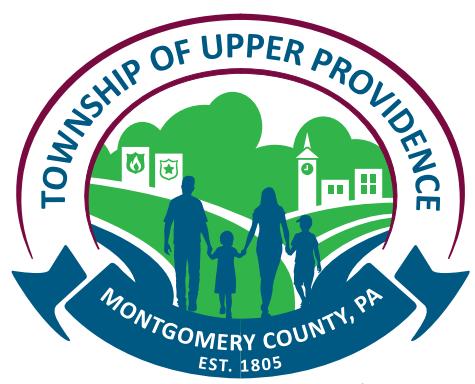


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#GetUPT

Muth Announces \$2 Million Grant Award to UPT



Rendering of the New Upper Providence Township Fire and Emergency Services Building

Senator Katie Muth announced Upper Providence Township will be receiving a \$2 million grant from the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). The grant will help offset the construction costs for a new central emergency fire station at the Township's Black Rock municipal campus.

Said Muth, "While it is always vital to support our emergency responders the construction of this facility is especially critical to the surrounding townships in ensuring adequate fire and emergency services within the area. As our region grows, we must ensure that our emergency responders have access to up-to-date resources to respond and assist those in need. The construction of this new facility will go a long way to support our first responders who put their lives on the line to protect us during crisis situations." *(continued on Page 4)*

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We are interested in YOUR feedback of our quarterly newsletter. Let us know what information you would like covered.
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Officer Commendations



Sgt. Ryan Sheehan

On May 12, 2020, Sergeant Ryan Sheehan conducted a traffic stop after receiving confidential drug intelligence information from another law enforcement agency. After conversing with the driver, the driver consented to a search of the vehicle. During the search, drug paraphernalia, as well as a large amount of suspected methamphetamine was located. Both occupants of the vehicle were arrested and charged with drug violations. Further investigation revealed that the suspected methamphetamine found weighed 16.6 ounces and that the two suspects' intentions were to conduct methamphetamine transactions out of their residence.

The District Attorney's Office has placed a high priority on drug trafficking due to the high numbers of fatal overdoses occurring in Montgomery County. Sgt. Sheehan's immediate response, alert observations, and investigative discipline resulted in two arrests being made for a serious crime. ♦♦



Ofc. John Burdsall

Officer John Burdsall was commended for his actions that resulted in the filing of felony drug charges on October 13, 2020. At 1:25 a.m. on July 22, 2020, Ofc. Burdsall was patrolling the parking lot of one of our local hotels when he observed suspicious behavior in and around a parked vehicle. He made contact with a male and upon further investigation, he discovered that the male was more than likely under the influence of a stimulant and had suspected methamphetamine residue inside the vehicle. Ultimately, Ofc. Burdsall's on-scene investigation revealed that the male admitted to having a gram of methamphetamine on his person and that he drove a female to the hotel to purchase more methamphetamine.

The vehicle was impounded and the male was transported back to the police department where he was further interviewed. During this interview, the male consented to a search of the vehicle. During the search, drug paraphernalia and approximately 5.5 ounces of methamphetamine was recovered. In addition a female suspect was identified and felony drug charges were filed against her. ♦♦

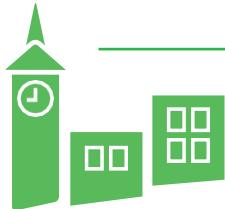


Ofc. John Nicoline

Officer John Nicoline was commended for his actions during his investigation of a robbery involving force. On September 22, 2020 while on patrol, Ofc. Nicoline observed a driverless vehicle cross the street, drive over a curb, through a grass yard and strike a tree. Prior to reaching the area of the vehicle, Ofc. Nicoline was notified by Police Radio that a fight was occurring in a nearby store parking lot.

While rendering the driverless vehicle safe, Officer Nicoline was approached by two males, one of the males was out of breath and had a bloody hand. Ofc. Nicoline began to investigate the matter and learned that these individuals were involved in the fight as reported.

