



# Upper Uwchlan Township News

Remember to VOTE!

★ MAY 16, 2023

## Township Promotes Three Police Officers



From left: Lieutenant Carr, Corporal Pozza, Chief Jones



The Upper Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors was honored to promote three officers at their monthly meeting on January 17, 2023.

- ★ **PATROLMAN ADAM POZZA** was promoted to the rank of **Corporal**. Corporal Pozza has been with the Upper Uwchlan Police Department for 12 plus years with 10 of those years being full time.
- ★ **CORPORAL JOSEPH CARR** was promoted to the rank of **Lieutenant**. Lieutenant Carr has been with the Upper Uwchlan Police Department for over 25 years and had served as a Corporal for the last 17 years. Lieutenant Carr is the Department's Accreditation Officer and was vital in the Department receiving accreditation in 2016 and then being reaccredited in 2019 and then again in 2022.
- ★ **LIEUTENANT THOMAS JONES** was promoted to **Chief**. Chief Jones has been with the Upper Uwchlan Police Department for over 31 years. Chief Jones was the Department's first Detective and spent 17 years in that role. Chief Jones has been a hostage negotiator with the CCRERT (Chester County Regional Emergency Response Team) for the last 10 plus years and has been a member of the Downingtown Area School District Safety and Security Committee since 2018.

## E-Billing is Now Available for Sewer and Trash Payments



Upper Uwchlan Township is now offering electronic ("E-Billing") billing for township trash and sewer services.

You can elect to receive your sewer and/or trash bills electronically and will no longer receive a paper invoice. A few years ago, we began asking residents to provide us with their email address when they returned their payments to us. The Township received approximately 1,200 responses – which equates to about one third of our residents.

The 2023 first quarter sewer billing at the end of January was sent BOTH electronically and by mail since it was the first time that we sent invoices via email. Residents who had previously provided the Township with their email addresses were given the choice to "opt out" of receiving Township bills via email. If you don't "opt out" you will no longer receive a paper (mailed) bill from the Township and will be responsible for looking for it in your inbox.

The trash bills that were mailed in early February were handled the same way. If we have your email address, this will be the last paper bill you will receive unless you notify us that you wish to "opt out". If we do not currently have your email address – or if it has changed – and you wish to enroll in E-billing, you can provide it to us at this special address: [mybill@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:mybill@upperuwchlan-pa.gov)

There have been no changes to the methods used to pay your sewer and trash bills. You may pay online through your bank or on our website, by check mailed to Upper Uwchlan Township, PO Box 437, Uwchland, PA 19480, or you can pay at the Township office or drop your check and remittance slip in the silver drop box outside the Township building.

**Just a reminder** – sewer services are billed quarterly; trash is billed on an annual basis in early February and covers the period from February 1 of the current year to January 31 of the next year. Reminders will be sent at the end of August to any residence that is not paid in full. Your trash payment will be considered late if it is not paid before October 1, and a late fee will be added.

## Help plan the future of YOUR Township!

The Upper Uwchlan Township Comprehensive Plan is being updated... we need your thoughts and ideas!

Starting in February 2023, the existing Comprehensive Plan and all the supporting plans will be posted on the Planning Commission website for you to look at and comment. Give us your thoughts and ideas! Visit the Township website:

<https://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/279/Comprehensive-Plan-Update>

Send your comments to: [CompPlan2024@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:CompPlan2024@upperuwchlan-pa.gov)

As always, you can attend the monthly Planning Commission meetings on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Check the Township calendar for details.

