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## Upper Moreland Hires New Chief of Police

Upper Moreland Township Chief of Police Michael Murphy has retired. We thank Chief Murphy for his dedication to Upper Moreland. Please join us in wishing Chief Murphy well and thank him for a job well done; thanks, Mike.

After a comprehensive search of candidates, Upper Moreland Township has hired Andrew J. Block as our next Chief of Police. Chief Block has a long, tenured career in the emergency services with 37 years of experience in the fire service coupled with 34 years of experience in law enforcement.

Andy began his tour in the emergency services in 1983 when he was accepted by The Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Narberth, Narberth Ambulance, as volunteer while a junior in high school. Andy attended the Montgomery County Emergency Medical Institute from September 1983-February 1984, where he obtained his state certification as a Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Technician. After graduating high school, Andy attended Montgomery County Community College in pursuit of an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. In May of 1986, Andy was hired as police officer in Avalon, New Jersey, and served as a summer police officer in 1986 and 1987, while attending the community college in the winter months. In May of 1988, Andy was hired as a deputy sheriff with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department in Norristown, Pa. While employed with the sheriff's department, Andy served primarily in the criminal warrants unit. In February of 1989, Andy was hired as a police officer with the Plymouth Township Police Department, in Montgomery County, and attended the Pennsylvania State Police Academy for his basic police training. While employed with Plymouth Township Police Andy was assigned and served as a patrol officer.

In May of 1990, Andy left the Plymouth Township Police Department and was hired by the Radnor Township Police Department located in Wayne, Delaware County. Andy was assigned to the patrol division as a patrol officer. In 1997, Andy was assigned to the traffic safety and highway unit specializing in motor vehicle crash investigations, traffic studies, grant enforcement efforts and managing special traffic events and community relations. In December of 2003, Andy was promoted to detective and served with the investigations bureau until January 2005, when he was promoted to the position of patrol sergeant. Andy served as patrol sergeant from 2005-2007, traffic and highway sergeant from 2007-2009, and detective sergeant from 2009-2012. In June of 2012, Andy was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and served from 2012-2017 in various roles as patrol operations commander and special operations commander. In April of 2017, Andy was promoted to deputy superintendent of police and served in this rank until his retirement from the Radnor Police Department in February of 2018.

Andy was assigned and responsible for several initiatives during his 28 years of service with Radnor Police. He established several Cornerstones through his supervisors including numerous training programs. Some of the programs established included a Field Training Officers (FTO) program for newly hired probationary police officers and a control tactics and application of force/de-escalation techniques program. Andy



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# U.M. TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the best possible quality of life for the residents of Upper Moreland Township through a commitment to local government which is responsive to the health, safety, and general welfare needs of the community; and dedicated to providing municipal services which meet those needs in an efficient and caring manner.

*To Our Residents,*

The Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township is pleased to distribute the 2020 Fall Newsletter. We hope that you keep the NEWSLETTER in a convenient place and find the information it contains to be helpful.

This publication is meant to serve as a guidebook for the many municipal services and programs offered to residents of Upper Moreland Township. The Board of Commissioners welcomes your attendance at our public meetings. Your participation and opinions are always important to us.

*Board of Commissioners,  
Upper Moreland Township*

## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2020 (Left to Right):



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## TOWNSHIP POLLING PLACES

Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polling places are listed below. If you have any questions concerning the election, registration, or any voting eligibility rules, please call Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280.

<b>WARD 1</b>	Districts 1 and 2	Willow Grove Bible Church, 212 Everett St. (and Division Ave.), Willow Grove
<b>WARD 2</b>	Districts 1 and 2	U.M. High School Gymnasium, 3000 Terwood Rd., Willow Grove
<b>WARD 3</b>	Districts 1 and 2	Calvary Presbyterian Church, 405 N. Easton Rd., Willow Grove
<b>WARD 4</b>	District 1	U.M. Township Building, 117 Park Ave., Willow Grove
	District 2	U.M. Free Public Library, 109 Park Ave., Willow Grove
<b>WARD 5</b>	District 1	U.M. High School Gym Lobby, 3000 Terwood Rd., Willow Grove
	District 2	Fulmor Heights Community Bldg., 201 Fitch Rd., Hatboro
<b>WARD 6</b>	Districts 1 and 2	U.M. High School, 3000 Terwood Rd., Willow Grove
<b>WARD 7</b>	District 1	U.M. Intermediate School, 3990 Orangemans Rd., Hatboro
	District 2	U.M. Middle School, 4000 Orangemans Rd., Hatboro



When addressing correspondence to the Township,  
please direct to the appropriate department to ensure fastest possible response.

## LOCAL CABLE CHANNELS

Upper Moreland Television, UMTV, began broadcasting in 2007. This public access channel is dedicated to providing residents with the news and information related to Upper Moreland Township government services and events. It is also used to publicize community events and to provide public service and emergency announcements.

In January, 2008, UMTV began broadcasting all meetings of the Board of Commissioners on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM. UMTV is available to subscribers of Comcast Cable on channel 965. In order to receive channel 965, you must have a digital cable box. If you do not currently receive digital cable service, you may arrange for it by contacting Comcast directly at 1-800-COMCAST. UMTV can also be found on the Verizon FIOS channel line-up and is available to Verizon FIOS subscribers on channel 41.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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State Senator Maria Collett .....	717-576-5983
State Representative Thomas Murt .....	215-674-3755

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Senator Robert Casey .....	202-224-6324
Senator Patrick Toomey.....	202-224-4254
Rep. Madeleine Dean .....	215-884-4300
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick.....	215-579-8102

**LOCAL SERVICES****DISTRICT JUSTICES**

Jay S. Friedenber.....	215-659-6840
Paul Leo (Hatboro).....	215-957-5935
New Address: 420 S. York Rd., Bldg. CF, Hatboro, PA 19040	
Earned Income Tax (Berkheimer) .....	866-701-7206
Fire House (non-emergency) .....	215-659-7633
Police (non-emergency) .....	215-657-4700
Public Library .....	215-659-0741
Public Works (6:30A-2:15P).....	215-659-4070
Real Estate Tax Office .....	215-659-3100
School District (administration) .....	215-830-1511
Second Alarmers (business only) .....	215-659-1885
Sewer Authority.....	215-659-3975
Township Building .....	215-659-3100
<i>administration, business taxes, code enforcement, emergency services, parks &amp; recreation, real estate taxes</i>	

**YOUTH SPORT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Upper Moreland Hoops (basketball).....	215-657-6969
Upper Moreland Little League .. info@uppermorelandlittleleague.org	
Upper Moreland Soccer Club.....mike.meakim@umsconline.org	
Willow Grove Bears (football) .....	267-495-4290
Upper Moreland Lacrosse Club .....	215-328-0206
Upper Moreland Ice Hockey Club .....	umbearshockey@gmail.com
Upper Moreland Swim Club.....	215-675-3172
Upper Moreland Wrestling Club.....umwrestlingclub.com	
Dolphins Aquatic Association .....	www.dcaaswimming.org

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**COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL SERVICES**

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program .....	610-278-3618

**INTERESTED IN SERVING?**

The Board of Commissioners welcomes resumes and letters of interest from residents who wish to serve as volunteer members of township committees, authorities, and commissions. If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please send a letter to the attention of the Township Manager, Matthew Candland, 117 Park Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090 or email at mcandland@uppermoreland.org.

