



Upper Uwchlan Township News

Social Media: Keep Up-to-Date With Us!

In our fast-paced world, we know the value of up-to-date accurate information.

This newsletter is just one of the ways that Upper Uwchlan Township residents can keep on top of what's happening in our community.

Do you "like" Upper Uwchlan Township?
You can find Upper Uwchlan Township on Facebook and Twitter. Search for Upper Uwchlan Township or find us at [@upperuwchlan](https://twitter.com/upperuwchlan). On these platforms, we post reminders about upcoming meetings and events, news items, and share

information from other organizations relevant to our residents. You'll find information about community education opportunities, weather alerts, and recreation events.

Visit our website! Our website, upperuwchlan-pa.gov is the best place to get up-to-date, accurate information about Township programs and events, as well as information about area resources. View minutes from past board and commission meetings or agendas for upcoming ones. Check out the Township Code, pay your sewer or trash bill online, or report a concern. In addition, you can

sign up to receive alerts via email or text message through the website *Notify Me* feature.

Changes coming soon...

This fall, Upper Uwchlan will introduce our newly re-designed website! All the information you are used to will still be found there, but in a new, streamlined, more user-friendly format.

We can't wait to show it to you!



@upperuwchlan

www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov



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TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Administration: 610-458-9400
Police Department: 610-458-5862

Boards & Commissions News

We'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and

Thank You
SIMONA BONIFACI, Historic Commission member since 2009;
KEN ENGLE, Planning Commission member since 2008; and
DAN DRISCOLL, Park & Rec Board member since 1991.

Welcome
to the Historic Commission: PATTI SPACKMAN,
VIVIAN MCCARDELL, MARK FISHER, DEVDEEP MAITY

to the Park & Recreation Board:
SUSHILA SUBRAMANIAN, JOHN MCMANUS,
PRAVEEN NADKARNI, PATRICK DENNIN, CHRIS FOSTER,
CATHY TOMLINSON AND LOU LANZALOTTO

Block Party Wrap Up

The 9th Annual Block Party on June 17 was a great success!

Local vendors, Clowns, Magician, Musicians and Inflatable Bounces
were some of the attractions. The Petting Zoo, Pony rides, face painting,
great food from local vendors and fireworks added to the family fun!

On behalf of the Upper Uwchlan Township's Board of Supervisors,
Administrative Staff and Police Department of Upper Uwchlan,
we would like to THANK all of our business sponsors for their
contributions, volunteers, local fire companies and all of our
residents, families and friends that came out to show their
support of our Annual Community Day Event.

We look forward to another
successful event in 2018!

CONTRIBUTORS:

AJ Blosenski Trash & Hauling
ARRO Consulting
BB&T Bank
Chester Springs Crossfit
Dogtopia of Chester Springs
Fulton Bank
Liberty Union Bar and Grill
Marsh Creek Signs

Mark your calendar!

10th ANNUAL
Block Party
JUNE 16, 2018

U.S. Congresswoman

(6th District):
Ryan Costello
610-696-2982
www.Costello.house.gov

State Representative

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

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

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Patrick Toomey
www.toomey.senate.gov
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www.casey.senate.gov

State Senator (44th District):

John C. Rafferty, Jr.
610-469-8390
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Need Help? JUST ASK!

According to National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD), it is estimated that 44 percent of the United States – translating to one in four people – report that they personally know someone who has been addicted to prescription painkillers.

"Our community, as well as our country, faces an opioid epidemic, and it is important to know that the disease of addiction knows no bounds," according to Vince Brown, Executive Director of the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services.

"Addiction does not discriminate against age, race, socioeconomic status or education level. Last year, more than 90 people in Chester County died from a drug overdose, a majority of which were due to prescription opioids, heroin and fentanyl."

What are Opiates? Opiates (or opioids) are medicines prescribed by doctors to relieve pain. When used correctly, they can promote healing. When used incorrectly or in the form of heroin, opiates can lead to an overdose to addiction and to death.

What is an overdose? A drug overdose happens when you take too much of a drug, whether it is an illegal substance, over the counter medication or a prescription drug. An overdose can lead to serious medical conditions, including death. Drug overdoses may be intentional, but they can also be accidental. The severity of an overdose depends on the drug, the amount taken and the individual.

