month at 10:00am at various locations

Come hear a story or two read by a special guest each month. Free Event! **Pre-Registration is required.**

Angelina Ballerina Story Time – Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00am at various locations. Pre-Registration is required.

Toddler Time – Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:00-11:30am at UPT Rec Center

Bring your toddler (ages 0-5) to play in our gymnasium! We will have balls, hula hoops, a bounce house and more! Cost is \$3 per child (resident) and \$5 per child (non-resident). Siblings under 2 are free!

Parent's Night Out – December 14 from 6:00-10:00pm at UPT Rec Center

Need a date night? Drop your kids off (ages 4-13) for some pizza, games, Rockwall climbing and more! **Pre-Registration is required.** The cost per child is \$15/Resident and \$20/Non-Resident

Trunk or Treat – October 27 from 1:00-3:00pm at Black Rock Park

Looking for some Halloween fun? Come check out our Trunk or Treat event held at Black Rock Park! This event is free to the community. **Pre-registration of your car is required.** Register your car today at www.UPTRC.com!

Tween/Teen Crafternoons - Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:20pm at UPT Rec Center

Come make fun, trendy crafts with us! (ages 11-16) All materials provided. Cost: \$5/Resident, \$7/Non-Resident **Pre-registration is required.**

Kid Crafternoons – Every 4th Wednesday of the month from 4:00-4:50pm at UPT Rec Center

Come make a themed craft each month! (ages 7-10) All materials provided. Cost: \$5/Resident, \$7/Non-Resident **Pre-registration is required.**

Check out our website www.UPTRC.com for more events and information!

Bus Trip:
Radio City Christmas Spectacular
Monday, December 3
Depart Twp: 7:30am
Depart NYC: 5:00pm
Cost: \$125 per person
*Times are approximate



Come Enjoy
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

At the UPT Recreation Center!
December 8, 2018 from 9-11am

Cost per family of 4: \$15/Resident, \$20/Non-Resident
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!



UPPER PROVIDENCE POLLING LOCATIONS

ALL MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

MINGO-1

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR POST 6341
730 S. FOURTH AVENUE
ROYERSFORD, PA 19468

MINGO-2

ROYERSFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
452 S. LEWIS ROAD
ROYERSFORD, PA 19468

MONT CLARE

VALLEY FORGE BAPTIST TEMPLE
616 S. TRAPPE ROAD
COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426

OAKS

BLACK ROCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
STATION
260 GREEN TREE ROAD
OAKS, PA 19456

TRAPPE

SPRING-FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
7TH GRADE CENTER
833 S. LEWIS ROAD
ROYERSFORD, PA 19468



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