**COUNTY SERVICES CENTER IN WILLOW GROVE**

For your convenience, the Montgomery County Courthouse Annex at 102 York Road, phone 215-784-5400, in Willow Grove offers local residents a variety of county programs in Upper Moreland. More than a dozen county departments, such as the health department, aging and adult services, child and youth services, and MHMR services, are housed in the annex. Township residents can now apply for passports or file legal grievances without having to travel to Norristown. Be sure to take advantage of the many county services offered right here in Upper Moreland!

**UTILITY BILLS****STATE OFFERS HELP WITH HEATING BILLS**

For information and eligibility requirements concerning Pennsylvania's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, please call the PA Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program at 1-800-692-7462 or the Montgomery County public assistance office at 610-272-1752. Please visit the state's web site at [www.paenergy.state.pa.us](http://www.paenergy.state.pa.us) for more information.



# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATION

## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP 2020 COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS LISTED ON THE CALENDAR SHALL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:00 P.M. AND SHALL BE ADJOURNED NO LATER THAN 11:00 P.M. ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS SHALL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE APPROPRIATE MEETING THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

SEPTEMBER			NOVEMBER		
Mon	7	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)	TUES*	3	ELECTION DAY
Mon	14	Regular Meeting	Mon	9	Regular Meeting
Mon	21	Community Development	Mon	16	Community Development
Mon	28	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	23	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
OCTOBER			DECEMBER		
Mon	5	Regular Meeting	Mon	7	Regular Meeting;
Mon	12	Community Development			<b>Special Meeting to Adopt 2021 Township Budget</b>
Mon	19	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	14	Community Development
			Mon	21	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety

*\*Meetings were changed to a Tuesday due to a Holiday and/or Election Day.*

## REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Your 2020 School Real Estate Tax Bill was mailed in July 2020. If you did not receive it in mid-July, please call our office at 267-607-1046 or 267-607-1047. Take some time to read the instructions on the bottom of the bill, as they do provide some useful information and may answer your questions.



If you have moved and need to have your mailing address changed, we must have a written request to do so. Be sure to include the reason you need the address changed and a contact number where you can be reached.

Your bill includes two copies. We need one copy to post your payment, and the second copy is for your records. If you would like a receipt, please present the entire bill. For those of you who wish to pay by mail and would like a receipt, enclose the entire bill and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We will mark one copy as your paid receipt and return it to you.

The Real Estate Tax office is located on the first floor of the Township Building at 117 Park Avenue. Our office hours are 8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 4:00, Monday through Friday. Please note that we close from 12-12:30 p.m. for lunch.

## Upper Moreland Hires New Chief of Police

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believes in appropriate and relevant professional development of police officers through technical training within the law enforcement professions, coupled with building relationships with residents and business owners through community-oriented policing.

Andy holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice/Police Science from Montgomery County Community College, a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from Neumann University, Aston, PA, and a Master of Science in Public Safety Management and Administration from Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA.

Andy attended and graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in June of 2008, and The Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy located in Quantico, VA, in September of 2012. These two programs are considered the epitome for law enforcement executive development and training.

In addition to Andy's law enforcement career, he has been a member of the Gladwyne Fire Company in Lower Merion Township for 32 years. Andy served as the Gladwyne Fire Chief from 2002-2011 and currently holds the position of Deputy Chief of Operations as well as vice president of the board of directors.

Andy is an adjunct instructor with Neumann University, teaching in the undergraduate Public Safety Management program with a concentration in communication and leadership.



## GRATITUDE DURING AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR

I don't think anyone expected 2020 to be the way it has been. This truly has been an unprecedented year. In early 2020, the COVID 19 crisis surprised the United States and the world. The spread of the virus was rapid in some areas and slower in others. For some Americans the virus had minimal impact while for others it has had extremely negative impacts and very sad consequences.

During this crisis, the Township has worked hard to continue providing important services to our residents in as normal a manner as possible. We are very proud of our employees for their dedication and flexibility in providing these services to our community.

COVID 19 required us to close our parks. Thankfully, we have been able to open them up again, at least for the most part. The virus even stopped construction at the intersections of Davisville Rd. at Terwood and Byberry Roads. Happily, this construction was able to proceed and it now appears that all of the construction should be finished soon. We appreciate our residents' patience during these construction projects, especially those who lived along Davisville and Byberry Roads. We are confident that these improvements will prove beneficial.

Thankfully, there have been some signs in Pennsylvania that the virus' negative impact has subsided somewhat. Whether this is permanent is not yet known but, for now, it has allowed many of our businesses to reopen and for this we are grateful.

We would like to thank all of our residents for their

patience, flexibility, and sacrifice during this crisis. Many of our neighbors and businesses have had to endure severe financial sacrifices in an effort to slow the progress of the virus.

More recently, we have experienced significant social unrest beginning with the tragic death of George Floyd. This event has served as a reminder of how important the relationship is between police and citizen. We are grateful that our Upper Moreland Township Police Department understands this special relationship and how vitally important professional and ethical policing is to our community.

With the announcement of Chief Michael Murphy's retirement earlier this year, the Board of Commissioners and staff began the search for a new Chief of Police. We conducted a national search that drew interest from qualified candidates from all over the country. Following a lengthy process, made more challenging due to COVID 19, we were fortunate to find an outstanding candidate, Andy Block, who we are sure will make an outstanding Chief of Police (see the front page article).

The past several months have been truly extraordinary. Many in our community have faced very trying circumstances and others are still facing difficulties. And yet, in the midst of these strenuous times, we have also been able to see more clearly those things for which we are grateful.



*Matthew Candland,  
Township Manager*

## UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Do you live in a home that is at least 100 years old, is interesting architecturally, or has some fascinating history (that you may wish to learn more about)? If so, you might want to consider inclusion in the inventory of historical sites in our Township. Historical designation provides some benefits. In addition to the satisfaction that comes from owning a historic landmark, and the community pride fostered by the recognition of the Historical Commission, the commission provides free historical and technical assistance to owners of designated properties. It has been shown that inclusion in such an inventory helps to maintain property values. While restoration is not mandatory, all township maintenance codes must be followed, as for any home. When looking toward renovation or upgrades, inclusion can aid the zoning procedure, accelerating the approval process. For more information, go to: [www.uppermorelandhistory.org](http://www.uppermorelandhistory.org).

### ***Join the Upper Moreland Historical Commission!***

We are currently accepting applicants to fill three vacancies from the general community.

As an organization, our mission includes

- Maintaining and growing the UM Historical Inventory;
- Adding banners to the downtown streetscape to beautify and inform;
- Supporting Inventory owners with research and local discounts for home upkeep (HIC card);
- And hosting an annual event that is educational and fun!

Find out more and contact us at: <http://www.uppermorelandhistory.org/join-the-board.html>

### **CURRENT BOARD**

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# Farmstead Park

*(formerly Nathaniel Boileau Park)*

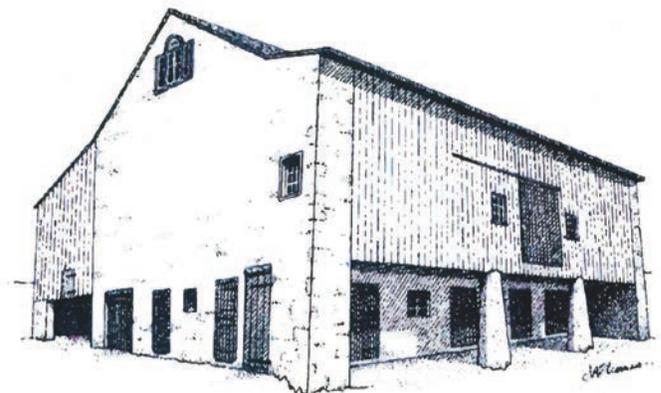
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**Visit the historic park at:  
2668 Byberry Road, Hatboro, PA.**

**Visit our organization to read more about our mission at:  
[www.friendsofboileau.org](http://www.friendsofboileau.org)**

**Friends of Boileau is a Non-Profit Corporation dedicated to preserving the historic farmstead in Farmstead Park. This park is part of the Upper Moreland Township park system.**



## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



**Uniform Construction Code Update:** Upper Moreland Township follows Act 45 of the Pa. Uniform Construction Code. The 2015 ICC code series went into effect October 1, 2018, which also adopted certain sections of the 2018 code series. For more information on Pa Act 45 please visit the PA Department of Labor & Industry website at [www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/](http://www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/). Information on the ICC codes can be found at [www.iccsafe.org/](http://www.iccsafe.org/).

