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Open Space Preservation

The Upper Providence Township Board of Supervisors is currently in discussions about the preservation of open space within the township.

In response to inquiries from concerned residents, the Board is considering adopting a resolution that would authorize the placement of a question on the ballot for an upcoming election.

The proposed question would ask the voters of Upper Providence Township whether they assent to incurring debt for the purpose of financing the acquisition of interests in real property for the preservation of environmental areas and open space for passive recreational purposes and benefits within the township.

While discussions are still in their early stages, the Board wants residents to know that preserving open space is a top priority for both the Supervisors and the township as a whole. The beauty and natural resources of our community are important assets that must be protected for future generations.

The Board will continue to keep residents informed as this initiative progresses. We encourage all members of our community to stay engaged and provide feedback as we work towards preserving our open spaces.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

LINE UP:

- 18-Jun YoYo 6pm
- 9-Jul Bubble Dance Party 6pm
- 23-Jul Two of a Kind 6pm
- 13-Aug Theatre- Robin Hood 6pm
- 27-Aug Swiftie & the Midnights! 6pm
- Food Truck, lawn games and more!

*All Concerts are held at Anderson Farm Park.
Don't forget your chair or blanket to enjoy the evening.
Concerts in yellow will be held in the Community Center if inclement weather



Administration

Road Work Alert: Black Rock Road Closure

Motorists are advised of the following travel restriction: Monday, May 12, through Monday, December 1, Black Rock Road will be closed and detoured 24/7 between Upper Indian Head Road and Ashenfelter Road. During the closure, motorists will be directed to use Egypt Road, and Route 29 (Bridge Street/Collegeville Road).

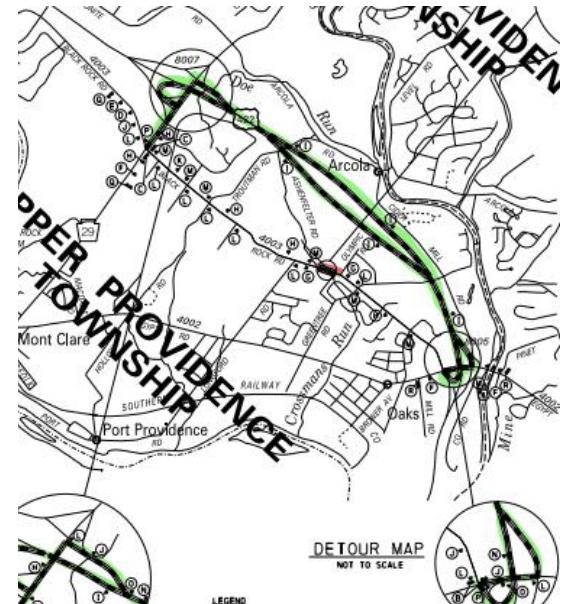
Local access will be maintained up to the work zone. Drivers are advised to allow extra time when traveling near the work area because backups and delays may occur. The single-span, two-lane, Black Rock Road bridge over Crossmans Run was built in 1925. The bridge is 12 feet long, 22 feet wide and carries approximately 7,796 vehicles per day.

Honoring Dan Daley: A Legacy of the Schuylkill Canal

During the April Board of Supervisors meeting, State Representative Joe Webster presented a Pennsylvania House citation to UPT resident Betsy Daley in honor of her late husband, Dan Daley.

Dan was a dedicated volunteer with the Schuylkill Canal Association and proudly served as the lock tender for Lock 61 on the Schuylkill River in Upper Providence Township.

His contributions to the community and passion for preserving local history were deeply appreciated.



Opt-In to Receive Monthly Digital Newsletters to Your Inbox!

Want to stay up to date on everything happening in Upper Providence Township? Sign up for our monthly eNews—a digital newsletter delivered straight to your inbox with updates on events, programs, news, and more. It's the easiest way to stay informed and connected with your community. Sign up by scanning the QR code to the left and keep up with everything UPT!

Kindly contact the township if you wish to change your subscription from the quarterly printed newsletter to the monthly eNews.

Be #UPTFloodReady

- **Sign Up for Alerts:** Register at ReadyMontco for emergency notifications.
- **Know Your Risk:** Understand flood zones and have an evacuation plan.
- **Protect Your Home:** Clear gutters, elevate utilities, and anchor fuel tanks.
- **Make a Kit:** Stock 3 days of water, food, meds, flashlight, radio, and pet supplies.
- **Plan Ahead:** Know where you'll go, how you'll get there, and what to bring.
- **After the Storm:** Avoid floodwaters, document damage, and never run generators indoors.

For more tips, visit Upper Providence Emergency Management.

