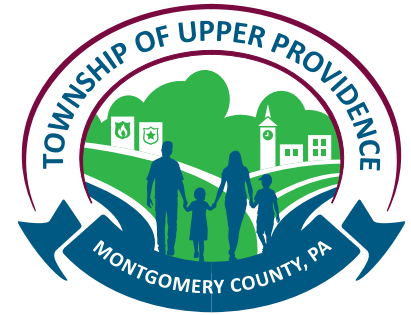


# TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PROVIDENCE

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## GRANT NEWS



### UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING



## Upper Providence Township Awarded \$3 Million Multimodal Grant from PennDOT

Upper Providence Township was awarded a \$3 Million Multimodal Grant from PennDOT. The grant will be used for the Black Rock Road Roundabout and Route 113 Bridge Reconstruction Project. The \$3 million awarded is the highest amount permitted for Multimodal Grants. The Township Board of Supervisors and staff are extremely grateful to all the people who helped with the grant application and award including Governor Josh Shapiro, Senator Katie Muth and Representative Joe Webster.

Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, has experienced significant growth of over 3% per year (2020 to 2023) in population according to the U.S. Census data. We are pleased that people desire to live and work in our community and the Township works to provide resources

and infrastructure improvements for all our residents. The Multimodal Grant will help us address traffic congestion that impacts emergency response times and commuter wait times.

## Upper Providence Township Receives \$700,000 Funding Grant

Upper Providence Township was just notified that we received \$700,000 in state grant funding for the UPT Public Works fuel station safety and relocation project. Thank you Rep. Joe Webster, Senator Katie Muth, Black Rock Vol Fire Co., and Trappe Borough who supported us in this grant acquisition.



In an effort to be sustainable, the paper newsletter will no longer be published and mailed to all households after January of 2025. Please share & subscribe to this monthly emailed newsletter to stay up to date with all that is happening in Upper Providence Township or you may OPT-IN to receive a paper copy quarterly. Only

those households who opt-in will receive the paper newsletter.

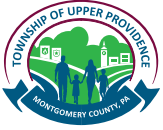
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<https://www.uprov-montco.org/FormCenter/Newsletter-12/OptIn-for-the-Quarterly-Mailed-Newslette-72> or call the township at 610.933.9179.

Subscribe to the monthly eNews: <http://eepurl.com/igeX5v>

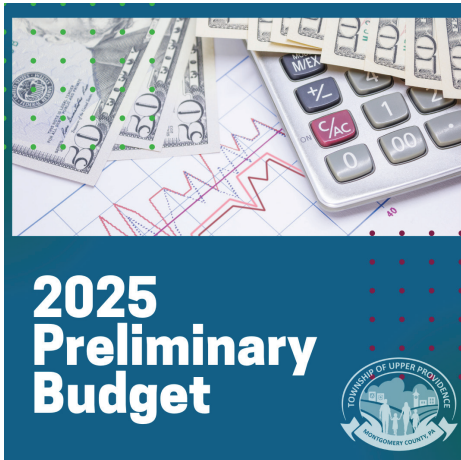
## Upper Providence Township Awarded \$1.5M RACP Grant

Upper Providence was awarded \$1.5 million in RACP money towards the relocation and expansion of the township's public works facility. The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for the design, acquisition, and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects. We thank Senator Muth and Representative Webster for their support in the acquisition of this funding.



# Administration

New Township Administration Hours:  
 Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Friday 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
 Phone: (610) 933-9179  
 Email: [admin@uprov-montco.org](mailto:admin@uprov-montco.org)



The 2025 preliminary budget is available on the website. You may view the document online. Comments will be accepted via [admin@uprov-montco.org](mailto:admin@uprov-montco.org). The final 2025 Budget is scheduled to be voted on by the Board of Supervisors at their December 2, 2024 meeting.

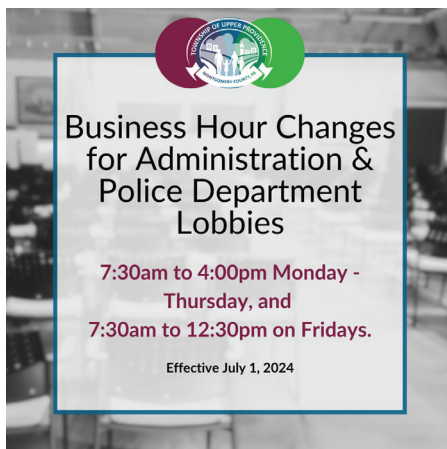


The Township's Planning Commission has drafted a comprehensive plan based on current census, Township statistics and the latest planning information available. You may view the plan on our website.

