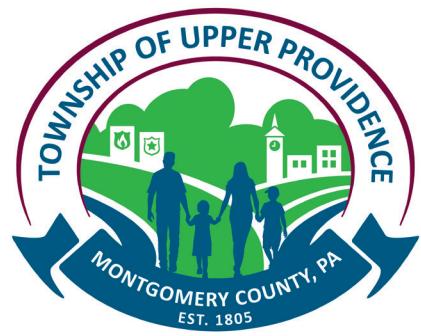
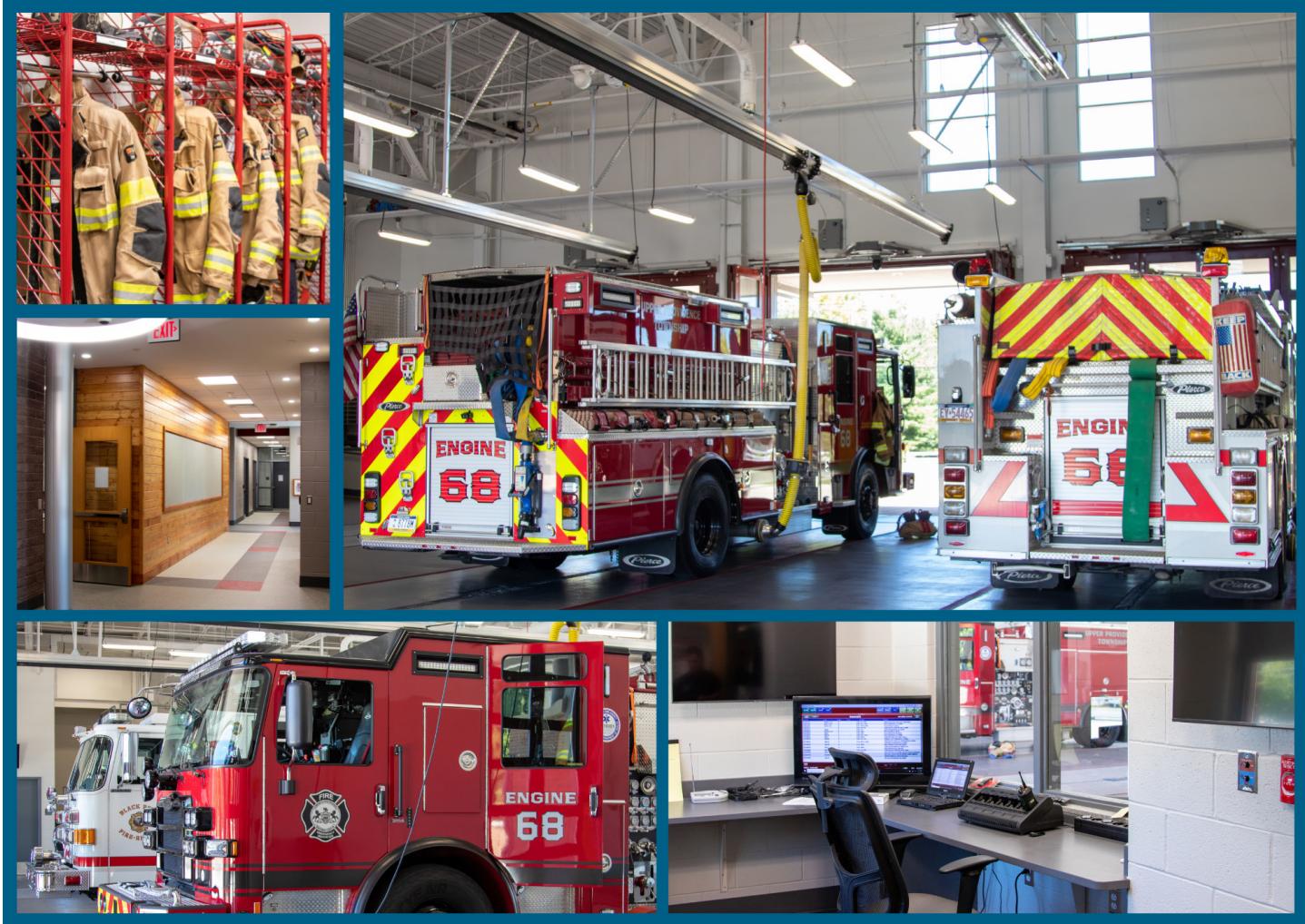


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Upper Providence Township Station 68 is now OPEN!



