



# Upper Uwchlan Township

## News

### Upland Farm Barn:

**Renovations realize vision for upgraded community space**

As any visitor to Upland Farm Park (301 Pottstown Pike) has seen, construction work on the Barn has proceeded throughout the summer, and the work will continue into the fall. The long-awaited renovations to the Barn will include the construction of classrooms, upgrades to the large meeting space, new entryway doors, a scenic porch, and bathrooms that will serve both the Barn and daily park visitors.

At their meeting on April 19, the Board of Supervisors awarded \$2,069,565 in contracts for this work, which includes the installation of new water and sewer lines to the park.

Upland Farm is a 56-acre passive recreational area which is home to the Barn, an historic farmhouse, several outbuildings, and paved and natural trails. The Upland Farm Advisory Committee (UPFAC) began developing concept plans for the renovation and function of the Barn as a community space in 2011. Architectural designs for the renovation were developed at the time by the firm Archer & Buchanan, who reviewed and updated these plans in preparation for the 2021 request for bids.

The Board of Supervisors is excited to see this project come to life, which aims to realize a vision for Upland Farm that was imagined more than a decade ago. The Park will remain open to the public throughout the construction, but park visitors are asked to avoid the construction area and heed all posted signage.

Remember to VOTE!

★ NOVEMBER 2, 2021



### Planning Commission Update

The Township has started the multi-year process of updating the Comprehensive Plan, which will provide guidance, plans, and goals out to the year 2034.

Look for future Newsletters to provide information about how you can participate!

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# Boards & Commissions News

We'd like to bid Fond Farewell to

**BOB SCHOENBERGER**, Planning Commission Chairman;

*Thank you*  
*Welcome*

for your dedication and service to UUT!

**DAVID COLAJEZZI** and **RAVI MAYREDDY** to the Planning Commission,

**JOE CERIBELLI** to the Zoning Hearing Board,

and **LISA SHELDON** to the Park & Recreation Board.

## From the Township Manager:

### Dear Upper Uwchlan Residents,

Summer is wrapping up and schools will be opening in a few weeks and before you know it, we will be talking about snow. The Township Building is open for business, but we are asking all visitors to wear masks. We are monitoring the constantly changing situation with COVID-19 and will adjust if necessary.

The Upland Farms Barn Renovation project is well underway and there is an article highlighting the project in this newsletter. The Park Road Bridge Project is progressing, and the contractor is working with the Township to make sure the project continues to only cause minor delays to residents traveling Park Road. The Township has some exciting events coming up for Halloween and then we will be hosting the Tree Lighting at Upland Farms and fireworks in the Village of Eagle on November 27. More information on both events can be found in this new publication.

Please take the time to read this newsletter as it is full of important information. Thanks for your interest in the Township and please contact me if there is anything that I can do to assist you in the future.

Tony Scheivert

*Tony*

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Mark your calendar!

13th ANNUAL  
Block Party

JUNE 18, 2022

# Back to School Safety: Extreme Weather and Other Emergencies

As students get ready to go back to school, it's important to be prepared for potential severe weather events.

Parents should monitor weather from their trusted local weather source, and teach their children how to do the same. Families should also sign up for severe weather alerts for their home and school locations. Knowing when snow, severe weather, heavy rain, and excessive cold and heat are in the forecast can help you and your kids prepare. Know your child's school plan for weather hazards and other emergencies. Most importantly, find out where and how you will reunite if your kids are evacuated during the school day.

Returning to college or heading to campus for the first time? Take the time to learn your campus's emergency plan and identify the exits closest to your dorm room or housing. Know your evacuation route to leave campus and who would give the order to evacuate. Be sure to sign up for your college or university's emergency alert system.



