



# Upper Uwchlan Township News

## Upper Uwchlan Township Residents Needed to Serve on Boards and Commissions

Upper Uwchlan Township relies on the time and talent of our dedicated resident volunteers to make this Township a wonderful place to live, work and play. Serving on a Township board or commission is a great way for you to get involved in your community!

There are currently two vacancies on the Upper Uwchlan Township Historic Commission. This group meets monthly and advises the Board of Supervisors and Township staff regarding properties and structures of historic significance in

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the Township. If you have an interest in historic research or preservation, and a desire to serve Upper Uwchlan Township, we would love to hear from you!

The Board of Supervisors is also currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Township Park and Recreation Board. We're looking for folks who are eager to brainstorm creative and innovative ways to get our residents excited about Upper Uwchlan Township parks and trails.

The Township is known for the much beloved annual Upper Uwchlan Township Block Party. We'd like to provide additional, smaller recreation programs throughout the year, but we

need volunteers to help plan and execute these events. Members of the Park and Recreation Board will also assist with the continued beautification of the Township parks and trails, and serve as a liaison to the Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium.

**To find out more, or to fill out a volunteer application, stop by the Township Office or go to [www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/volunteer](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/volunteer)**



*In Memory of Lou Fillippo*

### Our Township

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Kevin C. Kerr, Chairperson  
Jamie W. Goncharoff, Vice Chairperson  
Guy A. Donatelli, Member

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Cary Vargo

**ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Shanna Lodge

**TOWNSHIP SECRETARY:**

Gwen Jonik

**TOWNSHIP TREASURER:**

Jill Bukata, CPA

**ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE**

Sandy Diffendall  
Lindsay Haines

**CODES ADMINISTRATION:**

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator/  
Zoning Officer  
Rhs Lloyd, Building Code Official  
Kathi McGrath,  
Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mike Heckman, Director  
Kristin Roth, Administrative Asst (P/T)  
Steve Poley                    Kyle Ripka  
Josh Spangler                Dan Zmuida  
Chris Totaro                Bruce Belgarde  
Jeff Giannini                Tim Connolly

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:**

Gilmore & Associates

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Kathi McGrath

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Robert Schoenberger, Chairperson  
Sally Winterton, Vice-Chairperson  
Gwen Jonik, Secretary  
Chad Adams                    Brett Hand  
Jim Dewees                    Jim Shrimp  
Ken Engle                    Bob Phillips  
Joe Stoyack

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Bill Quinn, Vice Chairperson  
Donald Carlson  
Hal Harper  
Robert Watts  
G. Matthew Brown, P.E.,  
Authority Engineer  
Cary Vargo, Authority Manager  
Christopher Frantz, Solicitor  
Clean Water, Inc., Authority Operator

**HISTORIC COMMISSION:**

Brett Hand, Chairperson  
Simona Bonifaciu  
Nancy G. Copp

**ZONING HEARING BOARD:**

Clifford Schultz, Chairperson  
James Greaney, Vice-Chairperson  
Ray Stubbs, Jr.  
Craig Kalemian, Solicitor  
Robert McHugh, Alternate Member

**TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL:**

Richard Ruth

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**  
Scott Nicely, EMC/Chairperson  
Jamie Goncharoff, Vice Chairperson  
Kathi McGrath, Secretary  
Richard Ruth  
Julie Hearn-Nicely  
Cathy Tomlinson  
Chief John DeMarco  
Tom Kelly  
Bernie Carroll  
Byron Nickerson

**TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD:**

Peter Drinkwater, Chairperson  
Valerie Brauckman-Burgess  
Richard Bassler  
Ilya Lehrman

**TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR:**

Ben LaGarde

**TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR:**

John E. Good Associates

**CHIEF OF POLICE:**

John D. DeMarco

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Allison Orlando,  
Administrative Assistant (P/T)  
Detective Tom Jones  
Corporal Joseph Carr  
Corporal Brian Gathercole  
Officer Robert Davis  
Officer Paul Kemme  
Officer Adam Pozza  
Officer David Stiteler  
Officer Kyle Sherman  
Officer Steven Jones  
Officer Robert Paradis

**TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

Administration: 610-458-9400  
Police Department: 610-458-5862  
Public Works Department: 610-458-2318

### Boards & Commissions News

We'd like to take this opportunity to say

*Thank You*  
to MARY LOU FARROW, for 29 years of service, and  
SUSAN NICKERSON for 2 years, on the Historic Commission.