On August 27th, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services switched from a 12-hour shift to a 24-hour shift consisting of three platoons with four firefighters on duty 24 hours a day. Along with the twelve full-time firefighters, the DFES has ten part-time firefighters who are all led by our Fire Chief Mike Risell, Deputy Chief Thomas Dimmerling, and Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Bickings.

The DFES members have been working extremely hard along with UPT Public Works moving into our new state of the art facility. The

new firehouse houses Engine 68, Engine 68-6 (reserve engine) and Medic 325-13 (Friendship EMS).

The official dedication of our new fire station and housing of our new 2021 Pierce Engine 68 will be on Saturday, October 15th from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm. Following the dedication of our fire station, at 12:00 pm Upper Providence Township's Fall Festival will commence!

We welcome visitors, so if our doors are open, please come on in and say hi! ♦



Fire and Emergency Services

National Fire Prevention Week



This year the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week (FPW) from October 9th to October 15th, 2022. This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape" works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

"Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

The Upper Providence Township Department of Fire and Emergency Services encourages all residents to embrace the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme.

It's important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different. Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them. ♦

Home Fire Escape Planning Tips

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night. ♦



**Be Alert • Be Informed
READYMONTCO**

Residents of Upper Providence Township are encouraged to sign up for ReadyMontco at www.montcopa.org/3311/ReadyMontco

ReadyMontco is the primary notification system used in Upper Providence Township.

Alerts will also be posted to the Township website and social media sites



FLOOD GAUGE INFORMATION



The flood gauge information is available by accessing the Upper Providence Township Website at www.uprov-montco.org, and clicking on the links shown below:

1. Under the 'Departments' Tab on the homepage, select 'Fire and Emergency Services'

Government Departments Living Here I'm Looking For...

Administration Parks & Recreation Planning & Zoning Calendar Sustainable Upper Providence
Finance Police Department Public Works Permits & Forms Utilities
Fire and Emergency Services

Rooted in history, growing in promise.

2. In the gray menu on the left-hand side, select 'Flood Gauge Monitor'

Burning
Contact Us
DFES Monthly Report
Volunteer Fire Companies
Flood Gauge Monitor

Home > Departments > Fire and Emergency Services

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



The Upper Providence Township Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) serves the Township 24 hours a day, seven days a week with a combination fire department made up of a blend of municipal career firefighters and volunteer firefighters. Three EMS agencies provide emergency medical response in the Township and are supported by a quick response (QRS) service from the DFES.

3. Select the desired link on the right-hand side

With flooding a common hazard for the Port Providence and Mont Clare sections of the Township, the Office of Emergency Management has installed two river level monitoring stations. The stations are solar powered and have the ability to transmit alert messages to emergency officials. One station is located on the Schuylkill River at the Route 29 bridge. The second station is on the Perkiomen Creek at the Arcola Road Bridge.

Emergency Officials monitor the stations as well as information received from numerous sources to provide alerts to our residents. Alerts can be received by the public by registering at Ready Montco <https://www.montcopa.org/3311/ReadyMontco>. Alerts will also be posted on the Township Website, Facebook, and Twitter.

The six links on this page are directed to monitoring stations located along both waterways. In addition to the USGS sites, they include the two stations installed and monitored by Upper Providence with a hydrograph page indicating water level over a 24-hour period. The monitoring stations should only be used as tools when deciding what action you should take when flooding is occurring. Monitoring the waterways, listening to weather reports, responding to Township alerts and advice from Emergency Officials as well as other sources should all be taken into consideration when making decisions. As a reminder, flooding is leading cause of death by natural disaster in Pennsylvania. Having a plan in place and evacuating prior to flooding occurs helps protect you and your family.

