



Upper Uwchlan Township

News

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS During Uncertain Times



**Simple Ask:
Wear a Mask**



CHESTER COUNTY

It is no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the economy on a national scale.

A study by the Brookings Institution estimates that small business revenue in the U.S. is down twenty percent since January 2020.¹ According to unemployment data from the PA Department of Labor & Industry, which has been analyzed by Restore Chester County, the industry hit hardest by the pandemic is retail. Restaurants, manufacturing, healthcare, and office settings have also seen high unemployment filings.² These are some of Upper Uwchlan Township's most prominent economic drivers. During these uncertain times, it is crucial to remember the impact of local business on the spirit of our community.

What can you do?

When making purchasing and dining decisions, think of our local businesses first! Find and follow local retailers and restaurants on social media to stay up to date on their safety practices, and, importantly, do them the courtesy of following those practices when you shop, visit, or dine.

You might have seen a familiar slogan in shop and restaurant windows: "Simple Ask: Wear a Mask." This county-wide campaign to encourage mask wearing in local businesses began in October.

The signage is a helpful reminder that we are all in this together and that the little things we can do, like wearing a mask, can make a big difference to our local business community. By doing our part to prevent further spread of the virus, we can expedite the safe re-opening of the local economy.



Restore Chester County - Business Resources

The Restore Chester County program was established by the County Commissioners to centralize resources for businesses and residents as we work to safely reopen and restore the communities we love. Best practices and guidelines from federal and local government agencies can be found at www.restorechestercounty.org.



★ EPICUREAN GARAGE

2020 Business of the Year

At their January meeting, the Upper Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors was pleased to present the 2020 Business of the Year Award to Epicurean Garage. The Board plans to continue this award annually, seeking to acknowledge the impact of our local businesses and business owners.

The owners and employees of Epicurean Garage were recognized for their support and commitment to the Upper Uwchlan Township community and residents. With their #GarageGivesBack initiative, the restaurant has found unique and innovative ways to support organizations that fight food insecurity and homelessness, as well as other local businesses in the community. They used their social platform to elevate the causes of those in need, organized gift card buys for other local restaurants that were struggling due to COVID, and matched purchases at the Garage with donations to local organizations that serve the hungry.

During incredibly difficult times, the Garage stepped up to generously help many in need. Thank you and congratulations to Epicurean Garage for being the inaugural Upper Uwchlan Township Business of the Year.

¹Bauer, Lauren, et al. *Ten Facts about COVID-19 and the U.S. Economy*. 2 Feb. 2021, www.brookings.edu/research/ten-facts-about-covid-19-and-the-u-s-economy.
²*Current Economic Conditions*, Restore Chester County, restorechestercounty.org/CurrentConditions.cfm.

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TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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

Boards & Commissions News

We'd like to bid Fond Farewells to

BRETT HAND, Planning Commission, Historical Commission;
RAY STUBBS, JR., Zoning Hearing Board;
STEPHEN BECKMAN, Park & Recreation Board; and
BERNIE CARROLL, Emergency Management Planning Commission

Thank you
for your dedication and service to UUT!.

Welcome
ANTHONY CAMPBELL, Township Zoning Officer,
AARON STOYACK, to the Historical Commission,
STEPHEN FEAN, to the Planning Commission, and
STEVEN HIRSH, to the Emergency Management
Planning Commission

From the Desk of the Township Manager:

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. It is full of important information. In the fall I hoped for a mild winter, well I should have kept that to myself. The Township has been hit with numerous storms so far and the Public Works Department has done an outstanding job clearing the streets and making it safe for travel.

There are quite a few projects starting in the Township early in 2021. The Township is accepting proposals for the replacement of the Turf field at Fellowship Fields, which should be completed before summer. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has started a project to replace the Park Road bridge over the Turnpike. While this is not a Township project it will be of interest to most residents. Park Road will not be shut down during the project. It will be restricted to one lane for periods of time but never completely shut down. The project is estimated to take 18 months to complete.

Board of Supervisors and Township Boards and Commission meetings continue to be held through Zoom. If you would like to attend a meeting, please email me and I will send you the link to the meeting you wish to attend. My email is tscheivert@upperuwchlan-pa.gov.

Please contact me if there is anything that I can do to assist you in the future.