*Congratulations*

to SCOTT NICELY who was appointed as the Township's  
Emergency Management Coordinator in 2016. Scott resigned  
from the Technology Advisory Board (5 years) so he could focus  
on emergency management tasks.

*Welcome*  
to SHANNA LODGE appointed Upper Uwchlan Township  
Assistant Township Manager in January.



Shanna comes to Upper Uwchlan from Willistown Township, where she served as Assistant to the Township Manager. While at Willistown, Shanna earned her Master of Public Administration degree and Certificate in City Management from Villanova University. A Pennsylvania native, Shanna is thrilled to have joined the Upper Uwchlan team. In this newly created position, Shanna's duties will include communications,

I.T., development and administration of a Water Resource Protection program, grant writing and administration, continuity of operations, and project management, as well as other day to day administrative tasks. *Please join us in welcoming Shanna to Upper Uwchlan and wishing her good luck in her new position.*

**Vendors & Crafters needed!**

Check the Township website  
[www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov)  
for vendor registration  
and more information.

**Mark your calendar!**

### Elected Officials

**County Commissioners:**

Terrence Farrell, Chairman  
Kathi Cozzzone,  
County Commissioner  
Michelle Kichline,  
County Commissioner  
313 W. Market St., Ste. 6202  
PO Box 2748  
West Chester, PA 19380  
610-344-6100  
[www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org)

**U.S. Senators:**

Patrick Toomey  
[www.toomey.senate.gov](http://www.toomey.senate.gov)  
Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
[www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov)

**State Senator (44th District):**

John C. Rafferty, Jr.  
610-469-8390  
[www.senatorrafferty.com](http://www.senatorrafferty.com)

**U.S. Congressman  
(6th District):**

Ryan Costello  
610-696-2982  
[www.Costello.house.gov](http://www.Costello.house.gov)

**State Representative**

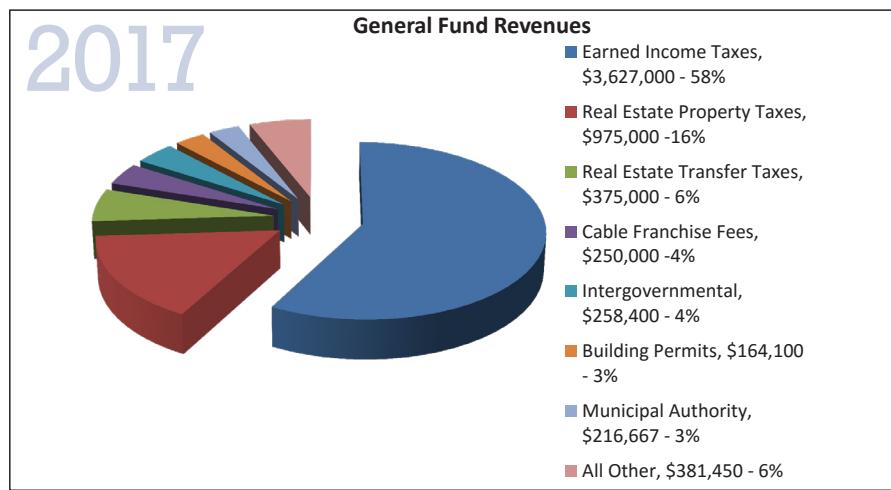
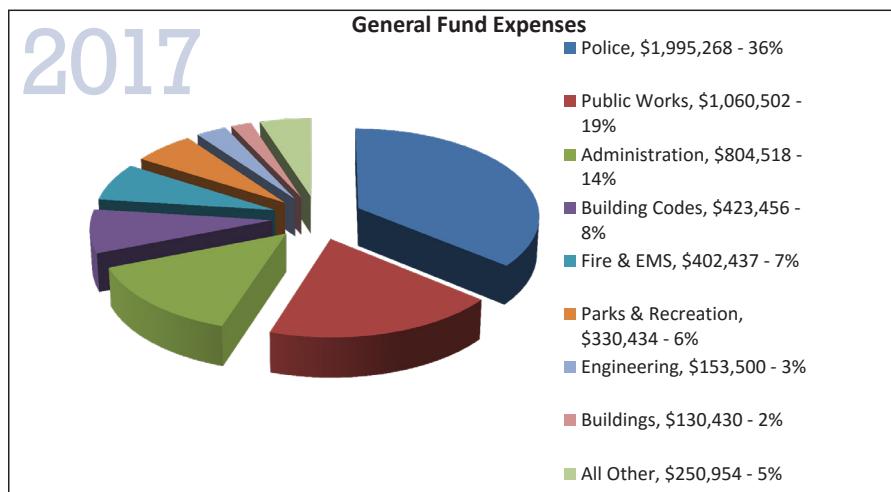
(155th District):  
Becky Corbin  
610-524-5595  
[www.RepCorbin.com](http://www.RepCorbin.com)