**Construction Permits:** Building codes allow us to rely on the safety of the structures around us in our everyday living. The requirement of construction permits allows local code officials to administer the provisions of the code to ensure proper construction. If you are planning any kind of home remodeling project, or thinking of retaining a contractor to do work for you, please keep these regulations in mind. **Construction Permits** are needed for all repairs, additions, and alterations to properties. This includes work done to roofs, siding, windows, fences, sheds, both above and in-ground pools, driveways, driveway aprons, and curbs, as well as interior projects in kitchens, bathrooms, and garages. Permits are not required for replacing gutters or windows of the same size unless a structural alteration is made. Permits are not required for painting, tree removal, or pruning. If you are unsure if a permit is required, please take the time to call the Code Enforcement Department at 215-659-3100 for assistance before beginning work. **Permits will only be issued once they have been reviewed for compliance with all local and applicable state regulations.** Fines can be issued for work begun prior to the issuance of the permits required. **Permits** are also needed for work on heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems (including electrical connections to swimming pools and ornamental ponds). **A registered master plumber must do all plumbing projects,** and the plumber must apply directly for the permits required.

**Registration of Contractors** is required according to the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act of July 2009. All contractors performing home remodeling projects are required to be registered with the PA Attorney General's Office. A copy of state license and insurance certificate shall be submitted to UMT. Commercial contractors, new home builders, and master plumbers must still be licensed with Upper Moreland Township. Please contact the Upper Moreland Township Department of Code Enforcement for information on contractors. For additional information on the Act and to see if your contractor is registered with the state, please visit the Attorney General's website at [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov).

**Property Maintenance** regulations require that all properties and structures be kept in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. Please

trim grass and weeds regularly and remember that growth **in excess** of twelve inches is prohibited. Trash and debris may not be stored on properties at any time. It is also important to make sure that shrubs and trees located near streets do not obscure road signs from the view of motorists or pedestrians. Please prune landscaping to ensure that signs are clearly visible from a distance. Gutters and downspouts should be checked to ensure they are free of debris and properly secured. Please contact a professional contractor specializing in this field. Storm windows, weather stripping, and exterior doors should be properly sealed to prevent un-wanted drafts and heat loss. Please visit the U.S. Dept. of Energy's website for more information ([www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)).

**Home Occupations:** Residents may operate a business or office from their property, subject to certain restrictions. However, only people living in the dwelling may operate the business or office. No outside storage of material related to the home occupation is permitted. If you are interested in running a business or office from your home, please contact the Code Enforcement Department first, to ensure your plans are in keeping with the Township's guidelines and to obtain the required annual use registration permit. Residences used for in-home day care must meet all Township regulations, including a maximum of six children (four infants) at any one time, and must be inspected annually by the Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Marshal. All day care providers must reside in the dwelling. All home occupations, proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies and other entities operating in the Township must also register with the Township's Business Tax Office before beginning operations.

**Swimming Pools** capable of holding in excess of 24 inches of water require a permit from the Code Enforcement Department. All filter and circulation equipment must be wired in accordance with the 2014 National Electric Code (N.E.C.). All swimming pools requiring a permit must also have a permanent barrier surrounding the pool which is at least four feet high with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Requirement hand-outs are available at the Code Enforcement Office.

**Swimming Pool Drainage** should be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Water may be drained into the storm water system **if it has first been de-chlorinated.** Township regulations prohibit directing water discharge from swimming pools onto the property of another person **without** their consent.

**Public Nuisances (noise, etc.)** the Township often receives complaints from residents concerning inoperable vehicles, excessive noise, and construction work taking place before 7:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m. Residents are



## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE... continued

reminded that **all vehicles** must be operable and have a current registration and valid inspection sticker unless stored in a completely enclosed building or garage (car covers are not compliant). These are but a few examples of "**public nuisance**" actions that interfere with the repose, health, safety, or life of others. Upper Moreland has adopted regulations prohibiting nuisances such as these, which affect our residents' quality of life.

**Portable Storage Units:** The Board of Commissioners adopted regulations for portable storage units, dumpsters

and construction trailers placed on any parcel. In addition to the permit requirement, there is a limit on the number of units and time for which they can be placed on the parcel. Please contact the Code Enforcement Office for information and permitting requirements prior to placing these units on your property.

**Recreation Vehicles** longer than twenty feet must have an annual permit from the Code Enforcement Department if stored on your property for more than two weeks.

## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### HOUSEHOLD TRASH COLLECTION

Regular household trash is collected once each week. Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070, Monday through Friday between 6:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. if you are unsure of your pickup day. **Trash containers should be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day, but not more than 12 hours beforehand.** Empty cans must be removed within 12 hours of collection. **All trashcans must be covered, weigh less than 50 pounds when full, and be no larger than 50 gallons in capacity. Lids must completely detach, not just pivot open** and should have house numbers. Trash placed in boxes or drums will not be collected. If you are placing trash bags curbside, bags must not be more than 20 pounds when full. Garbage must be drained and bagged to delay decomposition. **The Public Works Department does not collect materials related to the demolition, repair, or construction of buildings. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, concrete, plaster, wood, drywall, dirt, fencing, and landscape ties. Homeowners must make arrangements for the disposal of these items. If you are planning on moving and have a lot of trash, extra volume must be spread out over several pickups.** Bedding: box springs and mattresses must be either wrapped in plastic or put into a mattress bag.

If your trash and/or recycling collection is cancelled due to inclement weather, Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 or log onto the Township Web site ([www.uppermoreland.org](http://www.uppermoreland.org)) to find out when your next pickup will occur.



Many residents have trash cans unacceptable for curbside collection. Regulations limit the size of trash cans to 50-gallon capacity and 50-pound weight limit. Lids must completely detach, not just pivot open. These regulations are in place to protect service personnel from injury and thereby make the best use of tax dollars.



