

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE

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#GetUPT

Township Celebrates Community!



Special Moments from UPT Community Day 2019

Community Day 2019

Once a year Upper Providence Township gathers together to celebrate what makes us wonderful—you the resident! This year the Township hosted their annual Community Day on Saturday, September 21, 2019. This event was fun for all ages and included a petting zoo, mobile game truck, zip lining, live music, a beer garden, food vendors, and more! No night ends better than a night that ends with fireworks.

The Township extends a special thank you to all of the residents, businesses, and community helpers who made this event possible!

We cannot wait to see you again at our next Community Day held on Saturday, September 19, 2020! Mark your calendars and save the date! ♦

Fire Prevention Month



Did you know that October is Fire Prevention Month?! In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. This year's Fire Prevention Week spans from Sunday October 6th to Saturday October 12th. The goal of fire prevention is to raise awareness about fire safety and help to ensure your home and family are prepared in the event of an emergency. *(Continued on Page 4)*

Budget Workshop

Upper Providence Township is in the process of planning its annual Budget Workshop Meetings. Please check online at www.uprov-montco.org/ to stay on top of the latest updates! ♦



Public Works

Township Administration Hours
Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.



New Sunshades at the Playground at Anderson Farm Park

Sunshades at Anderson Farm

Your favorite Township Park just got even better! Sunshades have recently been installed at Anderson Farm Park at 499 Hopwood Road in Collegeville.

Not only will the sunshades aid in keeping you cooler, but they help protect against harmful UV rays. The equipment will be cooler to touch from being out of direct sunlight, and grownups are not stuck in the sun either. This means that children can play longer without overheating. Feedback on the new sunshades has been very positive. Did we mention, this park also has bathrooms? ♦

Holiday Tree Recycling

Recycling your Christmas tree is Easy! After you've un-decked your halls, be sure to recycle your tree. From December 26, 2019 through January 31, 2020, bring ornament-free trees to the Municipal Complex at 1286 Black Rock Road (during township office hours) or during the listed drop-off times at the Compost Site at 1094 Longford Road.

*The Compost Site also collects leaves, grass clippings, ornamental stumps, branches (up to five inch diameter). Residents Only. ♦



The 2019 Road Paving Project has been completed. ✓

LPVRSA Middle Interceptor Project

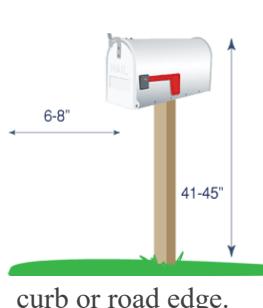
The Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority (LPVRSA) is beginning the last component needed for the PA DEP approved Regional ACT 537 Plan. The last component of this plan to be implemented is to construct a parallel and replace the Middle Interceptor. This project is expected to take two years to complete.

Three of the five construction entrances are located in the Township; Route 29 near Hopwood Road, Arcola Road, and Lower Indian Head Road. Other entrances outside of the Township include First Avenue from Chestnut Street Extension in Collegeville Borough and Yerkes Road in Lower Providence. The construction is located outside of the roadway so there will be a lesser impact on traffic for the general public.

The Perkiomen Trail will also be temporarily impacted intermittently throughout the two-year project. Sections of the trail will be used for temporary pump piping. The piping will be located on the edge of the trail and will be protected by a fence. The piping will remain on the trail for six months south of the Cider Mill Road Crossing. ♦

Rain Barrel Workshop

Upper Providence Township is partnering with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy to bring you this program. The workshop is held on October 15, 2019 and registration is required at <https://www.classy.org/event/upper-providence-township-rain-barrel-workshop/e239590>. ♦



Winter Mailbox Tips

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.

