



Upper Uwchlan Township

News

Firefighter Crisis:

Townships Urge Governor, Lawmakers to Take Action

In honor of
National Fire Prevention Week

★ OCTOBER 7-13

Source: *TownshipsToday, 2nd Qtr. 2018*

The volunteer fire company is a long and cherished tradition in our commonwealth, dating back to 1736 when Ben Franklin founded the nation's first all-volunteer force to fight blazes in Philadelphia.

For nearly three centuries, communities have relied on volunteer fire companies to protect property and save lives. Today, this volunteer model is in jeopardy.

Across the state, local fire companies are struggling. Volunteers are dwindling. Costs are soaring. Training requirements have intensified. With donations and volunteers harder to come by, the future of the local fire company, long intertwined in the fabric of a community, looks grim. Without real, viable solutions to address this volunteer shortage, many local stations may be forced to close their doors. **That means one thing: Pennsylvania is on the verge of a public safety crisis.**

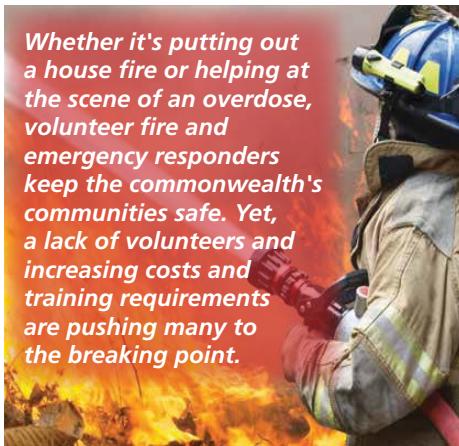
Time for action.

Recently, township officials from across the state passed a resolution at the 96th Annual Educational Conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) demanding that Gov. Tom Wolf call a special legislative session immediately to address the volunteer crisis facing local fire and emergency management services. Rep. Steve Barrar, chair of the state Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, has embraced this call for a special session.

Consider these sobering facts:

- Volunteers at fire companies across Pennsylvania have dropped from 300,000 strong in the 1960s and '70s to below 50,000 today.
- At least 75 percent of fire companies are struggling with manpower at a time when the state's population is

Whether it's putting out a house fire or helping at the scene of an overdose, volunteer fire and emergency responders keep the commonwealth's communities safe. Yet, a lack of volunteers and increasing costs and training requirements are pushing many to the breaking point.



aging. The average age of a firefighter is 50-something, and people are busier today than they were decades ago.

- Communities would have to raise taxes almost \$10 billion a year to switch to a paid model for fire service, according to the office of the State Fire Commissioner.

Too important to lose.

While local leaders are doing their best to keep this volunteer model alive, Shirl Barnhart, (PSATS immediate past president) said, they need help from the leaders in Harrisburg. PSATS and its members are urging the state legislature to immediately enact real and feasible solutions, such as allowing variable training standards for rural, suburban, and urban areas; granting a tax incentive for employers who permit employees to respond to calls while at work; and providing a fix for out-of-control insurance rates at the State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF).

If Pennsylvania doesn't find real remedies soon, the day is not far away when someone calls 911 for help, and no fire company responds. "We must make sure that never happens," Barnhart said. "Our volunteer fire companies are simply too important to lose."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Visit the websites below for various opportunities to volunteer, make a donation, and check out their Fire Prevention Week activities!

- No experience is necessary
- Both active & administrative positions
- Training is provided

JUNIOR firefighter programs: Check the fire company nearest you for age range. Young members are permitted to train and participate in certain activities, in accordance with child labor laws. As in any organization, the young people are the future of the department and encouraged to get involved!

SENIOR members age 18 years and older: If you are interested in fighting all types of fires, helping with vehicle rescue incidents, or directing traffic with the fire police, speak with the Fire Chief.



VOLUNTEER!
YOU CAN
Make a
Difference!

LIONVILLE FIRE CO. STATION 47

lionvillefire.org

Serving the Community since 1911

LUDWIGS CORNER FIRE CO. STATION 73

ludwigscornerfire.com

Serving the Community since 1973

GLEN MOORE FIRE CO. STATION 48

glenmoorefire.org

Serving the Community since 1915

EAST BRANDYWINE FIRE CO. STATION 49

ebfc49.org

Serving the Community since 1955

UWCHLAN AMBULANCE CORPS

station87.com

Serving the Community since 1974

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Officer David Stiteler

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
BOB McHUGH for your service to the Zoning Hearing Board,
since 2013.

Welcome

to the Zoning Hearing Board: **LAUREN CORTESI**



Are You Signed Up for E-Notifications?

Have you checked your eNotification preferences recently? Make sure you're signed up for the "Latest News" News Flash category to receive the most up-to-date announcements from Upper Uwchlan Township – direct to you via text or email! Check your **Notify Me** profile by entering your email address at upperuwchlan-pa.gov/NotifyMe.