### CHANGES TO 2020/21 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Please note the following changes to the regular trash and recycling pickup schedule:

#### Regularly Scheduled Pickup

Wednesday, November 11  
Thursday, November 26  
Friday, December 25  
Friday, January 1  
Friday, April 2

#### Rescheduled Pickup

Monday, November 9  
Monday, November 30  
Monday, December 28  
Monday, January 4  
Monday, April 5

### ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL:

Electronics are part of the recycling program. A permit is required for the disposal of household electronics. "Electronics" include but are not limited to TV's up to 50", stereos, VCR's, DVD players, computers, keyboards, monitors, and microwaves. Permits can be obtained from the receptionist's office at the Township Building, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Permit fees range from \$1.00 to \$20.00. **Please note: Televisions over 50" are the owner's responsibility. Once a permit is obtained, if the item(s) have "disappeared" from in front of your home before 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled pickup date, call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 to cancel the pickup. If the pickup is cancelled by 6:30 a.m., the permit fee will be refunded in full.**



## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### GLASS, CAN, PLASTIC, AND PAPER RECYCLING RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Recyclable materials are collected the same day as your regular household trash. Glass bottles, aluminum and tin cans, #'s 1 thru 7 plastics, paper goods, cardboard boxes, and yard waste are included in Upper Moreland Township's recycling program. **RECYCLING OF THESE MATERIALS IS MANDATORY IN UPPER MORELAND!**

**NEW:** Due to the automation of recycling collection, **ALL** recyclables (with the exception of yard waste) must now be mixed together **and placed in the new 95 gallon recycling containers that are provided by the Township.** This includes glass, bottles, plastics numbered 1-7, tin and aluminum cans, **AND** also paper and cardboard. Cardboard must be cut to fit into the can. ***Please do not stuff the can too full as it will not completely empty. Break cardboard boxes down. You can no longer set out cardboard boxes separately; all cardboard must go into the recycling container. THESE CONTAINERS ARE THE PROPERTY OF UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP AND MUST REMAIN WITH THE PROPERTY IF YOU MOVE.***

**Glass, Can, Plastic and Paper Recycling:** Unbroken glass bottles, clean aluminum and tin cans and #'s 1 thru 7 plastics, newspapers, computer paper, brown bags, magazines, junk mail, office paper, phone books, paperboard cartons or boxes (not wax lined), including those from beverages, six packs and those used to hold pizza or other fast food items may be mixed together and placed curbside in the recycling containers that are provided by the Township. **NO OTHER CONTAINERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** No trash, cigarettes, or food/drink residue should be in bottles. No plate glass, light bulbs, mirrors, or broken glass is included in recycling (put in regular trash). Cans that contained paint, fuel, aerosol spray, oil or other hazardous materials cannot be collected.

**EXCLUDED:** Styrofoam (includes egg cartons, clamshell containers, plates, cups, meat trays, and packing peanuts), plastic films or bags, PVC pipes, CD/DVDs, coffee cup lids, straws, plastic cutlery, plastic 6-pack rings, waxed paper, waxed cardboard, coat hangers.

**PROPER PLACEMENT OF RECYCLING CANS:** In order for the recycling can to be accessible to the recycling truck, please do the following: Place Cans with metal bar facing out. Cans should be placed 3' from cars, poles, and trash.



### YARD/BULK/MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION

#### DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

With the exception of scheduling changes due to holidays, bagged leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste will be collected each Monday. Only brown, 30-gallon biodegradable yard waste bags will be accepted. Bags should weigh less than 50 pounds and be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m., but not more than 12 hours beforehand. The Public Works Department **will not accept** bags that contain dirt, edgings, wood chips, mulch, stump grindings, rocks, or household trash, as these items can cause damage to our recycling equipment and composting program. There is **no limit** to the number of bags that may be placed curbside for collection.

#### BRUSH and BRANCHES

In addition to bagged yard waste, brush and branches are also picked up each Monday. Brush and branches should be tied into bundles with manila rope or jute twine. Bundles should weigh less than 50 lbs. and may be up to four feet in length and two feet in width. **No more than 6 bundles** should be placed curbside for pickup on each collection day.

#### LEAVES RAKED TO THE CURB

Leaf vacuum machines will collect leaves raked to the curb **on, or shortly after,** the dates listed on the vacuum leaf map for each area of the Township. The Township map, found in this Newsletter, shows each collection by area. **Please DO NOT** rake leaves into the street and **DO NOT** blow or rake sticks, branches, rocks or stones into the piles of leaves to be vacuumed by the Township's machines to ensure the collection equipment is not damaged. The Public Works Department will make every effort to stay on schedule. If you are unsure of your collection area or have any questions concerning the schedule, please call the Public Works Department, Monday thru Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., at 215-659-4070, for assistance.

#### CHANGES TO 2020/2021 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Due to holiday scheduling changes, there will be **NO** bagged yard waste collections on the following Mondays:

- September 7
- November 9
- November 30
- December 28
- January 4
- January 18
- February 15
- April 5

Yard waste not being picked up on the dates above will be picked up on the **following** Monday.

**Please note: this does not effect the leaf vacuum schedule.**



## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### DISPOSAL OF CARPETING

Rugs and padding will be picked up on your regular trash day. Rugs and padding must be cut to 4-foot widths, then rolled and tied securely. Each section should weigh less than 20 pounds (*limit 1 room per pickup*).

### SAFE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SHARPS

Place sharp household objects in a rigid, strong plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured cap, such as a laundry detergent bottle; or use a purchased Sharps Container. Reinforce the cap with heavy-duty tape. Mark clearly and noticeably on the outside of the container **"Do Not Recycle"** and **"Household Sharps."** *Sharps include medical needles, knitting needles, and knives, among other items.*

### DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD PAINT



Latex-based paint will be accepted in your regular trash. Paint must be dried and **the lid must be removed. Place paint cans next to your trash cans.** Oil-based paints must be taken to a Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Collection site. For more information on the MONTCO Hazardous Waste Collection, call 610-278-3618.

### ARE YOU MOVING?

To better serve The Township, the Public Works Department requests that residents who are moving, and have a large volume of trash, spread it out over a period of time. Please try to get rid of all trash prior to your settlement date. Call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 if you are unsure of what items can be placed curbside.

### BULK ITEMS

The Public Works Department assists residents by providing a special service to remove **metal** items such as appliances, grills, lawn mowers, exercise equipment, etc. A pickup for these items can be scheduled by obtaining a **bulk pickup permit** from the receptionist's office at the Township Building. The minimum fee for a bulk pickup permit is \$15.00; the final cost will depend on the type, size, and number of items to be picked up. Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 if you are unsure if an item requires a permit. *Please remember that once a permit is issued, a collection date is scheduled. If you find that the item(s) have "disappeared" from in front of your home before 6:00 am on the scheduled pick up date, please call the Public Works Department by 6:30 am to cancel the collection. If the pickup is cancelled by 6:30 am, the permit fee will be refunded in full.*

### CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees up to eight feet in height may be placed at the curb for collection on Mondays in January and February. Trees will not be collected on Monday, December 28, Monday, January 4, Monday, January 18, and Monday, February 17 due to holiday scheduling changes.

### FREE COMPOST AVAILABLE!!!!

Recycling yard waste collected in Upper Moreland Township creates compost for gardens and plantings. Compost is provided at no cost. Please bring your own containers and take as much as you like.

### SNOW PLOWING/SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION:

The Township's Public Works Department is responsible for plowing and salting the roads in Upper Moreland Township. Salting and cindering begins on primary highways as soon as snow or freezing rain starts to fall. **Plowing begins after 3-4 inches of snow accumulation.**

**After primary routes are clear, plows/salt trucks proceed to dedicated secondary routes.**

Wherever possible, please move your vehicles out of the street and onto private driveways so that plowing and salting operations can be done safely and efficiently. If you cannot move your vehicles to off-street parking spots, please follow the following guidelines to help ensure that plowing and salting covers as much of your street as possible. Unless your street permits parking on one side only, park vehicles on the "even" and "odd" numbered side of the street depending on the year. For example, in 2020, park cars on the EVEN numbered side; and in 2021 park cars on the ODD numbered side.

**To avoid having to shovel out your driveway more than once after a storm, follow these tips:**

- Wait until after your street has been plowed to shovel the end of your driveway closest to the street.
- When clearing the entrance to your driveway, shovel snow into a pile to the right of the driveway when facing the street and create a small, clear pocket to the left of the driveway for crews to leave snow during plowing.
- Sidewalks must be cleared within 48 hours after the snow, sleet or freezing rain has stopped falling.