Save the Date: UPT Community Fall Fest



Join Us for the UPT Community Fall Festival
Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 12-5 PM

Get ready for Upper Providence Township's biggest event of the year! Fall Fest returns with an afternoon full of seasonal fun, food, music, and activities for all ages.

Each year, over 6,000 people gather to enjoy hayrides, pony rides, face painting, bounce houses, a petting zoo, and more. Local vendors and food trucks will line the event space, offering great eats and unique finds. A live DJ will keep the energy high, and guests 21+ can enjoy local brews.

It's the perfect way to welcome fall—complete with pumpkins, cider, and apple treats.

Don't miss this fun, free community event. Bring your friends, your family, and your best flannel—Fall Fest is where memories are made!

Learn more or register as a vendor at www.UPTREC.com.



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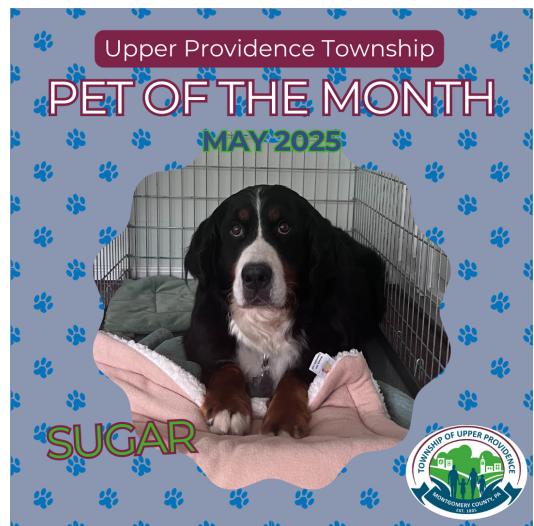
Subscribe to ReadyMontco

The Upper Providence Township Office of Emergency Management relies on the ReadyMontco system to notify residents, businesses, and visitors of important emergency alerts and community event notices.

Messages can be sent via text, email, or phone call.

To receive these important messages, please subscribe at
<https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3311/ReadyMontco>

Pet of the Month: Meet Sugar!



"Sugar is a 6-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog recently rescued from a puppy farm by Main Line Animal Rescue. Since joining our family, she's brought so much joy and love into our home."

"She enjoys relaxing in her cozy "Sugar Shack" and spending quiet moments tucked under the bushes in the yard. Gentle, sweet, and full of heart—Sugar is truly a wonderful addition to our lives!"

Public Works

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

Don Kelly Named New UPT Public Works Director

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With over 23 years of experience working for the township, Don brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role.

Don's journey with Upper Providence Township began in 2002 when he joined as a public works laborer. Over the years, he worked in various areas of public works and in 2011, he became the Building and Grounds Foreman, responsible for maintaining all township buildings, properties, and parks. In 2020, he was promoted to Assistant Public Works Director, where he managed a team of 14 individuals.

Prior to joining Upper Providence Township, Don attended Spring-Ford and Western Montgomery technical school for welding and graduated in 1983.

In addition to his dedication to public service, Don is also devoted to his family. He is married to his high school sweetheart and they have two children together. They are also proud grandparents of five grandchildren who bring joy and excitement into their lives.

Upper Providence Township is confident that Don Kelly will continue to serve the community with the same dedication and commitment he has shown throughout his 23 years of service. Please join us in welcoming him as our new Public Works Director.

Safety Update from UPT Public Works

The Upper Providence Township Public Works Department has recently installed new signage along Bechtel Road to alert drivers of blind corners and improve road safety.

As always, we encourage everyone to slow down and use extra caution when approaching curves and less visible areas of the road. These updates are part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our roads safe for all who travel them.



Let's continue looking out for one another — your safe driving makes a difference.

Remember: It's better to arrive late than not at all. Thank you for helping make our community safer!

COMPOST SITE HOURS 2025

Wednesday Hours

- March 12 - Sept. 30, 2025: 1:00 pm to 6:45 pm
- Oct. 1 - Oct. 28, 2025: 1:00 pm to 6:15 pm
- Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, 2025: 1:00 pm to 5:45 pm
- Nov. 5 - Dec. 31, 2025: 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Saturday Hours are 8:00 AM to 2:45 PM

The Compost Site is CLOSED for the following holidays

- Saturday, July 5, 2025
- Saturday, August 30, 2025
- Wednesday, November 26, 2025
- Saturday, November 29, 2025
- Wednesday, December 24, 2025
- Wednesday, December 31, 2025



Fire and Emergency Services News

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Funding Changes

The Upper Providence Township Supervisors enacted a property tax for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), specifically as a financial contribution to the Contracted EMS Provider.