We're Preserving History

The Upper Uwchlan Township Historical Commission is working on a digital archival project to preserve the Township's history, and make our history available to the public via an internet database. As part of the digital archival project, we are looking for any old papers, documents, newspapers, or photos that reflect the Township's past. At the same time, we are also working to preserve artifacts made or used in the Township by households, local businesses or farms.

If you have any of these items and are willing to share with us, please contact Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary, at **610-646-7007** or contact the Historical Commission directly by email HistoricComm@upperuwchlan-pa.gov

Thanks!

Elected Officials

County Commissioners:

Terrence Farrell, Chairman
Kathi Cozzone,
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

U.S. Senators:

Patrick Toomey
www.toomey.senate.gov
Robert P. Casey, Jr.
www.casey.senate.gov

State Senator (44th District):

John C. Rafferty, Jr.
610-469-8390
www.senatorrafferty.com

U.S. Congressman

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

State Representative

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

Mark your calendar!

11th ANNUAL

Block Party

JUNE 15, 2019



At this summer's Block Party, residents had the opportunity to explore the newest municipal park in Upper Uwchlan Township. The park, slated for completion this fall, is located in the Village of Eagle at the corner of Station Boulevard and Pottstown Pike. When completed, the plaza will feature shade trees and other landscaping, along with benches and chess tables for peaceful recreation. The space will also serve as a connecting space between the trail systems within the Township. Interested in suggesting a name for the new park? Stop by the Township office to submit your suggestion!

Changes are also coming to Hickory Park! After over a decade serving the children of our community, the playground equipment at Hickory Park is nearing the end of its useful and safe life. In the 2018 budget, the Board of Supervisors allocated funds for a playground renovation and tasked the Park and Recreation Board with selecting new playground equipment.

At their July meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of new playground equipment for Hickory Park. The new design will feature equipment from the Kompan Playground Company's Robinia organic hardwood line. The equipment is slated for installation this fall, and will include a climbing wall, spinners, new swings, a double tower, as well as springers and boats for the youngest playground users. We are so excited for this new playground, which will encourage active and imaginative play for children of all ages.



Hickory Park playground renovations!

The Park and Recreation Board wants to hear from YOU!

The Upper Uwchlan Township Park and Recreation Board is tasked with identifying recreation, park, and trail needs of the Township. How do you spend time in Upper Uwchlan Township parks? Which recreational activities are your favorites? Your answers to these questions will help the Park and Recreation Board in their efforts.

Visit upperuwchlan-pa.gov/ParkSurvey to provide your input. Complete the survey, and you'll be entered to win a gift card to a local restaurant.

Thank you for your help!



News from Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium

Community Partnerships: Giving back to our residents



This summer – as part of our 25th anniversary – we started a new Community Partnership program, aiming to increase our offerings of family activities and to increase awareness of the great organizations and businesses that make their home in our community. Activities with our Community Partners are offered free, or at a reduced cost, on a seasonal basis for the 41,000 families in our member communities.

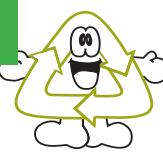
Our partnership this summer with L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School allowed participating families to try out archery, paddle boarding, and kayaking at Marsh Creek Lake for free. It met with such rave reviews that we also decided to send our camps to the Outdoor Discovery School this summer!

Our fall brochure and website (www.darc.info) will list our fall and winter Community Partnerships. Be sure to check them out! We intend to maintain these programs as long as we can find local partners interested in working with us. If you represent a business or civic organization that has a family friendly activity you would like to offer to our residents, e-mail us at downingtownrec@gmail.com.



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



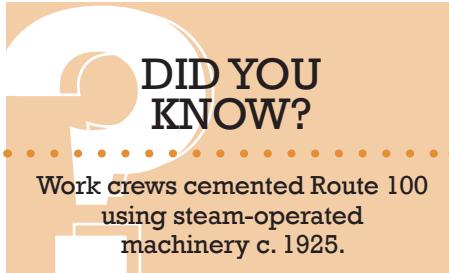
CALL 610-273-3771, ext. 228 FOR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS
www.chestercountyswa.org

Chester County Recycling Event

Saturday, October 13
9AM to 3PM

Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff

Chester County Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road
West Chester, PA 19380



-The Upper Uwchlan: A Place Betwixt & Between.

Copies available for purchase for \$15 at the Township Office.

Compost Lawn and Leaf Collection: 36 Collections Annually - Wednesdays

These collections are composted. Use biodegradable bags or open containers (no lids attached). 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.

October: 10, 17, 24
January: 2, 16 (including Christmas Trees)

November: 7, 14, 21, 28
February: 6, 20

December: 5, 19
March: 6, 20

Trash and Recycling

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



DO NOT PUT CLEAN RECYCLING INTO PLASTIC BAGS – THEY ARE NOT RECYCLABLE!