It is unlawful to shovel, plow or deposit snow or ice from any driveway, sidewalk, or parking area onto any public street or sidewalk, per Township Ordinance 1569, Article 290-3.

**If a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles must be removed from snow emergency routes until the emergency is lifted.** Snow Emergencies are announced on Comcast Channel 965 and Verizon Channel 41, and the Township web site: [www.uppermoreland.org](http://www.uppermoreland.org). Streets signs are posted on those roads designated as snow emergency routes. When a snow emergency is declared, it is done with your safety in mind. In order to make sure emergency vehicles can reach people in need, the snow emergency routes must be cleared of parked cars, and vehicles on the roadways need snow tires or chains. In order to prevent the need for people to walk in the street, sidewalks need to be shoveled quickly.

### POTHOLE REPORTING

Call Penn Dot to report Pothole Repair needs for state roads: 1-800-349-7623.

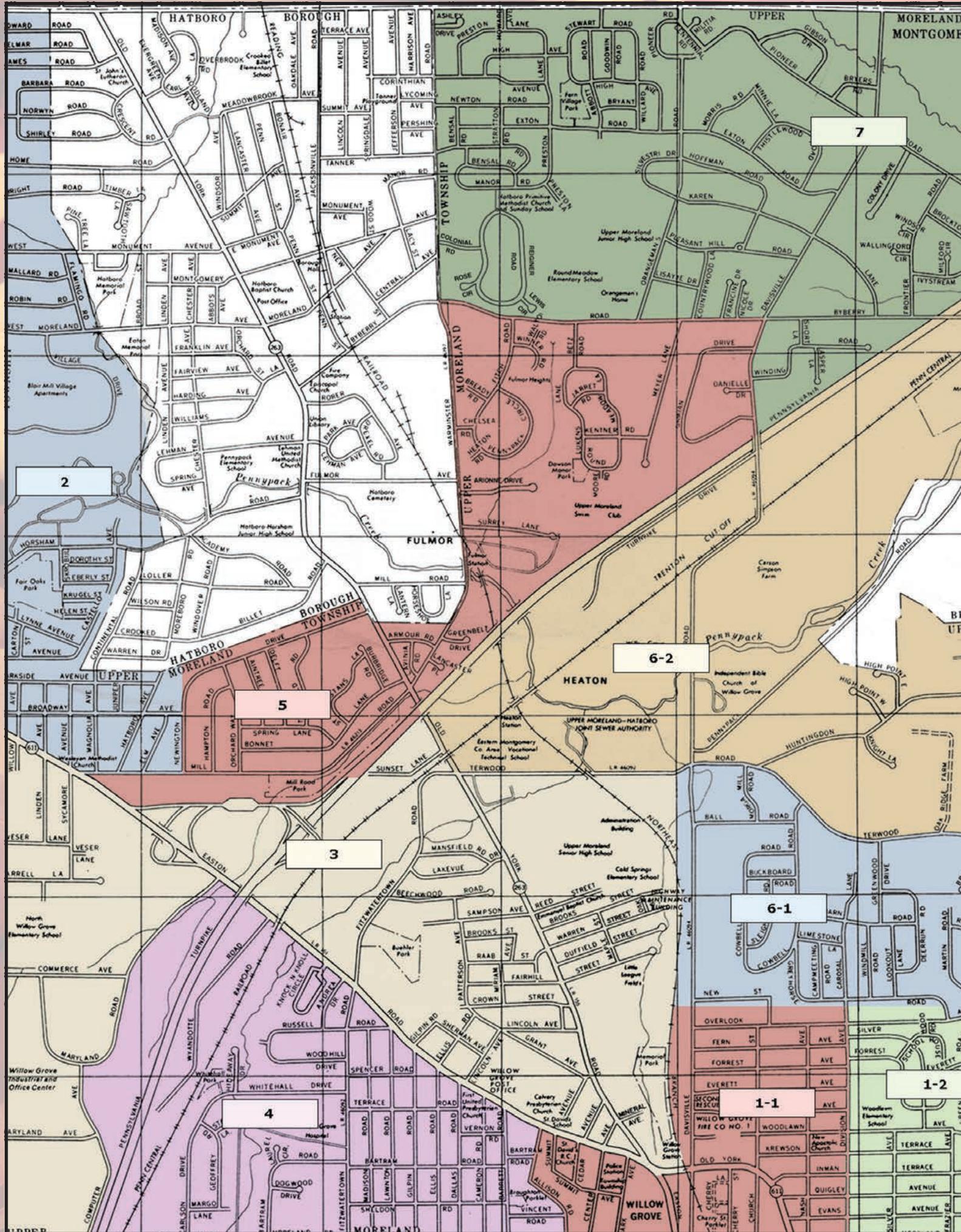
**State Roads:** York Road, Fitzwatertown Road, Moreland Road, Davisville Road, Edgehill Road, Terwood Road, Blair Mill Road, Easton Road, Byberry Road, Mill Road County Line Road, Warminster Road (from Byberry Road to York Road)

To report potholes on roads maintained by **Montgomery County**, call the County at (610) 292-5022.

**County Roads:** Horsham Road (from 611 to Continental)

To report potholes or other conditions, and with other questions on local area roads call the Upper Moreland Township Public Works Department at (215) 659-4070.





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## 2020 LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE

Vacuums will pass ON or SHORTLY AFTER listed dates

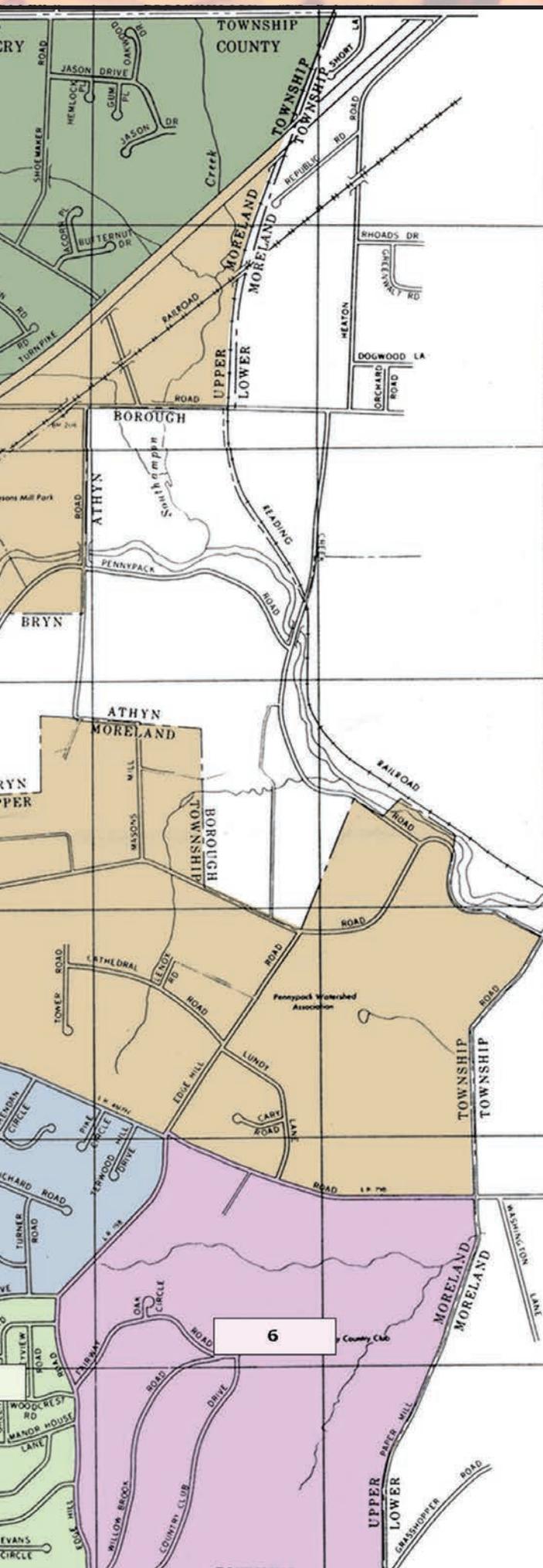
AREA	DATES
1-1	Oct. 12; Nov 2; Nov. 23
1-2	Oct. 19; Nov. 9; Nov. 30
2	Oct. 19; Nov. 9; Nov. 30
3	Oct. 14; Nov. 4; Nov. 25
4	Oct. 26; Nov. 16; Dec. 7
5	Oct. 12; Nov. 2; Nov. 23
6	Oct. 28; Nov. 18; Dec. 9
6-1	Oct. 19; Nov. 9; Nov. 30
6-2	Oct. 26; Nov. 16; Dec. 7
7	Oct. 12; Nov. 2; Nov. 23

