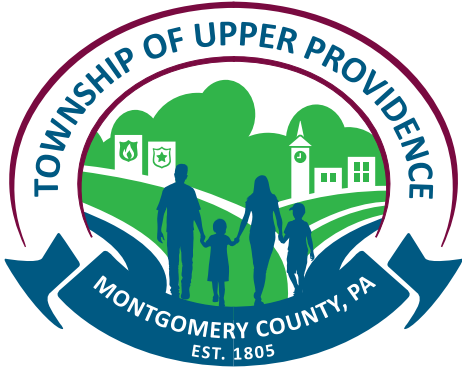


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Community Day Showcases Township



Upper Providence Township is kicking off fall with Community Day on Saturday, September 11th from 10am to 2pm. Join us for this FREE event as we turn Anderson Farm Park into a family-friendly festival celebrating everything that makes Upper Providence a great place to live and work!

“After having to scale back to a drive-thru event last year, we are excited to welcome the community back to our traditional community day event,” says Sue Hoffman, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Each area of the township will be represented – police, fire/EMS, public works, parks & recreation – with activities and giveaways for the entire family. In addition to fire trucks and public works’ machinery, there will be activity bounce houses, four mobile escape rooms, a business expo, and a petting zoo. The community center will be open for tours and as a cooling station with family-friendly activities throughout the facility.

Food vendors include Steel City Coffeehouse & Brewery, Kona Ice, Hedgehog Grill, Chick-fil-A, Handel’s Ice Cream, and a Police Department Pig Roast.

In recognition of the 20th anniversary of September 11th, the American Flag will be lowered to half-staff every hour and a musical selection will be performed by the Music Depot.

For more information on Community Day, visit www.uprov-montco.org or www.GetUPT.org.

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We are interested in YOUR feedback of our quarterly newsletter. Let us know what information you would like covered. <https://bit.ly/3AVJ1F6>

New Leadership Builds on History of Success

With a look to the future, Chief Mark Freeman and Lieutenant Ryan Sheehan recently assumed leadership roles within the Upper Providence Township Police Department.

Throughout high school, Chief Freeman dreamed of becoming a chef. He was accepted to Culinary Institute of America but couldn't afford the tuition, so he turned to working in the kitchen of local restaurants to gain experience. While at work one day, two police officers responded to a call to assist an elderly man. Their professional presence left such an impact on Chief Freeman that he changed his life path to pursue law enforcement.

Chief Freeman joined the Upper Providence Police Department in 1991 after graduating from the Montgomery County Police Academy. He began his career as a juvenile officer. He soon moved on to join SWAT, training with departments across the country and in England. Chief Freeman identifies this as a highlight of his career.

Chief Freeman holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in criminal justice, with a minor in police administration from Saint Joseph's University. In 2016 he attended and graduated from the National FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement officers nominated by their agency

heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. During the 10-weeks, officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized trainings. Only one percent of individuals that apply to the National Academy are accepted into the program.

"Upper Providence is a great community," says Chief Freeman. "My goal is to build on that. Police work is organic and is rapidly changing. We have to focus on what those changes are to ensure that we are where we should be in all the categories that are controversial now."

In his free time, Chief Freeman enjoys spending time at home maintaining his property and perfecting his BBQ'ing/smoking techniques.

Lt. Sheehan joined the force in October 2011 after serving with the West Chester University Police Department. He is a graduate of the Delaware County Community College's Police Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from West Chester University and a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Arizona State University.

Lt. Sheehan also completed the FBI LEEDA Trilogy, an extensive, 10 week program focusing on supervisory, command, and executive leadership.

Before being promoted to lieutenant, Sheehan was a member of the



department's bicycle patrol and Montgomery County SWAT. He also served as a field training officer, responsible for the training and evaluation of a junior level officer.

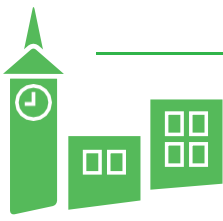
His current responsibilities include supervising the patrol division which includes traffic safety, bicycle patrol, and field training, and overseeing department policies.

"My policing philosophy has always been to treat people with respect, in every situation," Lt. Sheehan says. "I recognize that most

people do not have many interactions with police, so it is critical that we represent the profession correctly. I hope every contact I have had with the community has left that person with the feeling that all police officers are respectful, fair, and trustworthy. My expectation is that every officer at UPPD delivers the same experience."