# Supervisors Adopt 2017 Budget

The Board of Supervisors adopted the 2017 Budget at their December 19, 2016 meeting. The Township real estate tax has remained unchanged since 2005. The township property tax in Upper Uwchlan Township is 1.034 mills for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

As shown in the graph below, the largest source of revenue for the Township is the Earned Income Tax. The Earned Income Tax is levied on the earnings of every resident and anyone who works in the Township. If you work in an area that also has an Earned Income Tax, the taxes deducted from your paycheck will be sent to the municipality where you live. It is a one percent (1%) tax that is shared equally between Upper Uwchlan Township and the Downingtown Area School District. Keystone Collections serves as the earned income tax collector for all municipalities within Chester County.

Budgeted revenues for the General Fund are \$6,247,617 with expenses budgeted at \$5,551,499. The allocation of those expenses is shown in the graph below. As you can see, Township revenues are used to provide police protection, fire and ambulance services, snow removal, highway maintenance, and the maintenance of the four Township parks, among other things. The Township also plans to transfer \$1,200,000 from the General Fund to other Funds for capital expenditures and debt reduction during 2017.



Please refer to the Township's Budget which can be accessed from our website for more information on the operation of each department.

## Township Receives GFOA Award for

Excellence in  
FINANCIAL REPORTING

At the January 17, 2017 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Pam Baker of Barbacane Thornton LLP presented the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Upper Uwchlan Township.

The award was presented for the Township's Comprehensive Audited Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2015. Ms. Baker informed those in attendance at the meeting that this was the first time the Township had prepared a CAFR and it was rare for a first filing to receive the award.

A CAFR consists of regular financial statements that are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and it also includes additional statistical schedules that provide a very detailed view of the Township. Ms. Baker noted that as recently as 2012, the Township was preparing and filing only a DCED (Department of Community and Educational Development) report on an annual basis. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires municipalities to file a DCED report, which is in a more basic format than GAAP financial statements.

Ms. Baker noted that the Township has also been awarded the GFOA award for its annual Budget for the past three years. This award is titled the "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" and is given to municipalities whose budgets clearly articulate their priorities and issues, long range financial plans, and provide, among other things, specific details on activities and services.

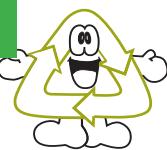
The GFOA has three members who review the CAFRs and Budgets that are submitted by its members in consideration for these awards.

