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Upper Moreland Lost A Great Friend And Leader

On January 25, 2021, the Upper Moreland Township community lost a great friend and leader with the passing of Commissioner Joseph Lavallo (Ward 4).

Commissioner Lavallo moved to Upper Moreland Township as a boy and attended Saint David's School. He was very active in his youth, playing football with the Willow Grove Yellow Jackets and later with the Archbishop Wood varsity team that won the city title in 1974.

Commissioner Lavallo graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Architecture and later earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Temple University.

Professionally, Commissioner Lavallo was an accomplished and recognized architect. He was a nationally recognized expert on the Model Building Code. He was active in the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and was an advisor to the Governor on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Building Code.

Commissioner Lavallo was a deeply religious man, devoted husband and loving father. He enjoyed spending time with his family in Sea Isle City, NJ as well as enjoying Italian traditions such as drinking homemade wine and preparing the seven fishes Christmas Eve dinner.

Commissioner Lavallo cared deeply about Upper Moreland Township. Whether through his efforts to improve our natural environment or enhance the beauty of our built environment, Commissioner Lavallo worked tirelessly to make our community better and safer.

Commissioner Kevin Spearing, speaking at Commissioner Lavallo's funeral service, reflected, "today we say goodbye to a gentleman, a loving husband, and father. A dedicated community servant. I have had the honor to know him as a friend."

We extend our deepest condolences to Commissioner Lavallo's family and express our profound appreciation for his friendship and countless contributions to the Upper Moreland Township community.



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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 2021 Spring 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*

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TOWNSHIP POLLING PLACES

Election is Tuesday, Tuesday, May 18, 2021. 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.

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

For all
Police/Fire/Medical Services**DIAL 911**

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State Senator Maria Collett	717-576-5983
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U.S. CONGRESS

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 & recreation, real estate taxes</i>	

YOUTH SPORT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Upper Moreland Hoops (basketball)	215-264-7582
Upper Moreland Little League .. info@uppermorelandlittleleague.org	
Upper Moreland Soccer Club	mike.meakim@umsconline.org
Willow Grove Bears (football)	wgbears@gmail.com
Upper Moreland Lacrosse Club	uppermorelandlax@gmail.com
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

UTILITY PHONE NUMBERS

P.E.C.O.	800-494-4000
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COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Montgomery County (main #)	610-278-3000
County Commissioners	610-278-3020
Valarie Arkoosh, Chairman • Joseph C. Gale • Kenneth Lawrence, Jr.	
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 for more information.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATION

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP 2021 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.

APRIL			SEPTEMBER		
Mon	5	Regular Meeting	Mon	6	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)
Mon	12	Community Development	Mon	13	Regular Meeting
Mon	19	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	20	Community Development
MAY			Mon	27	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
Mon	3	Regular Meeting	OCTOBER		
Mon	10	Community Development	Mon	4	Regular Meeting
TUES*	18	ELECTION DAY	Mon	11	Community Development
Mon	24	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	18	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
JUNE			NOVEMBER		
Mon	7	Regular Meeting	TUES*	2	ELECTION DAY
Mon	14	Community Development	Mon	8	Regular Meeting
Mon	21	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	15	Community Development
JULY			Mon	22	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
Mon	12	Regular Meeting	DECEMBER		
Mon	19	Community Development	Mon	6	Regular Meeting;
Mon	26	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Special Meeting to Adopt 2022 Township Budget		
AUGUST			Mon	13	Community Development
Mon	2	Regular Meeting	Mon	20	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
Mon	9	Community Development	<i>*Meetings were changed to a Tuesday due to a Holiday and/or Election Day.</i>		
Mon	16	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety			

REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Your 2021 County and Township Real Estate Tax Bill was mailed in February 2021. If you have not received it, 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 that useful information 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 phone 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 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note that we do close from 12-12:30 p.m. for lunch.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



Uniform Construction Code Update: Upper Moreland Township follows Act 45 of the Pa. Uniform Construction Code which adopted the 2015 International Code Council (ICC) code, effective October 1, 2018. For more information on Pa Act 45, please visit the Pa. Department of Labor & Industry website at www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/. Information on the ICC codes can be found at 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 the 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, shed, 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.

Property Maintenance: Upper Moreland Twp. enforces the 2015 ICC Property Maintenance Code, which requires 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. Depositing or blowing of grass or other yard waste into the public right-of-way (roadway or sidewalk) is prohibited. Trash and debris may not be stored on properties at any time. It is also important to make sure all 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 unwanted drafts and heat loss. Please visit the U.S. Dept. of Energy's website for more information (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 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 must be surrounded by a permanent barrier that 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. or after 10:00 p.m. Residents are reminded



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE... continued

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. No units may be placed in the street without specific authorization from the Code Enforcement Office. 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.