What is Naloxone (Narcan)? Naloxone, also known as Narcan or Evzio, is medication that has been proven to reverse opioid (*prescription or heroin*) overdoses. It is used by medical professionals and it is also available at most pharmacies without a prescription (*talk to your pharmacist*). It may cause withdrawal symptoms but does not cause harm if given to someone who did not overdose. Naloxone is not addictive.



Chester County has established a collaborative approach to combating the opioid and heroin epidemic, including the creation of the **Chester County Drug Overdose Task Force**, which brings together the Chester County Commissioners' Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Health Department, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Services and many other County and community partners to address these problems.

For more information and resources visit the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services website: chesco.org/216/Drug-Alcohol-Services or call the Chester County Information and Referral line at **866-286-3767**.

Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department and the Administrative Office have additional informational resource cards on Drug and Alcohol Addiction Services located at 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs.

The Medication Drug Take-Back box is also now located in the Township Police Dept., accessible M, W, & F 10am-2pm.



*Written by Kevin Kerr,
Board of Supervisors Chairperson*

Earlier this year, the Upper Uwchlan Township Building Department was tasked with designing and implementing a **Commercial Safety Program**. The program aims to increase awareness of commercial safety standards and prevent incidents that endanger the health, safety and welfare of the community. There are approximately 180 businesses of varying sizes in the township. This program will require an inspection every two years for a commercial site that involves assembly operations or is used for educational purposes. The inspection will occur every three years for other commercial sites.

Of course, these commercial sites are required to meet all other state and national safety requirements, such as those mandated by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

These inspections will include some basic verification, such as ensuring that address numbers are visible from the street, confirming that exit doors are properly marked and functioning, confirming that fire extinguishers are in place and serviced and inspecting automated sprinkler systems. Also, at the time of the inspection, safety documentation will be

collected and entered into the township's permit record system. This documentation will include Material Safety Data Sheets for all hazardous material stored or used on-site and reports of all required inspections of such things as cell towers, sprinkler systems and underground tanks. A complete list of hazardous materials and hazardous material storage tanks will be developed and maintained.

The primary goals of this program are to insure the safety of employees and citizens who enter the business along with protecting emergency services personnel that may have to respond to an incident. As these inspections progress, a full database will be built that can be quickly shared with local and county first responders.



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

Newspapers



Mixed Paper -
cardboard, paper bags,
magazines, all mail, phone
books, home, office &
school paper, paperback
books, paper egg cartons, clean
pizza boxes, box board
(cereal, cake and cracker boxes).
Check with your hauler or municipality.



Glass - clean food &
drink bottles and jars
only. Rinse and remove
lids. Labels need not be
removed.



Aluminum - beverage
cans, pie plates and
clean foil. Rinse.



Metal - Rinsed
food & beverage
cans, empty metal
aerosol cans.



Plastic - #1 through #7 plastic
containers. Rinse & remove
caps. (No styrofoam, foam or
polystyrene). Return plastic
bags to grocery store



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www.chestercountyswa.org

No

light bulbs



drinking
glasses



plate glass
window glass



crystal



ceramic cups
and plates



flower pots



mirrors



ovenware



paint cans



no oil
cans or
bottles



no caps
or lids



• food wrappers
• plastic bags
• wax or plastic
coated boxes



• tyvek plastic envelopes
• tissues, towels, napkins
• metallic wrapping paper



Trash and Recycling

As a reminder, Upper Uwchlan collects trash using an automated collection truck, with each collection limited to one (1) trash Toter issued by the Township. Please place your trash and recycling Toters at the curb, the night before collection, three (3) feet apart and three (3) feet from any immovable objects, such as motor vehicles, mail boxes, etc. Bulk pick-up is the 3rd pick-up of the month.



Do you have only the one 64 gallon recycling Toter originally issued by the Township? Do you need additional recycling capacity? In an effort to emphasize single stream recycling and make it as convenient as possible, the Township will either swap your 64 gallon recycling Toter with a new 96 gallon recycling Toter or issue you an additional recycling Toter, all at no additional cost to you. If you are interested in additional recycling capacity, please call 610-827-6033 to discuss your options.



Recyclable materials include:

aluminum products, glass, plastic,
cardboard, newspaper, magazines,
periodicals, bulk mail, phone books.

Reminder: The Township is no longer legally allowed to collect e-waste such as televisions, computers, etc.

