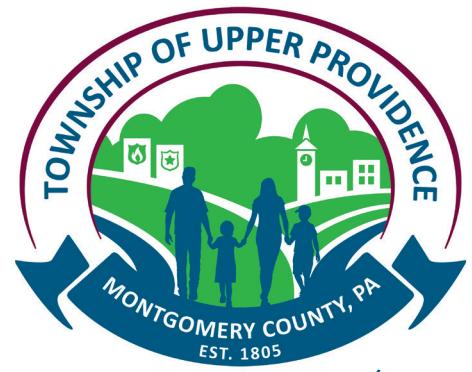


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All-Inclusive Playground COMING SUMMER 2022 BLACK ROCK PARK



Upper Providence
Township Inclusive Playground
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Concept design for inclusive playground at Black Rock Park.

Upper Providence Township is excited to announce the newest addition to our park amenities, a state-of-the-art all-inclusive playground. Our 16,502 sq. ft. all-inclusive playground is designed for children, teens, and adults of all abilities to play, learn, and grow together. With a mix of tactile, movement, climbing, visual, and auditory experiences, our new playground will offer ALL children a variety of sensory experiences at our park. From ziplines to fitness equipment, our playground will offer users over 80 play elements! You can expect to see adaptive and hoop swings, a rollerslide, a 12 foot climbing belt tower, spinners, a We-Go-Round, a Ninja Warrior

Course, and much more!

When designing the new playground, a lot of care and thought went into surfacing and shade elements. The surfacing in this playground is a seamless rubber surfacing called Pour-in-Place or PIP. This PIP surface affords seamless transitions to ensure that those using any type of mobility device or pushing a stroller have access to all the inclusive playground elements throughout the whole playground. Engineered wood fiber is used under the Ninja Warrior area. Those who seek shade will find structures integrated into the play structures and standalone structures with seating. *(continued on Page 5)*



Fire and Emergency Services

SPRING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Spring is in the air, which only means the weather will be a lot nicer and the sun staying out later. DFES offers some fire safety tips for the upcoming Spring months. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that an average of 8,900 home fires are caused by grilling each year.

- ✓ Be sure to check each potentially problematic point of the grill including the propane tank, the hose, and all connecting points.
- ✓ Charcoal Grills – If using starter fluid, the charcoal should be soaked with charcoal starter fluid only. Other starting methods include a charcoal chimney or an electric starter – any method should be used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.
- ✓ Make sure the grill is clean before and after each use.
- ✓ Make sure the grill is set up away from your house in an open, outdoor area with nothing flammable nearby.



Open Burning

Burning for disposal purposes is illegal in Upper Providence Township and subject to fines. This means you can not legally burn, regardless of the container being used, your trash, yard waste, treated wood, and other items. For a complete list, please visit our website.

Yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, ornamental stumps and branches (up to 5 inches in diameter) can be taken to the Township's Compost site (1094 Longford Road).

Portable outdoor fireplaces are allowable where the material being burnt is exclusively firewood. Fires contained in portable outdoor fireplaces are to be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

All portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. ♦

New Fire Chief

Upper Providence Township is pleased to announce the promotion of Assistant Chief Michael Risell to Chief of Fire and Emergency Services.

Chief Risell brings to the township the experience of a long career in both volunteer and combination

fire departments. He currently serves as the Deputy Fire Chief with Skippack Fire Company, is a Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Instructor, is a member of the Montgomery County Incident Support Team, and the Chairperson of the Montgomery County Tanker Task Force.

Chief Risell will oversee the Township career firefighters as well as working with our four partner volunteer fire companies and three ambulance services. He is committed to providing the highest level of public service to the residents and businesses of Upper Providence Township. ♦



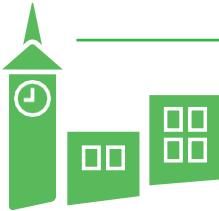
Central Fire and Emergency Services Facility Update

The building is nearing significant completion as utilities such as interior plumbing, the fire sprinkler system, electric, and HVAC are in the final stages. Individual rooms and offices are being built out with furniture, tiling, and carpets being installed.

While our contractors have been very diligent in ordering supplies well in advance, there have been some supply delays. Without a known delivery date of the critical supplies, the Township will not transition operations to the new building until construction is complete.