Upon further investigation, it was revealed that one male was selling an iPhone to the other male and the sale was arranged by way of the internet. Ofc. Nicoline learned that the "potential buyer" took the phone without paying for it from the seller, then assaulted him when the seller tried to recover his phone. As a result of this and other information developed, the "buyer" was placed under arrest for robbery. ♦♦



In Development

Phone: 610-933-9179

The Planning Commission reviews development plans at public meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.. 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

Parcel In Development—December 2020

■ Tentative Plan Approved

■ Tentative Plan Under Review

■ Preliminary Plan Under Review

■ Final Plan Approved

■ Final Plan Under Review

■ Zoning Text or Map Amendment Application Filed

■ Under Construction

Regional Trails

Perkiomen Trail

— Perkiomen Trail

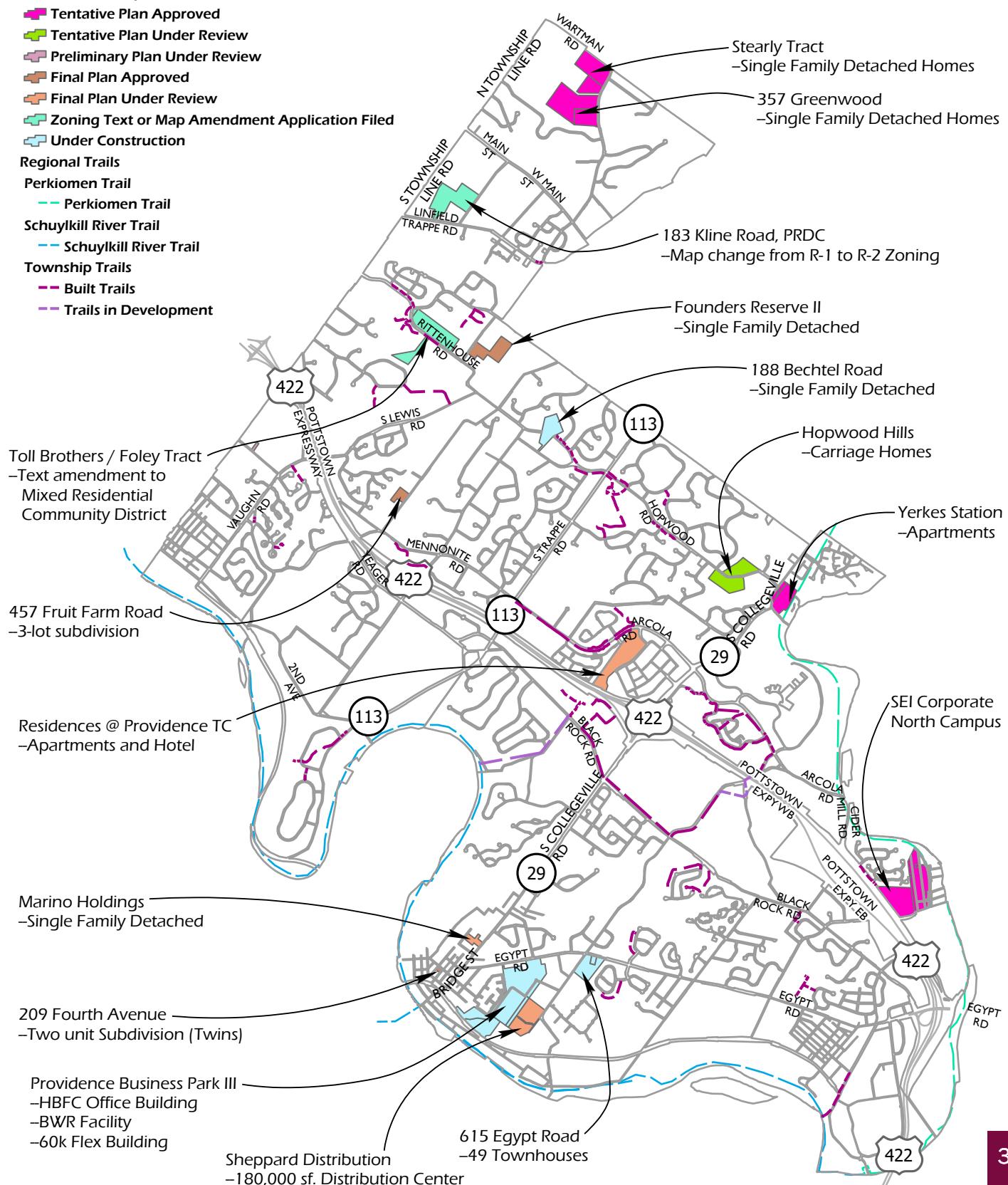
Schuylkill River Trail

— Schuylkill River Trail

Township Trails

— Built Trails

— Trails in Development





Fire and Emergency Services

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(continued from Page 1) Daniel Kerrigan, Chief of Upper Providence's Fire and Emergency Services, was beyond ecstatic in receiving the news. "It is hard to put into words the deep appreciation I have for the stellar support and teamwork from Senator Muth, Representative Shusterman and Representative Webster. Without their unified support, we would not have received such an unprecedented grant award," stated Kerrigan. "The construction of the new central emergency services facility will serve as the eventual 'hub' of a regional model of fire protection to our community which will utilize career firefighters and volunteers to achieve an optimum response to all emergency calls."

