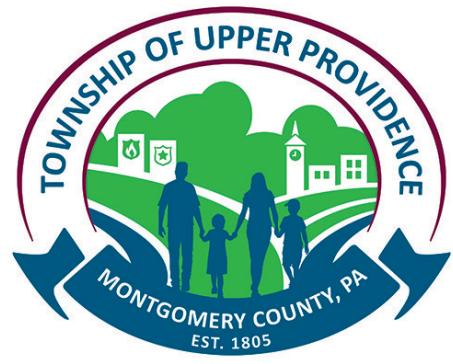


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## Nature RX



Trails in Upper Providence Township

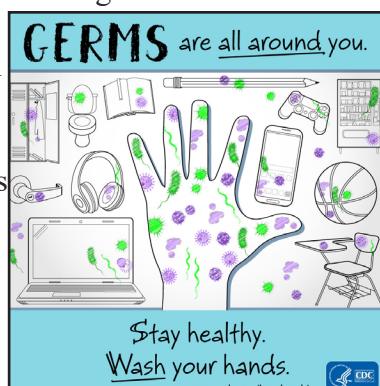
As many of us find ourselves at home during this time of social distancing, you might find yourself getting restless, feeling anxious, or just needing a change of pace. Studies have shown that spending time outside in nature cannot only relieve stress and anxiety but also improve your mood and heart health. It is important to not only get outside, but also to take some time to decompress and disconnect from the buzz of life happening around us. The benefits of nature can be felt by all ages both young and old!

Not sure what to do? Here are some ideas to help get you started! Participate by yourself or with your family, but please maintain social distancing. *(continued on Page 6)*

## COVID-19 Update

Upper Providence Township is taking its best precautions to slow the spread and intensity of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. At the Township, we are following the guidelines and recommendations set forth by the County, State, and Federal government.

We are following updates by the Montgomery County Health Department and Center for Disease Control (CDC). There are precautions that you as residents can take part in to slow this spread. *(continued on Page 2)*





# Administration

## UPT Hires New HR Director



Christine Marchini

she is a Certified Personal Trainer and group instructor, who strives to motivate individuals personally and

Christine Marchini has worked in various Human Resource roles since 1995. She started as Personnel Supervisor for Lower Merion Township and has contributed to diverse organizations in the public and private sectors. Christine received her degree in Human Resource Management from Cabrini College. Additionally,

professionally.

Christine and her husband reside in the Limerick area with their 2 daughters and 1 son. She is a fitness enthusiast and has competed in Spartan races. She enjoys spending time with her family at the beach. ♦

## Coronavirus COVID-19 Update (Cont'd)

(continued from Page 1) First, please wash your hands frequently. Also, avoid the urge to touch your face. Practice social distancing to avoid contact and further spread. If you have to cough or sneeze, please do so into your elbow. If you are sick, please stay home and avoid contact with others. We ask for your help to stop the spread of this virus.

*\*Please see the table directly below for additional County resources.\** ♦

## Montgomery County Contact Information

Phone/Email/Website/Social	Location	Hours	Purpose
610-631-3000	DPS (Dept. of Public Safety)	7am - 8pm Every day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Answer general questions from the public</li> </ul>
610-635-4300	DPS-911	8pm—7am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Escalate any urgent issues to the on-call Health</li> </ul>
610-278-5117	HHS OPH (Health & Human Services and Office of Public Health)	8am—4:30 pm Mon—Fri	<p>Answer calls from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health care providers</li> <li>Long term care facilities</li> <li>Schools</li> <li>General COVID-19 calls from the public</li> </ul>
610-278-3522	HHS Community Connections	8am—6pm Mon—Fri	<p>Answer calls from the public to find services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Food</li> <li>SNAP food program</li> <li>Senior Services</li> <li>Mental health</li> <li>Behavioral Health</li> </ul>
<a href="http://www.montcopa.org/COVID-19">www.montcopa.org/COVID-19</a>	County Staff	24/7	<p>“Hub” of Montgomery County Specific information This is where we are directing people to start with their inquiries.</p>
covid19@montcopa.org	County Staff	7am—6pm Mon—Fri 10am—4pm	<p>For non-urgent questions; County staff is monitoring and replying</p>

### Social Media:

Montgomery County Health and Human Services	Facebook, Twitter		
Office of Public Health	Facebook, Twitter, Instagram		
Department of Public Safety	Facebook, Twitter		
	Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Instagram, Ready Radio		