Tony Scheivert

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County Commissioners:

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Michelle Kichline
Josh Maxwell
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www.toomey.senate.gov
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717-576-0376
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U.S. Congressman

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(155th District):
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THANK YOU! Healthcare Heroes and Frontline Workers

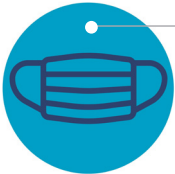


We're All in This Together *Thank you*

Do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19

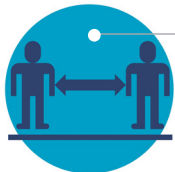
For over a year now, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our day to day lives. For those who have lost loved ones, life has been changed irreparably. More than 700 of those lost to the virus lived here in Chester County; as a community, we grieve with those who knew and loved them.

There's still a long road to recovery, but Upper Uwchlan Township and Chester County are committed to using and promoting all the tools available to keep one another safe. That includes all of these:



WEAR A MASK

According to the CDC, "COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice." Wear a multi-layer mask or cloth face covering that fits snugly over your mouth *and* nose whenever you are in public to help reduce the spread of the virus.



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Along with wearing a mask, social distancing can decrease community spread. The CDC advises that you "stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces." Avoid crowds, group gatherings, and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.



VACCINES

It is the goal of Chester County to get residents vaccinated against the virus as quickly as possible. Vaccine supplies remain limited, and distribution is being conducted in a phased approach. Visit chesco.org/coronavirus for the latest information about registration.

We all must do our part to keep each other safe, prevent infection, support our local economy, and work toward recovery. You can find information about COVID-19 at upperuwchlan-pa.gov/coronavirus.

At that site are links to health resources, details about Township operations, and a log of the Township announcements related to the virus.

Mental Health Resources

During this global pandemic, it is completely normal to feel stress, fear, and anxiety.

Know that there are mental health resources available for all Pennsylvanians. It's OK to ask for help! Please reach out if you need support.

Please visit the Department of Health website at www.dhs.pa.gov.

PA Support & Referral Helpline
1-855-284-2494 (TTY: 724-631-5600)

Easter Happenings

Follow our website and social media for details on Easter happenings slated for **Saturday, March 27**

www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov



DID YOU KNOW?

Philadelphia was one of the hotspots during the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic.

Much different than today, you couldn't get a doctor to make a house call as the dial telephone did not yet exist. Cities like Philadelphia were grisly scenes as corpses piled up in the streets.

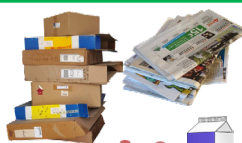
—Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross, Sept.-Oct. 1918

Recycle Right!

Curbside Single Stream Recycling

Your single stream recyclables should be placed loose (unbagged) in your recycling Toter. Items that don't fit in your Toter must be put in paper bags and placed next to the recycling Toter.

PAPER Newspapers, cardboard (break down and bind) paper bags, magazines and junk mail, phone books, home/office paper, paper egg cartons, rinsed milk and juice cartons, clean pizzaboxes, and boxboard food packaging.



PLASTIC Containers marked #1—#5 and #7. Throw away caps and lids. Rinse thoroughly.



METAL Food and drink cans, pie plates, clean aluminum foil. Rinse thoroughly. Empty aerosol cans.



GLASS Clean food and drink bottles and jars. Throw away lids. Rinse thoroughly.



For the Garbage Toter

All trash that is placed in your garbage Toter must be secured in trash bags.



TRASH Food waste; light bulbs; mirrors, plate glass, window glass, drinkware and crystal; ceramic cups and plates, flower pots, ovenware; caps/lids from recyclable containers; empty paint cans, empty oil cans and bottles; plastic food wrappers, plastic bags; wax or plastic coated boxes/paper, plastic and Tyvek envelopes; straws, tissues, towels, napkins, plasticware; Styrofoam/polystyrene; shoes and clothing; small construction materials; metallic paper.



Trash & Recycling

UUT Toters are your **PRIMARY** containers for trash and recycling collection. Place Toters at the curb the night before your collection day, and at least 3 feet apart and away from mailboxes, cars and other obstacles.



3 Feet



Recycling
64 Gallon Toter
Blue Lid

Trash
96 Gallon Toter
Black Lid

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!

