



Upper Uwchlan Township

News

Remember to VOTE!

★ NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Why Keeping Stormwater Clean is Vital



Have you ever watched water run down a gutter or pool on the side of the road during a storm?

What happens to all the water? Most stormwater—the water from rain and snow—runs over the land and down a storm drain. The water flows through a network of underground pipes and open channels directly to our streams, rivers, and lakes. That's why keeping stormwater clean is vital to the health of our waterways, community, and even our economy.

Stormwater is the water that flows over the ground after it rains, snows, or sleets. It can become polluted as it runs over hard surfaces and flows downstream.

Know What's In The Flow

When water flows off our property after a storm, what's on our lawns, roads, buildings, and parking lots flows with it. The water that doesn't soak into the ground picks up oil, litter, fertilizer, and other unhealthy items along its way that wind up in our rivers, lakes, and streams.

Water pollution can start on your property in ways you cannot see, but that affect your health and the whole community downstream.

Watching what we put in our storm drains and on our property makes our rivers, lakes, and streams cleaner, healthier, and more enjoyable. And by investing in solutions to manage stormwater, we help make our community a safer, greener, healthier, and more enjoyable place to live.

On April 5, 2023 the Upper Uwchlan Board of Supervisors and Township Manager Tony Scheivert appointed Michael Esterlis as the New Director of Public Works.

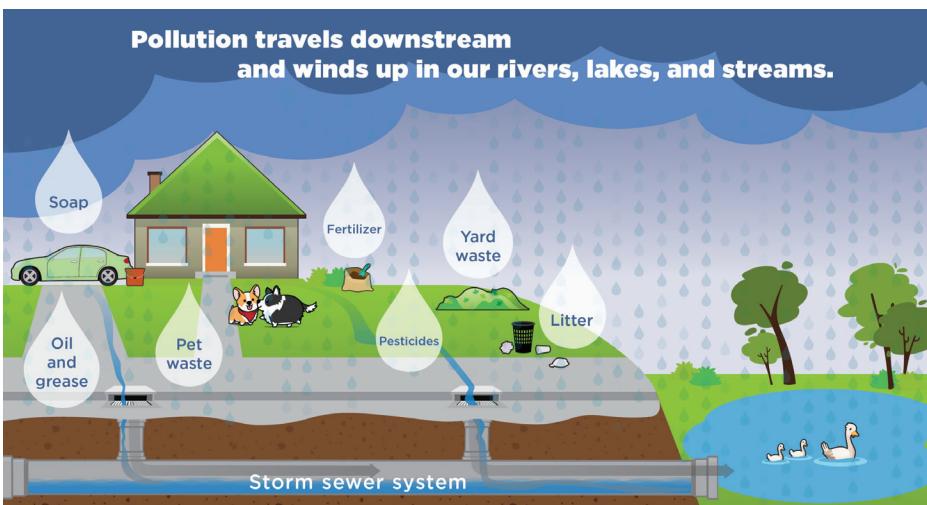


Director Esterlis supersedes Director Michael Heckman who retired and was formally recognized at the May 15, 2023, Board meeting for his 17 years of dedicated service.

Director Esterlis started his career in Upper Uwchlan Township in October 2018. He attended and graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 2008 and New Jersey Command and Leadership Academy in May, 2023. Mike also serves as the Fire Chief of the Lionville Fire Company. We are excited and proud to have Mike on board to help serve our neighbors together.

Congrats!

Please Congratulate Mike when you see him out in the township red trucks!



3 fast FLOOD FACTS

Whether you're walking or driving, stay clear of floodwater. Share these facts with friends so they're safe too.

- Heavy rain can bring dangerous flash flooding.
- 6 inches of moving water can knock a person down.
- 2 feet of moving water can sweep a vehicle away.



Our Township

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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 Farewell to
JORDAN STAUB, 6 years with the Historical Commission;
MUZAFFER MOHAMMED, 1 year with the Historical Commission
LISA SHELDON, 2.5 years with Park & Recreation

Thank you
for your dedication and service to UUT!