As the Draft Comprehensive Plan is reviewed by the Planning Commission and subsequently sent to the Board

of Supervisors for adoption, the Township will continue to inform residents of progress made. Watch for news regarding this process in the coming weeks and months.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of every month in the Meeting Hall in the Administration Building. All meetings are open to the general public.



## Township Administration Hours of Operation

The Township will be implementing new post-covid hours of operation for the lobbies in the administration building and the police department.

New post-covid hours of operation will be 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday, and 7:30am to 12:30pm on Friday starting July 1, 2024.

## Upper Providence Township Supports the Schuylkill Canal Association

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 19th, the Board of Supervisors presented a donation check to the Schuylkill Canal Association (SCA). This is a budgeted item for 2024.

*Pictured LtoR – Jeremy Bowers, SCA Vice President; Carlos Thillet, SCA President; Helene Calci, Chair UPT Board of Supervisors*







# Public Works

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

## COMPOST SITE HOURS:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	1:00pm - 4:45pm
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 25, August 31, November 30, and December 25



## 2024 Compost Calendar

The Compost Site is open on Wednesdays from 1:00pm - 4:45pm and Saturdays from 8am-2:45pm. <https://www.uprov-montco.org/calendar.aspx?CID=22>

More information regarding composting: <https://www.uprov-montco.org/193/Compost-Site>



## Online Applications and Payments Coming Soon!

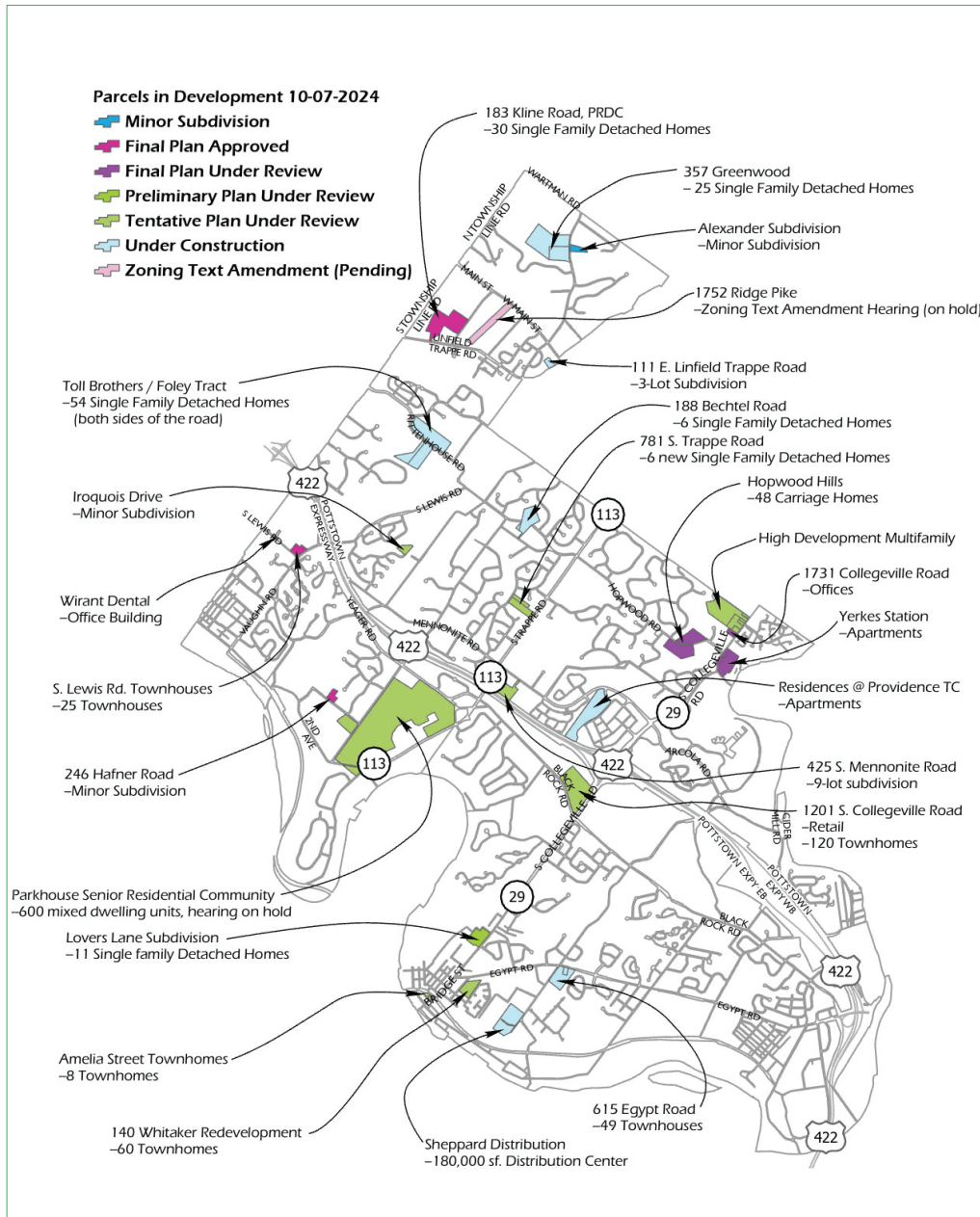
Upper Providence Township has teamed up with GovPilot to make permitting easier and more efficient with online forms and payments. Stay tuned for more information.



