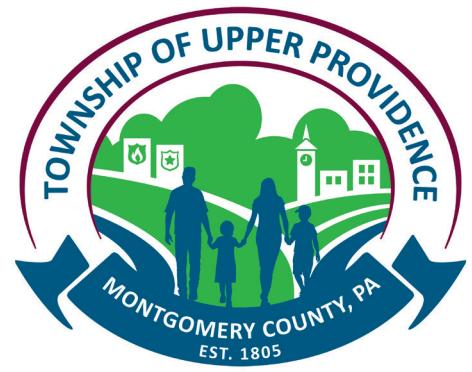


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The Taylor Property



The land title of the historic Taylor Property can be traced back all the way to the late eighteenth century. Named for Helen and Merrill Taylor, the property was in their possession from 1986-2007, after which it was sold to TH Properties, who conveyed the farmstead to the Township of Upper Providence a year later.

But before it was passed onto the namesakes of the property, it was owned by the Wismer Family. Henry Wismer originally purchased the 84 acres of land that would one day become known as the Taylor Property on April 4th, 1827. It remained in his possession for thirty years, until he passed down the land- including an extra 4 acres, to Christian C. Wismer. The property was then pared down to a 78 acre and a 77 square

perch farm in April of 1902.

After nearly thirty more years in the Wismer family, the property was then sold in April 1931 to James I. Staley, and the property then descend through the Staley family after James' death, when it was passed into the possession of his wife and daughter.

Currently a part of the Parks Master Plan, future plans for the Taylor Property include a loop trail, with trails connecting the property to several adjacent developments, a restoration of the existing meadow on the property, and securing a space for community centered agriculture in the future. ♦



Fire and Emergency Services

New Faces at the Fire House

We are excited to announce that we recently hired five new firefighters as we continue to prepare for the transition to our new schedule. The additional firefighters will allow our department to provide full-time coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In total, seventy-three applicants applied for the five positions. Candidates faced extensive testing, starting with their first interview before a selected panel. Those who moved on from the first interview were scheduled for the Candidate Physical Agility Test, better known as the CPAT. After eight weeks of practice and preparation, the nine candidates who passed, moved on to the final round of interviews. From there, our five firefighters were chosen.

Before moving to their assigned platoons, the five firefighters will undergo three weeks of orientation and training, learning about Upper Providence, the equipment we use, our operating guidelines and procedures, and much more.

Please join us in welcoming Robert Koren, Tyler Miles, Joshua Ruger, Kyle Sapovits, and Steve Ughy. They come with experience from local area fire departments and will be a great addition to our expanding team. As always, if you see us out and about, feel free to stop and say hi and welcome our new members! ♦



Deputy Chief Dimmerling Sworn In

Deputy Chief Tom Dimmerling has been serving his community since 2003, joining the Royersford Fire Department as a cadet. He continued to serve during his attendance at West Chester University, where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Political Science –

Applied Public Policy.

Chief Dimmerling continued his training and service, rising to the position of Captain. In 2014, he was hired by Upper Providence Township as the Deputy Fire Marshal and Assistant Chief. In 2018, Chief Dimmerling was selected to fill the role of acting Fire Chief during the hiring process of a new Chief.

In 2021, he received his Master of Public Safety Leadership and Administration Degree – Executive Fire Administration from Arizona State University. While holding many certifications, some of his more prominent include his national Fire Officer IV, Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI), and Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS).

Chief Dimmerling was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief / Fire Marshal in February 2022 and officially sworn in on June 20th, 2022. We congratulate him as he continues to rise through the ranks and look forward to his continued success. ♦

Meet Deputy Fire Marshal Bickings

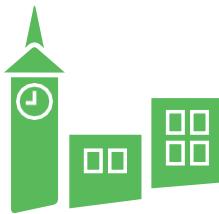
Upper Providence Township's new Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Bickings comes to Upper Providence Township with 36 years of experience in fire and emergency services.

Chris holds several national fire and EMS certifications, he is certified as a Master Code Professional by the International Code Council, Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator through National Association of Fire Investigators and has dual designations as Chief Fire Officer and Fire Marshal from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

In addition to his position with Upper Providence Township as the Deputy Fire Marshal, Chris is also the Fire Chief for Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Department in Berks County and a part-time Firefighter-Paramedic for Berwyn Fire Company in Chester County.