As of the most recent year (2016), there were only 14 municipalities (including the Commonwealth of Pa., Chester County, the City of Philadelphia and **Upper Uwchlan Township**) in the Commonwealth that had received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The statistics for recipients in 2015 are not yet available.



## Recycle Right!

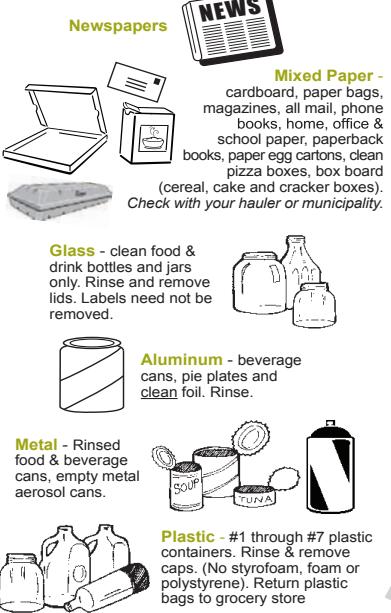
Provided by  
The Chester County Board of Commissioners  
through the Chester County Solid Waste Authority  
610-273-3771, ext. 228



THE ITEMS COLLECTED THROUGH INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS VARY: CONTACT YOUR HAULER,  
MUNICIPALITY OR DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTER TO VERIFY THE ITEMS THEY COLLECT

Single Stream Items Typically Collected In One Container:

### Yes



### No



CALL 610-273-3771, ext. 228 FOR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS  
[www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)

## 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

For Chester County Household Hazardous Waste information and events please visit:

[www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)

The state law requires electronics be recycled separately. They are not permitted to be disposed of with your household waste.

The Chester County Landfill is currently accepting all televisions and electronics at this time (free of charge, Limit 3 items). Residents must take their electronics to the landfill for recycling. There will be no residential curbside collection of electronics. For further details, please go to [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).

**Holidays:** If your scheduled collection day falls upon a Holiday, your pick up will be the next day.

**Bulk Trash:** Bulk pick-up is the 3rd collection of every month. You may place up to two (2) large items in addition to your one (1) primary waste toter. Examples: chairs, toys, mattresses, small sofas, bed frames, bicycles. Appliances – DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL APPLIANCES.

If your item is still in good condition, please make every effort to give it a new home before putting it into the landfill.

\*No construction material accepted.

**Freon Items:** Please call the Township Office to schedule pick-up of Freon containing items such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers.

**Curbside Toters:** As a reminder, Upper Uwchlan collects solid waste using an automated collection truck. Each collection is limited to one (1) 96 gallon waste toter per household. Please place your waste and recycling toters three (3) feet apart and three (3) feet from any immovable objects, such as motor vehicles, mail boxes, bulk trash, etc. There is no limit to the amount of recycling that can be placed curbside.



## Chester County Recycling Event

**Saturday, April 8**

9AM to 3PM

Household Hazardous Waste  
Dropoff  
Center for Arts & Technology  
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

## Electronics Recycling Event

**Saturday, March 11**

9AM to 12PM

132 Oscar Way, Chester Springs

\*Check Township website for details  
PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED

## Compost Lawn and Leaf Collection: 36 Collections Annually - Wednesdays

These collections are composted. Use biodegradable bags or open containers (no lids). Do NOT use plastic bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected. Tree limbs/branches must be bundled with twine no larger than 3' x 3' bundles, or placed in open containers with no lids. Bags are available for purchase at the Township building.

April 5, 12, 19, 26

July 12, 26

October 4, 11, 18, 25

May 10, 17, 24, 31

August 9, 23

November 8, 15, 22, 29

June 7, 14, 21 28

September 6, 13, 20, 27

December 13, 27



# You Can Curb Water Pollution by Starting IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD

*Little actions will make a big impact in protecting our water's quality.*

By simply adjusting the length of your grass when mowing, you can help to reduce stormwater runoff and water pollution. Taller grass slows the rate of runoff and produces a deeper, denser root system, which absorbs more water, prevents erosion, and suppresses weeds.