### SEE MAP FOR LOCATION OF EACH AREA

*Please do not rake leaves into the street and do not blow or rake sticks, branches, rocks, or stones into the piles of leaves to be vacuumed by the Township's machines to ensure collection equipment is not damaged.*

*Please remove vehicles from the vicinity of the piles until your street has been vacuumed.* The Public Works Department will make every effort to stay on schedule.

If you are unsure of your collection area or have any questions concerning the schedule, please call Public Works for assistance at **(215) 659-4070**, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



# Fall 2020

Please visit [uppermorelandrec.com](http://uppermorelandrec.com) for information concerning our fall offerings.

We have not planned our fall programs, as yet, due to the pandemic. We expect to offer many programs and events, as in years past. However, as of the printing deadline date required for the newsletter, we have not determined our schedule.

In the meantime, we invite you to visit one of our 19 parks and other open space areas. Below is information pertaining to our parks and the amenities found in each park.



## Blair Mill Park

**Blair Mill Rd. near County Line Rd. 1.0 acre.** Blair Mill Rd. near County Line Rd. 1.0 acre. Modular play equipment including slides, tunnels, climbers, swing set, dinosaur climber, and safety surface. Split-rail fencing, turf area, benches, and parking.

## Brooks Street Park

**Brooks St., Willow Grove. .4 acre.** Modular play equipment including slides, climbers, and safety surface. Split-rail fencing and benches.

## Broughton Park

**107 Barrett Rd., Willow Grove. .5 acre.** Modular play equipment including tunnels, slides, swing set, dinosaur climbers, Gaga court, and safety surfacing. Small open turf area, benches, and perimeter fencing.

## Buehler Park Nature Study Area (& Parks Maintenance Shop)

**627 Fitzwatertown Rd., Willow Grove. 7.0 acres.** Natural trail with stations, bulletin board, trail bridges, bird houses, and parking areas.

## Cherry Street Park

**24 Cherry St., Willow Grove. .5 acres.** Modular play equipment including climbers, slides, swings, safety surfacing, small basketball court, Gaga court, and benches.

## Dawson Manor Park

**3630 Lukens Ln., Hatboro. 1.0 acres.** Modular play equipment, spring animals, half-court basketball, swing sets, safety surfacing, and benches.

## Fair Oaks Park

**2300 Skrobol Rd., Hatboro. 7.0 acres.** Modular play equipment, swing set, climber, safety surface, basketball and volleyball courts, youth roller hockey rink, softball field w/ overlapping soccer field, .39 mi. paved perimeter walking trail, open turf and wooded areas, benches and parking area.

## Farmstead Park (formerly Boileau Park)

**2668 Byberry Rd. at the intersection of Byberry and Orangeman's Rds., Hatboro. 10.4 acres.** A full size, irrigated multi-purpose playing field, loop walking trail, and parking lot. A Park Master Plan has been adopted for this site. The Friends of Boileau Park continue to work to restore the four structures found within the park.

## Fern Village Park

**614 High Ave., Hatboro. 5.0 acres.** Modular play equipment, safety surface, two ball fields with backstops, basketball and open courts, swing set, benches, and perimeter fencing.

## Frank J. Pileggi Park

**4255 Shoemaker Rd., Hunt. Valley. 53.0 acres.** One 195'x300' lighted soccer field, one irrigated 225'x330' lighted soccer field w/ scoreboard, two modular play equipment areas, safety surface, lighted multi-purpose court w/ 3 basketball goals, Gaga court, benches, bleachers, 2 lighted parking areas, walking path, restroom/storage building, 2 drinking fountains, perimeter fencing, and landscape areas.

## Masons Mill Park

**3500 Masons Mill Rd., Hunt. Valley. 76.0 acres.** Lighted volleyball and basketball courts, 5 lighted tennis courts, 6 pickleball courts, 2 Bocce courts, 2 softball fields (1 lighted), lighted baseball field w/ overlapping football field, 3 picnic pavilions\*, Safety Town complex, 3 modular play equipment units, spring animals, climbers, dinosaur climbers, safety surfacing, water spray pole, drinking fountain, fitness trail w/ 18 stations (.72 mi.), restrooms, Woody's Fishin' Hole pond with fountain, archery range\*, picnic grove and tables, concert gazebo, charcoal grills, pergola, benches, bulletin boards, 30-acre Hobensac Nature walking area, maintenance building, lighted and paved parking areas. (\* = fee charged for use. Please call the Parks & Recreation Dept. for information.)



# UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## **Mill Creek Park**

**3350 Mill Rd., Hatboro. 14.8 acres.** .95 acre off-leash Dog Park for large and small dogs, modular play equipment, swing set, safety surface, 2 basketball courts, picnic tables, wooded areas, creek ford, .42 mile walking loop trail, open turf area, and parking. A Master Plan has been adopted for this site.

## **North Willow Grove Park**

**1391 Linden Ave., Willow Grove. 4.0 acres.** Modular play equipment, swing set, safety surface, softball field w/ backstop, player benches, paved parking area, and perimeter fencing.

## **Pioneer Woods**

**Pioneer Rd. at Gibson Rd., Hatboro. 8.4 acres.** Wooded natural land in original state.

## **Terwood Park**

**3100 Davisville Rd., Willow Grove. 5.5 acres.** (leased from U.M.-Hat. Joint Sewer Authority.) Softball field w/ backstop and player benches, and parking area.

## **Valley Green Park**

**3403 Moreland Rd., Willow Grove. 1.0 acre.** Modular play equipment, swing sets, safety surface, benches, and wooded area.

## **Veterans Memorial Park**

**220 Mineral Ave., Willow Grove. 24.0 acres.** Modular play equipment, safety surface, 2 lighted basketball/volleyball courts, full size adult roller hockey rink, storage building, benches, picnic tables, perimeter walking track (.33 mi.), 10 acre wooded area, Veterans Memorial Helicopter, and paved parking lot.

## **Whitehall Park**

**2 Hideaway Dr., Willow Grove. 4.0 acres.** Modular play equipment, swing set, safety surface, small basketball court, benches, and open play field.