Lt. Sheehan and his wife, Amanda, have two young daughters. When not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family, working out, and watching auto racing.

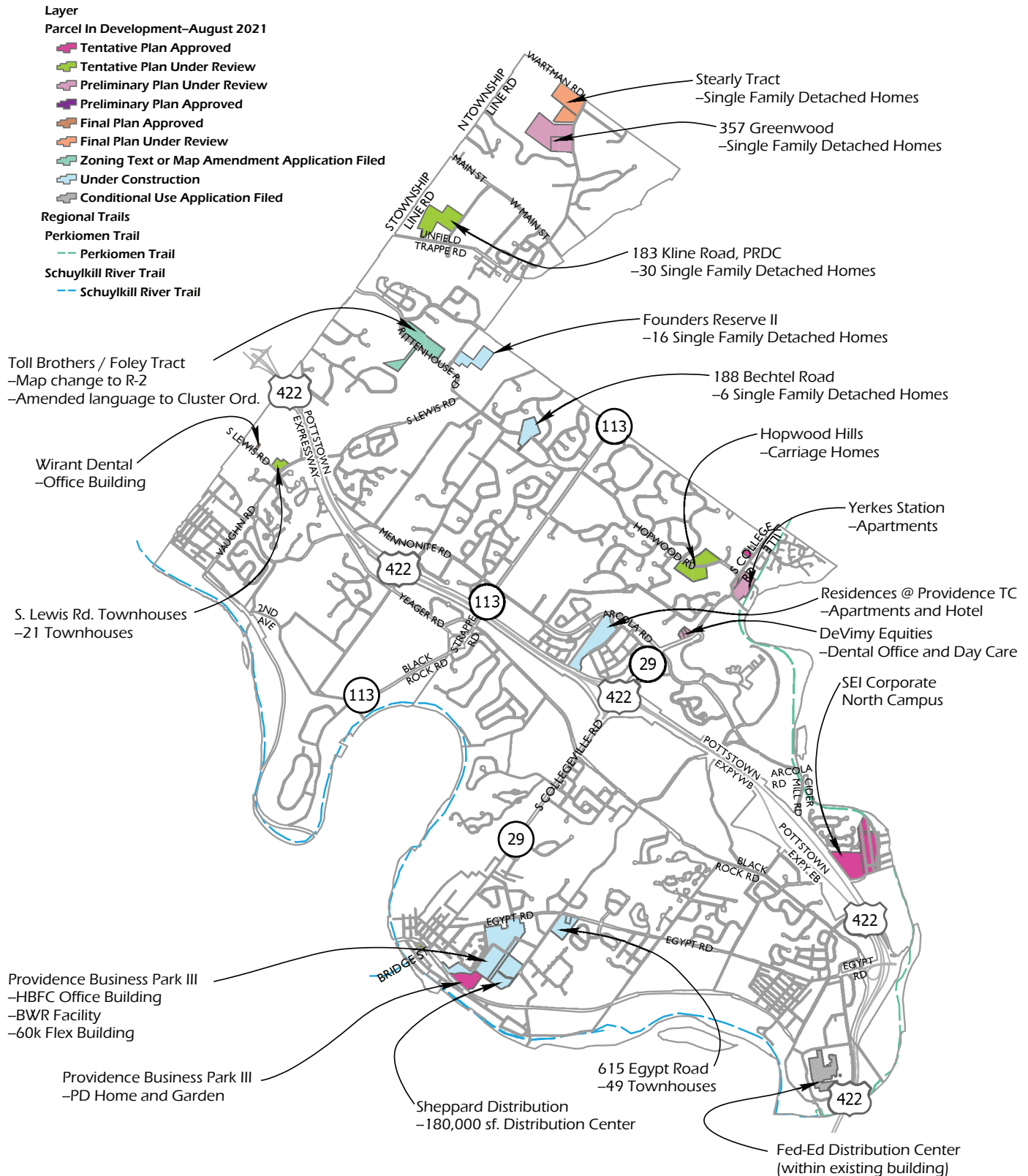




In Development

Phone: 610-933-9179

The Planning Commission reviews development plans at public meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM. If you have questions about development, call the Township office at 610-933-9179 to speak 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

Construction Update: Central Emergency Services Facility

With Mother Nature on our side, construction on Upper Providence Township's new Central Emergency Services Facility continues to move forward. Driving by the site on Black Rock Road, the most exciting progress that can be seen from the road is that structural steel has been completed and the entire project is under roof. The installation of exterior masonry walls is also underway.

