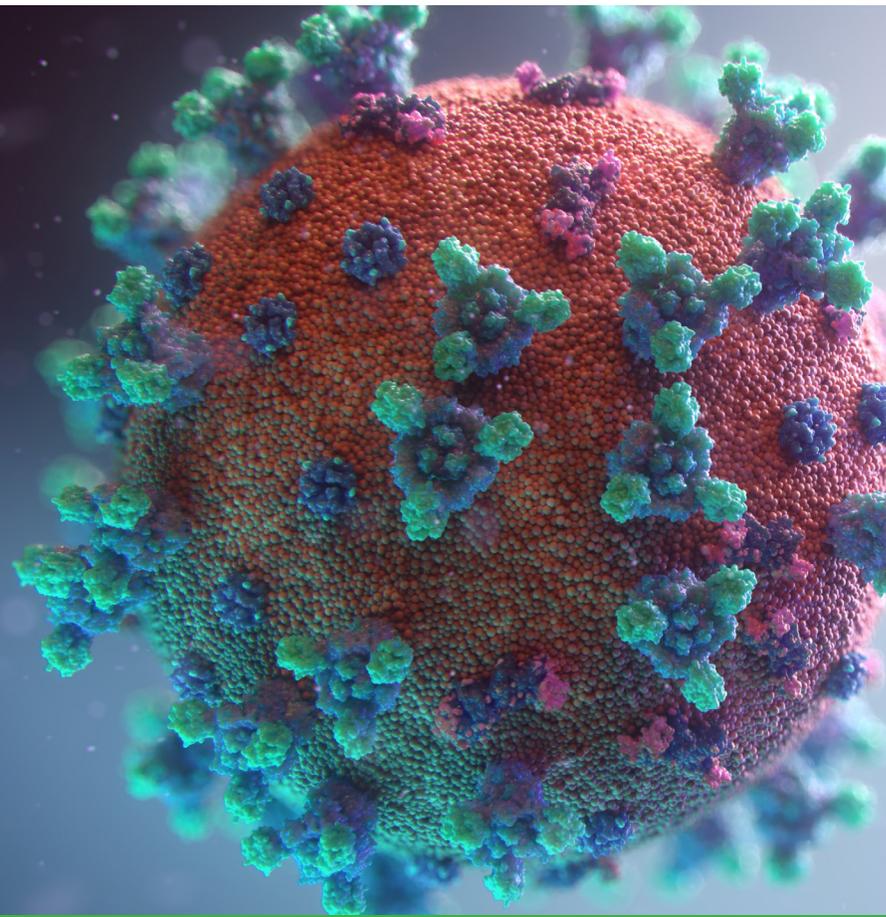


#GetUPT

UPT COVID Response



Novel COVID-19 Virus



The original focus of this newsletter was to cover all the exciting activities that typically arrive with the onset of summer, most notably Upper Providence’s annual Community Day festivities, summer concerts, day camp programs and an assortment of recreational opportunities awaiting kids over summer break. Unfortunately, COVID-19’s unexpected arrival necessitated the cancellation of these 2020 seasonal programs and events.

This cover story, therefore, is devoted to the Township’s response to this crisis, and what lies ahead.
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2020 Paving Projects

The 2020 Township wide paving projects have been awarded. This year the paving was split into two projects. Each project includes the installation of ADA handicap ramps where deemed necessary to comply with current ADA accessibility requirements. New sanitary manhole frames and covers and stormwater inlet c-tops will also be replaced where needed.