"After a tumultuous and unprecedented year responding to the ravages of the coronavirus, Upper Providence will be ending the year on a high note," stated Helene Calci, Chair of the UPT Board of Supervisors. "This was a true team effort, involving unified support from our local legislators and the support of our Township officials in helping advance this regional vision."

The Supervisors formally awarded bids on the new facility at its December 7, 2020 meeting. Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman stated a special groundbreaking ceremony will be planned early next year to commemorate the project's construction. ♦

PPE Donations

The Township extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies during this pandemic. From the outset of the COVID crisis, UPT personnel have been the recipients of many generous donations that have assisted us tremendously. We'd like to thank you:

BJs Wholesale, Sheppard Redistribution, ValCo Sanitary Supply, Kyle's Quillows, Wegmans, Moe's Southwest Grill, Wawa Store #141, House of India, City Line Construction, Philly Pretzel Factory, Arrowhead Elementary, Target, Pfizer, The Learning Express, St. Padro Financial, Starbucks, ID Life Vitamins, Lowes, Wynnes Express, Premier Tech, Sani Build LLC, BioOne, Taco Pizza, Starbucks -Oaks, Axon, Firebird's Restaurant, Avision Sales Group, Vince Norton, SaniBuild, and many residents who dropped off food. Thank you for your support. ♦

OUTDOOR HEATING SAFETY

AN OUTDOOR HEATER SHOULD BE:

- OUTDOOR RATED, TESTED/APPROVED BY UL OR CSA AND EQUIPPED WITH TIP-OVER SWITCHES AND/OR AUTOMATIC SHUTOFFS**
- ELECTRIC INSTEAD OF GAS WHEN USED UNDER AWNINGS OR OVERHANGS.**
- PLACED OUTSIDE ON STABLE, LEVEL GROUND WITH A 3-FOOT SAFETY ZONE AROUND IT.**

A public safety message from the International Association of Fire Fighters



PIZZA BOXES ARE RECYCLABLE

... pizza is not!
Remove all food
and place your box
in the recycling bin.

paper
recycles



Snow Shoveling

Upper Providence, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), and private communities are all part of the winter team when it comes to clearing snowy and icy roads. Plowing begins on designated Snow Emergency Routes to provide safe access for emergency response vehicles and then continues onto main roads.

You can help crews clear roads faster and stay safe by following these simple winter rules and suggestions:

- Park all vehicles off the street before, during, and after a snowfall.
- Do not throw snow onto the roadway when shoveling, or you may be fined.
- Shovel an area for trash and recycling containers on the curb or your driveway, but not in the street.
- Parents, please watch your children closely, and instruct them that it is extremely dangerous to play or stand near the street when snow plows are working. Do not leave sleds or toys in the street.
- Remove snow from the end of your driveway and

in front of your mailbox.

- Clear a three foot perimeter around any fire hydrant.
- Shovel snow to the right of the driveway to avoid having plows push snow back onto cleared areas.