Spring/Summer Home Preparation Tips:

- Have roof flashing, caulking, and shingles inspected in preparation for spring storms.
- Inspect caulking around windows, doors, and any openings into the home.
- Change your ceiling fan’s direction.
- Clean your dryer vents.
- Check insulation around windows and doors.
- Repair HVAC filters regularly.
- Run the bathroom exhaust fan during showers.
- Switch to LED bulbs where appropriate.
- Plant a shade tree next to your outside air conditioning unit.
- Consider installing an attic fan or vent.

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 a.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 weigh 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.

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 website (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 2021 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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

Regularly Scheduled Pickup

Friday, April 2
Thursday, November 11
Thursday, November 25
Friday, December 24

Rescheduled Pickup

Monday, April 5
Monday, November 15
Monday, November 29
Monday, December 27



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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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 through 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 TOWNSHIP.**



Due to automation of recycling collection – ALL recyclables (with the exception of yard waste) must now be mixed together **and placed in the 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 down. You may no longer set cardboard out separately; all cardboard must be placed in the container. 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 through 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, and coat hangers.

Proper Placement of Recycling Cans: in order for the recycling can to be accessible for the recycling truck, please do the following: place cans with the metal bar facing out into the street; cans should be placed three feet from cars, poles, trash, or other obstacles.

YARD/BULK/MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION

DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

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, and 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 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.

CHANGES TO 2021 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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

April 5 • May 31 • July 5 • September 6 • November 15 • November 29 • December 27

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

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. For information, please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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 TVs up to 50", Stereos, VCRs, DVD players, computers, keyboards, monitors, and microwaves. Permits can be obtained from the receptionist's office at the Township Building, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, 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 p.m., the permit fee will be refunded in full.**

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 dispose of all trash prior to your settlement date. Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 if you are unsure about 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 a.m. on the scheduled pickup date, please call the Public Works Department by 6:30 a.m. to cancel the collection. If the pickup is cancelled by 6:30 a.m., the permit fee will be refunded in full.**

POTHOLE REPORTING

Call PennDOT to report pothole repair needs for state roads: 1-800-349-7623.

State Roads:

York Road
Moreland Road
Edgehill Road
Blair Mill Road
Byberry Road
County Line Road
Warminster Road (from Byberry Road to York Road)

Fitzwatertown Road
Davisville Road
Terwood Road
Easton Road
Mill 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 on local area roads, call the Upper Moreland Township Public Works Department at 215-659-4070.

ROAD KILL REPORTING

To report a road kill on a township road, residents should call the PA Game Commission, 610-926-3136, to request collection. The PA Game Commission should pick up the road kill within 24 hours of being dispatched.

If the road kill is on a state road, residents should call PennDOT, 800-349-7623, or visit <https://www.penndot.gov> and click Road Way Concerns.

Residents may also call the Upper Moreland Township Public Works Department, 215-659-4070, for assistance.



HOW ARE UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP FUNDS SPENT?

Matthew Candland, Township Manager

Recently, a resident asked me how the Township spends its funds. He was particularly interested in how much each particular service costs. I thought I would briefly share part of this conversation.

I explained to this resident that the Township has a total annual operating budget of just under \$25 million. The Township also has an annual capital budget which varies in cost from year to year, but that for 2021 it was a little over \$3 million.

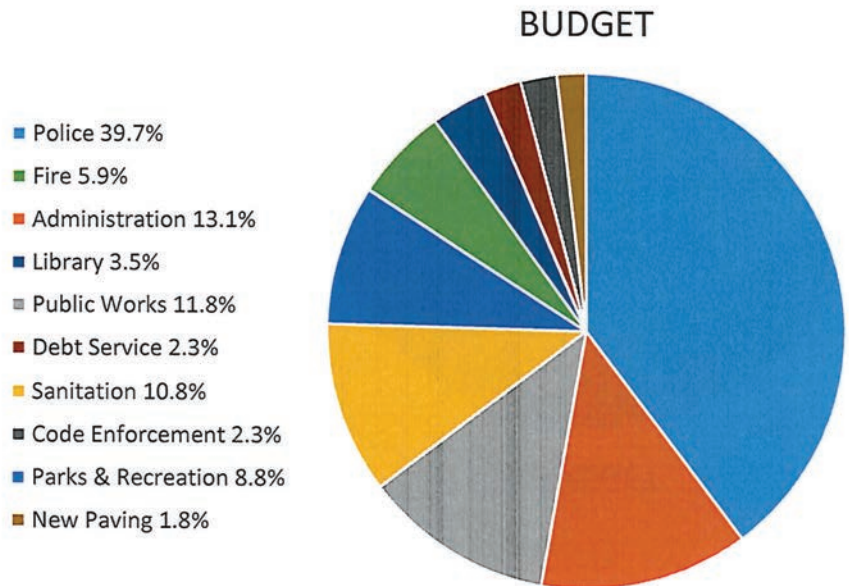
I further explained that, although the Township has many revenue sources, the three biggest ones are: (1) Property Taxes, (2) Earned Income Taxes, and (3) Business Privilege Tax. These three revenue sources combine for over 60% of the budget.