The three Contracted EMS Providers are Friendship Ambulance, Lower Providence Ambulance, and Freedom Valley Medical Rescue. This property tax covers all EMS Services regardless of the responding provider.

The residents of the township will not be required to contribute to the Contracted EMS Provider for membership which offset costs not covered by medical insurance. The township contribution will replace the resident membership.

The benefits, limitations, and restrictions are listed as follows:

- 100 percent of households in the township are covered minus any medical deductible the medical insurance policy may have and must be met.
- Township residents are covered regardless of the dispatched 911 location, but the location must be in Upper Providence Township.
- Two lift assist services per calendar year are covered.
- Businesses, companies, or other non-residential locations are not covered.
- EMS calls where treatment was rendered with no-transport are not covered.
- EMS transports that are denied or determined to be unnecessary by the insurance company are not covered.

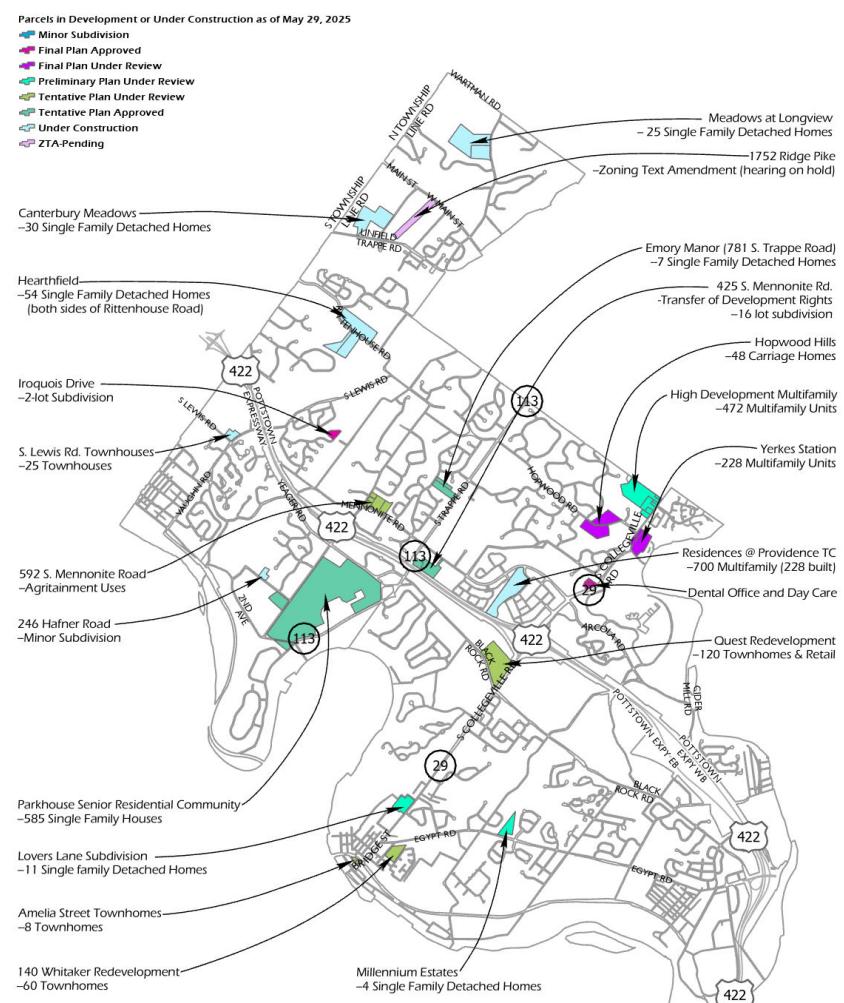
The resident must provide all insurance information to the Contracted EMS Provider and by virtue of this resolution agree the payment of the authorized Medicare benefits or other insurance benefits be made on their behalf. They also authorize any holder of medical information or documentation about the patient that can be released to the Health Care Administration and its carrier and agents as needed to determine benefits payable for the Contracted EMS Provider.

Full information about the EMS levy can be found on page 6 of the 2025 budget as well as on the UPT website.



Development Map

See the latest In Development Map from the planning department.



Parks and Recreation

UPT Tackled the Gauntlet!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the inaugural UPT First Responder Gauntlet on April 5 to benefit the Emergency Services Academy Summer Camp! Police, Fire and Emergency Services were thrilled to welcome over 100 Gauntlet runners who tackled the challenging 5K and Kids' 1-Mile courses with strength, energy, and community spirit.

A huge thank you to our generous sponsors—Families Behind the Badge Children's Foundation, ServPro, Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar, The Bridge @ Collegeville, Rivercrest Golf Club and Preserve, and The Gym and CrossFit—for making this event possible.





UPT Summer FUN!