The burning of recyclable materials,
to include yard waste, trees, shrubs,
leaves, garbage, etc. is strictly prohibited.
Burning permits are no longer issued.

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.

September: 6, 13, 20, 27 October: 4, 11, 18, 25

December: 13, 27

March: 7, 21

November: 8, 15, 22, 29

January: 3, 17

Township Bulletin Board



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

Township Receives GFOA Award for

Distinguished BUDGET PRESENTATION

Upper Uwchlan Township has been presented with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). 2017 marks the fourth consecutive year that the Township has been recognized this way. The award reflects the commitment and dedication of the Board of Supervisors and Township staff to meeting the highest principles and established best practices in governmental budgeting.

To receive the budget award, the Township successfully satisfied nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. The Board of Supervisors tasks staff, on an ongoing basis, with presenting a comprehensive and transparent document that clearly communicates to our residents both the priorities of Township government and the financial condition of the municipality. The Board would like to thank the Township Treasurer, Jill Bukata, the Finance Department, and all the Department Heads involved in the budget process for their ongoing efforts.

To view Upper Uwchlan Township's 2017 Budget Document, visit our website: www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1304

Upper Uwchlan Township is a Township of the Second class, population 11,500, located in central Chester County, PA. Visit www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov. Like us on Facebook and Twitter @upperuwchlan

DID YOU KNOW?

Graphite Mine Road runs along properties in Byers Village that were mined for graphite ore.

-The Upper Uwchlan: A Place Betwixt & Between

Distracted Driving

Anything that causes you to either take your attention away from driving, take your eyes off of the road or take your hands off of the wheel is a distraction.

The law prohibits as a primary offense any driver from using an **Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD)** to send, read or write a text-based communication while his or her vehicle is in motion.

Defines an IWCD as a wireless phone, personal digital assistant, smartphone, portable or mobile computer or similar devices that can be used for texting, instant messaging, emailing or browsing the Internet.

Defines a text-based communication as a text message, instant message, email or other written communication composed or received on an IWCD.

Institutes a \$50 fine for convictions under this section.

Makes clear that this law supersedes and preempts any local ordinances restricting the use of interactive wireless devices by drivers.

The penalty is a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees.

The Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department has a zero tolerance policy for distracted drivers.



ZERO TOLERANCE

Change of Season: Change Batteries



Almost 2,500 people die in home fires every year in the United States.

Most of these people live in homes that do not have working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms save lives. Keep your family safe. Put working smoke alarms, along with carbon monoxide alarms, in your home.

- Test your smoke alarms. Push the test button. You will hear a loud noise. If you don't hear the noise, you need a new battery or a new alarm. Fix this immediately.
- Make sure the smoke alarm always has a good battery. Put a new battery in the alarm every year.
- Smoke alarms with long-life batteries will work for up to 10 years. You do not change the battery.
- Smoke alarms do not last forever. Get new smoke alarms every 10 years.

Academy Highlights

Upper Uwchlan Twp. Police Department held Its 4th Annual Junior Police Academy the Week of June 20th, 2017.

Building better relationships between the youth of the community and the residents we serve on a daily basis is the key component of the program. Cadets are able to experience career paths in Law Enforcement, the Fire & EMS Services as well as Criminal Justice. We encourage Cadets to have a better understanding of the police department as well as a better relationship with the local police department.

We are fortunate that the Upper Uwchlan Township provides a free program in addition to donations and participation from local businesses. We run the program with approximately 30 cadets ages 12-15 years old. The Program was established in 2014 and it has grown every year since its first camp. Every year we expand the program to include topics and education that will benefit the Cadets. This year



we included the Technical College High School (TCHS Brandywine) and the World of Martial Arts for self-defense techniques. This year's participating UUPD Officers were Corporal Gathercole, Detective Jones, Officer David Stiteler and our Administrative Assistant Allison Orlando.

Upper Uwchlan Junior Police Academy 2017 is on Facebook.



MS4 - Water Quality Improvement Program

Upper Uwchlan Township is committed to improving water quality in our watershed and is a part of the MS4 program.

WINTER DE-ICING

As snow piles up in the winter, we oftentimes turn to salt to melt snow and ice. Salt, however, causes adverse environmental impacts, especially on our streams and rivers. Excess salt can saturate and destroy a soil's natural structure and result in more erosion to our waterways. High concentrations of salt can damage and kill vegetation. Salt poses the greatest danger to fresh water ecosystems and fish. Studies in New York have shown that as salt concentrations increase in a stream, biodiversity decreases. Excess salt can seep into groundwater and storm water runoff. Effective ice control can help prevent excess salt runoff to our waterways.