We are eagerly anticipating the opening of the building as this new facility will house both fire and EMS services serving the entire Upper Providence community on a 24-hour basis. ♦





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
- Under Construction
- Conditional Use Application Filed

Regional Trails

Perkiomen Trail
— Perkiomen Trail
Schuylkill River Trail
— Schuylkill River Trail

Toll Brothers / Foley Tract
-54 Single Family Detached Homes
(both sides of the road)





Police

Upper Providence Township Police Motor Unit



In May of 2015, Upper Providence Police Department (UPPD) in partnership with SEI Investments Company

purchased its first police motorcycle, a 2015 Harley Davidson Road King. By the end of that year, we were able to purchase a second motorcycle. With the purchase of the motorcycles, the Department was able to send four officers to Philadelphia Highway Patrol's Motor Training Unit for certification and the Motor Unit was formed.

Our vision in 2015 was to be more involved with our community and reach out to our younger generation. What better way than to ride up to a school bus stop, pass through a neighborhood development or shopping center and just talk? UPPD has found this has opened the doors for great conversations on both sides. Our motorcycles have been the centerpiece for many family pictures. Sergeant Solorio recalled one mother telling him that she has pictures with her kids sitting on the motorcycle for the past four years at Community Day and that we have grown up with her children. To us this is an honor.

Fast forward to today, the experience of using motorcycles has been overwhelmingly positive. We have learned a lot with our officers being out in the community and what the community likes to see from us. One of the growing popularities with the public and our Motor Officers is the use of motorcycles on our walking and bike trails. With the vastly growing popularity of the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT), more families and local nearby employees are utilizing the trail's easy access and beautiful scenery.

With more and more activities, we are finding the need to provide a certain level of security and comfort to everyone utilizing

the trails, including the SRT. As a service provider, we need to have the equipment, manpower and vehicles to access and handle both emergency and non-emergency calls for service on the trail.

Having quick access is vital in a time of need. Calls of service vary from injuries related to bicycle accidents, medical emergencies, property damage, and even water rescues. When our officers utilize the motorcycles we carry several lifesaving pieces of equipment, such as automated external defibrillator (AED), first aid or trauma bag, inflatable life vest and Narcan. We hope never to use this equipment, but it is available if needed.

So, if you happen to see our officers on the trail, please feel free to stop and say "hi." ♦





Keeping Grass Clippings and Leaves Out of the Road

It's a familiar sight this time of year to see residences mowing and blowing grass clippings into the streets. Grass clippings and leaves in the roadways cause multiple hazards for both motorists and the environment.

Simply blowing yard debris into the street may seem harmless, however it makes for a slippery road condition for vehicles, especially motorcycles and bicyclists.

As for the environmental issues, it poses a threat to the drainage of the roadways. Once an inlet is clogged it could potentially cause flooding which makes for dangerous driving conditions. Grass clippings, once added to the stormwater system, contaminates the water by adding excessive fertilizer and nutrients that could harm aquatic life downstream. Grass clippings can be taken to our compost site at 1094 Longford Road.

Your cooperation in keeping our streets and waterways clean is appreciated. ♦

COMPOST SITE HOURS:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	1:00 - 6:45pm
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	8:00am - 2:45pm
Sunday	CLOSED

**Dates and times are subject to change.
The compost site will be closed for the following dates: May 28, July 2, September 3, November 26, and December 24



SUMMER CONCERT LINE-UP

MAY 8	Concert: Music Depot 6:00-8:00pm
MAY 25	Concert: Perkiomen Valley Jazz Band 6:00-8:00pm
MAY 26	Concert: Spring-Ford High School 6:00-8:00pm
JUNE 8	Kids Concert: Makin Music Gilbertsville 6:00-7:00pm
JUNE 22	Concert: Other Brothers 6:00-8:00pm
JULY 13	Kids Concert: Two of a Kind 6:00-7:00pm
JULY 27	Concert: Dueling Pianos 6:00-8:00pm
AUG 3	Kids Dance Party: DJ Ben 6:00-7:00pm
AUG 17	Concert: Altered Ego 6:00-8:00pm

All-Inclusive Play-ground Cont.