## Our Township

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Sandy D'Amico, Chairperson  
Jenn Baxter, Vice Chairperson  
Andy Durkin, Member

### TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Tony Scheivert

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Christopher Frantz, Solicitor  
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Patti Spackman Meredith Squitere

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Lou Lanzaletto Praveen Nadkarni

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Muzaffer Mohammed  
Gerry Stein Rina Vachhani  
RGA, Inc. Robert Wise,  
Commission Consultant

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Craig Kalemjian, Solicitor

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Richard Ruth

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

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Kathi McGrath, Secretary  
Richard Ruth Kevin Cook  
Julie Hearn-Nicely Steven Hirsh  
Cathy Tomlinson Chief Tom Jones  
Jeff Churchvara

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Rizwan Jagirdar Ilya Lehrman

### CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief Tom Jones

### POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Jami Martin,  
Administrative Assistant (P/T)  
Lieutenant Joseph Carr  
Detective Brian Gathercole  
Corporal Adam Pozza  
Corporal Kyle Sherman  
Officer Robert Davis  
Officer Alexander Fleming  
Officer Greg Hines  
Officer Steven Jones  
Officer Paul Kemme  
Officer Robert Paradis  
Officer David Stiteler  
Officer Lyndsay Taylor  
Officer Dan Zmuida

### TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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

## Boards & Commissions News

We'd like to bid Fond Farewell to

**DON CARLSON**, 16 years with the Municipal Authority;  
**LAUREN CORTESI**, 4 years with the Zoning Hearing Board;  
**JIM SHRIMP**, 6 years with the Planning Commission; and  
**CHRIS FOSTER**, 5 years with the Park & Recreation Board

*Thank you*

for your dedication and service to UUT!

*Welcome*

**JEFF CHURCHVARA** Emergency Management  
Planning Commission;

**RINA VACHHANI** Historical Commission;

**JOE SAMARCO** Municipal Authority;

and **TOM SULLIVAN** Zoning Hearing Board.

## From the Township Manager:

### Dear Upper Uwchlan Residents,

Winter is winding down and has been very quiet thus far, let's hope that it does not go out with a bang. In the case of winter weather please drive carefully and do not park cars on the street during snow events.

A few developments that we're hoping to be completed by now are either started or getting ready to start soon. The commercial portion of the Byers Station subdivision has finalized plans for a preschool and a few shops to be located at the corner of Station Boulevard and Route 100. The developer hopes to have the school opened by Fall. Fieldstone at Chester Springs, located at the intersection of Byers Road and Graphite Mine Road is under construction. The project will include 101 apartments and offer assisted living and memory care. The Stables Kitchen and Bar Garden located at 160 Park Road will be opening this Spring.

The Township is in the process of completing an Active Transportation Plan and updating the Township's Comprehensive Plan. There will be opportunity for public input on both plans. Please take the time to fill out surveys and attend meetings. The plans will be better documents with more input from a greater number of Township residents.

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*

## Elected Officials

### County Commissioners:

Marian Moskowitz  
Michelle Kichline  
Josh Maxwell  
313 W. Market Street  
Suite 6202  
PO Box 2748  
West Chester, PA 19380  
610-344-6100  
www.chesco.org

### U.S. Senators:

**John Fetterman**  
www.fetterman.senate.gov  
**Robert P. Casey, Jr.**  
www.casey.senate.gov

### State Senator (44th District):

**Katie J. Muth**  
717-576-0376  
www.senatormuth.com

### U.S. Congressman

**(6th District):**  
**Chrissy Houlahan**  
610-883-5050  
www.houlahan.house.gov

### State Representative

**(155th District):**  
**Danielle Friel Otten**  
484-200-8259  
www.pahouse.com/FrielOtten

Mark your calendar!

13th ANNUAL

Block  
Party

JUNE 17, 2023

## Update for Upland Farms Barn

Major construction has been completed and the Barn has been open to the public as a private rental venue space for the last nine months. Since then, we have realized the need for additional improvements and there will be a brief closure this Spring to complete that work.

The Barn will be closed beginning April 1 and will reopen within 6-8 weeks. Thank you to those who have patronized the barn over the last nine months. It has been a pleasure to host your events in this beautiful and historic space and we are looking forward to hosting many more events there in the future.

If you have questions about renting the space, please contact Lindsay Yeager at 610-646-7018 or [visit upperuwchlan-pa.gov/uplandfarms](http://visitupperuwchlan-pa.gov/uplandfarms)

## Pickleball Craze!

You may have heard that pickleball is sweeping the nation!