## Address Change!



Beginning on June 1, 2020 Upper Providence Township will be changing the address of the Municipal Complex. All mail should help be sent to 1286 Black Rock Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460. ♦♦♦

## Active Transportation Plan & Complete Streets Policy

Upper Providence Township is currently developing an Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy which will identify projects and strategies for improving walking and biking opportunities throughout the community. The Active Transportation Plan will build upon previous efforts to identify priority bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements. Such improvements will close key gaps in the sidewalk and trail network and enable residents and visitors to safely travel about the township regardless of their transportation mode. The Complete Streets Policy will be a key step in implementing the Active Transportation Plan by setting the stage for Upper

Providence Township to prioritize moving people rather than just moving cars. It will include strategies to establish a balanced transportation network, equitably allocate funding, educate staff and decision makers, enable public participation, and build partnerships with implementation partners.

The Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy is being developed concurrently with the Comprehensive Plan Update. All three documents are intended to be adopted this fall. To provide input or learn more about the Active Transportation Plan, please visit [www.walkuprovmontco.mindmixer.com](http://www.walkuprovmontco.mindmixer.com).



## Sewer Billing

In an effort to control costs, sewer billing will be done on a semiannual basis starting in October. ♦♦♦

## Board of Supervisors Meeting

Please check our website for the next Board of Supervisors Meeting information at [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org). ♦♦♦



## Police

### Don't Forget the Locks!

Especially as the weather gets warmer, Upper Providence Township Police Department reminds all residents to lock your doors and windows, including car doors! Do not leave personal effects or money in your unlocked car. Prevent yourself from becoming a victim of theft. ♦♦♦

In case of emergency call 911.

Non-emergencies call 610-489-9332

## Submit Crime Tips Online

Upper Providence Township Police Department accepts crime tips online through our CRIMEWATCH website at [upperprovidencepolice.org/](http://upperprovidencepolice.org/). CRIMEWATCH allows users to submit your tip which you can even do anonymously. ♦♦♦

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## UPT Proud

**ANDERSON FARM**

**NATURE**

**BLACK ROCK**

**PARKSANDREC**

**CAMP**

**PLAYGROUND**

**COMMUNITY**

**POLICE**

**DOG PARK**

**PUBLICWORKS**

**FIRE**

**SKATE**

**HESS**

**SPORTS**

**MACFARLAN**



# Fire and Emergency Services

## New Assistant Fire Chief



Mike Rissell

the Skippack Fire Company. ♦

We are pleased to announce that Mike Risell has joined the department as our new Assistant Fire Chief of Operations and Training. Mike comes to us from the East Whiteland Township (Chester County) Fire Department, where he served as a shift commander. Mike is also a long-time member of

## New Fire Station

Work has begun on the design for a new central emergency services facility to be located at the Upper Providence Township Municipal Complex. We're excited to partner with GKO Architects and their consultants,

Daniel Redstone Architects, to design a functional fire station that will enable us to serve the township for many years to come. We will continue to work along side Black Rock Volunteer Fire Company, Royersford Fire Department, Trappe Fire Company and Collegeville Fire Company as well as Friendship, Trappe and Lower Providence EMS to deliver a high level of service to the community. ♦

## Montgomery County Ready Radio

Montgomery County Department of Public Safety's Ready Radio network broadcasts essential information relative to safety, health, and emergency preparedness in the home, at the workplace, and in our communities.

Listen live on your computer or mobile device or tune in on your radio to 106.5 FM. For more information on the web, please visit <https://www.montcopa.org/3281/Ready-Radio> ♦



Department of Public Safety  
Montgomery County, PA

1286 Black Rock Road, Phoenixville, PA  
Compost Site: 1094 Longford Road, Oaks, PA

## Compost Site for Residents



The Township Compost Site located at 1094 Longford Road continues to be very popular among the residents of the Township. In 2019, the site received 1,638 yards of yard waste dropped off by residents

to be processed. We currently have 1,800 yards of mulch and 100 yards of compost available to Township residents at no cost! The cleaner the material for composting that is brought in the better the finished product will be. Residents are reminded that they are responsible for loading and unloading material. Bins were added along with signage for easy material drop off. Residents can register at the compost site during hours of operation.

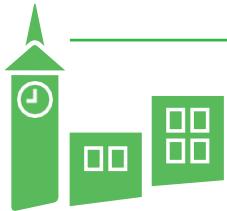
Additional information and hours are available on the Township website at [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org).