Stormwater rain that runs off hard surfaces and eventually into local waterways, is a major and fast growing source of pollution that affects every watershed. This runoff may carry sediment, nutrients from lawns, waste from farms and pets, oil and litter from streets, and other contaminants into streams or storm drains. To cover the costs of managing stormwater's impact on the environment, some local governments have recently established programs that impose fees on property owners, who play a crucial role in limiting water pollution right in their own yards. "When you add up the combined efforts of thousands of individual homeowners, the cumulative improvement on stormwater runoff and water quality can be quite substantial," says Al Todd, Executive Director of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, "but it can be hard to find the right information to get started."

**Getting a start in your own back yard:** A "stormwater-friendly" lawn is one that can absorb rainwater and does not harm local streams due to the over-application of chemicals. Likewise, a "stormwater-friendly" garden is one that uses organic compost as fertilizer to amend soil and minimizes or eliminates the use of chemicals. Reducing chemical applications and encouraging infiltration will help stabilize local water flows and also maintain natural nutrient levels in streams. Stormwater-friendly lawns and gardens will help you save money on fertilizers and time on upkeep once they become established.

## A stormwater-friendly LAWN

Following the steps below will not only help protect local streams and rivers but

can result in direct and substantial cost savings to you, the homeowner.

- Set mower height to 3 inches or higher. Taller grass slows the rate of runoff and produces a deeper, denser root system, which will absorb more water, prevent erosion, and suppress weeds. Deeper roots also have access to more water stored in the ground and can reduce the need for irrigation during droughts.
- Retain grass clippings and chopped leaves onsite. A mulch-mower is ideal for retaining and spreading clippings on your lawn. The clippings decompose quickly, provide important nutrients for your lawn, and settle to create an organic layer on the soil that encourages stormwater infiltration. This technique can significantly reduce or eliminate the need for nitrogen fertilizers.
- Also, by spreading grass clippings on your lawn, you can reduce the amount of fertilizer needed.

• Keep clippings and chopped leaves out of streams, off the street, and out of storm drains. If mulching is not possible, bag the clippings and store them in a compost area where the organic material can be used as a fertilizer later. Blowing them onto a street or into storm drains deposits the clippings directly into local streams, where they decompose and become major pollutants by increasing nitrogen to unsafe levels for fish and other aquatic life.

- Fertilizers for your lawn...do you need them? If so, what, where, when, and how much? Many lawns do not need fertilizer because they are already fertile or you have carried out the previously discussed practices. Using no fertilizer is ideal for the bay's health, but if your lawn is thin or has bare spots, you should consider fertilizing it.
- A dense vegetated cover is the most "stormwater-friendly" lawn so take the following steps to determine if fertilizer is necessary for your property:

1) Test your soil or consult a local professional or certified applicator. There is no "one size fits all" when it comes to fertilizer.

2) Maximize the slow-release nitrogen in your fertilizer. Typically called "water insoluble nitrogen," or WIN, on fertilizer bags, slow-release nitrogen limits nutrient runoff and exportation. This should be applied in the spring, not autumn, to provide a steady source of nutrients throughout the growing season.

3) Apply only during the growing season and check the weather. Wait until the grass begins growing in March to fertilize and avoid fertilizing after October.

4) Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream and use riparian specific herbicides, if necessary. Maintaining this distance will help keep chemicals out of the stream.

## A stormwater-friendly GARDEN

Home gardens can contribute a considerable amount of nutrients and other pollution to streams and other water bodies if not cared for in a responsible way. Here are some options:

- Garden fertilizers: Organic alternatives to chemicals include compost or manure. Compost can be created in your own back yard, is free, and contains the many nutrients needed for your vegetables. Also, be sure to apply organic fertilizers before planting to prevent runoff.
- Pesticides: When it comes to pesticides, identify the pest and research your options. Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. If there is a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have. Consult an expert because there are many nonchemical alternatives to controlling pests. Pesticides can infiltrate the ground water, contaminate drinking supplies, and severely harm downstream ecosystems if applied incorrectly or unnecessarily.

