

# TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE

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## Board of Supervisors Adopt 2020 Budget



The Upper Providence Township 2020 Operating and Capital Budget has been adopted.

At its December 2, 2019 regular meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted a 2020 Operating and Capital Budget for Upper Providence Township.

"The 2020 Budget is balanced and will not require any tax, fee or levy increase of any kind this year," stated Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager.

The \$42.6 million budget pie (on page 6) includes three major components. 51% or \$21.77 million is apportioned to the Township General Fund, which covers all departmental operating costs except for public sewers. These cost centers include the Board of Supervisors, Administration and Finance, the Elected Tax Collector, Legal Services, Police Protection, Fire and Emergency Services, Planning and Zoning, Public Works and Parks and Recreation.

A total of 7 % or \$3.13 million is apportioned to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, which serves as a billing agent

for the regional sewer authority for the collection of all sewer capacity assessments. It also provides revenue for the maintenance of Upper Providence Township's sewer collection system and funding support for major sewer capital projects.

An amount of 42% or \$17.69 million is appropriated to the Township's capital improvement program, which consists of a new Capital Investment Trust (CIT), Capital Financing Proceeds, Liquid Fuels, Sewer Capital, Open Space and Grants. *(continued on page 6)*

### New Township Hours

At the start of the new year, Township Administration will have new operating hours. The Administration building will now be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ♦





# Public Works

## Winter Water Conservation

What you can do to protect our local streams and creeks this winter:

- ❖ Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas. Never dump it into streets or streams.
- ❖ Use safe and effective salt alternatives for ice, like salt-free de-icers, kitty litter or sand.
- ❖ The sooner you shovel, the better! Less ice will form and you won't have to use as much de-icer.
- ❖ Salt piles should be stored under a roof. Report uncovered salt piles to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at: 484-250-5900.



Tips are brought to you by the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy. ♦♦

## Retrievr Recycling Program

A new program has been implemented by Montgomery County to assist county residents with the recycling of electronics, including TVs and microwaves, and clothing. Certain fees may apply. For more information visit [retrievr.com/montcopa](http://retrievr.com/montcopa) or call 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824). ♦♦

### retrievr



We all have clothes and electronics we no longer use cluttering our closets, drawers, and basements. Retrievr is the only program that collects these items right from your door and then recycles them for you.

Your neighbors have already discovered the joy of decluttering their homes by recycling over 50 tons of clothing and electronics. Now you can, too!

Thanks to Montgomery County's partnership with **retrievr**, you can recycle your clothing and electronics right from your doorstep. This service is **FREE** for all clothing, textiles, and small electronics. **Simply visit [retrievr](http://retrievr.com) or text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824)**, and **retrievr** will send a truck to your home. Bag up your items and leave them on your porch; or, leave them inside your door and tell **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.

Convenience fees apply only for certain items: \$10 for each microwave, \$35 for each TV under 150 lbs, and \$100 for each TV 150 lbs or more.

Visit [retrievr](http://retrievr.com) or text PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH to get started.



Tell us what you're recycling



Pick a date for your pickup



A truck comes to your door



### FAQ

#### When does the program go into effect?

Right now! Simply visit [retrievr.com](http://retrievr.com) or text the word PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824) and follow the guided scheduler to set a date.

#### What if I can't send text messages?

Call our number and leave a voicemail. Someone will contact you to schedule a pickup.

#### What items do you accept?

Visit [retrievr](http://retrievr.com) for a full list of accepted items.

#### Where should I leave my items?

You can leave your items on your porch, just outside your door, or just outside your garage.

#### What if I have items I don't want to leave outside, is that okay?

Yes! You might prefer to keep items like computers, phones, or tablets indoors until the driver arrives. When you schedule your pickup, you can ask **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.

#### Can I get a tax write off for items collected?

No. Just as your recycled paper, bottles and cans are not tax deductible, neither are recycled clothing and electronics.

If you have access to a local donation center and prefer to donate some or all of your items, we respect that choice. Donation keeps your items out of the landfill, which makes us happy.