Schuylkill River at Route 29

Schuylkill River at Norristown

Schuylkill River at Pottstown

Perkiomen Creek at Arcola Road

Perkiomen Creek at Gratzersford

Perkiomen Creek at East Greenville



Police

School Bus Camera Initiative

Upper Providence Township Police and Spring-Ford Area School District are now partnering with BusPatrol to help make it safer for students getting on and off buses in Upper Providence Township.

At the beginning of the current school year, school buses that transport Spring-Ford Area School District students were equipped with safety technology, including stop-arm enforcement cameras. Cameras on the side of school buses help capture violation events and vehicle license plate numbers.

In Pennsylvania, a first-time stop-arm violation witnessed by a stop-arm enforcement carries a fine of \$300 and no points.

A 47-day study of two school buses in the state was conducted in 2019. Cameras recorded 205 illegal stop-arm passes or 2.18 violations per bus per day. This is far higher than the number of citations issued by state law enforcement throughout the entire 180-day school year in 2018.

How Does It Work?

When a vehicle illegally passes a school bus with its red lights flashing, and stop-arm activated, a multi-lens camera box on the side of the bus captures the violation and the car's license plate from different depths and angles. The footage, GPS, and timecode data are stored locally on an onboard digital video recorder (DVR) unique to each bus.

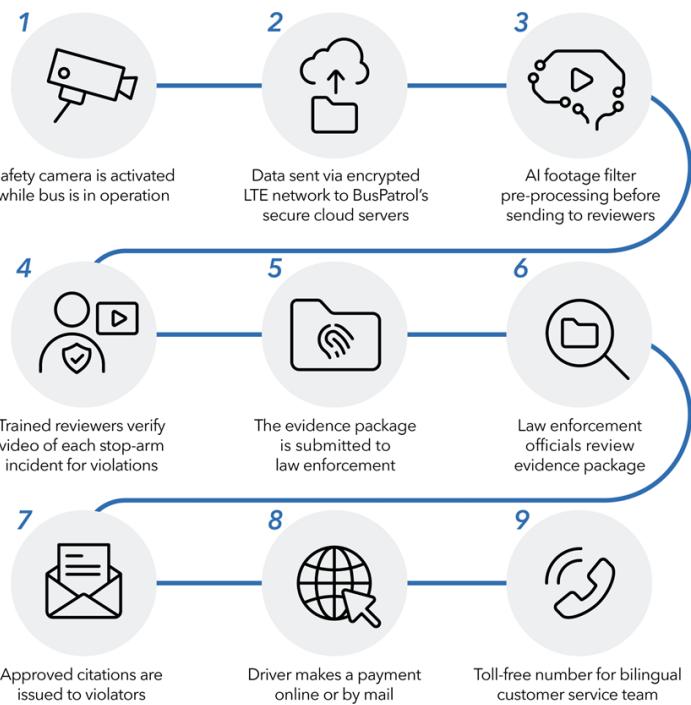
BUSPATROL



The data relating to the incident and violation is sent via an encrypted LTE network to a secure cloud system, where it is filtered by artificial intelligence (AI) software before being reviewed by a trained safety specialist.

If the specialist determines the violation is an offense, the specialist prepares an evidence package for law enforcement. The package is built in accordance with State law, complete with video footage, license plate number, make, model, vehicle owner information, GPS location, and a timestamp of the incident.

The evidence package is sent to law enforcement partners via a secure cloud portal. Officers review the evidence package to approve. If approved, a notice of violation is mailed to the vehicle's owner, who is legally responsible for the violation per the law. The notice is issued along with a link to the AlertBus Driver Education & Payment Portal, where they can view video evidence of their violation. The vehicle owner makes their payment online, through the mail, or in person at a designated location within the jurisdiction. Notices of violation can also be contested through the relevant jurisdiction's civil court system.❖





LED Streetlight Program



The two styles of lights that are being replaced

Upper Providence Township is participating in the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (RSLPP) offered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

As part of the RSLPP, a streetlight conversion project has been developed that replaces older inefficient streetlights to new LED streetlights. This project will convert nearly 500 streetlights reducing electric and maintenance operating costs by over \$14,000 annually. Project costs will be offset by over \$30,000 in rebates from PECO.