# Phase II Sewerage Expansion Wrap-Up

**Upper Uwchlan Township recently completed the Route 100 Wastewater System Phase II Sewerage Expansion project, a major enterprise to provide additional sewage treatment capacity, to enlarge the sewage collection system for the connection of existing homes and businesses with failing on-lot septic systems, and to allow new homes and businesses to be constructed. The project consisted of two major parts - the expansion of the Route 100 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Phase II sanitary sewer construction work consisting of the Little Conestoga Pump Station and Phase II Collection System.**

### Expansion of the Route 100 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

The expansion of the Route 100 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant was completed in September of 2015. The treatment plant doubled its capacity from 300,000 gallons per day to 600,000 gallons per day through the addition of two Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBRs). The SBRs utilize a biological process to treat and greatly reduce the nutrient levels in the sewage before it is discharged to one of the spray or drip irrigation fields within the Township.

### Construction of the Little Conestoga Pump Station

The Phase II sanitary sewer construction work was split into two contracts. The first contract was started in July 2015 for the construction of Little Conestoga Pump Station along Little Conestoga Road and the installation of gravity sewer and force main within Little Conestoga Road. Construction within the PennDOT right-of-way required a Highway Occupancy Permit issued by PennDOT that specified all construction and restoration requirements within the right-of-way. As Little Conestoga Road is very narrow in the project area, PennDOT allowed the Township to utilize a detour that redirected traffic on Little Conestoga Road between Milford and Park Roads. The detour, while temporarily inconvenient to motorists, was essential to the safety of the construction workers. The sewer installation and temporary paving was completed in February of 2016, and final paving was completed the following May.

### Construction of the Phase II Collection System

The second contract was started in August of 2016 for the installation of gravity sewer within the Eagle Manor, Windsor Place and Heather Hill subdivisions, and the construction of Eagle Manor Pump Station and force main. According to Chester County Health Department records, a number of the on-lot systems in these areas had a history of failure making them a high priority for public sewer connection.

The Township's primary goal was to keep homeowner costs as low as possible for connecting to the new public sewer system. To achieve this goal, the gravity sewers were designed deep enough to allow the sewer lateral from the majority of the homes in the project area to flow by gravity to the new sewer. This negated the use of individual grinder pumping systems that have higher upfront costs and require electricity and maintenance to stay in operation.

The project was a large undertaking resulting in the installation of approximately 3.5 miles of 8-inch gravity sewer main, 77 manholes, and two sewage pumping stations with 3,900 feet of 6-inch force main and 970 feet of 2-inch force main, respectively, all of which to allow 121 homes within the project area to abandon their existing on-lot septic systems and connect to public sewer.

In order to allow the maximum number of homes to connect via gravity flow, the sanitary sewer had to cross eleven private properties that required easements from the property owners. The deepest sections of the gravity sewer (the deepest being 30 feet) are along the PA Turnpike through six of the eleven easements. To minimize the effect of construction on homeowner properties, the Township directed the contractor to utilize horizontal directional drilling to install the sanitary sewer pipe. Directional drilling, while costly, avoided the need for large lengths of trench excavation and resulted in minimal disturbance to the overlying properties.

Construction in existing developments also impacts the residents in the project area in some way. Throughout this project, the most notable impacts came from utility line damages resulting in interrupted service at many homes. In an attempt to alleviate this issue, the Township and Authority mandated that PA One Calls, a service which provides notification to all utility companies that have buried lines within the construction area, be performed every other day. Even with this diligence there were still unavoidable interruptions throughout the project.