We would like to take this opportunity to establish the court expectations in Hickory Park to allow for a safe and fun experience for tennis and pickleball players alike! Hickory Park currently has three full size tennis courts.

This Spring, to accommodate the rise in pickleball popularity the courts will be multi-use and will allow for up to six pickleball

courts when needed. Players will need to provide a portable pickleball net to play on the courts. Courts are open to the public on a first come, first-served basis, unless a reservation has been made. Reservations can be made in one-hour increments and requesters can hold up to two active reservations per calendar day.

With the rise in court use, the reservation requests have been growing with each season and we would like to thank you for patronizing our park and courts. We are grateful to be able to provide this space to our community and we love to see it being used now more than ever. Please enjoy yourselves, your neighbors and have fun!

For reservations, questions or to learn more about joining a local pickleball league visit: [upperuwchlan-parks.com](http://upperuwchlan-parks.com) or call Lindsay Yeager at 610-646-7018.

## Upcoming Events

★ SAVE THE DATES!



## FIFTH ANNUAL Easter Egg Hunt!

**Saturday, April 1, 11AM**

**HICKORY PARK**

**351 Park Road, Downingtown, PA**

Kids under 10 are invited to attend and hunt for candy filled eggs! Along with **your own** Easter basket, bring a non-perishable food donation for the



*The items needed include cereal, canned fruit and canned meat.*

*Thank you!*

## Upper Uwchlan Township Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 22 11am - 2pm

**Upland Farms Park**

sustainability demos ▫ food vendors ▫ earth-friendly products



## Join us for our Summer Concert Series!

**Live Music at Upland Farms**

**All concerts begin at 5pm**

- Sunday, June 11
- Sunday, July 9
- Sunday, August 13
- Sunday, September 10

# 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.



**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.



## Household Hazardous Waste Event

**Saturday, April 22**

9AM to 12noon

Technical College High School

Pickering Campus

1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

Residents **MUST** register prior to event.

## 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.

April 5, 12, 19, 26    May 3, 10, 17, 24    June 7, 21, 28    July 12, 26    Aug 9, 23, 30

## 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**  
96 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 totter, **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 totter.**



**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 totter, 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

**Fifth Annual  
Easter Egg Hunt!**  
Saturday, April 1  
11am  
Hickory Park

**Save the Date!**  
**13th Annual Block Party**  
**Saturday, June 17, 2023**  
Volunteers, Vendors &  
Crafters Needed!  
Contact: Kathi McGrath  
610.646.7001  
[www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov)

## 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](http://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.

 **Smart911.com**

**Green  
Drop  
Event**  
Saturday May 20  
Upland Farms Barn



## Prescription Take Back Box

Upper Uwchlan  
Police Department  
140 Pottstown Pike

## Holiday Hours

Township offices will be closed:

- ★ April 7  
In observance of Good Friday;
- ★ May 29  
in observance of Memorial Day;
- ★ July 4  
in observance of Independence Day
- ★ September 4  
in observance of Labor Day

**Earth Day  
Celebration!**  
Saturday April 22  
Upland Farms Barn  
Chester Springs, PA



## Sign up for the LATEST NEWS!

Check your Notify Me  
profile by entering your  
email address at  
[upperuwchlan-pa.gov/  
NotifyMe](http://upperuwchlan-pa.gov/NotifyMe)

## Deck Safety Check ✓

As warmer weather approaches now is the perfect time to check your deck so it is ready to be enjoyed safely this summer.

### WOOD

- Check several areas of the deck (ledger board, support posts, deck boards, stairs, railings) for signs of decay. Pay particular attention to parts that are regularly exposed to water.
- Look for small holes in the wood, which could be a sign of insects.

### FLASHING

- Flashing is a guard that prevents moisture from collecting between the home and deck. If you notice water collecting, loose flashing, or screw holes, consider adding flashing or replacing what is currently there.