## Public Works



*\*Please be aware that the Compost Site is temporarily closed due to government restrictions. To stay updated check our website or social media. Thank you.\** ♦





# In Development

Phone: 610-933-9179

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

## Parcels in Development March/April 2020

■ 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

— Schuylkill River Trail

— Perkiomen Trail

**Township Trails**

— Built Trails

— Trails in Development

Pope John Paul II  
High School  
-Bleachers & locker room

Residences @ Providence TC  
-Apartments and Hotel

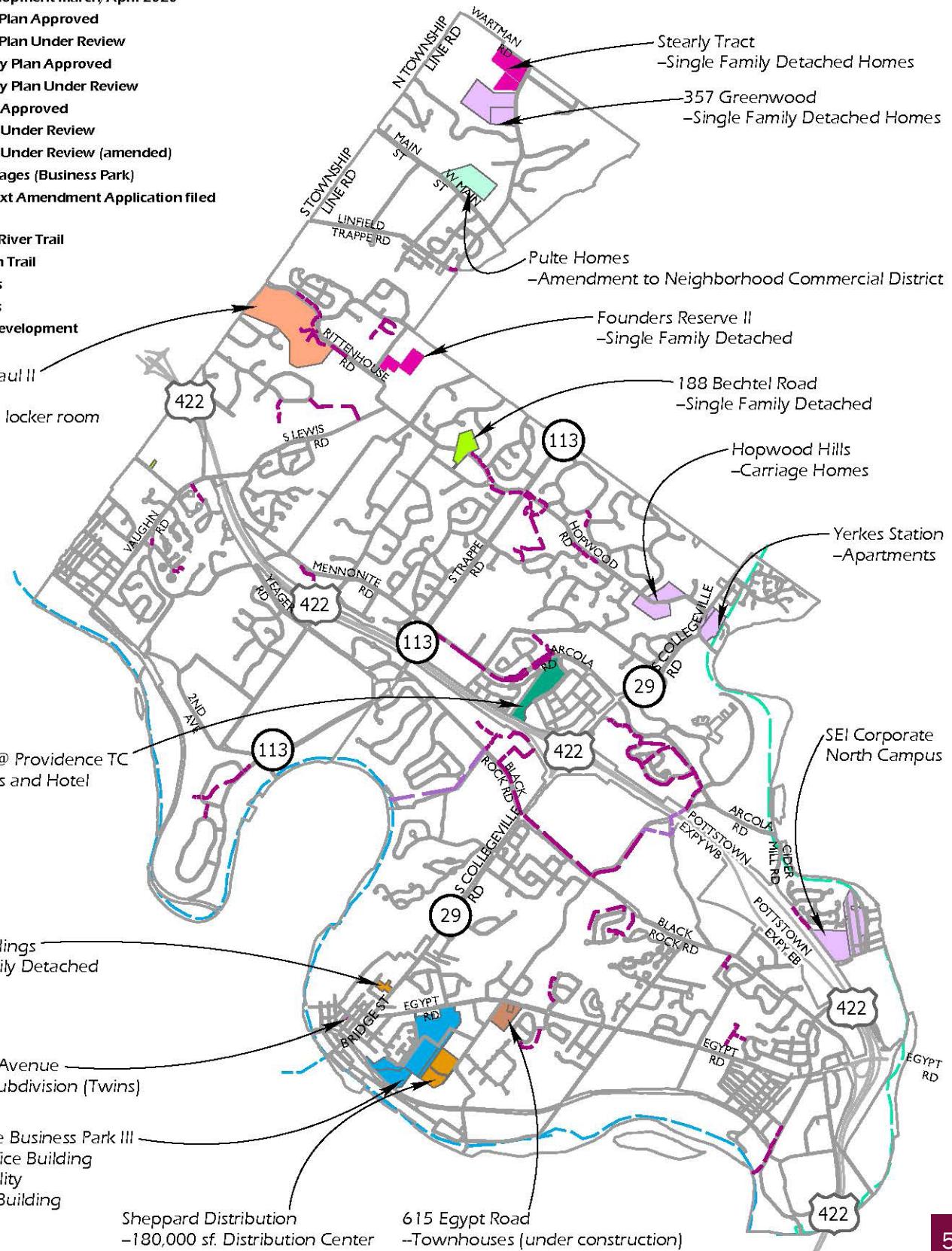
Marino Holdings  
-Single Family Detached

209 Fourth Avenue  
-Two unit Subdivision (Twins)

Providence Business Park III  
-HBFC Office Building  
-BWR Facility  
-60k Flex Building

Sheppard Distribution  
-180,000 sf. Distribution Center

615 Egypt Road  
-Townhouses (under construction)





# Recreation



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

## Summer Camps

Upper Providence Township Parks and Recreation has



been offering summer camps since 2008.