Upper Providence Township will join over 60 other municipalities in the southeastern Pennsylvania area that have participated in previous rounds of the RSLPP. New LED streetlights are estimated to be installed later this year or early next year.❖

Winter Mailbox Maintenance

Please check your mailbox for structural durability before winter arrives!

It should be noted that Upper Providence Township is only liable for any damages to your mailbox during plowing season if the plow truck itself comes in contact with your mailbox. Otherwise the Township is not liable for damages.



To prevent damage from passing snowplows mailboxes should be installed so that the top is

41 to 45 inches from the ground. They should be set back six to eight inches from the front face of the curb or road edge.

Slush and snow that comes off of the plows should not ruin a mailbox or post if it is properly installed and maintained. ❖



Compost Site Seasonal Hours

During fall, hours at the Compost Site will change on Wednesdays due to daylight savings. Once dark falls sooner than 7:00 pm the closing time will be adjusted in half hour increments.

Hours will be as follows;

Saturday: 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Wednesday: 1:00 pm-Dusk

Please continue to check the Township website for the most up to date hours and closures. The Compost Site will be closed if there is any snowfall on the ground.

The address for the Compost Site is;

1094 Longford Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460





Recreation



Visit getup.org or call 610-933-9179 for more details!

COMMUNITY CENTER REGULAR HOURS

OPEN HOURS

MON	8:00am - 8:00pm
TUE	8:00am - 8:00pm
WED	8:00am - 8:00pm
THU	8:00am - 8:00pm
FRI	8:00am - 8:00pm
SAT	8:00am - 12:00pm
SUN	CLOSED

Regular hours return September 9th.



Radio City Christmas Spectacular

December 8th

\$135 per person

7:00am-8:00pm

*Times are subject to change

Kick off the Holiday Season and see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular with the famous Rockettes! Seats will be in the orchestra section. Roundtrip Motorcoach and free time after the 11am show in NYC is also included.

VISIT OUR PARKS



Anderson Farm Park

499 Hopwood Road
Collegeville, PA 19426



Black Rock Park

1286 Black Rock Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460



**Longford Park/
Reynolds' Dog Park**

100 Longford Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460



Mildred Hess Preserve

939 Lewis Road
Royersford, PA 19468



MacFarlan Park

250 Green Tree Road,
Phoenixville, PA 19460



Woodland Wonderland Light Display

Thursdays, 5-7pm
Fridays, and Saturdays, 5-8pm
November 26- December 17

Find Pricing and more information online
Timed Tickets required. Register at getup.org



Turkey Trail Trek

Join us for our 3rd annual Turkey Trail Trek!

Trail Walk | Turkey Trivia | Live Turkey | Children's activities | and MORE!

Black Rock Park - November 19th - 9-11am

Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/upperprovidence)



In Development

The Planning Commission reviews development plans at public meetings on the 1st and 3rd 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.