The installation of all sanitary sewer piping was completed in April of 2016 and residents were promptly notified that they could begin the connection process. To date, nearly all homes have connected to the system with only a few remaining that must complete the process. The Township and Authority would like to thank all affected homeowners for their patience, understanding, and cooperation, which allowed for the successful completion of this sewer expansion project.

# Township Bulletin Board



**Reminder: No Open Burning** is permitted in Upper Uwchlan Township.

## Why Should You Sign Up for Smart911?



What if there's a fire, a medical emergency, or a child goes missing?

When you dial 9-1-1 under stress, you may not have access to important details, or you may have trouble remembering them. **Smart911** is a new service in Chester County that allows you to create a Safety Profile at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) that includes details you want the 9-1-1 center and public safety response teams to know about your household in an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1, from a phone associated with your Safety Profile, that information automatically displays to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send responders based on up-to-date location and emergency information.

With your Safety Profile, responders can arrive aware of many details they would not otherwise know. Fire crews can arrive knowing exactly how many people live in your home and where the bedrooms are located. EMS personnel can know family members' allergies or specific medical conditions. And police can access a photo of a missing family member in seconds rather than minutes or hours, helping the search start faster.



**A Free Service** - provided by your community



**Private and Secure** - You control your information



**Saves time in an emergency** - When seconds count



**Smart911.com**™

Sign up today. Because every second counts.

### Pedestrian Crosswalks

There have been many discussions addressing a vehicle's operator and a pedestrian's responsibility when it comes to crosswalks. Pennsylvania law requires the driver of a vehicle to yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. The responsibility to exercise care also falls upon the pedestrian as well. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard.

**Pedestrians, as well as vehicle operators, must exercise great care within crosswalks.**



### Junior Police Academy

June 20-23 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department is affording the young people of our community, ages 12-15, an opportunity to experience Law Enforcement firsthand. Students will learn the basic functions of a Police Department as well as have a chance to observe other Emergency Services.

The Academy will be held at the Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department which is located at 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend the academy. Snacks and lunch will be provided every day.

There will be a Luncheon and Graduation Ceremony on the afternoon of the last day of the Academy. Graduates' families are invited to attend.

#### Some of the activities students will be involved in are:

- Police Patrol Vehicles
- Various Types of Police Equipment
- Canine Demonstration
- Crime Scene Processing
- Fire, Rescue and EMS Display
- SWAT Display
- Court Room Visit
- Visit to Chester County Department of Emergency Services

To receive an application, e-mail Officer David Stiteler at: [dstiteler@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:dstiteler@upperuwchlan-pa.gov)

### Take-Back Medicine Box Relocated

The prescription medications take back box has been relocated from the Township Administrative office to the Upper Uwchlan Township Police Dept.

Please leave medications in containers when disposing into box. For access to the Police Dept., ring the doorbell for entry and if the officers are on station and not on patrol, they will allow you access.

The lobby is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM when the Administrative Assistant is on duty.

**Do not leave any medications outside the building!**

Chester County prescription medication drop off box collection rose nearly 200 percent from 2015 to 2016 by residents taking unwanted, unused or expired prescription medication off the streets and disposing in these boxes. The boxes are located at various municipal police departments, county offices and the Paoli Hospital.

According to current statistics, in 2015, the second year of the county's drug disposal program, 2,967 pounds of unused medication were collected and in 2016, 8,073 pounds collected, about a 175 percent increase!



# GRASSCYCLING

## for a Low-Maintenance Lawn

Grass clippings make up a large percentage of the household waste produced each year. About 1,000 square feet of lawn can produce 200 to 500 pounds of clippings during a Pennsylvania growing season. **GRASSCYCLING** is a simple alternative to bagging grass clippings. Simply leave the clippings on your lawn, where they break down in 7 to 14 days. The grass clippings act as top-dressing fertilizer and help keep your lawn green and healthy.