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. ♦



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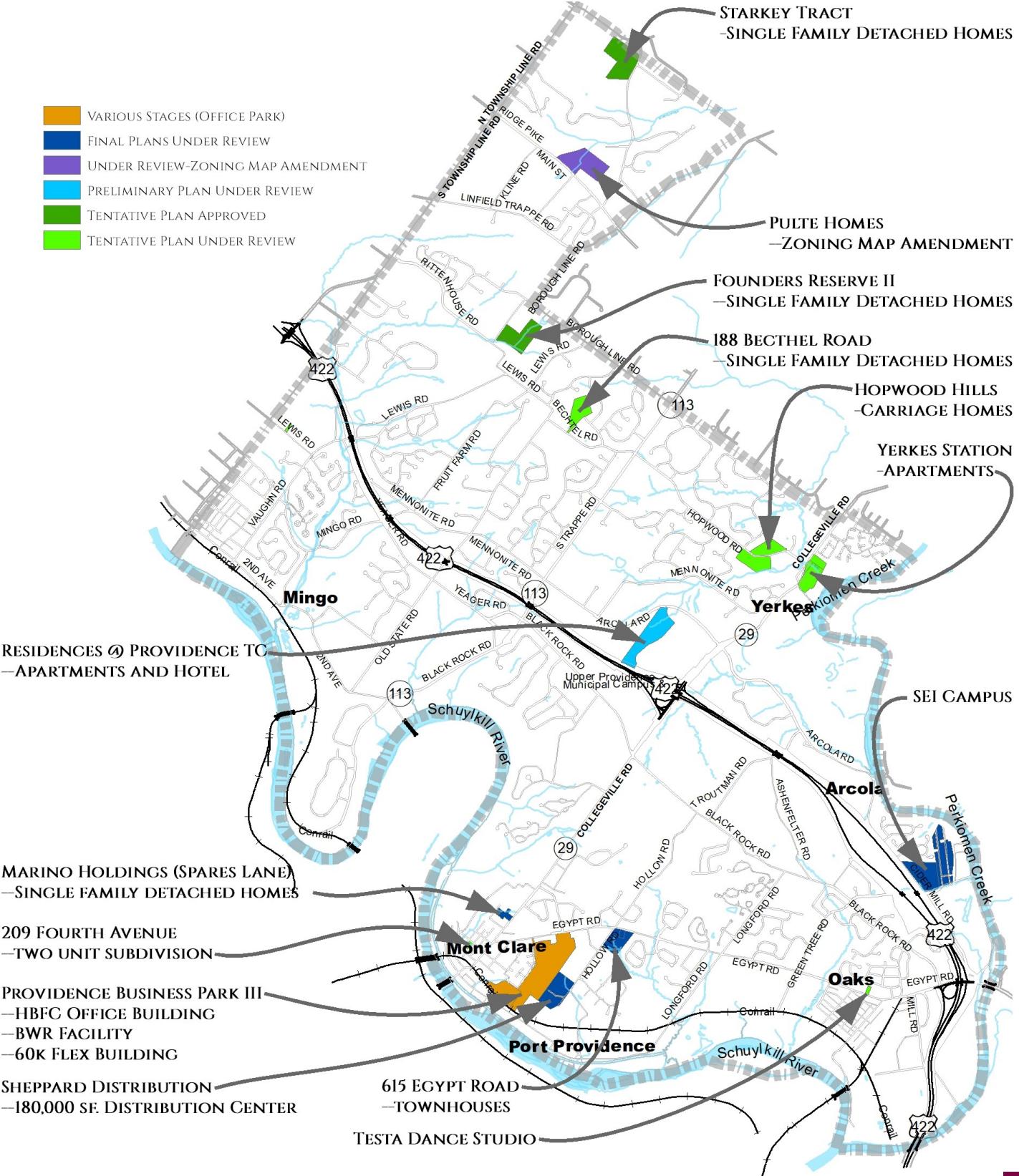


In Development

Admin Phone: 610-933-9179

Admin Fax: 610-983-0355

The Planning Commission reviews development plans at public meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex. 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. Included in the map below are current Planning Commission topics. Learn more at www.uprov-montco.org/226/Planning-Commission.