There are many alternatives to salt including potassium chloride, calcium chloride and magnesium chloride, corn processing byproducts, and calcium magnesium acetate (CMA). Most can be found in your local hardware stores under various trade names, so check the labels for chemical content. While these alternatives can be spread in a dry form or sprayed as a liquid, their best use occurs when they are used with salt. They tend to increase the efficiency of salt thereby reducing the amount that needs to be applied. When over-applied, all chloride compounds can be harmful to the environment. Non-chloride corn byproducts recycled from mills and breweries have been shown to be effective de-icers as well. While they are often advertised as organic or natural, they can have extremely high phosphorus content, a major water pollutant. Numerous studies have shown calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) to be the most environmentally benign de-icer. Many northern states use CMA on roads in sensitive areas (wetlands, endangered species' habitat, drinking water supply, etc.). A couple of disadvantages with CMA however, is that it does not work well below 25° Fahrenheit and it is the most expensive de-icer. Because all de-icers can be harmful to the environment when applied in excess, the best strategy is to reduce the use of these chemicals as much as possible.

- The first line of defense should simply be to shovel sidewalks and pathways to keep them clear and to prevent ice from forming. Also, consider that salt and de-icers are not effective when more than 3 inches of snow have accumulated.
- Consider the temperature. Salt and calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) have a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25° Fahrenheit.
- Track winter weather and only use salt and de-icers when a storm is about to come through. If a winter storm does not occur, sweep up any unused material, store, and reuse for the next big storm.
- Apply de-icing products discriminately, focusing on high-use areas and slopes where traction is critical. Apply the least amount necessary to get the job done. This will save money in product costs and will also help minimize property damage to paved surfaces, vehicles, and vegetation.
- Reduce salt and other chemicals by adding sand for traction.
- Become familiar with various de-icing products and wetting agents such as magnesium chloride and calcium chloride, which can improve the effectiveness of salt and reduce the amount needed.
- Plant native vegetation that is salt tolerant in storm water drainage swales and ponds that may receive salt-laden runoff. Not only will these native species have a greater chance for survival, but they will continue to act as an effective buffer for our local waterways.
- Store salt and other products on an impervious (impenetrable) surface, such as a basement floor, to prevent ground contamination. Also store products in a dry, covered area to prevent storm water runoff.

A Homeowner's Guide to Storm Water Management, Prepared by: Office of Watersheds, Philadelphia Water Department, Volume 1 • January 2006
Reference: Maryland Department of the Environment (2005). Facts About Winter Weather, Chemical De-icers and the Chesapeake Bay.

Winter is Coming! Weather Reminders



The Upper Uwchlan Township Public Works Department is responsible for plowing and salting over 53 miles of roadway and would like to take this opportunity to issue several friendly reminders:

- Remove all vehicles from public roadways during a winter weather event – **No Parking on the roadway during snow and ice events that require plowing and/or salting.** Vehicles parked on the roadway interfere with plowing and salting operations.
- Please remove trash and recycling toters from the roadway as soon as possible so they do not interfere with plowing and/or salting operations.
- Do not deposit snow (shovel and/or snow blower) into the roadway when clearing your driveway or sidewalks.
- Residents are reminded to clear their sidewalks or walkways no longer than 12 hours from the conclusion of a snow/ice event. It is a homeowner's responsibility to maintain the walkways free of snow and ice.
- The USPS would like to remind you to clear the snow from the front of your mailbox to facilitate mail delivery.
- When driving, stay at least six car lengths back and away from snow plows.



Don't you want to live and work in a clean community?

We need YOU!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! The Township is seeking local businesses or community groups to volunteer to **Adopt A Road** in Upper Uwchlan Township. If your business or community group is interested in investing time to clean a road, please contact Shanna Lodge at 610-646-7018 for more information.

Share the pride in your community, Volunteer!

Thank You!



Marine Toys for Tots Foundation



Bring a **NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY(s)**
(*no stuffed animals please*) to give to
needy children in our community.

November 10 thru December 11

Collection Site: Upper Uwchlan Township
140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, 19425

The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

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