## Leaf Collection Information

- Upper Providence Township does not collect leaves. Please do not rake leaves to the curb unless you have made arrangements with a hauler to collect them.
- Leaves may be bagged in brown bags (please - no plastic bags) and brought to the compost site during regular compost site hours. The compost site will accept leaves from township residents only.

# Meet the Planning Commission



The Planning Commission is made up of five resident members. Their responsibilities include reviewing most development proposals for the township.

Working in conjunction with the Planning and Zoning Department, the commission determines a project's feasibility and studies the impact on the surrounding area and traffic. When reviewing new or planned development, the commission must also ensure the plan adheres to all township codes including open space zoning requirements as defined in the township's zoning ordinance. Once plans have been reviewed, the commission submits them to the Board of Supervisors with their recommendations.

The Planning Commission meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's. Recent agenda items included the Amelia Street Townhomes and a subdivision on Mennonite Road. Geoffrey Grace a

consultant for the township, is the Director of Planning and is also the township's Zoning Officer. He serves on the Planning Commission as the township representative. Geoff is in the township every day and available to the public during normal business hours. He is responsible for evaluating the plans that are submitted to the township as well as working on the overall comprehensive plan. He coordinates with developers and their legal representatives and reviews applications for recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Geoff considers his role in the Planning commission as both administrative and legal. He manages all the land development applications and "makes sure they meet their clock" and assists in getting them through the process. Geoff considers the Planning Commission as "probably the prime place for residents to get info about land development." He also says attending the Planning Commission meetings is "a great opportunity for the public to interact with the government."





# Police

## Meet Officer Jeffrey Hilt

Jeffrey Hilt is an administrative Sergeant in the Upper Providence Township Police department. He has been in this role since 2018. In this role he is the head evidence custodian, fleet manager, quarter master, and is responsible for uniform crime report (UCR) submissions. Prior to this role he was a patrol sergeant and a corporal.

Jeffrey has been employed with the Upper Providence Township Police Department for 30 years. In his career with UPT he has worked in the accident investigation unit, the motorcycle unit, and has been the defensive tactics instructor.

Jeffrey holds a bachelor's degree from Saint Joseph's University in criminal justice. He is also a recent graduate of the Northwestern University School of police staff and command.



## Subscribe to CrimeWatch



- New Forms for Residents on the UPT Police Crimewatch Site
- The Upper Providence Township Police Department partners with CrimeWatch, a website that empowers individuals, families and organizations to keep their communities safe.
- Visit the Upper Providence Township Police CrimeWatch website for information on incidents in the area as well as useful forms for residents.  
<https://montgomery.crimewatchpa.com/upperprovidencetpd>

## Pet of the Month - Meet Duke!



Duke is a Bernese Mountain Dog who will be 11 years old in October. He is a gentle giant and the best family/companion dog. His favorite activity is sitting on a pile of snow and he looks forward to the cooler temperatures.

Submit your pet to be featured in our monthly eNews and on social media!

<https://www.uprov-montco.org/415/Pet-of-the-Month>





## Programs & Events

Please register at <https://uprov.recdesk.com/Community/Program>



- Beginner Golf for ages 6 to 14: October 29 to November 19
- Basketball Clinic - Skills \* Drills: November 7 to 21
- Art for Kids: Holiday Card Making: November 13th at 6:30 PM

## Holiday Programs & Events

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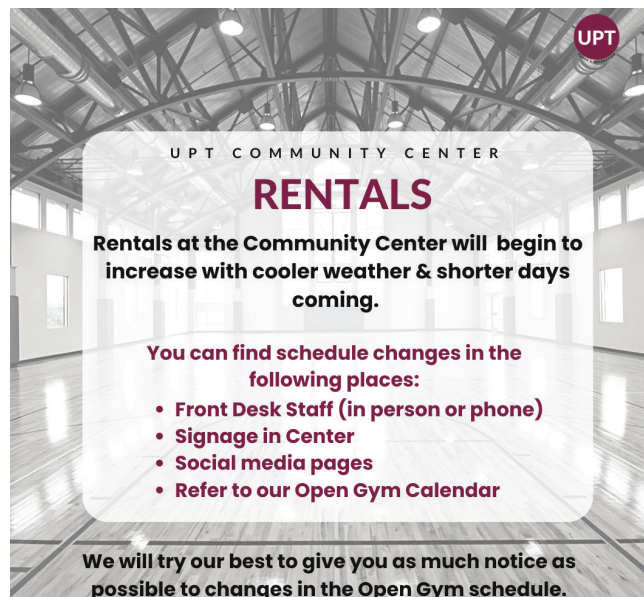