## Remembering "Bob" Schoenberger, Ph.D., P.E.

The Upper Uwchlan Township Planning Commission mourns the loss of long time resident and chair of the Planning Commission Robert "Bob" Schoenberger on April 12, 2021. A native of Weissport, PA, Bob was the husband of Yahna for almost 60 years. A Drexel Institute of Technology (now University) alum, Bob earned his Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering, and was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Bob served as an Associate Professor at Drexel before transitioning to full-time private Environmental Consulting, first at Roy F. Weston, where he was a Vice President, and later as an Independent Consultant, dealing with solid and hazardous waste issues. In his semi-retirement, he joined the board of the Chester County Solid Waste Authority, of which he has been the longtime chair member. Bob served as chair of the Upper Uwchlan Township Planning Commission for 29 years. During his tenure the township developed a plan for walking trails, the Village of Eagle, and an Adaptive Re-Use of Historical Buildings Ordinance. Bob's civil and environmental engineering knowledge was informative to the commission over the years. Bob was a voice of reason, an advocate for what was best for the community and a true gentleman in his dealings with all who came before the Upper Uwchlan Township Planning Commission. Our Township was fortunate to have had such a committed volunteer serve our community.

*We are grateful for Bob's effort and time to improve our community now and for generations to come.*

## Upcoming Events

### ★ SAVE THE DATES!

September 24, 2021

### Movie in the Park

Join us for the final outdoor movie of the summer at Hickory Park. Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs; showtime is at dusk. Film will be announced at [facebook.com/upperuwchlan](https://facebook.com/upperuwchlan)

October 30, 2021

### Trunk-or-Treat

Save the date for this fun event hosted by the Upper Uwchlan Police Department and Park and Recreation Board at Hickory Park. Watch the Township website for details.

November 27, 2021

### FIFTH ANNUAL Upper Uwchlan Township Tree Lighting

The annual celebration of the holiday season at Upland Farms. PLUS – back by popular demand, the evening will be capped off with a fireworks display.



## Volunteer!

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

### Just say Yes!

### Become a Member?

To volunteer to become a member of one of the Township's boards or commissions, please complete a Volunteer Position Application, found on our website and submit it to Upper Uwchlan Township by mail or in person.

# Recycle Right!

## Curbside Single Stream Recycling

Toss these items directly into your Recycling Toter. DO NOT use plastic bags.

**PAPER** Newspapers, cardboard, paper bags, magazines and junk mail, phone books, home/office paper, paper egg cartons, rinsed milk and juice cartons, clean pizza boxes, and boxboard food packaging. Break down and flatten.



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

1 PETE 2 HOPE 3 V 4 LDPE 5 PP OTHER



**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



**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; metallic wrapping paper.



## Plug E-Waste Event

Saturday, September 18

9AM to 12PM

UUT Public Works Building  
132 Oscar Way, Chester Springs

Residents MUST register prior to event to schedule a drop off time. Additional information can be found on the Township Website.

Go to: [bit.ly/UUTeWaste2021](http://bit.ly/UUTeWaste2021) to register.

## 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.

**CARPETS MUST BE CUT UP AND BOUND INTO 3' SECTIONS** and no more than one room at a time collected on bulk day.

**NOTE: ALL BOX SPRINGS and MATTRESSES MUST be placed in plastic bags (separately) 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.**

## 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.

Sept 1, 8, 15, 22   Oct 6, 13, 20, 27   Nov 3, 10, 17, 24   Dec 8, 22

## 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.



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 tote, 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 (separately) for bulk collection, they will not be collected if they are not in bags.**

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



**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 tote, 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



## Sheltering in Place Guidance

Whether you are at home, work or anywhere else you frequent regularly, there may be situations when it's best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside.

### Indicators and steps to take if the situation arises:

- Use common sense and available information to assess the situation and determine if there is immediate danger.
- If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated you may want to take this kind of action.

### Tips for sheltering in place:

- Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do.
- Watch TV and listen to the radio (1060 AM) or check the Internet (e.g., Twitter: @upperuwchlan) often for official news and instructions as they become available.
- Bring your family and pets inside.
- Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
- Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
- Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
- Go into an interior room with few windows if possible.
- Seal all windows, doors and air vents with thick plastic sheeting and duct tape. Consider measuring and cutting the sheeting in advance to save time.
- Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet.
- Duct tape plastic at corners first and then tape down all edges.
- Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to seal gaps so that you create a barrier between yourself and any contamination.