### GRASSCYCLING TIPS:

- Mow when grass is not wet and use a sharp mower blade.
- Don't let large clumps of grass clippings accumulate on the lawn.
- Don't overuse harsh chemicals and fertilizers.
- Look for organic brands.
- If possible, use a mulching mower that chops the clippings into smaller pieces.
- Use grass clippings as a surface mulch around vegetables or flowers to inhibit weed growth and retain soil moisture.
- Remember to keep clippings at least two inches away from young plants to avoid burning the new growth with excess nitrogen.
- Add grass clippings to your compost pile for extra nutrients and to speed up the composting process.
- To avoid odors, grass clippings should comprise no more than one-third of the pile.

For more information, visit [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)

## Spring Season Reminders

As Spring nears, please remember to keep your trees and shrubbery trimmed behind the curb line. Trees and shrubs that extend beyond the curb hit the mirrors and sides of delivery trucks, construction vehicles, plow trucks, school busses and trash collection vehicles.

## Let's All Help With Roadside Trash

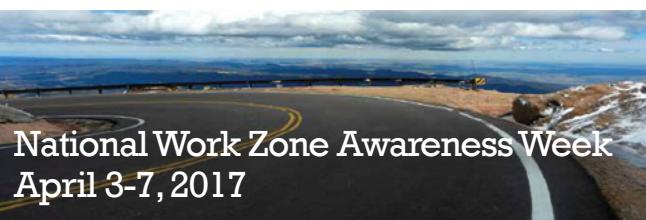


Even though Upper Uwchlan has many volunteers that help our community by cleaning litter that is thrown onto our roadways, we all need to assist them to keep our community looking like the top notch livable area it is.

### How?

- Never discard trash or allow trash being transported to blow out of your vehicle.
- Pick up litter on your property and properly dispose of it. Most roadside trash is recyclable, so putting it in your recycle container also helps the environment.

*If every property owner would just police his or her property road frontage, Upper Uwchlan would be trash-free in no time!*



**NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK (NWZAW)** is an annual Spring campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones. The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones.

Also, **GO ORANGE DAY** is observed this year on April 5th. All roadway safety professionals across the country are encouraged to wear orange to proudly show their support of work zone safety, and salute the workers who have lost their lives in work zones.



# Utility Billing

**Sewer & Trash accounts are the same account number.**

This information is on your bills. If the checks are written to the incorrect payee, the bank may reject them because the utility payments go to two different banks. Also, they may be processed to the wrong utility. **Please do not combine the payments on one check.**

Please **DO NOT** staple, clip or tape your checks to the remittance form. This could damage the check and make it unable to be scanned.

Your payment **MUST** be in our office on or before the due date or you will receive a 10% penalty on the balance of your account. If you mail it, please allow time for postal delivery. You can also set up automatic payments through your bank so you don't have to remember to mail a check. Have them made payable to 'UUTMA' (for sewer payments) or 'Upper Uwchlan Township' (for trash payments) and sent in time so they reach us before the due date.

Sewer is billed quarterly at \$175.00 per quarter. \*\*You may pay ahead.

<b>Sewer Bill Mailing Dates</b>
1st Quarter – late January 2017
2nd Quarter – late April 2017
3rd Quarter - late July 2017
4th Quarter – late October 2017

<b>Sewer Bill Due Dates</b>
February 28, 2017
May 31, 2017
August 31, 2017
November 30, 2017

Trash bills are sent annually in early February. To receive a 2% discount, the payments **MUST** reach us on or before March 31. If we receive payments after the September 30 due date, a 10% penalty is added.



# Payment Drive-Up Drop Box

**Sewer & Trash payments** can now be placed in a drive-up "Drop Box" located in the front of the **Township Building** at 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA

Save time and a stamp and place your payment in the secure box.

Please make sure your Account Number is on your check (no parcel or pin numbers). **NO CASH!!**

Sewer payments payable to:  
**UUTMA**

Trash payments payable to:  
**Upper Uwchlan Township**

\*Payments will be collected throughout the day.

*Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to process your payments quickly and correctly!*

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