

#GetUPT

Fire Prevention



Upper Providence Township DFES Engine 93

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<https://www.uprov-montco.org/FormCenter/Administration-4/Township-Newsletter-Feedback-62>

Each year fire departments across the U.S. respond to fires that destroy property, cause numerous injuries, and result in fatalities. According to a 2018 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) report, fire loss estimates are believed to be \$25.6 billion dollars in property damage, along with 15,200 civilian fire injuries and 3,655 civilian fire deaths. Fire Prevention Week traditionally occurs early in October. This is due to the great Chicago fire that started on October 8, 1871 and burned until October 10<sup>th</sup>. This devastating fire is said to have left approximately 300 dead and caused around \$200 million dollars in damages. *(continued on Page 4)*





# Police

## Re-Accreditation



According to the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, Pennsylvania State Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of assisting institutions assess and improve their overall performance. The foundation of this strategy lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives.

Participating administrators then conduct a thorough examination to determine how existing operations are modified to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of independent professionals are assigned to verify that all relevant standards have been successfully implemented. The process concludes with a decision by the Commission that the institution is worthy of accreditation status. In September of 2017, Upper Providence Township Police

earned our first accreditation status from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Accreditation status is valid for 3-years, then each agency must obtain re-accreditation.

On September 3, 2020, three assessors from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission arrived to conduct an on-site review and re-assessment of our department. The review consisted of examining 3-years of proofs of compliance, inspecting files and equipment, interviewing department personnel and conducting ride-a-longs with patrol officers.

At the conclusion of their on-site assessment, all three assessors praised our agency and communicated that they would be recommending to the Commission in their report that we be re-accredited for an additional three years. The Commission meets later this year to officially review all recommendations and to vote. ❖



# Upper Providence Township

## Catfishing in the Schuylkill



On the evening of Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Nolan Sheaffer (13 years old, Royersford) with the help

of his good friend, Mason Warwick (12 years old, Phoenixville) caught this 29 pound, 39 inch Flathead Catfish in the Schuylkill spillway at Lock 60 Canal in Upper Providence Township! ❖



## 2nd Place Most Improved Newsletter!

Upper Providence Township's efforts to keep its residents updated and informed about the community have earned the municipality an award in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' (PSATS) 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizen Communication Contest. The Contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to citizens. Upper Providence received second place in the Most Improved Newsletter category. All contest entries were judged on the usefulness of the information presented and how well the information was communicated to residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability. Judges included PSATS staff and township officials who volunteered through the Association's Power of One program. ❖



# 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).

## Layer

### Parcel In Development–September 2020

- Tentative Plan Approved
- Tentative Plan Under Review
- Preliminary Plan Under Review
- Final Plan Approved
- Final Plan Under Review
- Various Stages (Business Park)
- Zoning Text or Map Amendment Application Filed

### Regional Trails

#### Perkiomen Trail

- Perkiomen Trail

#### Schuylkill River Trail

- Schuylkill River Trail

### Township Trails

- Built Trails
- Trails in Development







# Fire and Emergency Services

## Fire Prevention Cont'd

(continued from Page 1) As a result of this fire, the rebuilding process involved many steps including new laws that required buildings to be built with fireproof materials. Although many of you may be familiar with fire service efforts to raise awareness during Fire Prevention Week, many fire departments commit increased resources to fire prevention and public education on a year-round basis.

This year, Fire Prevention efforts will look a little different than we are all accustomed to seeing. Departments across the country are rethinking their approach and delivery of our safety messages to you, our community members. We want you to know that we are working hard to develop new and interactive ways to reach out and deliver those messages to all of you consistently and effectively. One new initiative we are excited about is the development and production of several fire safety videos that we will be able to share across many platforms. Equally exciting is the formation of a Regional Community Risk Reduction Task Force comprised of representatives of several area fire departments. As this team develops, we will be better able to pool resources, share responsibilities, and ultimately deliver an even higher level of education and fire prevention to the entire region.