"Sealing a room" is considered a temporary protective measure to create a barrier between you and potentially contaminated air outside. This type of sheltering in place requires pre-planning, by purchasing plastic sheeting and duct tape that you would keep in your emergency supply kit.

Source: <https://www.ready.gov/shelter>

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

# Prevent Identity Theft

Keep these tips in mind to protect yourself from identity theft:

- Secure your Social Security number (SSN). Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Only give out your SSN when necessary.
- Don't share personal information (*birthdate, Social Security number, or bank account number*) because someone asks for it.
- Collect mail every day. **Place a hold on your mail** when you are away from home for several days.
- Use the security features on your mobile phone.
- Update sharing and firewall settings when you're on a public wi-fi network. Use a virtual private network (VPN) if you use public wi-fi.
- Review your credit card and bank account statements. Compare receipts with account statements. Watch for unauthorized transactions.
- Shred receipts, credit offers, account statements, and expired credit cards. This can prevent "dumpster divers" from getting your personal information.
- Install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.
- **Create complex passwords** that identity thieves cannot guess. Change your passwords if a company that you do business with has a breach of its databases
- Review your credit reports once a year. Be certain that they don't include accounts that you have not opened. You can order it for free from [Annualcreditreport.com](http://Annualcreditreport.com).
- Freeze your credit files with Equifax, Experian, Innovis, TransUnion, and the National Consumer Telecommunications and Utilities Exchange for free. Credit freezes prevent someone from applying for and getting approval for a credit account or utility services in your name.

# Move Over, Slow Down

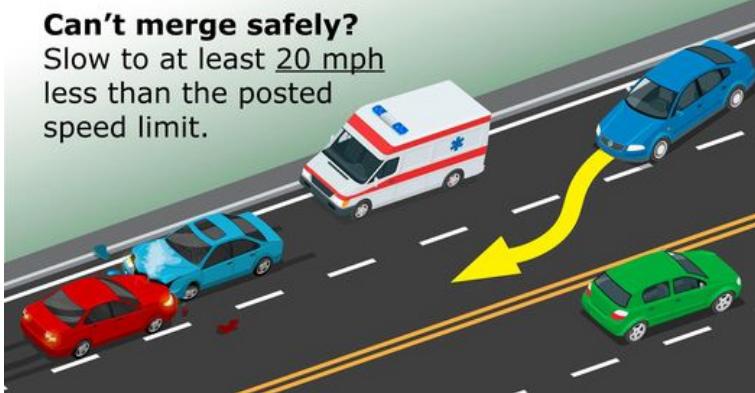


## Pennsylvania's Move Over Law

**Drivers approaching an emergency response area must safely merge into a lane further away from the response area.**

### Can't merge safely?

Slow to at least 20 mph less than the posted speed limit.



**Pennsylvania's Move Over Law** requires drivers approaching an emergency response area who are unable to safely merge into a lane further away from the response area to slow to at least 20 mph less than the posted speed limit. An emergency response area is where an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing, or where road crews or emergency responders have lighted flares, posted signs, or try to warn travelers.

### The Law

Act 105 of 2020, signed on October 29, 2020 and effective 180 days later on April 27, 2021:

- Creates a new point system that imposes two points for failure to merge into the lane not next to the emergency response area.
- Sets fines at \$500 for first-time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent offense.
- Requires a 90-day license suspension for a third or subsequent offense. The license suspension also applies to incidents that seriously injure or kill another person. The suspension is six months if the person injured or killed is an emergency service provider or was near a disabled vehicle.
- Sets additional fines of up to \$10,000 for violators who injure or kill an emergency service responder or a person in or near a disabled vehicle.
- Doubled fines for several traffic violations when committed in an emergency response area when first responders are present.

A similar law (*Title 75, Section 4572.2*) requires motorists to move over or slow down when approaching a stationary trash or recycling truck.

# Leaf Season is Upon Us!



Residents are reminded to never rake or blow leaves into the streets or storm drains.

Leaves are to be placed into brown compost bags or open containers for collection on designated yard waste days. The leaves clog the drains which causes flooding.

This act violates Township Code §155-24.