The new playground will be located in Black Rock Park, alongside our Municipal buildings and nestled between ball fields with ample parking. Construction of the new playground will start in April 2022. Ribbon cutting information can be found on our website [uprov-montco.org or getupt.org] when it has been determined.

Stay tuned, we can't wait to see children of all abilities using this new amenity! ♦





EVENTS, CLASSES, & PROGRAMS

All Programs, Classes, and Events are subject to change. Please be sure to check our website for the most up-to-date information.

MAY

May - September Summer Concert Series

Free Concerts throughout the summer held at Anderson Farm Park! See page 5 for schedule
FREE

May 1, 5:30-7:30pm
UPT Community Center

Pottery Pop-up: Mothers Day

Create beautiful ceramic flowers to give as a gift for Mothers' Day or just to celebrate spring!
\$35 per person; Ages 5+

May 7, 10am-1pm
Black Rock Park

Dog Days of Summer

Pet event with vendors, entertainment and more!
Bring your dog out for a day of fun!
FREE

Tuesdays, May 3-31
9:15-10am & 10-10:45am
UPT Community Center

Mini Music Movers
Move and groove to the music as your child explores, learns, and socializes in this fun program!
\$50 per child; Ages 0-6

May 8, 6:00am-8:00pm
Anderson Farm Park

Music Depot Concert in the Park
Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy some music in the park.
FREE

May 12, 7:00am-8:30pm
Greater Philadelphia Expo Center

Senior Expo
Spend the day exploring the historic city of Washington D.C.! You decide your itinerary. We provide transportation!
\$75 per person; All ages

May 14, 10am-12pm
Black Rock Park

Shredding/eRecycle Event
Bring all shredding materials in box or bag. Additional pricing for eRecycling materials can be found on our website.
\$10 suggested donation for shredding event

May 17, All Day
UPT Community Center
Gymnasium

Gymnasium will be closed for Election Day

May 25, 9:30-10am
UPT Community Center

Senior Health Day

Hear from our trainers on ways for active adults to stay healthy!
FREE

May 25, 6:00-7:00pm
Anderson Farm Park

Perkiomen Valley High School
FREE

May 26, 6:00-7:00pm
Anderson Farm Park

Spring-Ford High School
Orchestra
FREE

May 30
UPT Community Center

Community Center Closed

JUN

June 4, 11:30am-8:30pm
Anderson Farm Park

UP! Music Fest
2nd Annual Free Music Festival with local music, beer garden, food and more at Anderson Farm Park!
FREE

June 8th, 6:30-8pm
Anderson Farm Park

Kids Concert: Making Music
Gilbertsville
FREE

June 19

UPT Car Show

1st Ever Car Show at Black Rock Park!

June 22nd, 6:00-8pm

Anderson Farm Park

Concert: All Other Brothers

FREE

SUMMER CAMPS

June-August

Summer Camps begin!

Learn all about our summer camp offerings at getupt.org! Specialty 1 week camps and regular day camp options available. Pricing and more information can be found on our website.

PARK CLEAN UPS

April 23rd-24th	Lock 60/ Schuylkill Canal Assoc.
May 14th	Anderson Farm Park
June 11th	Hess Preserve
July 9th	Black Rock Park
August 13th	MacFarlan Park
September 10th	Reynold's Dog Park

REGISTER ONLINE FOR SUPPLIES AT GETUPT.ORG
UPT PARKS & RECREATION

KIDS CLUB

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

4:15-5:00pm & 5:15-6:00pm

Kids Club at the UPT Community Center

Join us for a variety of activities for kids ages 4-10. Choose from an a-la-carte menu.

Options include sports, science lab and more!

Free/Members, \$5/Non-Members

Register on our website at getupt.org.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm

UPT Community Center

Hooks and Needles

Do you like to crochet, knit, do needlework or other crafts? Come and socialize during Hooks and Needles!

FREE

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm

UPT Community Center

Mahjong

FREE

Mondays, 12-3pm

Wednesdays, 12-3pm & 6-7pm

Fridays, 11:30am-1pm & 6-8pm

UPT Community Center

Pickleball

FREE for Members; \$5 for Non-Members

In Memory of Branden Sisca



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