# In Development

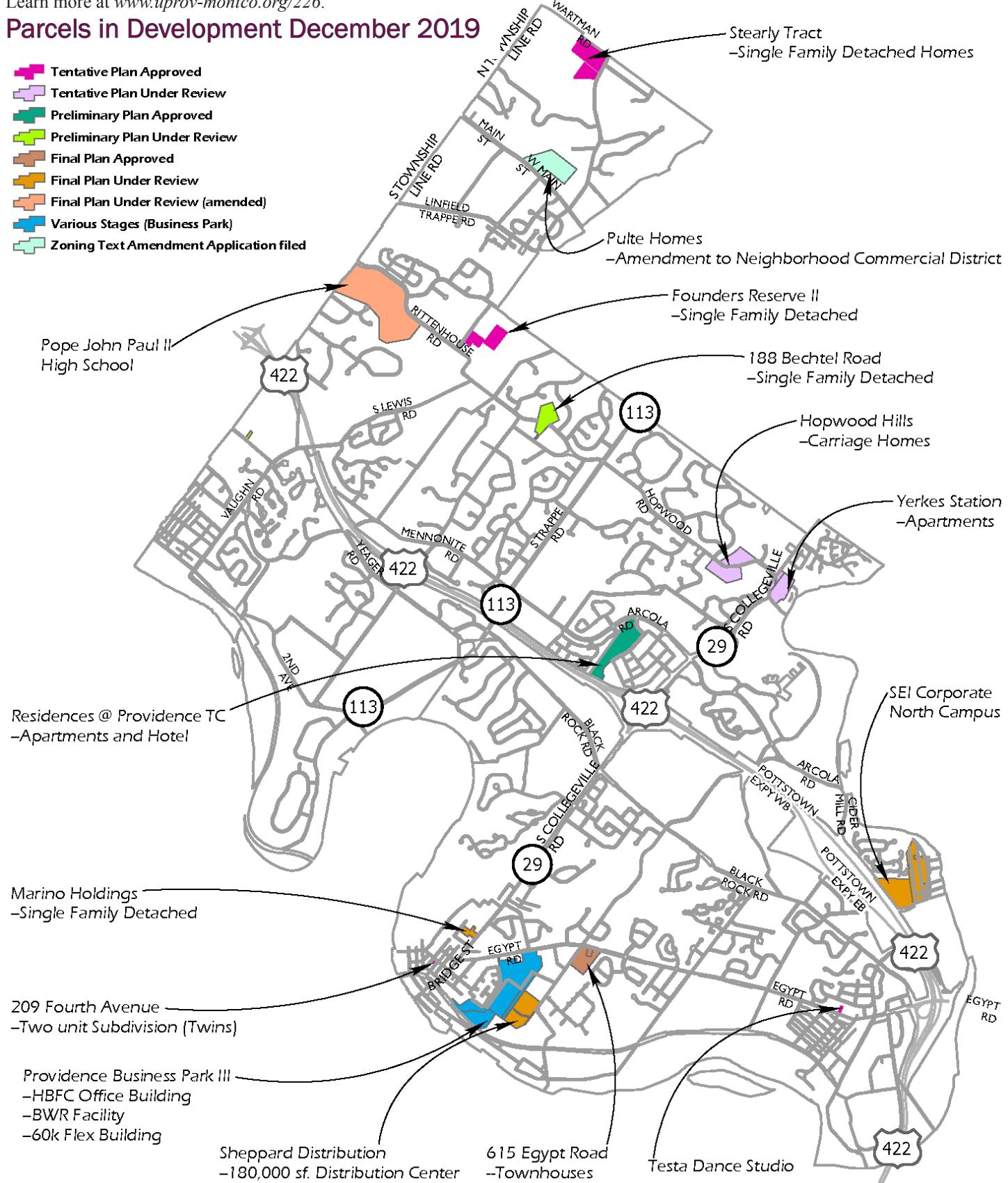
Admin Phone: 610-933-9179

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](http://www.uprov-montco.org/226).

## Parcels in Development December 2019

- Tentative Plan Approved
- Tentative Plan Under Review
- Preliminary Plan Approved
- Preliminary Plan Under Review
- Final Plan Approved
- Final Plan Under Review
- Final Plan Under Review (amended)
- Various Stages (Business Park)
- Zoning Text Amendment Application filed



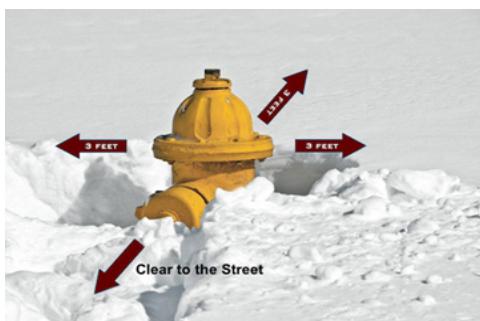


# Fire and Emergency Services

## Help Us Help You!

Winter brings additional challenges for all of us, and the fire department is no different. Although we have map books to help us identify approximate fire hydrant locations, once the snow piles up, it becomes very difficult to locate them due to street and sidewalk setbacks and snow mounds from plowing operations. This is where you can help.

We encourage you take a few minutes to locate the nearest fire hydrant in your neighborhood and to consider “adopting” it. Once the snow hits the ground, clearing a space 3 feet in all directions around hydrants as well as



clearing a path to the street will not only help us to identify its location, but it will also reduce the time it takes to secure a water supply in the event of a fire,

when every second counts. If you are not able to shovel the snow, consider using a cone, broom handle or other noticeable means to mark the hydrant location should it become buried in the snow.