Additional work currently in progress includes:

- Prepping and pouring of slabs throughout the building, including the mezzanine concrete slab on the metal deck
- Completing the under-slab mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work including installation of apparatus bay trench drains
- Completing of the sediment basin
- Competing concrete curb installation and road subgrade
- Completing underground conduit for site lighting



Our construction team continues to work diligently to stick to our timeline amidst shortages of materials and equipment, and we anticipate completion of the facility in the spring of 2022.

Back to School Fire Safety Tips

It's crucial for all college students to know about fire safety on campus, especially for those living in dorms. It's essential that all students are informed and empowered on how to prevent fire in their living space, and what to do if a fire ever breaks out.

- Never disable a smoke alarm or any other fire protection equipment. If the smoke alarm is beeping due to low battery, contact your Resident Advisor or landlord; never leave it without batteries for an extended period of time.
- Inspect exit doors and windows and make sure they are working correctly.
- Know how to properly notify the fire department using the 911 system. Many campuses have their own campus safety and police phone numbers. Be sure to save those numbers in your phone in case of an emergency.
- Take every alarm seriously, and always participate in fire drills and practice escape routes and evacuation plans.
- Be aware of your dorm fire safety rules. There should never be any open flame in a dorm room, including candles and smoking.
- As the statistics show, cooking is the leading cause of dorm fires. Learn to use and maintain heating and cooking appliances properly, and never leave anything cooking unattended.
- Microwave fires are common in college dorms; be sure to read all labels before placing anything in the microwave.

From National Fire Protection Association



2021 Project Updates

When it comes to keeping the township's infrastructure maintained and secured, there is no better team than the Upper Providence Public Works Department. As summer winds down, here is a look at the projects that were on their docket for 2021:

Paving projects: Every year the township takes on two paving projects. These projects are determined by the township's 10-year road plan, with re-prioritization taking place in late winter/early spring. Both projects begin around May with the goal of completing each by October. This year's projects included the following

roads: Ashenfelter Road, Hafner Road, Hidden Valley Drive, Windy Knoll Drive, Amanda Lane, and Scarlet Oak Drive, Pichelman Road, Grasshopper Lane, Dorothy Circle, North Mennonite Road, Tara Drive, and Norwood Street.

Ashenfelter Road Culvert Replacement Project

(pictured at right): Started in June, this project replaced a stone culvert with a new aluminum culvert; expected completion in August.

Caroline Drive and Carmen Circle Stormwater Replacement Project: This project replaced all failing

galvanized stormwater pipes with concrete pipes; expected completion in October.

Walnut and Jacob Street Realignment Project: This project improved traffic flow along Bridge Street in Mont Clare; completed in August.

Schuylkill River Connector Trail: The creation of this trail was partially funded by grant through the Montgomery County 2040 Grant Program. Just shy of a mile long, the trail runs from the Township Building to the Schuylkill River Trail and is expected to open by Labor Day.



Visitors to the Upper Providence Township's Compost Facility will be greeted by a new Case 621 wheel loader that was purchased through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 902 Grant Program for recycling. The township's compost facility is located at 1094 Longford Road, Phoenixville. The site is open Wednesdays and Saturdays. Visit the township's website for the Compost Facility's hours.

Commercial & Institutional Recycling in Upper Providence Township

The businesses and institutions in Upper Providence Township play a significant role in recycling. Their recycling tonnage is added to the residential tonnage to determine the Township's recycling performance.

"This is important as every year, the township applies for a recycling performance grant from the Commonwealth which is based on how much we recycle," explains Public Works Director, Tom Broadbelt. "Our most recent recycling performance grant award was \$109,948 for our 2019 tonnage."

The 2019 recycling tonnage generated by the commercial and institutional sector was 4,556.9 tons compared to 2,533.8 tons generated by our residents. While state law and Upper Providence Township Recycling Ordinance requires recycling, the township appreciates the great contribution that its business community makes to the recycling program.



Administration

New Faces, New Positions

Upper Providence Township is excited to welcome the following individuals to their new positions within the township:

- **Jessica Flatley**, part-time administrative assistant in the police department
- **U. Mark Freeman**, promoted from lieutenant to Chief of Police
- **Cheryl Herr**, full-time administrative assistant in the police department
- **Kyle Lochner**, promoted from part-time to full-time firefighter
- **Steve McCoy**, promoted from part-time to full-time firefighter
- **Ryan Sheehan**, promoted from sergeant to lieutenant in the police department
- **Eric Smith**, promoted from patrolman to a sergeant in the police department
- **Christian Pepe**, building & grounds laborer in the public works department

Changes to Sewer Payments

Effective January 1, 2022, sewer payments will no longer be accepted at the Upper Providence Township building. All payments must be made directly to Berkheimer at:
P.O. Box 21450
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-1450

Checks should be made payable to HAB-MISC. Cash is not accepted.