### FASTENERS

- Secure any loose nails, screws, or anchors. Consider replacing any that are rusted or corroded.
- The deck should be even without sagging and should not sway or shift when tested.

### STAIRS AND RAILINGS

- Check the integrity of stairs and railings to be sure they are secured and without decay. Push on railings to test if they "give" in any way.
- Keep stair pathways free of tripping hazards like décor, planters, and toys.

### MAINTENANCE

- Remove leaves and debris to prevent mildew. Apply a new waterproofing coating if mildew is present or the deck coating has worn away to prevent further decay or loosened fasteners.

### ELECTRICAL

- Be sure lighting is functioning and adequate. Check that outlets are in good condition, code-compliant, and childproof. Correct any cords that could present a tripping hazard.

For more information, or if you notice anything concerning, contact a professional.

**VOLUNTEER!**  
**YOU CAN**  
Make a  
Difference!

## Volunteer!

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

**Just say Yes!**

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

# Junior Police Academy

June 20 – June 23, 2023

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 building, which is located at 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend the academy. Snacks and lunch will be provided every day.

## Activity Highlights include:

- Police Patrol Vehicles
- Canine Demonstration
- Crime Scene Processing
- Fire, Rescue and EMS Display
- SWAT Display, Chester County Emergency Response Team
- Visit to Chester County Department of Emergency Services
- Visit to Chester County's Public Safety Campus including Tactical Village



There will be a Luncheon and Graduation Ceremony on the afternoon of the last day of the Academy on Friday June 23rd, 2023. The families of the graduates are invited to attend. This will be held at Upland Farm at 301 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

Applications will be available beginning April 3rd, 2023. To receive an application, e-mail [jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov).

Completed Applications can be emailed to [jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:jmartin@upperuwchlan-pa.gov), or dropped off in person at the Upper Uwchlan Police Department.

All applications must be submitted no later than **May 12, 2023**.

Space is limited, so applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis to Upper Uwchlan Township Residents first.

## Report a Pothole

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



**pennsylvania**  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### State Roads:

Route 100 (Pottstown Pike), Graphite Mine Road, Byers Road, Little Conestoga Road, Dorlan Mill Road and Route 401  
Go to [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov) and "Submit Concern" or [customer.care.penndot.gov](http://customer.care.penndot.gov)

Township Roads: Go to [upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://upperuwchlan-pa.gov) and "Report a Concern"

## Our Fire Companies Need You!



**DONATE!  
ANY  
AMOUNT**  
Makes a  
Difference!

# Donate Today!

Our Fire Companies Need You to Keep Their Doors Open and Serving You!

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. These heroes are unpaid, willing and ready to assist in times of fire and EMS emergencies. **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 and minimal monetary donations coming in, many local stations may be forced to close their doors.

**That means one thing: Pennsylvania is on the verge of a public safety crisis.**

Please help your local fire company by giving generous donations to keep our fire companies from closing their doors! You don't know how valuable these VOLUNTEER, first responders are until you experience a tragedy personally.

## Reducing Runoff:

### You Can Do Your Part by Creating Stormwater-Friendly Lawns, Gardens

When the amount of rain falling exceeds the land's ability to absorb it, the result is stormwater runoff. Without treatment, stormwater that runs from the land into our waterways can be unhealthy for people and bad for the environment. Runoff can carry chemicals, metals, bacteria, viruses, organic compounds, and other pollutants directly into creeks, lakes, rivers, and streams. Runoff can also cause severe erosion and flooding — even during a typical Pennsylvania storm. Clearly, then, what we do on the land impacts the quality of our water. That means everyone, not just government, plays a role in protecting this valuable resource by reducing runoff and the pollutants it carries. This summer, homeowners can take steps to help with the effort by making sure their gardens and lawns are “stormwater-friendly.”

**The stormwater-friendly garden** Home gardens can contribute considerable nutrients and other pollutants to waterways if not cared for responsibly. This mainly applies to fertilizers and pesticides.