Welcome
VIKAS HARJANI to the Planning Commission.

From the Township Manager:

Dear Upper Uwchlan Residents,

Summer is coming to a close and school is starting. Before you know it, the winter season will be here. Please remember to drive carefully in all weather events, heavy rain or snow. Our Public Works Dept. will be out making sure the roads are safe but they need help from the community by driving smart and with caution.

Fieldstone at Chester Springs, located at the intersection of Byers Road and Graphite Mine Road, is well under construction and should see its first residents occupying the apartments in June of 2024. The project will include 101 apartments and offer assisted living and memory care.

The Township just completed an HVAC project at the Barn at Upland Farm that upgraded the heating system and added air conditioning.

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. There will be a public meeting on the draft Active Transportation Plan on September 27 at 7PM at the Barn at Upland Farm.

The Township had a long-time employee recently retire. Mike Heckman, the Township's first ever Public Works Director retired. Mike worked for the Township for almost 18 years. Thank you Mike for your service and we wish you well.

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

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Mark your calendar!

14th ANNUAL
Block Party

JUNE 15, 2024

Block Party Wrap-Up!

The 13th Annual Block Party was a great success!

Local vendors, Clowns, Magician, Musicians and Inflatable Bounces were some of the attractions at the Community Block Party event, held on Saturday, June 17, 2023. The live music, face painters, character artists, great food from local vendors and wonderful fireworks added to the fun for kids and parents alike!



On behalf of Upper Uwchlan Township's Board of Supervisors, the Administrative Staff, Public Works and Police Department, we would like to **THANK** all of our business sponsors for their contributions, volunteers, local fire companies and all of our residents, families and friends that came out to show their support of our Annual Community Block Party. Again, thank you for your generous support and participation of our event and we look forward to another successful event in 2024!

★ Fireworks Sponsor

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Thank you!

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★ Contributors

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Marsh Creek Signs
Mt. Pickering Lodge
Trinity Comfort Heating & Cooling
ACME Market & Pizzeria Visco

Upcoming Events

★ SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, September 10, 4-7PM
at Upland Farm Park

Summer Concert in the Park

The Park & Recreation Board is pleased to announce the next and final concert of the season at Upland Farm Park! Music by **The Ridge Riders** and food by **Epicurean Garage** – bring the whole family for a fun-filled night.

Saturday, October 28, 3-5PM
at Hickory Park

Trunk-or-Treat

Call for Volunteers to host a "Trunk"!
Are you a volunteer group that needs service hours? Are you a family that enjoys Halloween and likes to get creative? Do you want to get involved with our community? Then join us with your best-decorated trunks! Prizes will be awarded for the best-decorated trunks! Registration required to host a "trunk" only.

Register at:
uutrunkortreat.eventbrite.com
For more info please email Lindsay at lyeager@upperuwchlan-pa.gov
Children in costumes do not need to register for the event.

Saturday, November 25, 4-7PM
at Upland Farm Barn

SEVENTH ANNUAL Upper Uwchlan Township Tree Lighting & Fireworks

Join the Township Board of Supervisors and Park and Recreation Board for the Township's Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks. Santa will arrive at Upland Farm Barn at 4:30PM. Tree will be lit at 5:30PM. Fireworks will start at 6:30PM, fireworks will be set off from behind Pickering Valley Elementary. There will be caroling, refreshments and crafts for children at Upland Farm Barn.

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.



E-Waste Recycling & Shredding Event

Saturday, October 14

9AM to 12noon

UUT Public Works Building
132 Oscar Way, Chester Springs

See details on page 7!

This event is for Upper Uwchlan Township residents only.

RULES on Extra Recycling/Trash:

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.

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.

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 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.