Layer

Parcels In Development

■ Tentative Plan Approved

■ Tentative Plan Under Review

■ Preliminary Plan Under Review

■ Preliminary Plan Approved

■ Final Plan Approved

■ Final Plan Under Review

■ Zoning Text or Map Amendment Application Filed

■ Under Construction

■ Conditional Use Application Filed

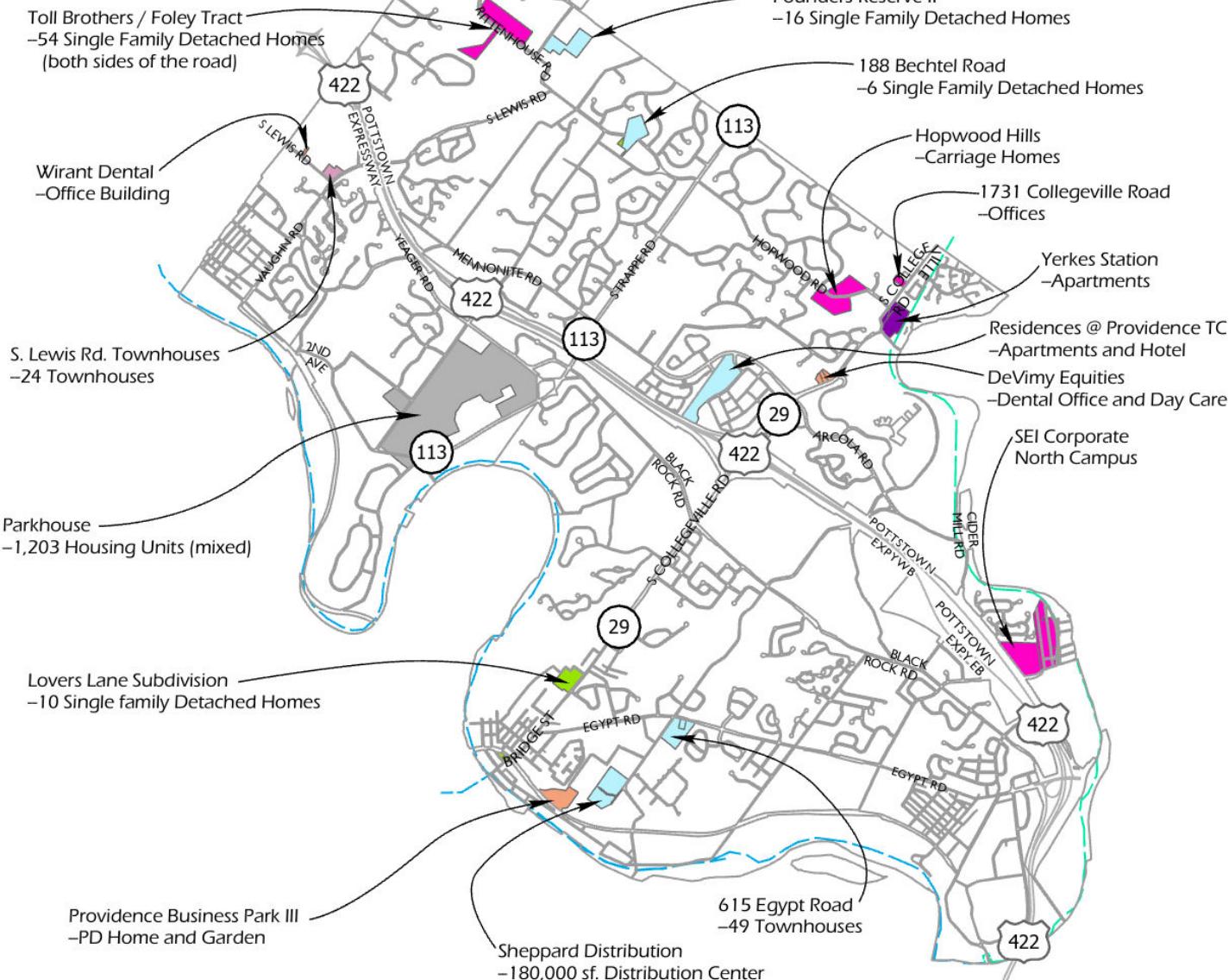
Regional Trails

Perkiomen Trail

— Perkiomen Trail

Schuylkill River Trail

— Schuylkill River Trail



What do our parks offer for dogs?



- Dogs can play, off leash, at Reynolds' Dog Park.
- Dogs must remain on leash at all other parks and trails.



Walking Trails can be found at:

- Anderson Farm Park (AFP)
- Black Rock Park (BRP)
- Hess Preserve (HP)
- MacFarlan Park (MP)
- Schuylkill River/Canal Trail (SRT)
- Perkiomen Trail (PT)



Pavilions for shade can be found at:

- Anderson Farm Park
- Black Rock Park
- MacFarlan Park



- Dog waste trash cans and dog bags can be found at Black Rock Park and Reynolds' Dog Park.
- Regular trash cans can be found at all parks.
- Water can be found at Anderson Farm Park, Black Rock Park, Reynolds' Dog Park and MacFarlan Park.



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