Recycling is to be put directly into the recycling toter, UNBAGGED. If you put in plastic bags, it does not go into the single stream recycling, it's contaminated and goes to TRASH, DEFEATING the purpose of recycling and not helping the environment. Styrofoam is not recyclable.

SEE Chart for proper handling of recycling!

Do you have only the (1) 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, call 610-827-6033 to discuss your options.

All recyclables are to be placed directly into the recycling toter.



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.

Please note: Yard waste is not considered trash and should NOT be put in with your trash. Use open containers (NO Attached lids) or brown compost bags. If yard waste is put in trash toter, it will not be taken.

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

Township Bulletin Board



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

**Awarded for the 2018 Budget:
Upper Uwchlan Remains Committed to Financial Transparency**

5x!

Distinguished
BUDGET PRESENTATION

Have you heard? For the 2018 budget, Upper Uwchlan Township was presented with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the fifth consecutive year. 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. To view Upper Uwchlan Township's 2018 Budget Document, visit upperuwchlan-pa.gov/budget.

Did you know? The commitment to excellence in budgeting also emphasizes the Supervisors' commitment to transparency. The Financial Dashboard, which can be viewed online, offers residents and interested members of the public an opportunity to view real-time financial data detailing revenues and expenditures for all Township funds. The Dashboard includes audited numbers for two years prior, as well as live data for the current fiscal year. Data is visualized in a variety of charts and graphs, displaying trends and changes over time.

Visit upperuwchlan-pa.gov/Dashboard to check it out. Past budgets and audit reports are also available for review at upperuwchlan-pa.gov/Finance.

Academy Highlights

Upper Uwchlan Twp. Police Department held its 5th Annual Junior Police Academy the Week of June 19-22, 2018.

Upper Uwchlan Police allow the youth of the community to obtain experience in Emergency Services as a whole. 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. The 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, as well as a better relationship with, the local police department.

We are fortunate that Upper Uwchlan Township provides this free program, with additional donations and participation from local businesses. We run the program with approximately 30 Cadets from ages 12-15 years old. Our hope is to expand the program and continue to have interest from the residents for years to come.

This year we had over 50 Cadets in the program with some expansion in the topics and hands-on experiences Cadets could participate in.

The Program was established in 2014 and it has grown every year. The camp is a great way the police department can reach its youth within the Community.



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 Pickering Campus / Mark Cottom) and the World of Martial Arts for self-defense techniques along with a vehicle rescue demonstration (Glenmoore & Lionville Fire Companies).

This year's participating UUPD Officers were Corporal Gathercole, Detective Jones, Officer David Stiteler and our Administrative Assistant Jami Martin.

The Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department wants to thank all its local business sponsors of the Junior Police Academy for the success of this program.



Academy 2018 is on Facebook.

The Facebook page is Upper Uwchlan Junior Police Academy 2018.



SEEN DURING THE DAY?



Seeing a nocturnal animal out during the day means no more than seeing a human out at night.

Just like humans, who are diurnal, are sometimes awake at night, these animals, who are opportunistic, are sometimes awake during the day, and that means nothing.

What to do if you see a "nocturnal" animal during the day? **NOTHING!**

The worst part about the "nocturnal myths" is that when people see these animals during the day they assume that there is something wrong with the animal. This means they are automatically afraid of it and many will, at that point, shoot or do other horrible things to the animal.

Raccoons and foxes are NOT nocturnal, they are opportunistic scavengers and that means they are awake anytime food is most easily available.

The best thing you can do is walk away. Leave the animal alone. It may be gathering food for its babies. While you should not approach wildlife, you also don't need to fear them simply based on the time of day you see them. Keep a safe distance and enjoy the sights.

Please share this information, and help us help the animals!

Courtesy of CLAWS, Inc. / www.nc-claws.org

Stormwater is Everybody's Business

Monitor stormwater inlets near your property and report any illicit discharges through the Township website "Report A Concern" upperuwchlan-pa.gov/concern or call the Township Public Works Department 610-458-2318.

Stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, manure and other pollutants as it flows over surfaces such as driveways, road and lawns. Without proper stormwater management, this polluted runoff flows untreated into our streams, rivers and wetlands.



Polluted stormwater runoff is the greatest threat to clean water!



Our streams and rivers supply

- Water for drinking
- Water for fishing
- Water for swimming
- Water for canoeing and boating
- Water for wildlife

Residents, municipalities, businesses and developers need to work together to prevent stormwater pollution.



For more info call
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance
610-793-1090
or visit our website at
www.brandywineredclay.org

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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.

Seen the Spotted Lanternfly?

SQUASH any bugs you see, and **SCRAPE** away any egg masses you find.
REPORT sightings of this #BadBug to the PA Dept. of Agriculture at
bit.ly/BadBugReport or email Badbug@pa.gov.



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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