Project "A" was awarded to Allen Meyers LP in the amount of \$665,100.00 and includes the following streets:

- Buckwalter Road
- Buckwalter Circle
- Old Mill Road
- Helen Circle
- Henry Drive
- Missimer Drive

Project "B" was awarded to Delaware Valley Paving in the amount of \$613,457.50 and includes the following streets:

- Anderson Road
- Yocum Road
- Green Street
- Brandon Circle
- Minuteman Drive
- Von Steuben Drive
- Anthony Wayne Circle
- Dreibelbis Road
- North Borough Line Road

Paving is scheduled to begin in July. ❖



Upper Providence Township Residential Recycling Guide

PAPER That CAN Be Recycled

- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Telephone Books
- Chipboard Boxes
 - Cereal and cracker boxes with the inside packaging removed.
- Corrugated Cardboard
 - The cardboard with the ripple in the middle can now be recycled
 - Break or cut boxes and flatten to fit in paper recycling container



PAPER That CAN'T Be Recycled



- Pizza boxes and any other paper that has food, paint, oil, or other contaminants on it goes in the trash.

How To Recycle PAPER

- Simply place your paper in your recycling bin. No need to sort with single stream recycling!



METAL That CAN Be Recycled

- Aluminum Beverage Cans
- Steel and Tin Beverage Cans
- Any Can that Contained Food



METAL That CAN'T Be Recycled***

- Aluminum Foil & Food Trays
- Wire Coat Hangers
- Window Blinds
- Paint Cans
- Pots & Pans
- Pressed or Forged Steel or Cast Iron



How To Recycle METAL Cans

- Remove the tops or push them into the can, rinse, and throw them in your recycling bin - no need to remove the labels.

***Local Scrap Dealers may Recycle these Items.

GLASS That CAN Be Recycled

- All colors - green, clear, brown
- All bottles that contained pourable liquids
- All jars that contained food products



GLASS That CAN'T Be Recycled



- Window Glass
- Ceramics/Coffee Mugs
- Crystal and Mirrors
- Light Bulbs & Florescent Tubes

How To Recycle GLASS

- Remove and discard lids, rinse food out of containers and put them in your recycling bin - no need to remove the labels.



PLASTIC That CAN Be Recycled

- PETE Plastic - #1 (clear or opaque)
 - Water jugs & bottles
 - Soda & juice bottles
 - Milk jugs
- HDPE Plastic - #2 (white or colored)
 - Orange juice jugs
 - Antifreeze & motor oil containers
 - Detergent & bleach containers



PLASTIC That CAN'T Be Recycled

- Any Number *Other Than* #1 or #2
 - No styrofoam cups or packaging
 - No clear formed food trays
 - No flower pots or garden flats
 - No plastic bags or stretch wrap



How To Recycle PLASTIC

- Remove all lids, rinse container, and put in the bin with the glass and metal - no need to remove the labels.



UPT COVID Response Cont'd

(continued from Page 1) While the coronavirus has severely impacted all Montgomery County commerce and government at all levels, UPT government never shut down. While the administration and police lobbies were closed and certain inspections were suspended, Township departments quickly adapted and improvised to continue providing critical public services while at the same time following CDC guidelines. This was especially true for our first responders.



Fire and Emergency Services

Throughout this crisis, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) staffed an emergency operations center (EOC) to coordinate all response and recovery activities. UPT Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, Dan Kerrigan, stated, "We adjusted our staffing models to minimize exposure to large employee groups. Our team made exhaustive efforts to procure the needed personal protective equipment (PPE) for all our fire, police, and emergency personnel. We were also able to secure specialized equipment to implement an aggressive decontamination plan for our emergency fleet and facilities. Our entire DFES team provided support and guidance to all contracted volunteer fire departments as part of a unified approach to secure high-level service delivery at minimum risk. We also extended our mutual aid assistance to other municipalities who were overwhelmed by the virus' impact."



Police

UPT Police Chief Mark Toomey stated "Securing personal protective equipment (PPE) quickly was difficult at first due to supply shortages. We needed PPE to protect our officers during medical emergency assists and for calls involving COVID positive individuals. However, as the pandemic continued, the availability of PPE increased, thanks in part to donations from many residents and companies." Businesses such as Wegmans and Pfizer stepped forward in providing both emergency supplies and financial assistance for EOC efforts. Many residents also made and donated hundreds of cloth masks for Township employees.

Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman stated, "It was remarkable to see how the Board of Supervisors, the UPT staff and the community at large rallied together to meet the needs of our first responders. We

were forced to learn how to do things differently, including conducting meetings virtually, handling building permits remotely and processing more transactions digitally." Said Tieperman, "When this crisis is over, there will be a new normal on how we can function more efficiently, and that is not a bad thing."

Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department had an especially arduous challenge to adapt to these new social distancing restrictions. In adapting to this new normal, the department got creative during these past few months. UPT Parks Director, Susan Hoffman stated "It was the department's mission to find a positive and enjoyable way to keep the children of our community entertained without increased screen time.

UPT At Home is one such program. The program entailed a craft kit filled with fun activities for families to enjoy together. Each week we created special kits that were assembled in reusable Upper Providence



Township bags and delivered directly to the resident's door. Some crafts included magnetic slime, tie dye, and DIY projects. Each kit included all the tools needed to do each activity." Residents receiving the kits loved the offering and appreciated that each kit was delivered in keeping with social distancing regulations. (continued on Page 4)

Plastic Bag Quest Winner



Thank you to all of our participants of our Plastic Bag Quest featured in the Winter Edition of our Newsletter. There were a total of 13 bags hidden in the newsletter. Congratulations to lucky winner Sandra for your correct guess! ❖

2020 Holiday Office Closures:

Labor Day

Monday, September 7

Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday, October 12

Veterans' Day

Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27

Christmas Holiday

Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25

Can I Use a Fire Pit?

Recreational fires are permitted in the Township in most cases, but they must comply with the following:

- Portable outdoor fireplaces must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. These requirements usually include 15' of clearance to structures and combustible material.
- Recreational fires (those not contained in a portable outdoor fireplace) shall not be conducted within 25' of a structure or combustible material. The size of the fuel area shall not be greater than 3' in diameter and 2' in height.
- Fires must be constantly attended by a responsible party until extinguished. A method of extinguishment must be available in close proximity to the fire such as a garden hose or an appropriately sized fire extinguisher. ❖



Can I Have a Bonfire?

Bonfires that exceed the size of a recreational fire as noted above and are generally prohibited in the Township. Bonfires may not be conducted without a permit. ❖

What if I notice a fire that looks unsafe?

We occasionally receive information from residents who are concerned about recreational fires or open burning at neighboring properties. If you notice a fire that is unsafe or creating a nuisance, the best course of action is to dial 911 to report the immediate danger. Police officers and fire department personnel are authorized to order the extinguishment of any fire that creates a hazardous or objectionable situation. ❖

UPT COVID Response Cont'd

(continued from Page 3) As the weather trended warmer, the department offered outdoor fitness classes to residents and non-residents alike. For a nominal fee, registrants received one, 45-minute fitness class 5 days a week. The department spray painted circles six feet apart on the grass in keeping with social distancing guidelines. All programs were body weight style classes to avoid the use of fitness equipment. Participants brought their own mat and water bottle. The classes accommodated all fitness levels and abilities.

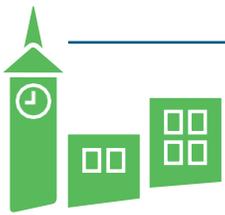
Tieperman advised "With Montgomery County entering the green phase, all active, outdoor recreational facilities are now open to the public, including our popular skate park. The Recreation Center is scheduled to reopen at 50% capacity in early July. Although we are in the green phase, we are requesting all residents to continue practicing social distancing guidelines."

Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors will continue holding meetings virtually until we officially exit the green phase and the State sunsets the state-of-emergency authorizations allowing virtual meetings. Starting in July, the Board will begin convening as a physical body in the Township's main boardroom but will still conduct all business virtually until further notice. Residents will still have the ability to participate and interact virtually during the public forum. ❖

Yard Waste Disposal

Due to storm damage and seasonal yard cleanup, many residents may need to dispose of yard waste on a periodic basis. Upper Providence Township prohibits burning of any material for disposal purposes including leaves, green wood, trash, lumber, and any other form of waste. However, most yard waste can be taken to the compost site operated by the Upper Providence Township Public Works Department. The site is located at 1094 Longford Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 and is open during the summer on Wednesdays from 1pm to 7pm and Saturdays from 8am to 3pm. This service is FREE to all township residents (you must provide proof of residency). Additional information about the compost site can be found on the township web page including scheduled closures, changes in operating hours, and accepted materials. Please note that trash, construction debris, and electronics are not accepted. ❖



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.

Parcel In Development June 2020

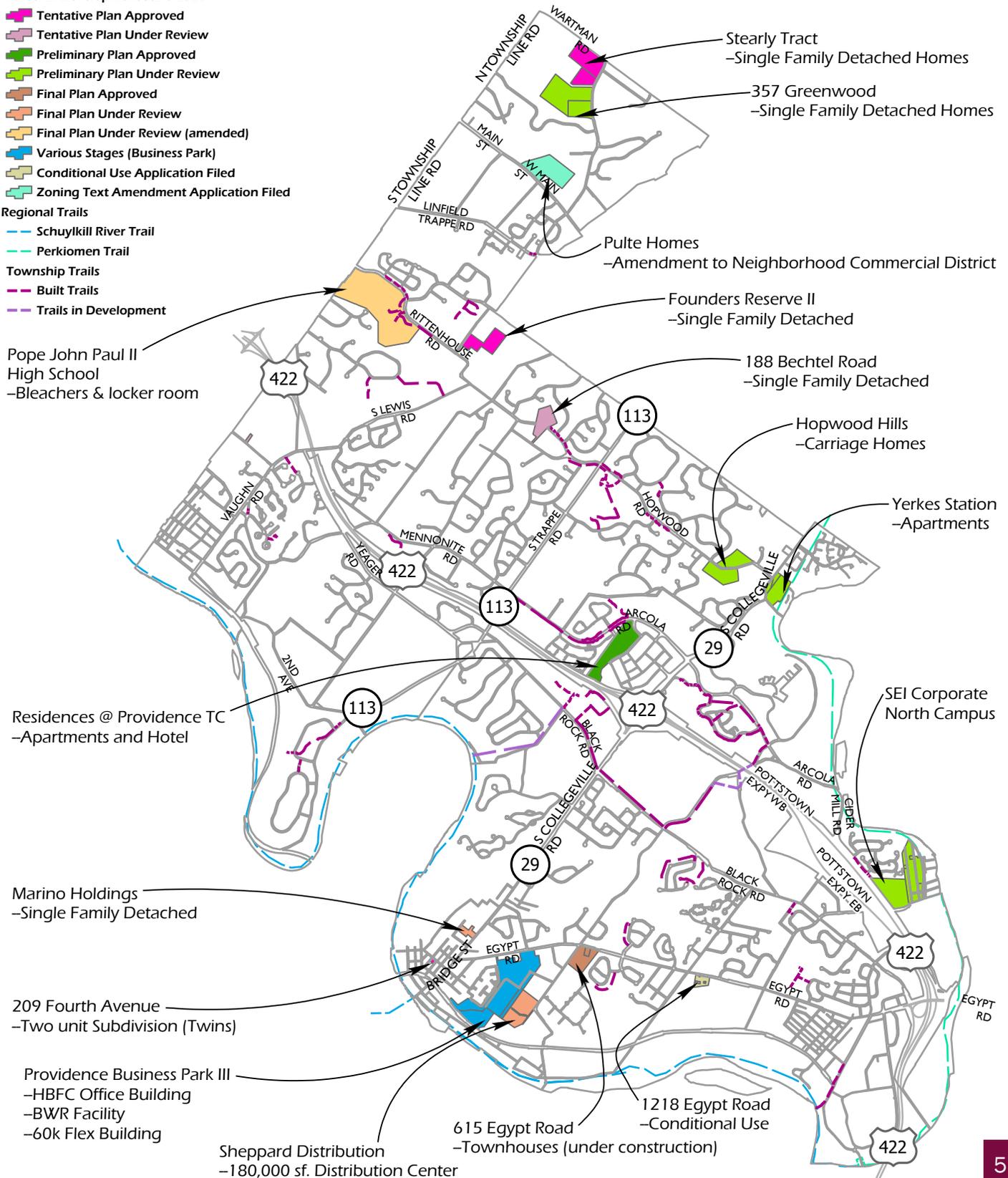
- Tentative Plan Approved
- Tentative Plan Under Review
- Preliminary Plan Approved
- Preliminary Plan Under Review
- Final Plan Approved
- Final Plan Under Review
- Final Plan Under Review (amended)
- Various Stages (Business Park)
- Conditional Use Application Filed
- Zoning Text Amendment Application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