Bulk trash reminder: No construction material will be collected at any time. Do not put out for trash or bulk.

Box Springs and Mattresses must be placed in plastic bags for bulk collection, they will not be collected if they are not in bags.

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.

NEW RULES on Extra Recycling:

EXCESS MATERIALS MUST BE BAGGED OR BOUND:

Any recyclables that do not fit in your Toter must be placed in paper bags. Cardboard boxes must be broken down and bound with twine.

NOTE: ALL BOX SPRINGS and MATTRESSES MUST be placed in plastic bags and put out at curbside the night before a Bulk collection day. If they are not in plastic bags, they WILL NOT be taken. Mattress Bags are sold at hardware stores and online.

CARPETS MUST BE CUT UP AND BOUND INTO 3' SECTIONS

and no more than one room at a time collected on BULK day.

Compost Leaves and Yard Waste: 36 Collections Annually - Wednesdays

Place leaves, grass clippings and yard waste in biodegradable paper bags or open containers. **DO NOT** use UUT Toters. **DO NOT** use plastic bags; these collections are composted. **DO NOT** overload bags. Tree limbs (no larger than 3" diameter and 3' long) must be bundled with string/twine. Place yard waste at the curb the night before collection to ensure it will be picked up.

April 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 18

May 5, 12, 19, 26
September 1, 8, 15, 22

June 2, 9, 16, 23

July 7, 21

Township Bulletin Board



Easter Happenings!
Saturday, March 27
 Watch our website and social media for details!
www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov

NO BLOCK PARTY THIS YEAR
 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Residential Re-Sales

When selling your home, the Township requires a Use and Occupancy Re-Sale Inspection at least two (2) weeks prior to your settlement date.

The owner of the property or their Realtor, must contact our office to obtain the Certification Request form.

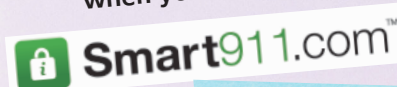
The fee for this is \$100.00.

Your trash/sewer certification is also included. Once the signed Certificate is returned to the Township, we will automatically transfer the service(s) account to the new owner's name.

www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov

Plan Ahead for Any Emergency!

Sign up for Smart911 so first responders will be aware of important information to help when you call 9-1-1.



Volunteer!

Would you love to help out?
 We are always in need of Volunteers.

Just say Yes!

Share the pride in your community,
VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Sign up for the LATEST NEWS!

Check your Notify Me profile by entering your email address at
upperuwchlan-pa.gov/NotifyMe

Election Day! Remember to VOTE!

Tuesday, May 18
Polls Open 7am-8pm

Prescription Take Back Box

is available again and located at the Upper Uwchlan Police Department
 140 Pottstown Pike

Holiday Hours

Township offices will be closed:

- ★ April 2
in observance of Good Friday;
- ★ May 31
in observance of Memorial Day;
- ★ July 5
in observance of Independence Day
- ★ September 6
in observance of Labor Day

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

Driver Alert!

No Video Allowed While Driver in Motion



No motor vehicle shall be operated on a highway with an image display device where a broadcast television image, a live stream video image from the Internet, satellite or any other source or a prerecorded video image is visible to the driver while the vehicle is in motion.

This includes watching movies, TV and Zoom calls. Drivers will receive a significant fine for this distracted driving. Every day about 8 people in the United States are killed in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver.

There are approximately 2,800 people killed and an estimated 400,000 were injured in crashes involving a distracted driver. About 1 in 5 of the people who died in crashes involving a distracted driver were not in vehicles - they were walking, riding their bikes, or otherwise outside a vehicle.

YOU WILL BE FINED!

Report a Pot Hole



Everyone hates potholes. Unfortunately, they are a fact of life in Pennsylvania, thanks to our severe freeze/thaw cycle.

State Roads: Rt. 100 (Pottstown Pike), Graphite Mine Road, Byers Road, Little Conestoga Road, Dorian Mill Road and Rt. 401
Go to www.pendot.gov and "submit Concern" or customercare.penndot.gov

Township Roads:
Go to upperuwchlan-pa.gov and "Report a Concern"



Uwchlan Ambulance Corps

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps proudly serves Upper Uwchlan Township residents. So far this year, we responded to 51 calls for emergency ambulance services in Upper Uwchlan township alone.