The fire prevention theme for 2020 is: Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen. Unattended cooking continues to be the leading cause of residential fires. We want to remind everyone to remain vigilant while cooking to prevent any disasters by refreshing on these basic kitchen fire safety tips:

1. First and foremost, in the event of a fire, the best advice is to evacuate. Once safely outside, call 9-1-1 to report the emergency.
2. Be sure your cooking area has plenty of space so that combustible items are not close to the stove/oven.
3. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Sliding the lid over the pan or pot will help contain and extinguish a fire.
4. If you discover a fire in your oven, turn off the oven, keep the door closed, and call 9-1-1.
5. When children are nearby, please use the 3-foot rule: Children should maintain a 3-foot distance from all cooking appliances to prevent burn injuries.

Here are some additional tips from the NFPA :



### STAY

focused on the food



Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

- **Stay in the kitchen** when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. Turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen—even for a short period of time.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and **stay in the home**.
- **Use a timer** to remind you that you are cooking, or carry around a wooden spoon as a reminder.
- If you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy, don't cook. **Place a delivery order!**

### PUT

a lid on it

You can take simple steps to keep a small kitchen fire from getting out of control.

- **Always keep a lid nearby** when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- **Never discharge a portable fire extinguisher into a grease fire** because it will spread the fire.
- In case of an oven fire, **turn off the heat and keep the door closed until the oven is cool**. After the fire, have the oven serviced before using it again.
- If you have a microwave oven fire, **turn the appliance off immediately and keep the oven door closed**. Have the microwave oven serviced before using it again.

### KEEP

cooking areas clear

Clear away clutter and give cooking appliances space to lessen the chance of a kitchen fire.

- **Keep anything that can catch fire**—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, towels, curtains—**away from the stovetop**.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. **Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves** when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- **Keep pets off** cooking surfaces and nearby countertops.
- **Clean up food and grease** from burners and the stovetop.

### PREVENT

scalds and burns



Hot liquids and steam from the stove or oven can cause devastating injuries.

- **Turn pot handles away** from the stove's edge.
- **Keep hot foods and liquids away** from table and counter edges.
- **Keep your face away** from the oven door when checking or removing food so that the heat or steam does not cause burns.
- **Open microwaved food slowly**, away from your face. **Let food cool before eating**.
- **Keep appliance cords coiled and away** from counter edges.



# Public Works

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

## Hess Preserve Parking Project



Public Works Crews at Hess Parking Project

The Public Works Grounds Department is building a parking lot at our Hess Park Preserve. The lot will give residents and visitors a place to park as well as access to the Preserve. The parking lot is located at Krasley Road and South Lewis Road in Royersford, PA and is anticipated to open by the end of October. Keep posted to our website for updates: [www.uprov-montco.org](http://www.uprov-montco.org). ❖

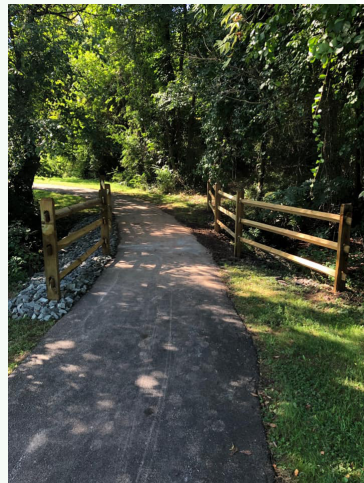
## Public Works Repairs Park Trail

A special thank you to our Public Works Department for repairing our walking trail at Anderson Farm Park. The trail experienced damage from a recent storm. It now looks better than ever! ❖



Before

After



## Sustainability Silver Certification



Upper Providence Township is proud to announce, that it is among a select group of high performing municipalities to become certified through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program! UPT is recognized at the Silver level of certification for meeting the program's rigorous performance criteria which track 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification, managed by the Pennsylvania Municipal League in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh, is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. The certification is implemented statewide, recognizing boroughs, townships, cities, and home rule municipalities across the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Municipal League and Sustainable Pittsburgh applaud municipalities for their demonstrated commitment and sustainability performance.