Regional Trails

- Schuylkill River Trail
- Perkiomen Trail

Township Trails

- Built Trails
- Trails in Development





Upper Providence Township

SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations Graduates of 2020!

Congratulations to seniors all of the seniors who graduated in 2020. Your hard work has been noticed. Congratulations and best of luck in all of your future endeavors. Hats off to you, grad! ❖

Hats Off to You!

Congratulations to Renee' Lorenzo and Richard Livergood of the Finance Office for earning their Masters Degrees in Strategic Management and Leadership recently from Gwynedd Mercy University. Great results come from hard work. Well done! ❖

Pool Safety Starts with Code Compliance

In October 2018, Pennsylvania began using the 2015



International Residential Building Code (IRC) which in turn adopts by reference the 2015 International Swimming pool and Spa Code. (ISPSC) This code regulates all residential pools with a wall height of 24 inches or more.

Due to the closure and late opening of public pools and an effort by citizens to maintain social distancing, many homeowners are choosing to erect store bought "off the shelf" pools in their backyards. These pools are not exempt nor excluded from code compliance in Pennsylvania.

The ISPSC dictates the minimum requirements for barriers, window and door alarms, gate swing direction, ladders and too much more to list here. All of these requirements are geared toward safety and should not be ignored.

If you plan to install any pool where the walls of the pool are 24 inches or greater, you are required by the Pennsylvania Construction Code to apply for a permit. Your submittal must include a plot plan indicating the

proposed location of the pool and its equipment.

Please visit the ICC website listed here for most of the requirements you should know for your residential pool. (<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/ISPSC2015/chapter-3-general-compliance>) ❖

Montgomery County Food Drive

The Montgomery County Anti-hunger Network hosted three of its food drives at the Greater Philadelphia



Expo Center here in Upper Providence Township! The drive was performed using "contact-free" distribution and was in response to

help reduce COVID-19 related hunger. Drivers would stop at designated locations and volunteers would place the boxes into the trunks of the vehicles.

The food was in response to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program which gave relief to food producers who were directly impacted by the pandemic as well as providing food for those in need. Upper Providence Township Department of Emergency Services and Upper Providence Police Department were happy to offer their services in traffic control. We are proud and thankful to have such a wonderful community. ❖

Veterans Memorial

On July 3, 2020 Boy Scout James Fretz of Troop 313 placed a monument at our Municipal Complex to commemorate veterans for his Eagle Scout project. The memorial can be found in front of the Township Administration building located at 1286 Black Rock Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460.



Thank you for this lovely addition and a special thank you to all of the brave men and women who fought for this country. ❖



NEW MAILING ADDRESS: 1286 Black Rock Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Phone: 610-933-9179 Fax: 610-983-0355

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bluebird Trail at UPT Anderson Farm Park



This winter, while out walking at Anderson Farm Park, we noticed that the Bluebird nest boxes in the park were in poor condition. We decided to reach out to the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania (BSP) for help in how to move forward and make our boxes usable again.