Fire and Emergency Services

UPT Welcomes New Fire Chief

On September 16, 2019 Upper Providence Township Board of Supervisors swore in new Chief of Fire and Emergency Services Daniel Kerrigan, MS, EFO, CFO, PFT. Chief Kerrigan comes to the Township from East Whiteland Township where he served as Deputy First Marshal/Health and Fitness Coordinator/Emergency Management Coordinator. He brings over 32 years of progressive responsible management experience in the Fire, EMS and Emergency Management Profession. He is a 2014 graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program from the National Fire Academy and has actively served as a volunteer firefighter for the Goshen Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Kerrigan serves on the International Association of Fire Chiefs Safety Health and Survival Section and is also coauthor of a book entitled Firefighter Functional Fitness. Please welcome him to our Township. ♦



Fire Chief Daniel Kerrigan

Fire Prevention Month (Cont'd)



Fire Prevention Week

(Continued from Page 1) Did you know that three out of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms? During fire prevention month, fire departments educate their communities, and encourage parents and loved ones to practice fire safety and whole home safety. This year's fire prevention theme is "Not Every Hero Wears A Cape". In a fire or other emergency seconds count! As your local Fire Department we would like to offer you the following tips:

1. Plan an escape route.
2. Practice home fire drills.
3. Test your smoke alarms on a monthly basis to ensure that they function.
4. Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms every six months or based upon manufacturer recommendations; many smoke

alarms now have ten year sealed batteries.

5. Ensure that you have a minimum of one smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home. Ideally you should also have one in each bedroom / near all sleeping areas; carbon monoxide is the number one cause of accidental deaths.
6. Choose an outside meeting place so that your family knows where to go once they evacuate.
7. Make sure all members of your family understand how to call 9-1-1 and summon emergency responders in the event of an emergency. ♦





Sergeant Hilt Recognized for 25 Years of Service



Sgt. Hilt Receiving Resolution

At the Board of Supervisors Meeting on August 19, 2019, Sergeant Hilt was recognized for his 25 years of service at the Upper Providence Police Department.

Sergeant Hilt began his career with the Police Department in August of 1994 as a patrolman. He holds an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Montgomery County Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University. In February 2014, Sgt. Hilt was promoted to the rank of Corporal and in January of 2017 was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In February of 2019, Sgt. Hilt began his new role as Administrative Sergeant. Thank you, Sergeant Hilt, for your dedicated years of service! ♦

Fall Driving Tips

- Wet leaves, fog, sun glare and frost are a few driving hazards we will encounter this fall. Wet leaves on the roadway can be as slippery as ice and can obscure pavement lines and markings. Motorists should slow down and use extra caution on leaf-covered roads.
- Motorists should use low beam headlights when driving in fog. High beams can create glare and reduce visibility. State law requires headlights to be on when wipers are in use.
- Sun glare can be problematic during sunrise and sunset, which coincides with morning and evening rush hours. The intense sun glare may blind a driver, causing an unexpected traffic slowdown. Drivers can prepare for the glare by keeping a set of sunglasses handy, removing clutter from their sun visors and keeping the inside of their vehicle's windshield clean. Morning frost and icy spots on the road can also cause problems as overnight temperatures drop toward freezing.
- Motorists should pay particular attention to bridges, overpasses and shaded areas on roadways where icy spots can form on the pavement. In addition to exercising caution while driving, motorists should clear their vehicles' windows of frost before travel. ♦



Trick or treat?

Halloween Safety Tips

- Go Trick-Or-Treating with an adult.
- Wear a costume that lets you see and hear perfectly.
- Make sure your costume fits so you don't trip over it.
- Visit only places you know.
- Take a flashlight with you.
- Have a trusted adult check your candy.

Social Security Phone Scam

Police warn residents of a phone scam that is occurring. Scammers are claiming to be the Social Security Advisory Board and that your social security number has been compromised. The Social Security Advisory Board typically does not contact the general public to request personal information over the phone. As a reminder, **never** give your personal information or money over the phone.

If you receive a suspicious call, you may report that information online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report> or by calling (800) 269-0271.



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Recreation

Visit www.uptrc.com or call 610-933-9179 for more details!



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UPT Welcomes New Parks and Recreation Director!

In July of 2019, Upper Providence Township welcomed Sue Hoffman as our new Director of Parks and Recreation. Sue earned her Bachelor's of Science degree from Roanoke College in Virginia. Sue has a background in both fitness center management and program design. She lives in Perk Valley with her growing family.