Walk-in payments can be made at:
Bridgeport Borough Hall
63 West 4th Street
Bridgeport, PA 19405
Phone: 610-588-0965

Exton office
325A N Pottstown Pike
Exton, PA 19341
Phone: 610-588-0965

Please note, if you are using a bill payer program through your bank, you will need to change the payee information prior to January 1, 2022. Online payment information is included with your bill. For questions pertaining to your payment, please call Berkheimer at 610-599-3145.

Stormwater Education: What is an MS4?

MS4 is an abbreviation for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. An MS4 is a conveyance or system of conveyances that is:

- owned by a state, city, town, village, or other public entity that discharges to waters of the U.S.,
- designed or used to collect or convey stormwater (e.g., storm drains, pipes, ditches),
- not a combined sewer, and
- not part of a sewage treatment plant, or publicly owned treatment works.

All operators of municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) are responsible for development and implementation of

stormwater management plans. Under the MS4 Program, Upper Providence Township is required to incorporate the following six elements (known as minimum control measures) into its stormwater management program:

- Public education and outreach
- Public involvement and participation
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations and maintenance



Because stormwater originates from all corners of a community, including the neighborhoods where people live, increasing public stormwater awareness is considered very important. This article is one component of the public education and outreach minimum control

measure. Education sessions have also been included at the monthly Board of Supervisor meetings.

Watch this publication and the Township's website for additional information on MS4 and what it means for residents and businesses.



Recreation

Community Center located at Anderson Farm Park at 499 Hopwood Road, Collegeville, PA 19426
Visit www.getupt.org or call 484-391-2390 for more information and/or class updates.



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

Upper Providence Summer Camp

The Upper Providence Township Municipal Campus was alive with learning and laughter as 240 children took part in the Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Camps. This year's camp success was due to a dedicated camp staff and the amazing partnership with the following township departments and outside organization: Upper Providence Police, Fire & Emergency Services, and Public Works, Indian Run Environmental Education Center, Handel's of Royersford, Schuylkill Canal Association, Upper Schuylkill Valley Park, E5 Mobile Entertainment, Kona



Ice, Chick-fil-A of Audubon, Marzella's Pizza, and Montgomery County SPCA.

In addition to the traditional summer camp offerings,

four speciality camps were offered by outside vendors - Jump Start Sports, Mad Science of NJ, Bricks 4 Kidz, and Skate the Foundry.



Mark Your Calendar

September 14: Astronomy Star Party - Join us for a fun filled night of star gazing! Learn about the moon and a variety of constellations. Participants are asked to maintain social distancing, bring their chairs/blankets and binoculars. This is a weather permitting event. This event is free, but registration is required.

September 17: Movie Night Join us for a family-friendly movie at the UPT Community Center from 5:30-7:30PM; \$5 per person; pre-registration required.

September 23: Amazing Adaption Search - Enjoy nature with our amazing staff; 10:00-11:00AM; ages 6 and up; pre-registration required.

October 16: UP Spook-tacular - Enjoy an afternoon of spooky fun at our fantastic UP Spook-tacular! Decorate your car for trunk or treat, walk around and collect candy, and celebrate the fall season. This event is free.

November 5: Teen Laser Tag Night from 5:00-7:00PM; pre-registration required.

November 13: Turkey Trek from 9:00-11:00AM

November 26: Winter Wonderland opens - Registration is required for this beautiful walk-through light display. The display will be open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through December 18. A \$5 donation is requested.

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RECYCLE

Thank you for recycling these **EMPTY** and **CLEAN** items:



Cans



Aluminum and Steel Cans

empty and rinse



Cartons



Food and Beverage Cartons

empty and replace cap



Glass



Bottles and Jars

empty and rinse



Paper



Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, and Flattened Cardboard



Plastic Containers



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers

empty and replace cap

NO!



Do Not Bag Recyclables
No Garbage



No Plastic Bags or
Plastic Wrap
(return to retail)



No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens
(use donation programs)



No Tangles
(no hoses, wires,
chains, or electronics)