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 13, 20, 27

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25

Nov 1, 8, 15, 29

December 6, 20

Township Bulletin Board

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

Building Update

UPLAND FARM BARN



Construction at the barn took place from April through June and has now been completed. The Barn is fully reopened for public and private events. We have held numerous events thus far, but we are thrilled to be able to do so all year round now that the Barn has complete heating and cooling. If you are interested in renting the space for your special occasion, contact Lindsay Yeager at **610-646-7018** or visit upperuwchlan-pa.gov/uplandfarms

Comprehensive Plan Update

As is customary every 10 years, the Upper Uwchlan Township (UUT) Planning Commission is reviewing the 2014 Comprehensive Plan (CP). The CP serves as a guide for planning, it recommends implementation of improvements, it does not mandate implementation.

At the onset of the review (2021) all UUT Boards, Commissions, and Departments were asked to review the 2014 Comp Plan (CP), indicate which recommendations were achieved, and to develop a list of needs and recommendations for the new plan. The CP Committee, composed of representatives from township committees and residents have met monthly with township consultants to review the CP, the Village Design Guidelines, the Village Concept Plan and Active Transportation Plan.

Community input was gathered from two surveys, one specific to transportation and one regarding the township. The Active Transportation Plan Committee held a public meeting in May where results of its survey were presented and attendees were asked to note on township maps the areas they felt needed improvements. Representatives from the Brandywine Conservancy, the lead consultants on the CP review project, were at the 2023 UUT Block Party providing attendees the opportunity to complete the township survey or leave comments.

Using the information gathered from the various township committees, boards, departments, and the surveys, the CP Committee will write a new Comprehensive Plan to be presented in 2024. A huge thank you to community members who completed the surveys, attended the May meeting, provided comments at the Block Party and/or are serving on the CP Committee.

What to do if traffic signals malfunction?



During several storms this year, the police department noticed that many drivers may need a friendly reminder that when faced with a malfunctioning traffic signal, it should be treated as a stop sign. This includes traffic signals that are not operating due to power outage. Upper Uwchlan Township does maintain generators to power the lights during extended power outages, but those take time to get set up, and you might find a signal out in the meantime.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Title 75 3112. Traffic-control signals:

(c) **Inoperable or malfunctioning signal.** If a traffic-control signal is out of operation or is not functioning properly, including, but not limited to, a signal that uses inductive loop sensors or other automated technology to detect the presence of vehicles that fails to detect a vehicle, vehicular traffic facing a:

(2) **Red or completely unlighted signal shall stop** in the same manner as at a stop sign, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign as provided in section 3323 (relating to stop signs and yield signs).

The fine for this offense is \$25.00 dollars with a total ticket equaling \$147.50.

The Upper Uwchlan Police Department wants everyone to arrive to their destinations safely.

Uwchlan Ambulance

Subscription Program

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps (UAC) does not receive funding from recurring taxes. Our existence depends on charging for services, offering subscriptions, township contributions and generous donations from citizens like you. Subscriptions are offered to the more than 60,000 residents in our primary coverage area. As a subscriber, you will not be responsible for any fee charged by UAC for 911 emergency ambulance services that are not covered by your insurance.

All subscriptions begin August 1 and expire July 31. Watch for mailings that are sent out in June of each year or contact them for mid year subscription options.

If you have not received a subscription request and believe you are in the primary coverage area, please call 610-363-1067 or visit the website: station87.com.

Did you know: You can get an education in life-saving skills at UAC? They offer monthly classes in hands-only CPR and AHA and ASHI certification programs. Go to station87.com/training/education to find the current calendar of classes. They also provide education for businesses and groups. Please mail training@station7.com for a quote.

PA One Call

Before you start digging.

The arrival of fall means outdoor projects and planting.

Even small projects like planting trees, digging new flower beds, or installing a mailbox can impact buried utility lines. To prevent injury and damage to utilities, Pennsylvania law requires homeowners or contractors

to contact Pennsylvania 811 before digging begins. At no cost, Pennsylvania 811 relays dig information to utility companies who may have underground power lines, communication cables, gas lines, water lines or other utilities on your property. Plan to allow a minimum of three business days for utility companies to visit the area and mark the location of their underground facilities. It is required that you mark your proposed dig or excavation site with white paint, chalk, or flags so the professionals responding know exactly where work will take place. Once the visit is completed, you will receive an email that outlines how each company marked the location of their underground lines:



Know what's below.
811 before you dig.