Here are some additional winter fire safety tips to help keep you safe:

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home, including all bedrooms, outside all sleeping areas and in the basement.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from your fireplace or wood stove.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Put fireplace ashes in a metal container with a lid. Place the container outside at least 10 feet from your home.
- Keep space heaters on solid, flat surfaces, and keep anything that can burn at least three feet from them.
- Do not plug them into extension cords.
- If your home has fuel-fired appliances or an attached garage, install a carbon monoxide alarm outside of all sleeping areas.
- Do not operate portable generators inside your home or garage.
- Have your home heater inspected and serviced by a professional.
- Do not overload electrical power strips.
- Make sure your address number is clearly visible from the street. ♦



## Upper Providence Township Parks and Recreation New Orleans Holiday

Booking Discount - Save \$200 per couple!\*  
Booking #138364 (Web Code)  
SHoffman@uprov-montco.org



5 Days

December 6, 2020

Travel Preview!  
March 10, 2020

Rec Center - 10:45 a.m.  
Township Building - 6:00 p.m.

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## Receiving Packages at Your Home



The number of packages ordered from mail order companies like Amazon are on the rise. Orders increase dramatically during the holidays. If you prefer to shop on-line instead of going to the mall, you probably find that you worry about the delivery of your package knowing they may be left unattended for periods of time on your doorstep until you can secure them. According to Safewise.com, in 2017, approximately 26 million Americans had packages stolen after delivery. Safewise.com has also listed things you can do to save yourself from the hassle of tracking down stolen items. Here are six smart moves you can do to prevent package theft.

1. Install security cameras in key locations about your home. Not only can these systems let you know when a package is delivered but in the event of a theft, can provide quality evidence for police to use to investigate and validate your reported claim.
2. Get to know your delivery driver. Not all security measures are high tech. When it comes to protecting your items, it still pays to be on friendly terms with the drivers who make deliveries in your neighborhood. When you know your delivery person, that means that they also know your package preferences.
3. If you're already an Amazon Prime member, then you'll love the convenience and safety of Amazon lockers. These are self-service lockers that let you safely pick up your Amazon purchases at a nearby location (like a convenience store or Supermarket) when you are ready to take them home.
4. Network with your neighbors. Get together with neighbors to fight package theft. Agree to look out for strangers in the neighborhood and keep an eye on deliveries at one another's homes.
5. Add a smart doorbell. You don't have to have a complete security system to keep an eye on package deliveries. A smart doorbell might be the simple solution you need to keep purchases safe.
6. Pick packages up in person. It may not be quite

as convenient as receiving deliveries at your front door, but one sure way to guarantee safety is to have packages held at the post office or delivery service store until you can pick them up yourself. ♦



## 2020 Census

The 2020 Census data collection will begin in March 2020. The Census is an important means to gather population count in the United States. The last Census was collected in 2010. According to the 2010 Census, Upper Providence Township had a population of 21,219, a median age of 38.7 years and a total of 7,549 housing units. It will be interesting to see the growth of our Township in just 10 years!

The first Census was collected in 1790. It is found in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. The results are used to determine funding and the amount of seats each state receives in Congress.

Please remember, the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation. The Census Bureau will NEVER ask for:

- your Social Security number
- your bank account or credit card numbers
- money or donations.

If someone visits your home to collect a response, you can ask to verify their identity. They will have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. If you have any questions about identity or suspected fraud, call 800-923-8282. For more information and important dates, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). ♦

## DID YOU KNOW...?

United States  
Census  
2020

For the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept census responses online. The process will be quick and secure. You can respond to the 2020 Census in less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee. You'll also be able to respond by mail or phone if you prefer. Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) to learn more about what to expect.

#2020Census





# Administration

Township Administration Hours:  
Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.  
Phone: 610-933-9179

## Supervisor Phil Barker Recognition



Supervisor Phil Barker

not only the final meeting of the year, but Supervisor Barker's last meeting as an elected official. During those 18 years, Upper Providence developed and evolved into the well-planned community that it is today. Mr. Barker's vast knowledge in planning contributed to this success, and for that we are extremely grateful. His institutional knowledge will be missed. Thank you, Supervisor Barker, for your 18 years of service! ♦

## Upper Providence Welcomes New Supervisor

On Monday, January 6, 2020, Upper Providence Township welcomed our newest supervisor Bill Starling. His vision for the Township includes better roadways and more recreational access. Supervisor Starling stated "the township has dangerous and congested intersections especially at rush hour." It is his goal to have safe and accessible roadways for residents and motorists passing through. Connectivity of the trail system and completed trail circuits are another area of focus.