Deputy Fire Marshal Bickings will be sworn in at a later date during the monthly supervisors meeting. ♦





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

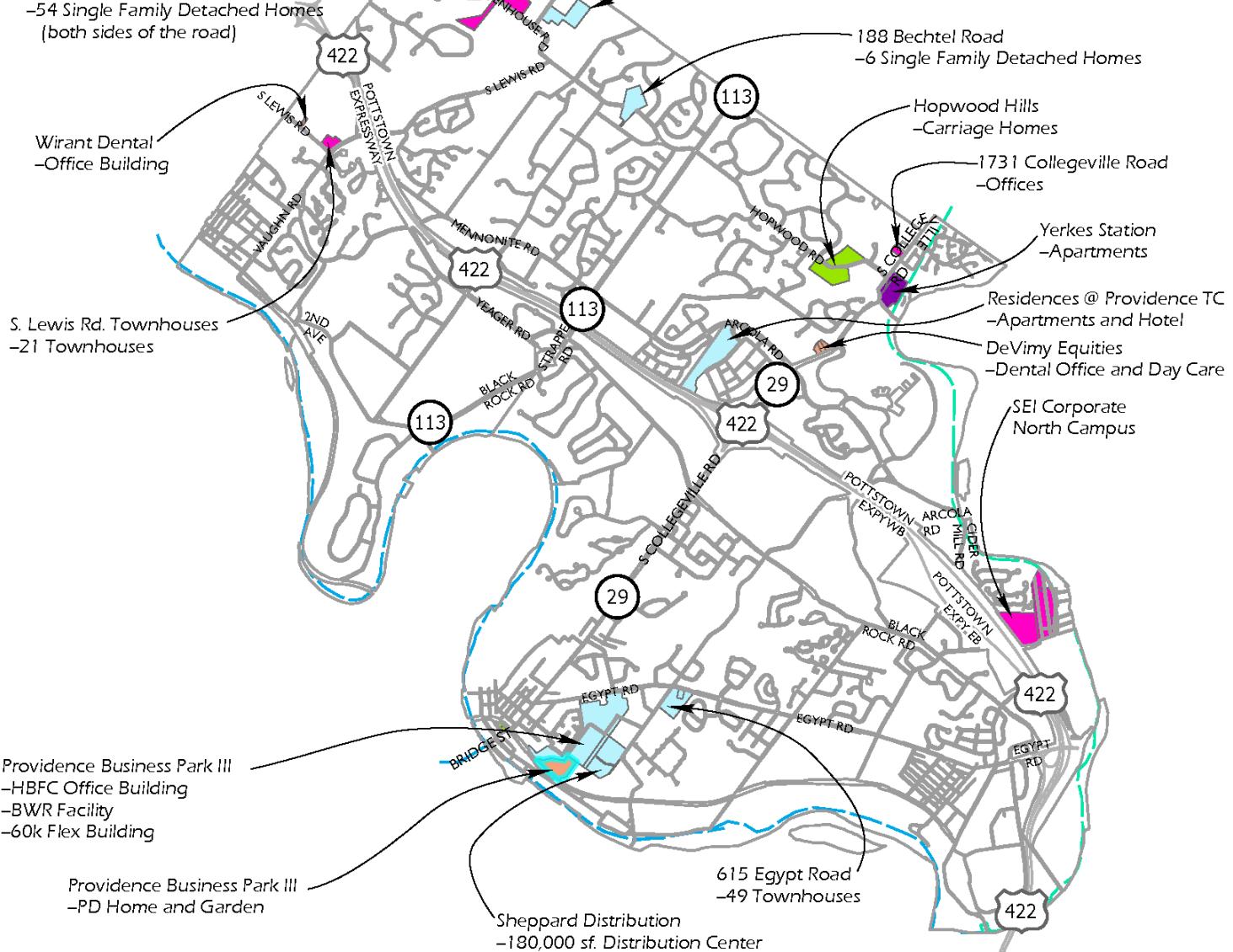
— Perkiomen Trail

Schuylkill River Trail

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Toll Brothers / Foley Tract

—54 Single Family Detached Homes
(both sides of the road)





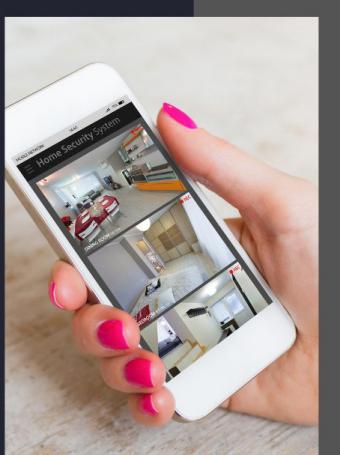
Police

New Safe-Cam Security Camera Registration Program



SAFE-CAM PROGRAM

Register your business or home's security camera today!