★ CPR TRAINING

Adult CPR / AED Training is Available

This class is intended for individuals who are not healthcare providers or professional rescuers but who desire, or are required, to be certified in CPR and the use of an AED (Emergency response teams in business and industry; adult residential care personnel; teachers; parents; babysitters; etc.).



Uwchlan Ambulance Corps is a nonprofit organization committed to saving lives and improving the quality of life by providing 24-hour emergency medical response, outreach programs, and education for community members and healthcare professionals.



UPCOMING CLASS DATES:

- June 10
- September 9
- December 8

If you would like more information or to register, visit www.station87.com contact us at 610-363-1067, x. 41 or email training@Station87.com
70 West Welsh Pool Rd., Exton PA, 19341

Biological Indicators of Water Quality

Examining the quality of a stream or waterway can be done in many ways and with different levels of technicality. However, you don't necessarily need high end, precision sensors, or a warehouse full of expensive equipment to know how healthy a stream in your own backyard might be. A glimpse into the biodiversity of the critters that inhabit a fresh water ecosystem can reveal abundant information about the quality of the water and the overall status of the stream.



Streams in Chester County and across the globe are teeming with life. Some of that life is seen clear as day, while some hides under rocks or might even be too small to see with the naked eye. Groups of organisms that we can see and use as indicators of water quality include amphibians, macroinvertebrates, and fishes. While not true for every ecosystem, generally if you find a stream to be inhabited by many different types of species, chances are it's in fairly good health. Certain groups of animals can tell you more than others based on their living requirements and tolerances. For example, salamanders and other amphibians are unique in that they have the novel ability to breathe through their skin. This is known as cutaneous respiration. While cutaneous respiration allows them to thrive in specialized environments, it also makes them very susceptible to absorbing toxins through their skin. It would not be uncommon to find an absence of salamanders or even deceased ones in heavily polluted streams or immediately following a toxic spill event. On another note, certain species of mayflies have specific tolerances for dissolved oxygen. They can only be found in pristine streams where persistently high levels of dissolved oxygen readily flows over their feather-like gills. Individual indicators such as these provide a glimpse into the overall quality of stream.

When water quality professionals examine biological indicators, often the community as a whole is assessed. Different species are assigned certain categories or weights based on their tolerances, or special living parameters. Many metrics are measured to determine a score that correlates with a certain degree of water quality. But you don't need fancy metrics or calculations to learn about your stream's health. Anyone with a few good identification books and an interest to explore can research the biodiversity in a nearby stream. So next time you are out and about on a hike, or walking your dog by a stream, take a second and flip over a rock or peer into a clear shallow pool. You may be surprised by what you discover.

This article courtesy Tom Oranzi, Chester County Conservation District.

Keep Our Storm Sewers Clean!



Report illegal discharges into the storm sewer system!

Upper Uwchlan Township relies on residents to report environmental hazards, including the dumping of waste into storm sewers and waterways.

Make a report at

upperuwchlan-pa.gov/concern

Keeping our storm sewers clean is the best way to ensure our streams are a healthy home for aquatic life.

PECO Smart Appliance Recycling

GET
\$75
Rebate!

Did you know that PECO will pick up your old energy wasting refrigerator and/or freezer and you will receive \$75 rebate from PECO.

The units must be in working order. The program will be available through May 31, 2021. Depending on available funds, the program may be extended beyond that date.

To schedule a pickup of an older refrigerator or freezer and room air conditioner, customers may call PECO toll-free at 1-888-5-PECO-SAVE (1-888-573-2672) or schedule your appointment online at peco.com/recycling.



Upper Uwchlan resident and Planning Commission member JEFF SMITH coordinated the area collection this year. His efforts on behalf of Toys for Tots, in addition to his other volunteer work in Upper Uwchlan earned him the **2020 Volunteer of the Year Award**. Thank you, Jeff!



Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

A big thank you to everyone who generously donated to Toys for Tots this holiday season.

Just a single week of collection nearly filled the lobby of the Township Building, thanks in part to a donor who contributed more than 15 boxes of toys. The challenges of 2020 brought an increase in requests for gifts, so more than ever, every gift made a difference.

Collection by the local branch of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation served 10,227 kids in Chester County and a portion of Montgomery County this year.

2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!

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