ADWA/CGA Temporary Marking Color	
	WHITE - Proposed Excavation
	PINK - Temporary Survey Markings
	RED - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
	YELLOW - Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum, Gaseous and Hazardous Materials
	ORANGE - Communications, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit, and Traffic Loops
	BLUE - Potable Water
	PURPLE - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
	GREEN - Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lines

- **MARKED** means you should see colored paint, flags, or chalk near the dig site
- **CLEAR** means the utility company does not have underground lines near the dig site

Work can begin three business days after your request is submitted.

Please call 8-1-1 or submit your request online at PA1Call.org for safer digging.

Leaf Season is Upon Us!



This fall as you are preparing to clean up your lawn, please do not rake or blow leaves or other debris 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.

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. Homeowners should also check the placement of their mailbox to ensure that it is not leaning into the street. The door of the mailbox should be 6 to 8" behind the curb. Please make sure the mailbox is installed according to USPS specifications which can be found at www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm



Environmental Advisory Council E-Waste Recycling and Shredding

Saturday, October 14, 2023

9am-12pm

132 Oscar Way, Chester Springs



Electronics Recycling



On-Site Shredding



upperuwchlan-pa.gov/eac

UUT Residents ONLY; No registration required

Upper Uwchlan Township is pleased to offer residents a chance to recycle obsolete electronics AND securely dispose of documents at this event.

- We will accept all electronic devices with a plug, NO SMOKE DETECTORS or LARGE APPLIANCES will be accepted.
- All data media will be destroyed or wiped.
- Fees for the following:
CRT & LCD TVs \$40 each; Monitors \$20 each;
Wooden console or projection TVs: \$60 each;
Dehumidifier or AC unit: \$10 each.
All other accepted items will be taken for FREE!

On-site shredding by Wiggins Shredding

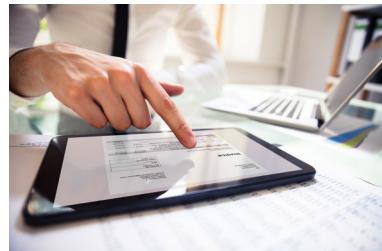
- Limit 4 boxes per household. • The shredding truck will close when full.

This event is for Upper Uwchlan Township residents only; businesses and contractors will be turned away.

Paperless Bills

The launch of our paperless billing earlier this year has initiated a lot of questions.

We have emailed all of you when a problem presented itself, so hopefully you all understand now how it works.



If we have your email, you will receive your sewer & trash bills via email. If you do not want your bills by email, please send a note to mybill@upperuwchlan-pa.gov.

If you have not received an email bill for the 3rd Quarter, and want to get your bills via email, please send us your information to mybill@upperuwchlan-pa.gov.

There is no fee to receive your bills by email. If you pay online, no matter if the bill is sent via email or the Post Office, there will be a fee from the company who processes that payment. We do not charge any fees to send you bills or process your payments.

You can still pay your bills by check. Sewer Payments are payable to UUTMA. Trash Payments are payable to Upper Uwchlan Township. They MUST be received by the due date, or you will incur late fees. Please do not pay both sewer and trash with the same check.

Following these tips will help us update your account quickly and accurately!

Upper Uwchlan Township Virtual Toy Drive



Toys for Tots runs from October 1 to December 6. With the help of our community, we assisted over 15,000 children last year.

Chester / Montgomery County Toys for Tots serves families with children up to the age of 18. We appreciate all donations, but every year we run short on toys to serve the youngest and oldest children. **We find our largest gaps every year are in the age ranges of 0-2, and 11+.** Toys for children in these age ranges are greatly needed, and prevent us from having to purchase them.

Please scan the attached QR Code for the Virtual Toy Drive!



Thank you

<https://yougivegoods.com/drive/view/28745>

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