The Upper Providence Township Police Department is committed to utilizing every resource possible to prevent and solve crimes and protect citizens and their property. For example, many residents and businesses use surveillance cameras, and these cameras may capture persons and events without the owner's knowledge. This captured information may help the Upper Providence Township Police Department solve crimes and help keep the community safe.

The Safe-Cam Program is a way for the police department to work in partnership with the community to maintain a database of camera locations to help identify suspects and solve crimes faster. The program allows owners to inform the police department about the security camera systems at both private residences and local businesses.

It is entirely voluntary, and participation is free. The Upper Providence Township Police Department is asking residents and businesses to register their privately-owned surveillance camera systems.

By registering your camera system with the Upper Providence Township Police Department, officers and detectives will identify what cameras may have captured the criminal activity. You will only be contacted by the Police Department if there is an incident within the vicinity of your camera system. Officers or detectives may request to view the footage to assist in their investigation.

The goal of the Safe-Cam Program is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration

between the Upper Providence Township Police Department and the community we serve.

Accordingly, all Safe-Cam registrants agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Any footage containing or related to criminal activity may be collected by the Upper Providence Township Police Department for use as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding.
2. Relevant information is reserved for official use by the Upper Providence Township Police Department and will not be released to any member of the general public or press.
3. If necessary, the Upper Providence Township Police Department will contact you directly, using the information provided to request the appropriate video surveillance footage.
4. Under no circumstances shall registrants construe that they are acting as an agent and/or employee of the and/or the Upper Providence Township Police Department through the Safe Cam program.
5. Under no circumstances shall the Upper Providence Township Police Department utilize any information obtained to view footage/feeds directly from cameras owned by registrants.

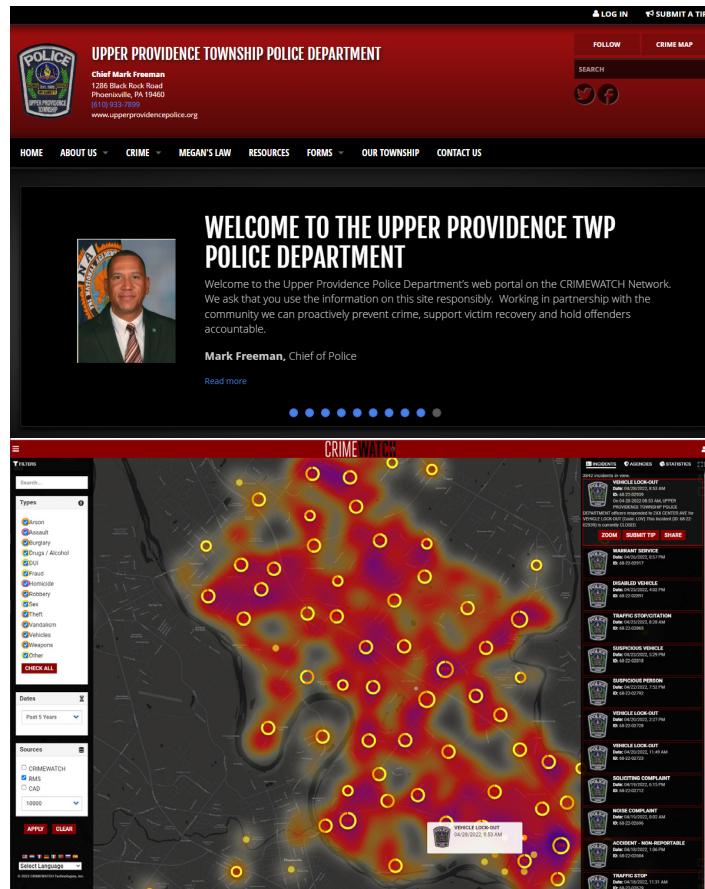
Registration into the program indicates acceptance of the above terms and conditions.

For more information, or to register your camera with the Safe-Cam Program, please visit the Township website. ♦

Crime Mapping & Analysis

Upper Providence Township Police Department, in partnership with CRIMEWATCH™, announces the release of a new crime mapping and analysis system that brings near real-time transparency to police incident responses.