Over the past 12 years, the camp program has grown into one of the area's most popular choice for summer fun! Our day camp focus is not only on

getting kids outside and interacting with each other, but also to challenge them while also having lots of fun. Campers enjoy six fantastic action-packed weeks of outdoor activity! The day camp is split into 3 two-week sessions. Our goal each summer is to send our campers home healthy, happy and tired. During these sessions the campers participate in a variety of different sports, games and crafts while also enjoying exciting field trips and special events. Some of the field trips include Dorney Park, Franklin Institute and adventures at Marsh

Creek with L.L. Bean! A new feature we are adding to camp this year will be the opportunity for campers ages 10-12 years old to give back to their community by volunteering with local organizations. Our hope is to inspire our campers to get involved in their community year-round.

A variety of specialty camps are offered weekly throughout the summer. Themes vary from Science to Theater to Sports. We partner with companies like Mad Science and Bricks 4 Kidz to offer half day, weeklong specialty camps for many ages.

For more information on our summer camp offerings or to register for Upper Providence Township Summer Camps please visit our website [www.uptrc.com](http://www.uptrc.com), call us at (610)933-9179 or email us at [uptcamps@gmail.com](mailto:uptcamps@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you this summer!

**\*Please be aware that all camps are subject to cancellation or change. To stay updated check our website or social media. Thank you.\*** ♦



## Nature RX (Cont'd)

(continued from Page 1) You can stay active by:

- Paint kindness rocks
- Climb a tree
- Have a scavenger hunt in your backyard
- Grab a blanket and have a picnic outside
- Create a Nature Notebook and use it
- Draw with sidewalk chalk
- Collect things for a nature sensory bin
- Bird watch in your backyard
- Plant a flower
- Hunt for worms in the ground
- Read a book outside
- Go camping in the backyard
- Create something from things you find outside
- Go for a walk
- Sit outside, close your eyes and listen to all the sounds.

Share your adventures with us! Tag us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or email us at [uptparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:uptparksandrec@gmail.com)!

Facebook: Upper Providence Township Parks and Recreation

Instagram: @uptparksandrec

Twitter: @uptparksandrec ♦



# Nature

## Scavenger Hunt

**Flower** 

**Pinecone** 

**Clover** 

**Bird** 

**Worm** 

**Cloud** 

**Feather** 

**Spider Web** 

**Insect** 

**Seed** 

## CAMP EVENTS FOR JUNE 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
	7	8	9	10	11	12
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

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## CAMP EVENTS FOR JULY 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
		Camp Anderson Farm - S 1				
		Camp Black Rock - S 1				
		Mad Science Camp				
		Theater Camp				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Preschool Camp				
		Bricks 4 Kidz				
		Jump Start Sports Camp				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Camp Anderson Farm - S 2				
		Camp Black Rock - S 2				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Camp Anderson Farm - S 2				
		Camp Black Rock - S 2				
		Photography Camp				

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## CAMP EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
		Camp Anderson Farm - S 3				
		Camp Black Rock - S 3				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Camp Anderson Farm - S 3				
		Camp Black Rock - S 3				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Mad Science Camp				
		Bricks 4 Kidz				
		Chess Camp				
		Theater Camp				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Preschool Camp				
		Jump Start Sports Camp				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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**Please be aware  
that the following  
events are  
CANCELLED.**

- Flashlight Egg Hunt
- Community Egg Hunt
- Music Fest
- Annual Golf Outing



Come celebrate  
**Christmas in July**

with us at Reynold's Dog Park on  
July 25, 2020!

Get your picture taken with Hawaiian  
Santa, check out awesome vendors  
and meet other dog families!



**Dogs  
&  
Doughnuts!**

Come join us at Reynold's Dog  
park for a meet up with other  
dogs, owners and the Parks and  
Rec department!

Did I forget to mention, there  
will be FREE doughnuts?

Stay tuned for dates!



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