**Fertilizers:** Instead of using chemical fertilizers, give organic alternatives, such as compost and manure, a try. Compost, a “do-it-yourself” fertilizer that can be created from such things as vegetable scraps and garden clippings, contains the nutrients that help your vegetables grow. When using organic fertilizers, be sure to apply them directly to the ground before planting the vegetables to prevent runoff.

**Pesticides:** Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. If one is posing a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have and research the non-chemical alternatives to controlling it. Pesticides should be a last resort because they could infiltrate groundwater, possibly contaminate drinking supplies, and hurt downstream ecosystems.

**The stormwater-friendly lawn** The following lawn-care steps will not only help to protect local streams and rivers but also result in cost savings for homeowners:

**Set your mower height to 3 inches or higher.** Taller grass slows the runoff and produces a deeper and denser root system, which absorbs more water and prevents erosion. Deeper roots also reduce the need for watering during droughts and suppress weeds from growing up around them.

**Keep grass clippings and chopped leaves on your property.** 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. Using this mulch may also reduce or eliminate the need for nitrogen fertilizers. If mulching with your clippings is not possible, bag and store them in a compost area and then use the organic material that's created as a fertilizer later.

**Figure out if you really need to fertilize your lawn.** Foregoing fertilizer is ideal for the health of local waterways and ecosystems. However, if your lawn is thin or has bare spots, you may not have a choice since a dense, vegetated cover is the most stormwater-friendly lawn.

There are no one-size-fits-all guidelines when it comes to fertilizer. Homeowners' needs vary drastically based on the soil texture and pH and nutrient levels. In fact, soil tests may reveal that your lawn is suffering from “micronutrient deficiency,” a problem that standard chemical fertilizers may not alleviate. Identifying your lawn's needs first will reduce unnecessary applications, create a healthier lawn faster, and reduce your long-term costs. **If fertilizer is needed, maximize the benefits of slow-release nitrogen and minimize the number of chemical applications.** Typically called “water insoluble nitrogen,” or WIN, on fertilizer bags, slow-release nitrogen limits nutrient runoff and exportation. This type of fertilizer should be applied to your lawn in the spring, instead of the fall, to provide a steady source of nutrients throughout the growing season.

**Another tip:** Homeowners should wait until the grass begins growing in March to fertilize and then stop fertilizing after October. Fertilizing during a lawn's dormant season increases the risk that the chemicals will run off into streams or leach into your water table because the root systems are less active. **Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream.** Keeping this distance will help keep chemicals out of waterways. Also, if you live near a stream, consider establishing a natural riparian buffer there instead. To learn more about these buffers, visit [www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org](http://www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org) and click on “Structural BMPs.”

Also, when you're done applying fertilizer, immediately sweep any granulated chemicals off hard surfaces and back onto your lawn. Your walkway, driveway, patio, or local road is often a quick route to the drainage pipes that discharge into local streams.

In the long run, little actions, such as taking a stormwater-friendly approach to your garden and lawn, will have a big impact as all of them work together to protect our water's quality.

*Note: Information courtesy of StormwaterPA and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.*

## Street Sweeping



Street Sweeping will begin in late March. Residents are reminded not to park on the streets during this time. We ask that you please be patient, there is only one street sweeper and many miles to cover.

## Keep Grass Clippings Out of Storm Drains

Residents and landscapers are reminded to keep grass clippings off of the streets.



The grass ends up in the storm drains and causes them to backup or drain improperly. It can also lead to contamination in the waterways.

## 2023 Roadway Milling and Paving

Township roads that are tentatively scheduled to be milled/paved in 2023:

- Pond View Way
- Stephen Drive
- Red Tail Circle
- Lafayette Circle
- Edgefield Drive
- Lafitte Court
- Stanley Drive
- Matisse Drive
- Morninglight Road
- Lasalle Lane
- Laura Lane
- Walter Court

If you live along one of these roads, please cut back limbs and branches on your property that extend into the roadway so operations are not impeded.