## **Woodlawn Park**

**601 Division Ave., Willow Grove. 6.0 acres.** Two age-appropriate modular play equipment units, safety surface, 2 tennis courts, 3 basketball courts (1 lighted), volleyball court, Gaga Court, baseball field w/ overlapping soccer field, benches, perimeter walking path (.34 mi.), perimeter fencing, sidewalk, and foursquare courts.

## **Walking Trails**

Upper Moreland Township offers various loop walking trails and perimeter pathways

- Masons Mill Park Fitness Trail  
0.72 mi. Limestone Grit
- Masons Mill Park Nature Trail  
1.10 mi. Woodchip
- F.J. Pileggi Park Walkway  
0.52 mi. Paved/Cinder
- Veterans Memorial Park Trail  
0.85 mi. Paved
- Woodlawn Park Walkway  
0.34 mi. Paved/Limestone
- Farmstead Park Nature Trail  
0.32 mi. Limestone Grit
- Fair Oaks Perimeter Trail  
0.39 mi. Paved
- Mill Creek Loop Trail  
0.42 mi. Limestone grit / sidewalk

Upper Moreland has recently partnered with Hatboro Borough to complete a Master Trail Plan for Upper Moreland / Hatboro (6/20). Funding was provided via a grant through D.V.R.P.C.

## **Group Uses, Special Uses, and Reservations**

Due to the popularity of our park facilities, advance reservations are available and recommended for all fee-based facilities and sport fields. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department for further information and the reservation process. Pavilion and Safety Town reservations are accepted the first working day of the new year for residents and the first working day of March for non-residents.

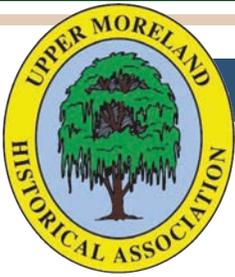
## **Park Regulations**

Title 6 of the Township Code provides regulations governing the use of Park Facilities. Some of the provisions are listed below:

- No smoking or tobacco products
- No alcoholic beverages
- No pet animals (except a section of Mill Creek Park – Dog Park)
- Feeding of wildlife and waterfowl is prohibited
- Vehicles may only park in the designated spaces provided
- Golfing, hunting, and shooting of firearms are prohibited in all parks
- Soliciting or the sale of any goods or services in Township Parks is prohibited
- Gas grills are prohibited in all parks
- All parks close at dusk, except those lighted for evening events/programs

**Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation Office Phone 215.659-3100 ext. 1039**





## UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The last few months have brought significant changes in our lives because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As an organization, we are working hard to continue to serve our community by discussing new ideas to better inform and entertain our members as we have during the past 20 years.

This summer, we chose to search out the historical markers throughout Willow Grove that we placed 20 years ago, and we are cleaning the markers and accessing them to see if they need to be repaired. We are proud of our **Walking Trail of History** thru Willow Grove and other areas of our community.

Doing this all while being 6 feet apart and wearing a mask... we hope you and your families have been safe and healthy.

### Upcoming Events Impacted by Covid-19 Pandemic

Unless the Covid Virus Pandemic lessens this fall, the Township will not be permitting meetings to be held nor allow any live speakers to perform in the Township Hall.

To adjust to those restrictions, we are currently exploring other avenues for presenting our speakers.

Please note that you will be advised of any changes by being sent an email or by visiting our Website at: [umha.com](http://umha.com). Since our newsletter will continue to be published, you will also be advised of any updates that way as well.

We are working on our 2021 Schedule, but will not be releasing it until conditions improve.

Thank you for your understanding. It is our highest priority to put all our participants at the highest level of security. Hopefully this pandemic will be defeated soon, and we will once again be able to enjoy each other's company at our events and in our historical room!

### Historical Markers



Shown here are pictures of some of the historical markers that are on the Walking Trail of History in our area. All of the markers will be reviewed and evaluated to see if they need renovation. If you haven't taken the walk, you can get a copy of our publication, the *Willow Grove Self-Guided Trail of History*, a 16-page booklet with text, map and drawings of a short walk around the center of Willow Grove, that will guide you through. It will be available at our Archives Room office in the Township Building when the building reopens – hopefully soon.



## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Safety Tips From Upper Moreland Township Fire Department

1. Post your house number so it is visible from the street.
2. Get ahead of the winter freeze. See the following "10 Tips" to help you prepare.
3. Don't drive through flood water. Turn around, don't drown.
4. Smoke alarms may be disposed of in your regular residential trash. Please remove batteries if applicable.
5. Burning yard waste is illegal.
6. Please practice fire safety when using backyard fire pits. See the list of regulations on our website. Search "Emergency Services" "Fire Safety Tips" "Fires and Open Burning".



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# Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote build-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn-off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need a smoke alarm on every level of the home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

[www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)





# UPPER MORELAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

*knowledge and adventure beyond words!*

## We Are Here to Help!

Library staff are available seven days a week 354 days a year!

### Library Hours:

Monday 10 AM – 9 PM  
 Tuesday 1 PM– 9 PM  
 Wednesday 10 AM – 5 PM  
 Thursday 1 PM– 9 PM  
 Friday 10 AM – 5 PM;  
 Saturday & Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

### Fall & Winter Closings:

September 7 (Labor Day)  
 November 25 (Closing at 5pm)  
 November 26 (Thanksgiving)  
 December 24 (Christmas Eve)  
 December 25 (Christmas Day)  
 December 31 (Closing at 1pm)

### UMFPL Board of Trustees

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 Commissioner Nicolas Scull

### ***Join our Friends Group!***

*The Friends of UMFPL are a chapter of PA Citizens for Better Libraries.*

Learn more about volunteering and the Friends of UMFPL at: [www.umfpl.org/about/friends](http://www.umfpl.org/about/friends)

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 OF UMFPL – FUNDRAISING FOR OUR FUTURE!

## FALL & WINTER UPDATES

**UMFPL is committed to providing engaging, educational, and dynamic programs and resources for all-ages!**

## ERESOURCES SPOTLIGHT:

During these changing times, UMFPL is working hard to provide additional eResources that can be accessed from anywhere!

### **Hoopla is HERE!:**

The Library is excited to announce that hoopla is now available for UMFPL cardholders! hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and more to your computer or device. Create an account with your UMFPL library card number to start reading, watching, & listening today!



### **Creativebug:**

Learn how to paint, knit, sew, and more with online video arts and crafts workshops. Create an account with your library card number and gain access to hundreds of video courses. You can chat with course instructors and share your work with the Creativebug community!

### **kanopy:**

Stream over 30,000 documentaries, classics, and indie films on your desktop, mobile, or Roku devices with your library card!

### **Miss Humblebees Academy:**

A fun, interactive path to kindergarten-readiness for kids ages 2-6 and their parents & caregivers.



### **UMFPL's YouTube Channel:**

**Have you checked out the Library's YouTube Channel?**

- Monthly Digital Story Time- New stories on the 1st and 15th of the month!
- Page One- Join Upper Moreland Free Public Library staff and patrons as they read the first page of some of their favorite books.
- Tutorial Videos- Check out tutorial videos to demonstrate using eLibrary resources, catalog, & more!
- UMFPL Recommends- Looking for some new reads and watches? Check out the UMFPL Recommends video series for ideas!



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Visit us online at [WWW.UMFPL.ORG](http://WWW.UMFPL.ORG) for information on programs and events throughout the year.



Check our website [www.umfpl.org](http://www.umfpl.org) for a full listing of events and services both virtual and in-person! Follow the Library on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter for additional updates!

## SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR KIDS

### Bright By Text

UMFPL has teamed up with Bright by Text, a national parent texting program, to put expert tips, games and child development information directly into the hands of parents and caregivers. Text "FAMILYPLACE" to 274448 to sign up!