JUN

- 6/15 @ 10am – 4th Annual Car show Broadbelt Classic (Black Rock Park)
- 6/16 -First day of Camp Black Rock (Black Rock Park)
- 6/18 @ 6 pm – YoYo (Anderson Farm Park)

JUL

- 7/9 @ 6 pm – Bubble Dance Party (Anderson Farm Park)
- 7/23 @ 6 pm – Two of a Kind (Anderson Farm Park)
- 7/27 – Summer Fest with VFBT

AUG

- 8/13 @ 6 pm – Family Stages: Robin Hood (Anderson Farm Park)
- 8/16 @ 1pm - UP! Music Fest (Anderson Farm Park)
- 8/27 @ 6 pm – Swiftie and the Midnights (Anderson Farm Park)

Mark your Calendar

bit.ly/4k3mcWo

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NRPA'S PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

BUILD TOGETHER  **Play TOGETHER**

JULY is Parks & Recreation Month!

INCREADIBLY AFFORDABLE MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Join the UPT Community Center TODAY!

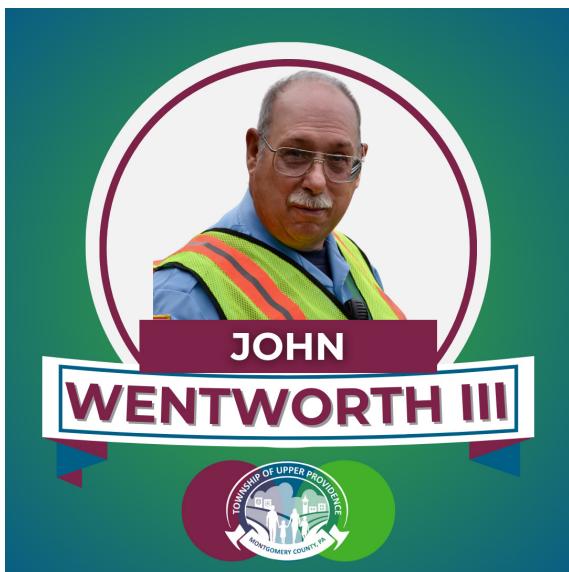




SUMMER STRONG STARTS HERE!

Police News

A Fond Farewell to a Familiar Face: Honoring John Wentworth, III Upon Retirement



After more than two decades of faithfully guiding generations of students across the street and safely into school, John Wentworth, III will hang up his crossing guard vest for the last time this June. His last day at Upper Providence Elementary School will be June 5, 2025—marking 22 years of dedicated service to the school and to the community.

John began his post in 2003, the very year UPT Elementary first opened its doors. At the time, he was a stay-at-home father whose own children had just started full-day kindergarten. Looking for something that aligned with his parenting schedule, he found his perfect fit at the crosswalk. What started as a practical choice quickly became a passion.

Ask John what he'll miss most, and the answer is immediate: "Just the kids—the kids are the favorite part. Every day there's always something different." Over the years, he's watched young students grow up, graduate, and even start families of their own. "Some of them are married with kids now," he laughs. "It's been fun to watch that."

Through rain, snow, and sunshine, John has been a reliable and reassuring presence—smiling, waving, and checking in with thousands of students (and their parents) over the years. For many

Chief Freeman Joins Mission Kids Board of Directors



Chief U. Mark Freeman

Board of Directors

Norriton, and they empower children to heal from abuse through prevention, education, and multidisciplinary collaboration. Congratulations Chief Freeman!

Mission Kids Children's Advocacy Center is excited to announce that UPT Police Chief U. Mark Freeman has joined their Board of Directors. With over 30 years of law enforcement experience, Chief Freeman is dedicated to child safety. His expertise will help strengthen Mission Kids' work in advocating for children who are victims of abuse.

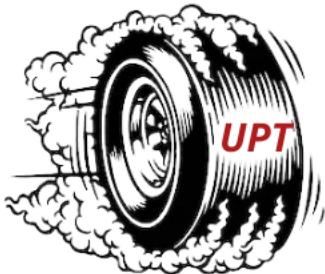
Mission Kids is headquartered in East

families, he was one of the first friendly faces they saw each morning.

Though he's retiring from his crossing guard duties, John will remain a familiar figure in the community. As Fire Police Captain with the Trappe Fire Company, he'll still be serving and protecting—just in a different uniform.

John is the proud father of three children and grandfather to one grandson. While he says he has no major plans for retirement, one thing is certain: his legacy at Upper Providence Elementary will last long beyond his final day.

Thank you, John, for 22 years of commitment, kindness, and care. The corner won't be the same without you.



Broadbelt CLASSIC

Benefits the UPT P&R Camp Fund

Tom Broadbelt Memorial Car Show



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