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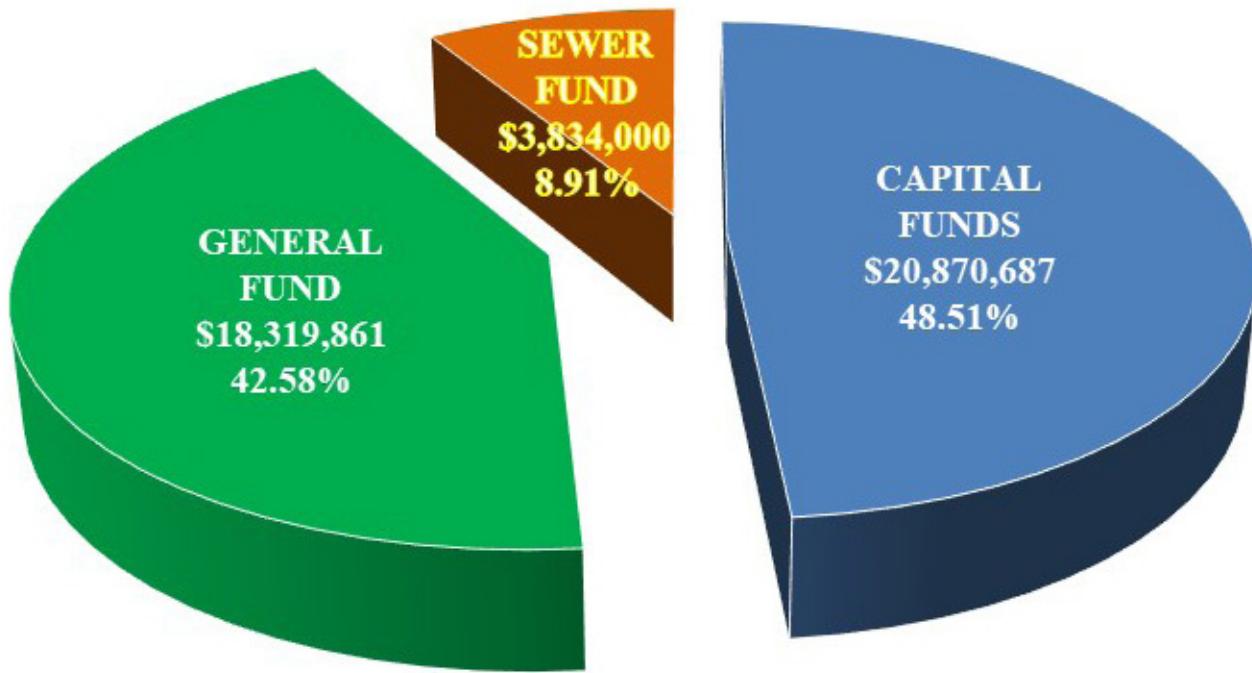




Administration

2021 Budget

2021 BUDGET \$43,024,548



At its December 7, 2020 regular meeting, the Upper Providence Township (UPT) Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021 Operating and Capital Budget, which will require no tax, fee, or levy increase. The \$43.02 million budget includes three major components:

42.58% or \$18.32 million is apportioned to the Township's General Fund, which covers all departmental operating costs except public sewers. These service areas include Police Protection, Fire and Emergency Services, Administration, Finance, Planning and Zoning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation.

8.91% or \$3.83 million is apportioned to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, which serves as a billing agent for the Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority for the collection of all sewer capacity assessments. This fund covers the system's maintenance costs and financial support for major sewer capital projects.

48.51% or \$20.87 million is appropriated to the Township's capital improvement program, which consists of capital assessments, operating fund transfers, state highway aid, sewer capital, bond proceeds, park impact fees, and multiple grants.

"With the sudden arrival of the coronavirus pandemic in March, we have taken extraordinary measures to preserve the Township's cash reserves and put a hard stop on most cash-financed capital projects," stated UPT Township Manager Timothy J. Tieperman. "These fiscal measures, coupled with adherence to conservative budgeting principles, enabled us to weather this crisis fairly well compared to other municipalities. The 2021 budget continues these conservative practices. We've hit a 'pandemic pause button' on most major initiatives except for the new central emergency services facility," stated Tieperman.

Construction on the new emergency services facility will commence in January with an anticipated opening in the spring of 2022. In preparation for this project, the Township issued its first ever bond, which garnered a AAA bond rating from Moody's Investor's Service.

"The fact we were able to obtain a AAA bond rating in this economic environment is a testament to UPT's sound financial footing and the Board of Supervisor's visionary leadership and stewardship," stated Tieperman. ♦



Recreation

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



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

Community Center

Rennovations have been underway at our Upper Providence Community Center, formerly known as the Recreation Center. It is located at 499 Hopwood Road, Collegeville, PA 19426.

The Center will maintain its fitness component, but will host fun new activities as well. Follow us on our Parks and Recreation Facebook page or website (<http://uptrc.com>) for updates! ♦

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Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

Facebook Instagram Twitter

Facebook Instagram Twitter



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our very first Woodland Wonderland Lights! We hope you enjoyed the magic of the season and wish to see you again at this event next year!! ♦

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Photo: Woodland Wonderland 2020