### Story Time

In person or online, join us for story time! Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun! Check out our Digital Story Time on YouTube, too.



### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Help your child develop a lifelong love of reading, and set a goal to read 1000 books before your child enters kindergarten! Keep track of all the books you read in the Beanstack Tracker app, and earn prizes along the way! <https://umfpl.beanstack.org>

### TEEN ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Are you a digital artist? Send photos, videos, films, animations, or other digital art to be featured on our website as Teen Artist of the Month! Each award carries a prize!

## Services and Events for Adults

The library offers regular opportunities to build skills and explore hobbies via free events. Visit [www.umfpl.org](http://www.umfpl.org) for dates and details!

- **Book Club** Enjoy librarian-facilitated discussions of a variety of popular literary fiction and non-fiction. Book titles and additional information on the Library's website.
- **Craft Nights** Join us for a monthly craft night where we explore a variety of craft projects and art mediums! Monthly projects and supply lists are available on the Library's website.
- **Cult Movie Classics** Cult films are known for their dedicated and enthusiastic fan base! Join us to watch a new cult classic each month. Movie titles and additional information available on the Library's website.

### 2021 ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Use Beanstack to log at least 5 titles you've read between January 1st and March 31st to be entered to win awesome prizes! Additional challenge information and entry details will be listed on the Library's website.



Create an account in Beanstack to participate in year-round online challenges like 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Adult Winter Reading Challenge and MORE!

Sign-up HERE: <https://umfpl.beanstack.org>

## Your eLibrary

Even MORE Resources provided for Upper Moreland residents. Available 24/7 at [www.umfpl.org/eLibrary!](http://www.umfpl.org/eLibrary!)

### Ancestry

Start your genealogical research with Ancestry!

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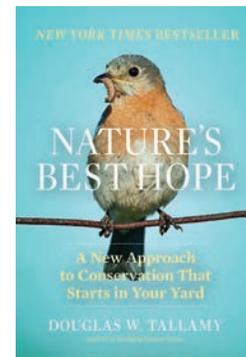
## UPPER MORELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (E.A.C.)



*Tree planting at Masons Mill Park with social distancing*

Most unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the EAC was not able to hold this year's Earth Day Fair. But with the help of the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust and the Upper Moreland Parks and Rec Dept., 20 trees that had been ordered for the event were planted in Masons Mill Park near Pennypack Creek. We hope everyone can join us next spring for our Earth Day Fair with lots of activities, food, music, and fun!

The EAC has purchased a number of copies of the fantastic book, *Nature's Best Hope* by Doug Tallamy. This book explains how people have turned so much of the Earth's surface into streets, malls, housing, business, etc. that there is less and less habitat available for birds and other wildlife. By planting native plants in our yards, we can help provide food and nesting sites for birds and other wildlife. The EAC will be donating several copies of this



*Remember, Upper Moreland is an Audubon Bird Town, so please help support our birds.*

book to the Upper Moreland Free Public Library and will be giving them out at our future events.

This autumn when the leaves fall, keep their nutrients in your yard by using your mower to chop them up. If your mower has a mulching feature, you can use that to make the leaves into tiny pieces that will vanish into the lawn. Leaving chopped leaves on your lawn will allow the nutrients to naturally return to the soil, feed the grass, and will save you lots of work.

You can also make leaf mulch for your flowerbeds. Simply mow over a pile of leaves a few times then rake up the pieces and mulch your beds. Surprisingly, the leaf mulch won't blow away, but will help keep down weeds, hold in moisture, help fertilize the plants, and save you money.

Natural fertilizers, such as leaves, release nutrients slowly to plants. This is better for the plants and helps reduce water pollution. Chemical fertilizers tend to release nutrients too quickly and wash off into the nearest stream with rain storms. This harms fish and other stream life.

If you decide you must remove leaves from your yard, when you put them out to be vacuumed up by the township, be sure there is nothing but leaves in the piles. Allowing sticks, yard waste, or trash in with the leaves can damage township equipment and contaminate the mulch later available to township residents. Also make sure leaves are not piled in the street. This can cause problems with parking and allow the leaves to get crushed or contaminated with rocks or other debris. Raked leaves should be placed between the curb and sidewalk, or just above the curb.

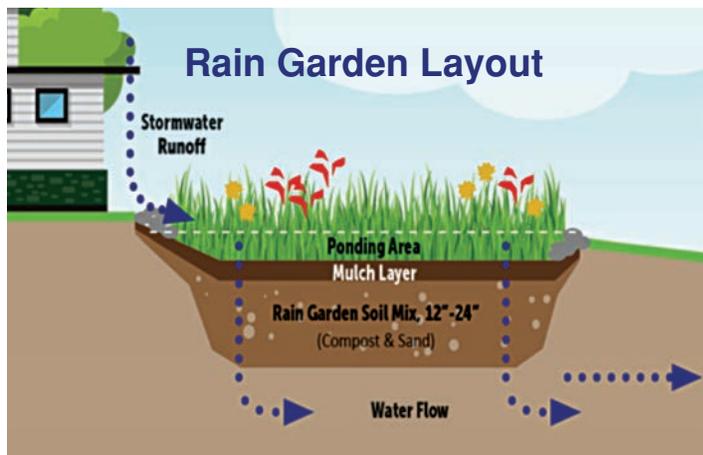
This winter you can help protect our streams from salt pollution. Due to the overuse of salt on parking lots, sidewalks, roads, and driveways the salt content of our freshwater streams has increased significantly. This is very harmful to the fish, frogs, water striders, and other freshwater aquatic life, as well as their eggs. In order to reduce the use of salt, shovel snow before it has time to freeze. If ice does form use the least amount of salt possible and sweep up any leftover salt grains. More salt will not increase its ability to melt ice but will increase the amount that ends up in our local streams. No salt please!



## Soak Up the Rain: Rain Gardens

A rain garden is a depressed area in the landscape that collects rain water from a roof, driveway or street and allows it to soak into the ground. Planted with grasses and flowering perennials, rain gardens can be a cost-effective and beautiful way to reduce runoff from your property. Rain gardens can also help filter out pollutants in runoff and provide food and shelter for butterflies, songbirds, and other wildlife. More complex rain gardens with drainage systems and amended soils are often referred to as bioretention.

The drawing shows a typical rain garden design and function. Rain gardens, even small ones, work to control storm water runoff, helping to sustain our environment.



## WILLOW GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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### Join The Team

*Your Community Needs You!*

#### How Can You Help?

Whether responding to emergency calls, or volunteering in any other role, you would be a vital asset at Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Co. Your help can make a difference and will help us be prepared to respond to the community when emergencies arise.

#### Firefighter:

Firefighters are involved in the work necessary to save lives and keep the community safe. They will respond to fires, vehicle accidents and all type emergencies when called upon.

#### Fire Police:

Fire Police will respond to all fire calls as well. Their objective is keeping the firefighters safe from on-coming traffic as well as keeping the public at a safe distance at an emergency scene. They also get called upon for traffic & crowd control during emergencies and special events.

#### Auxiliary:

The Auxiliary Team are Non-emergency volunteers that support operations and community outreach events. They are a vital group to the members of Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company.

#### Junior Firefighter Program:

For those at least 16 years old who are interested in volunteering, there is a special program to develop them for full membership when they reach 18 years of age.



**Do YOU have what it takes... to help protect your community?  
If Interested, Send us an Email at: [becomeamember@wgvfc.org](mailto:becomeamember@wgvfc.org)**

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