Supervisor Starling has been a Township resident for over 20 years. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling with his wife and spending time with his grandchildren. ♦



Supervisor Bill Starling

## Board of Supervisors Adopt 2020 Budget Cont'd.



(continued from page 1) The CIT is a new addition to the budget and was created to provide seed money to help cushion the fiscal impact of major infrastructure projects anticipated within the next five years. The plan is to use the CIT as a vehicle for providing in-house financing for certain capital projects based on the life of the capital asset.

Stated Upper Providence Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman, "By establishing this financial vehicle now, the Township stands a greater chance of meeting future long-term obligations by bending the cost curve, smoothing budgetary spikes and minimizing future tax increases."

In his transmittal letter to the Board of Supervisors, Tieperman cautioned that over the next five years, the Township will be facing some major fiscal headwinds in the form of increased costs for fire and emergency services, new federal stormwater mandates and township-wide infrastructure improvements.

"New federal stormwater mandates alone are anticipated to cost around \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 annually," said Tieperman. "In 2020, the Board and Staff will be making a more deliberate and concerted effort to address these fiscal challenges fairly and openly with the public and engage them on how best to tackle these issues prudently."

Despite these challenges, Upper Providence remains one of the most desirable municipalities in which to live. Of the 65 municipalities in Montgomery County, Upper Providence Township still has the lowest property tax rate for communities that provide both paid police and fire services. Moreover, it also has one of the lowest sewer rates in the county. ♦



# Recreation



Visit [www.uptrc.com](http://www.uptrc.com) or  
call 610-933-9179 for more details!

Recreation Center located at Anderson Farm Park at 499 Hopwood Road, Collegeville, PA 19426  
Visit [www.uptrc.com](http://www.uptrc.com) or call 484-391-2390 for more information and/or class updates.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Rec Center Closed	2 Vinyasa Yoga	3 Power Bands	4 Grit & Gears
5 Circuit 30 Ride	6 Tai Chi Yoga	7 Angelina Ballerina Story Time	8 Cardio Infused Pilates	9 Story Time	10 Power Bands	11 Grit & Gears
12 The Pulse Circuit 30	13 Ride The Pulse	14 Breathe & Flow	15 Cardio Infused Pilates	16 Vinyasa Yoga	17 Power Bands	18 Grit & Gears
19 The Pulse Circuit 30	20 Ride The Pulse	21 Breathe & Flow	22 Cardio Infused Pilates	23 Toddler Time Vinyasa Yoga	24 Power Bands	25 Grit & Gears
26 The Pulse Circuit 30	27 Tai Chi Yoga	28 Camp Extravaganza	29 Vinyasa Yoga	30 Vinyasa Yoga	31 Power Bands	32 Grit & Gears

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Grit & Gears
2 Camp Registration Begins	3 Breathe & Flow	4 Abs Express	5 Story Time Vinyasa Yoga	6 Power Bands	7 Grit & Gears	8 Grit & Gears
9 Ride The Pulse	10 Tai Chi Yoga	11 TRX Fusion	12 Vinyasa Yoga	13 Parent's Night Out	14 Power Bands	15 Grit & Gears
16 Ride Circuit 30	17 Angelina Ballerina Story Time	18 Abs Express	19 Toddler Time Vinyasa Yoga	20 Power Bands	21 Grit & Gears	22 Grit & Gears
23 The Pulse Circuit 30	24 Breathe & Flow	25 TRX Fusion	26 Vinyasa Yoga	27 Power Bands	28 Grit & Gears	29 Grit & Gears

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8 The Pulse Ride	9 Breathe & Flow	10 Tai Chi Yoga	11 Abs Express	12 Vinyasa Yoga	13 Power Bands	14 Grit & Gears
15 Circuit 30 The Pulse	16 Angelina Ballerina Story Time	17 TRX Fusion	18 Cardio Infused Pilates	19 Toddler Time Vinyasa Yoga	20 Power Bands	21 Grit & Gears
22 Ride The Pulse	23 Breathe & Flow	24 Tai Chi Yoga	25 Abs Express	26 Vinyasa Yoga	27 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt	28 Community Easter Egg Hunt
29 Circuit 30 Ride	30 Breathe & Flow	31 Tai Chi Yoga	1 Abs Express	2 Vinyasa Yoga		3 Grit & Gears

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

2020  
ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY  
GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020



UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION

CAMP  
EXTRAVAGANZA

Early Registration Opportunity · Calendar  
Sneak Peak · Giveaways

JANUARY 29, 2020  
6:00–7:30PM  
UPPER PROVIDENCE  
TOWNSHIP RECREATION  
CENTER

UPT PARKS & RECREATION

# CAR SHOW

SATURDAY,  
JUNE 20, 2020

- ❖ Discussion of our 2020 Budget on Pages 1 and 6.
- ❖ Police and Fire Safety Tips on Pages 4 and 5.
- ❖ View our latest Recreation Programs on page 7.
- ❖ Recognition of incoming and outgoing Supervisors on page 6.

What's Inside:



Winter 2020

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