# Safety Measures from FEMA



## Shelter-in-Place for Tornado

*If you are in a 1- 2-Story Building:*



**Go to the basement or lowest level in the structure. If you don't have basement, take shelter on the first floor.**



**Go to a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level.**



**Take your go-bag and critical documents with you.**



## Shelter-in-Place for Tornado

**Take Additional Safety Measures**

**Take additional cover** by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around you.

**Go inside** as quickly as possible. Bring any pets indoors.

**Do not enter damaged buildings** until you are told that they are safe.

**If you are trapped**, cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to avoid breathing dust. Try to send a text, bang on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle instead of shouting.

**Take** your go-bag and critical documents with you.

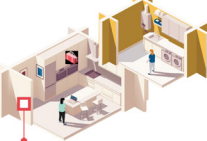
**Listen** for current emergency information and instructions from authorities.

Visit <https://community.fema.gov/ProtectiveActions/s/> for more information

*If you are in a Multistory Building:*



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# Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium *Programs*

being held in Upper Uwchlan Township



DARC also offers many other programs and summer camps within the Downingtown School District Area.

For more information about any of these programs or others in the surrounding area visit our website [www.darc.info](http://www.darc.info) or call **610.269.9260**

## NATURE WORKSHOPS at Upland Farms Barn

- ★ **Spring Intro To Foraging** - Guided Walk And Tasting:  
Friday, March 24: 4-5:30pm
- ★ **Mother's Day Orchid Kokedama**: Saturday, May 13: 2-3pm

## SUMMER CAMPS being held at Upland Farms Barn

- ★ **Adventure Camps** for ages 7-14 yrs:  
Full Day Summer Camp, Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm
  - **Mad About Movies Camp**  
June 12-16
  - **Nature Camp**: The World of Wildlife  
July 24-28
  - **Under the Sea Camp** with Abrakadoodle  
Aug 14-18

## PROGRAMS being held at Hickory Park

- ★ **Soccer Shots** program (Ages 2-8) Spring and Summer.
- ★ **Photography Camp**  
June 26-30: 9am-12pm

## SUMMER CAMPS being held at Pickering Valley Elementary School

- ★ **Playground Summer Camp** for ages 3-11 years old  
Monday-Thursday: 9am-12pm
- ★ **Great Big Messy Art Camp** with Abrakadoodle  
Aug 7-10: 9am-12pm
- ★ **Animal Adventures with LEGO's**  
June 19-22: 9am-12pm
- ★ **Let's Build Robotic Toys** with Wize Computing Academy  
June 26-29: 9am-12pm or July 24-27: 9am-12pm
- ★ **Chess Camp** with Shining Knights  
July 17-20: 9am-12pm
- ★ **The Cupcake Café Workshop** by The Crafty Chef Academy  
August 2: 9am-12pm



# 2023 *Events* CALENDAR

25 FEB SAT  
**RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'TS**  
@ UPLAND FARMS

01 APR SAT  
**5TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**  
@ HICKORY PARK

22 APR SAT  
**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**  
@ UPLAND FARMS

20 MAY SAT  
**E-WASTE COLLECTION/SHREDDING & GREEN DROP EVENT**  
@ 132 OSCAR WAY- PUBLIC WORKS

11 JUNE SUN  
**LIVE MUSIC SUMMER SERIES BEGINS: CONCERT #1**  
@ UPLAND FARMS

17 JUNE SAT  
**13TH ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY**  
@ TOWNSHIP BUILDING

09 JULY SUN  
**LIVE MUSIC: CONCERT #2**  
@ UPLAND FARMS

13 AUG SUN  
**LIVE MUSIC: CONCERT #3**  
@ UPLAND FARMS

10 SEPT SUN  
**LIVE MUSIC: CONCERT #4**  
@ UPLAND FARMS

14 OCT SAT  
**E-WASTE COLLECTION/SHREDDING & GREEN DROP EVENT**  
@ 132 OSCAR WAY- PUBLIC WORKS

28 OCT SUN  
**ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT**  
@ HICKORY PARK

25 NOV SAT  
**7TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**  
@ UPLAND FARMS