“Allowing the public access to a crime map with detailed information about crime and criminal activity in their area was long overdue. This is yet another tool that will allow the police department to be transparent with our community. With this new Crime Mapping System, our residents (*Continued on Page 5*)



Crime Mapping & Analysis Cont.

can see street-level views of verified incidents.” – Chief Mark Freeman

CRIMEWATCH™ developed a comprehensive crime mapping and analysis tool that empowers residents to monitor and understand crime activity in their local vicinity. All access is free, and community members can sign up to receive notifications for activity from the police department.

Residents can view the Upper Providence Township Police Department crime map by visiting the department's CRIMEWATCH web portal online and then clicking the “CRIME MAP” button in the main menu.

While browsing the crime map, viewers can filter by incident type and date. With the map controls, viewers can change the map style, enable heat mapping, view individual incident details, and view in multiple languages.

Beyond the public-facing mapping, additional analysis views are available only to law enforcement users. These services allow the police department to quickly analyze incident data to identify potential crime trends and other patterns found with criminal activity. ♦

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

2022 Paving Project Complete & Other Upcoming Projects

The Township-Wide 2022 Paving Project has been completed. This years project consisted of milling and paving the following roads;

- Brower Avenue
- Perkiomen Avenue
- Center Avenue
- Pennsylvania Avenue
- Montgomery Avenue
- Cardinal Lane

Later this year, the Township is planning to replace a culvert pipe on Gumbes Road, near Egypt Road. Arcola Road is also currently undergoing construction to install a traffic circle near Providence Town Center. ♦

Hazardous Waste Collection Event Saturday, September 24th- Preregistration Required

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

For more information visit: MontcoPAREcycles.org
recycling@montcopa.org | (610) 278-3618

Public Works





NEW FROM PARKS AND RECREATION!

Satellite Library

Coming this Fall to the Community Center, Norristown Public Library Satellite Branch! We will be offering library resources for all community members.

Offerings: Top Titles for Adults, Children's Books, Self Check-Out Reading Areas, and more!

Rental Options

Looking for a space to rent? Check out our Pavilion and Community Center rental options! Check out our website for more details; www.getupt.org

Ninja Warrior

Are YOU the next Ninja Warrior? Train with our Fitness Team at the Brand-New All Inclusive Playground! More details available on our website: www.getupt.org

Adult Basketball League

Interested in Adult League Basketball? League play starts in September! Lace up your sneakers and grab your friends. Sign up online at www.getupt.org

SRT Connector

Want easy access to the Schuylkill River Trail? Our new SRT Connector ribbon cutting will be held this fall. The new trail can be located across the street from the UPT Police Station; 1286 Black Rock Road.

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.

SEP

September 1, 6:00-7:30pm

Anderson Farm Park

Other Brothers Concert

Part of our Free Concerts Series. Dog Bites Hot Dogs Food Truck on-site!

September 20, 6:00-8:00pm

UPT Community Center

Medicare Information

An informational meeting regarding Medicare with Steve Perlman.

September 23, Time TBD

Anderson Farm Park

Teen Laser Tag Craze

Laser tag, games, and more at Anderson Farm Park!



OCT

October 15, 12:00-5:00pm

Black Rock Park

UPT Community Fall Festival

Annual Community Event with activities, vendors, beer garden, food trucks and more at Black Rock Park!

October 20, 11:15am

UPT Community Center

Hawaii Adventure Information

Informational meeting regarding the Hawaii Three Island Adventure Trip

NOV

November 10, 6:30pm

UPT Community Center

Hawaii Adventure Information

Informational meeting regarding the Hawaii Three Island Adventure Trip

November 19, 9:30-11:30am

Black Rock Park

Turkey Trail Trek

Hike our trail and discover Turkey Facts, meet a live turkey, and get a goodie bag at Black Rock Park!

Select Nights

November 25-December 17

Anderson Farm Park

Woodland Wonderland

Holiday Light Display walking tour with free hot chocolate, goodies and more at Anderson Farm Park!

PROGRAMS RETURNING IN THE FALL

Nature Explorers

1-2 Programs a month through November

Mini Music Movers

Early September

Zumbini

End of September

Storytime with the Library

Fridays Only

Walk With A Firefighter

September 28

Walk With A Cop

October 26

Star Party

Wednesday, October 12

7:00-9:00pm

Rain Date: Thursday, October 13

Art For Seniors

Once Per Month



UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY FALL FEST

FREE ADMISSION!

**OCTOBER 15, 2022
12:00 PM - 5:00PM
BLACK ROCK PARK**

Hay Rides, Bounce Houses, Face Painting,
Food, a Beer Garden and much more!

www.getupt.org

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