Since her addition, the Parks and Recreation Department has focused on three major goals. Their first goal focuses on increasing environmental awareness by offering more environmental educational programs. Another goal is to increase park signage with valuable usage information. Lastly, the Department is also looking to offer affordable and fun recreation programs for children, teens and adults and creating more of a community feel by leading more special events! ♦



P&R Director Sue Hoffman

Recreation Center

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



Upper Providence Township Recreation Center

→ Hours of Operation:

M-Th: 7:00am - 9:00pm
F: 7:00am - 8:00pm
S-S: 8:00am - 12:00pm

→ What does the Recreation Center Offer?

- Open Gym Times
- Open Climb Times
- Group Exercise Classes (included with membership)
- Person Training
- Fitness Orientations
- Room Rentals
- Birthday Parties, starting 2020
- Parks and Recreation Programming

→ What's inside?

- Climbing Wall
- Basketball Courts
- Multi-Purpose Room
- Meeting Space
- Fully Equipped Fitness Center:
 - Strength Circuit,
 - Treadmills,
 - Ellipticals,
 - Bikes, Dumbbells
 - Cable Machines
 - Squat Rack
 - TVs



→ Memberships:

- Monthly Resident Membership: \$20
- Monthly Non-Resident Membership: \$30

Contact us:

Phone: (484)391-2390

Address: 499 Hopwood Road, Collegeville, PA 19426



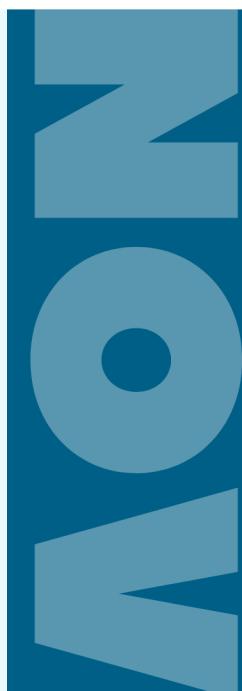


UPT RECREATION EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Zumbini	2 Mahjong	3	4	5
6	7 Hooks & Needles	8 Zumbini	9 Mahjong	10 Story Time	11 Parents' Night Out	12
13	14 Hooks & Needles	15 Angelina Ballerina Story Time Zumbini	16 Mahjong	17	18	19 UP Spooktakular
20	21 Hooks & Needles	22 Zumbini	23 Mahjong	24	25	26
27	28 Hooks & Needles	29 Zumbini	30 Mahjong	31		



Events are held at either Anderson Farm Park or the Township Municipal Complex.
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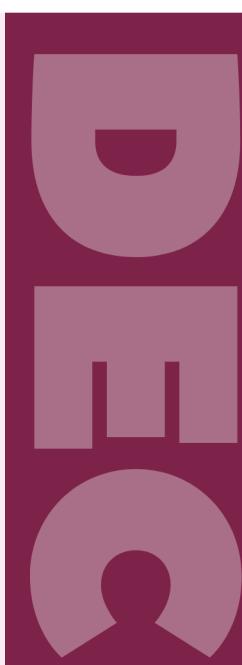


UPT RECREATION EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Hooks & Needles	5 Zumbini	6 Mahjong	7 Story Time	8	9
10	11 Hooks & Needles	12 Angelina Ballerina Story Time Zumbini	13 Mahjong	14	15	16
17	18 Hooks & Needles	19 Zumbini	20 Mahjong	21 Toddler Time	22	23 Frozen Pasta Party
24	25 Hooks & Needles	26 Zumbini	27 Mahjong	28 Rec Center Closed for Holiday	29	30



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UPT RECREATION EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 Hooks & Needles	3	4 Mahjong	5 Radio City Music Hall Bus Trip	6	7 Breakfast with Santa
8	9 Hooks & Needles	10	11 Mahjong	12 Story Time	13 Parents' Night Out	14
15	16 Hooks & Needles	17 Angelina Ballerina Story Time	18 SS Cookie Exchange Mahjong	19 Toddler Time	20	21
22	23 Hooks & Needles	24 Rec Center Open from 7:00 a.m. to Noon	25 Rec Center Closed for Holiday	26	27	28
29	30 Hooks & Needles	31				



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10/19/19



11/23/19



12/07/19



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Sign up today at www.uptrc.com!

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