## Be Storm Water Smart

**Keep clippings and mulched leaves on the lawn** and keep them out of streets and storm drains. Lawn clippings are an important nutrient and organic matter source which can enhance the health of your soils and your lawn. Using a composting lawn mower to keep the clippings on your lawn adds about one pound of Nitrogen per 1000 square feet of natural (and free) fertilizer to your lawn each year. You should treat lawn clippings and tree leaves as if they were a bag of fertilizer, and strive to keep them on your lawn, and out of the gutter, street or storm drain system.

**When you rake your leaves in the Fall, it is good practice to run over them with your composting mower** to mulch them into small fragments and add them to your compost pile in the backyard. Come late Spring, they will decompose into a fine organic mulch that you can add to your rain garden or conservation landscape as a top dressing (assuming that you turn over the pile every couple of months)

**Set mower height at 3 inches or taller.** Maintaining taller grass produces a deeper and more extensive root system, which in turn, increases nutrient uptake and reduces lawn runoff volume. The deeper roots also reduce the need for supplemental irrigation during times of drought, suppress weeds and increase turf density.

## New Department Truck



In April of this year, the Public Works Department purchased a new 2021 GMC 2500 to replace one of its older fleet vehicles.

## Winter Weather Updates



Upper Uwchlan Township Public Works Department is responsible for plowing and salting over 59 miles of roadway and would like to take this opportunity to issue several friendly reminders:

- Please make sure trees along the roadway are trimmed to a minimum of 12' – 14' above the sidewalk. Tree branches hanging in the street prevent plow trucks from cleaning the entire street.
- Please be patient as our crews are working long hours in harsh conditions to keep roads clear and residents safe.
- There is No Parking on the roadway during snow and ice events. Vehicles parked on the streets interfere with plowing and salting operations.
- Wait to shovel. As we plow the roads, we have no place to push the snow except to the curb line. If you shovel your driveway, sidewalk or mailbox before we have completed you will need to clear those areas again.
- Please do not deposit snow into the roadway when clearing your driveway or sidewalk.
- Please remove trash and recycling toters from the roadway as soon as possible so they do not interfere with plowing or salting operations.
- Property owners are required to remove snow or ice from sidewalks and fire hydrants if located on your property.
- Please inspect your mailbox and post prior to winter weather. Snow that is thrown from plows can damage mailboxes if they are not properly prepared and secured. Also check the placement of your mailbox to ensure that it is not leaning into the street. The door of the mailbox should be 6-8" behind the curb. Please make sure the mailbox is installed according to USPS specifications, found at [www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm](http://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm)



You can easily pay your Solid Waste (Trash) and Sewer bills on-line on our website. There is a nominal fee that is charged by the credit card service we use, but your payment will reach us faster and you will save an envelope and a stamp. Your login credentials (account number and PIN) are located on the upper left-hand side of your bill.

**Follow these steps:**

Go to: [UpperUwchlan-pa.gov](http://UpperUwchlan-pa.gov)

How do I? – Pay my bills - to view your account activity or pay your bill.



OR you can set up Auto Pay with your bank, so your payments are sent automatically for you! Notify your bank that you would like to set up Auto Pay. They will need your account number and our payee info which can be found on the bottom of your bills. Set up to send 10 days before the due dates (see schedule below) and never have to remember to pay the bill and never get a late fee!



OR pay in advance! Instead of paying one quarter at a time, consider paying 4 quarters or 2 quarters ahead. Pay semi-annually, or annually, and save some time!

**2022  
Sewer Bill  
Schedule**

Bills Mailed Middle of:	Payments Due:
January	February 28
April	May 31
July	August 31
October	November 30

## Options to Pay Your Utility Bills

We do not have the capability to take payments over the phone.

*To avoid a late fee, payment must be received by the due date at left even if you do not get a bill.*

*We use the postmark on the envelope, NOT the date written on your check.*

You may view your bills anytime on our website.

Please **DO NOT** combine payments for sewer & trash in one check.

Sewer payments to: UUTMA

Trash payments to:

Upper Uwchlan Township

*Thank You*

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