In earning the Silver certification, UPT is acknowledged for its progress in such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations.

"Upper Providence Township is proud to be recognized as a Silver Certified Community by the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program," said Township Manager Timothy Tieperman. "The Township has a long history of commitment to saving taxpayer dollars, using resources efficiently, and applying best practices in municipal government and community development. We are pleased to be recognized and be part of the regional community of good government."




"We are delighted to see Upper Providence Township distinguished among local governments that are leading the way in applying sustainability to both their operations and management as well as within the community," said Anne McCollum, Director of Training and Development, Pennsylvania Municipal League.

For more information, please visit [www.sustainablepa-communitycertification.org](http://www.sustainablepa-communitycertification.org) or <https://www.uprov-montco.org/340/Sustainable-Upper-Providence>. ❖





# Recreation

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

## UPT Community Appreciation Drive-Thru

This year we held our first ever UPT Appreciation Drive Thru! Community members got the chance to see our essential workers and their vehicles in action. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to our Department of Public Works, Upper Providence Police Department, and our Fire and Emergency Department and surrounding companies for participating! Thanks to all the essential workers who work hard to make living in Upper Providence so great. We appreciate you! ❖





## UPT Spooktacular

Join us on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM - 5 PM in this socially distant Spooktacular trunk or treat event!

Drive through the spooky route to view the spectacular displays.

To ensure social distancing, trunk decorating is for Businesses ONLY! For just \$10, you can market your business while supporting your community! Businesses please register for a parking space and decorate your trunk to be entered into the trunk decorating contest. The "trunk or treaters" will vote for their favorite trunk!

At the end of the course, receive your dreadful treat bag. Happy haunting!

To register your business online please go to [www.uptrc.com/programs](http://www.uptrc.com/programs) or call UPT Parks and Recreation at 610-933-9179. ❖

## UPT @ Home

UPT @ Home is back and better than ever! For Fall of 2020 we are offering a new and improved version of our popular UPT @ Home program. We will be offering digital packs tailored to different grade levels and also an activity pack that will include prepackaged crafts intended for those grades K through 4.

Digital packs will include Activity sheets, DIY crafts, and a recipe/experiment. Activity packs will contain 4 pre-packaged crafts for \$10 (the activity pack will also include access to the elementary school digital packet and you DO NOT need to register separately).

Craft supply kits will also be available for a \$5 fee. These supply kits will include basic supplies like crayons, markers, scissors, and water color paints.

All packs will be available for pick up at the Administration Building on Black Rock Road, Thursday and Friday the week following registration. ❖



## New Mascot!

Meet the newest member of our Parks and Recreation Team! We need your help to give our new friend a name! To enter your suggestion, please email us at [uptpark-sandrec@gmail.com](mailto:uptpark-sandrec@gmail.com)



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Senior Strength Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga	2 Silver Sneakers Classic	3 Grit & Gears
4	5 Senior Stretch	6 Senior Strength	7 Silver Sneakers Yoga	8 Senior Strength Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga	9 Silver Sneakers Classic	10 Grit & Gears
11	12 Senior Stretch	13 Senior Strength	14 Silver Sneakers Yoga	15 Senior Strength Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga	16 Silver Sneakers Classic	17 Spooktacular
18	19 Senior Stretch	20 Senior Strength	21 Silver Sneakers Yoga	22 Free Medicare Seminar	23 Silver Sneakers Classic	24 Grit & Gears
25	26 Senior Stretch	27 Senior Strength	28 Silver Sneakers Yoga	29 Senior Strength Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga	30 Silver Sneakers Classic	31 Grit & Gears

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DRIVE THRU TRUNK OR  
TREAT, PHOTO OP AND  
GOODY BAG!  
BLACK ROCK PARK  
1286 BLACK ROCK ROAD, PHOENIXVILLE

OCT 17  
3PM-5PM  
RAIN DATE: OCT 24