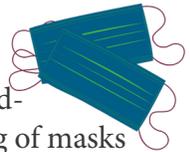
The BSP works with its members and volunteers to promote their mission to protect bluebirds, educate the public on bluebirds, birding and conservation, and monitor bluebird boxes and trails. Marilyn Michalski, a board member of the BSP, met with us to investigate the condition of the nest boxes. She determined they would all need to be replaced and repositioned. Through a mini grant that they received in 2019, the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania donated 7 beautifully crafted nest boxes built by Rich Leatherman.

In May, we met to install the boxes. These boxes are designed to house bluebirds, chickadees, or tree swallows. They are also designed to keep house sparrows out as they can kick bluebirds out of their nests. Now that the Bluebird nest boxes are installed, we

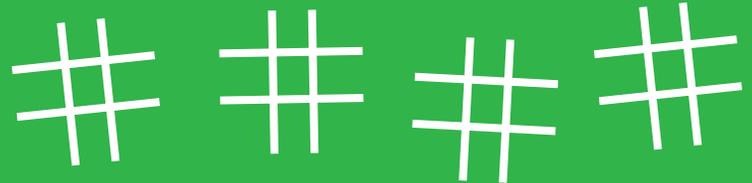
can monitor them to see if they are occupied. So far, each nest box has been occupied by either bluebirds or tree swallows and there have been signs of eggs and babies.

Three species of Bluebirds can be found in North America. These include the Eastern Bluebird, Western Bluebird, and Mountain Bluebird. Bluebird numbers have declined in recent years due to loss of habitat and loss of nesting sites. Because of the decline, it is important that we provide appropriate habitat and nesting sites for bluebirds and other cavity-nesting birds. Nest box plans and information on how to make your backyard more bluebird friendly can be found on the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania's website! ❖

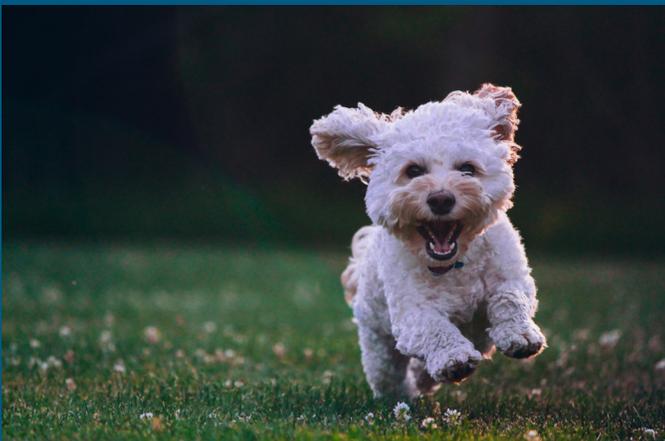
Mandatory Masking



At the time of printing, Governor Wolf extended his order requiring the mandatory wearing of masks in all public places. To learn more about the July 1, 2020 Order, please visit www.governor.pa.gov. The Township is continuously monitoring this situation and will continue to provide timely information and essential services to our residents and community. ❖



Thriving instead of Surviving



Stress is a part of life and can take a toll on your well-being. Yes, it is difficult to control the circumstances, however you can influence your response to them. It is important to have effective stress relievers in your arsenal. What might work for one person may not be effective for another. Choose a specific strategy that works best in a situation to curb the stressor. It is no surprise that exercise is one of the most effective ways to combat stress. Whether it be yoga, boxing, running, walking, kayaking, find the form of exercise that speaks to you and get to it! Other ways to relieve stress and anxiety: meditation, spending time with friends & family, host a zoom get together, laughter, practice mindfulness and gratitude, listen to music, lose yourself in nature, spending time with your pet, and lastly putting pen to paper and writing down thoughts. These suggestions will possibly help take your mind off the stress source and allow you to improve your overall health and well-being. ❖

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<https://www.uprov-montco.org/FormCenter/Administration-4/Which-Park-Newsletter-Summer-2020-60>
Enter your guess at the website below for your chance to win a prize!
Recognize this Beautiful Upper Providence Township Park?

Which Park?