- Arader Farms Walking Wonderland - Starts November 29th at 5:30 PM!
- Pictures with Santa - December 3rd from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at the Firehouse
- Holiday Centerpiece Workshop - Friday, December 6 at 6:30 PM



Memberships to the Upper Providence Township Community Center are incredibly affordable! You'll love our fitness equipment and group exercise classes, or maybe even meet the personal trainer who can help you on your way to peak fitness! Visit our

website for additional information: <https://uprov.recdesk.com/Community/Program>







# Fire and Emergency Services

## Fire and Emergency Services Presents Awards of Appreciation

The Upper Providence Township Fire and Emergency Services department was formed many years ago by a group of dedicated township employees who helped develop what has become an exemplary 24/7 full-time fire department.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 21st, 2024, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services was proud to present awards of appreciation to a few very special staff members for everything they accomplished since 2007 to help develop our current fire department.

These township employees, along with others from Public Works, Codes, and Administration staffed Engine 93 during weekday hours to help supplement our partner volunteer fire companies.

Plaques of appreciation were presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 21st by Chiefs Risell and Dimmerling.



*Pictured (L-R) Chief Mike Risell (DFES), Matthew Light (Building Code Official), Don Kelly (Asst. Public Works Director), Tom Broadbelt (Public Works Director), Josh Kelly (Public Works Foreman – Grounds), Deputy Chief Tom Dimmerling (DFES). Missing from photo are Sean Murtha (Public Works Foreman – Roads) and Scott Musselman (Public Works)*

## Be #UPT Flood Ready

Are you prepared for a flood? The UPT Office of Emergency Management offers tips to be prepared for flooding. Learn how you can prepare your home for flooding, prepare an emergency kit, make a plan, and stay safe during a storm. Download the poster <https://www.uprov-montco.org/463/Flood-Preparation-Tips>

### Register for alerts from ReadyMontco: Upper Providence

Emergency Management uses this app to communicate with residents and visitors about emergencies.

### Prepare your home for flooding:

- Keep gutters and downspouts clean.
- Make copies and store important documents in a safe place.
- Secure external propane tanks and anchor indoor fuel tanks.
- Elevate utilities like air conditioners, heat pumps, and meters.
- Install a water alarm and sump pump in your basement.

### Make an emergency kit for your home and vehicle to sustain you, your family, and pets for three days:

- Drinking Water (1 gallon per person, per day)
- Non-Perishable food
- Battery-Powered weather radio
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Cell phone with chargers and battery backup
- Pet food and supplies
- Hygiene items, toiletries and prescription medication

### Staying Safe During a Storm

- Be prepared to evacuate. Know where you will go before you need to leave.
- Listen to emergency alerts and evacuate before you need to be rescued.
- Don't drive around barricades or through flood waters.
- If water is at your front door, it's time to go!

### Understand the Risk of living in a Flood Zone

- Know when and how to evacuate to safety.
- Talk to your agent about Flood Insurance.
- Document and photograph your valuables.

### Make a Plan and tell family members:

- Where you will go
- How you will get there
- Who will go with you
- What to take with you

### Make Financial Preparations

- Purchase homeowners' or renters' insurance and make sure policies are up to date.
- Open a rainy-day savings account.

### Keep important documents safe and make copies:

- Identification (driver's license, passport, birth certificates, Social Security Cards)
- Vehicle and boat registrations, titles, and insurance.
- Bank accounts, mortgage, wills, and utilities.
- Medical and prescription records

### Recovering After a Storm

- Floodwaters contain hazardous materials, sewage, and other contaminants. Don't swim or walk in floodwater.
- File a claim with your homeowners' or renters' insurance agent.
- Document any damage to your property with photos. UPT Emergency Management, PEMA, and FEMA will be conducting damage assessment surveys. Share damage information with them.
- Do not run generators indoors—they produce carbon monoxide which is a colorless and odorless gas that will kill you!
- Have copies of important documents ready for government assistance applications.



**Rep. Joe Webster**  
150<sup>th</sup> District / Montgomery County

**Mobile Office Hours**

Upper Providence Township, 1286 Black  
Rock Road, Phoenixville, PA

Beginning May 1, 2024  
FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Representative Joe Webster Office Hours**

Join PA State Representative Joe Webster for Mobile Office Hours every FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month. Hours are from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and are held in the Township Building.

Representative Webster will be available to meet constituents and to provide state related services for people who may not be able to come to the district office

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