The Township adopts an annual operating and capital budget that outlines how these funds will be spent during the course of the year. I pointed out that if he were interested in looking at this budget that he could find it on the Township's website.

The Township staff and elected officials spend a considerable amount of time in the fall of each year preparing the annual budget. The overall objective of each budget is to provide a high level of service to our residents as efficiently as we can. By law, we must adopt a balanced budget and so it often times can be a challenge.

Below I have listed, from largest to smallest, the areas of Township expenditures planned for 2021 along with a brief description of what each includes.

2021 BUDGET



39.7% - Police – this includes officer and staff salaries, pension and other benefits, equipment, vehicles and other expenses.

13.1% - Administration – this is kind of a catch-all category that includes salaries and benefits for administrative personnel including the Finance and Human Resources departments, along with costs associated with the Tax Collector's office, audit services, legal services, liability insurance, building maintenance and information technology.

11.8% - Public Works – street repair, yard waste collection, the operation of the Township's compost site, street lights, engineering expenses and vehicle maintenance.

10.8% - Sanitation – salaries, benefits, equipment, facilities, and vehicles to provide trash, recycling and yard waste collection.

8.8% Parks and Recreation – salaries, benefits, equipment, facilities and vehicles to maintain Township parks and provide recreation programs and activities.

5.9% - Fire – salaries, benefits, equipment, facilities and vehicles for five paid firefighters. Fire services are provided by both paid and volunteer fire fighters.

3.5% - Library – a portion of the property tax is dedicated to provide funding for our library. The library adopts its own annual operating budget.

2.3% - Debt Service – the Township currently has two sources of debt, a loan for a fire truck and a bond that was just recently issued that consolidated previous debt and provided funding for the next three years of capital projects. A list of these projects can be found in the budget document on the Township's website.

2.3% - Code Enforcement – This pays for the salaries, benefits, and equipment for the Code Enforcement Department. This department enforces the Township's building and zoning codes.

1.8% - New Paving – each year the Township receives Liquid Fuel Funds from the Commonwealth. These are funds generated by the gas tax you pay at the pump. These funds are used primarily for asphalt paving Township roads.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Decrease your chances of being a victim!

Thefts from vehicles

One of the more frequently reported crimes to UMPD is theft from vehicles. Please take the time to remove all valuables from your vehicle at night and lock your vehicle, even if it is parked in a driveway. If an offender is looking for a target, they look for vehicles with unlocked doors and cars with valuables that are visible. If you take the time to remove the valuables including computers, tablets, wallets, purses, GPS units, and cash from your vehicle and lock it, you substantially decrease the chance that you will be victimized.

The Upper Moreland Police also rely on the public in reporting suspicious persons in the township. Please dial 911 in the event that you see anyone acting suspiciously especially those walking down the street pulling door handles or approaching vehicles in driveways. **CALL WHEN YOU SEE IT HAPPENING.**



Solicitors

Upper Moreland Township Code (Chapter 236) requires parties interested in doing door to door solicitation to have a permit. Religious groups and certain children activities and groups are exempt. No solicitation is permitted prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. Solicitation is prohibited on Saturdays and Sundays.



If a solicitor comes to your door, you are encouraged to ask to see the permit. If they do not have one, please contact the police immediately by dialing 911 and reporting the person. In the past, these calls have resulted in the police identifying burglars operating within the township.

UMPD suggests that you do not invite an unknown person into your home. This advice goes for solicitors as well. Criminals posing as solicitors may try and distract you or use a ruse, such as asking for a drink, as a way to gain entrance into your home. While you are with them, they or a second offender, enter your home and remove property while you are being distracted. Never leave them alone in your home.

Planning a trip

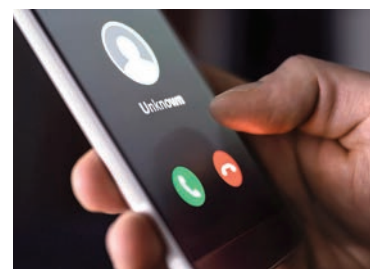
If you are planning a trip and your home will be unoccupied, please call the UMPD at (215) 657-4700 and request that it be listed as an away home. You will be asked to provide information regarding vehicles that might be left at the home, lighting, availability of keys, and other pertinent information, in addition to providing contact information in the event there is an emergency. UMPD officers will periodically check on your home in your absence.

If it seems too good to be true...

It's an old adage but, if it seems too good to be true it probably is. UMPD continues to see residents being tempted by internet fraud and scams asking them to deposit a check into their bank account and telling them to keep the money after they send a small percentage back via money order. The resident's bank does not find out that the deposited check is fraudulent until well after the resident has sent the money order. The end result is a loss in the amount of the money order since the initial deposit is not honored by the bank. These scams are all from overseas and are not prosecutable.

Phone Scams

Always be suspicious of any individual calling you and directing you to purchase gift cards and provide them with the gift card numbers. Scams, such as these, target the elderly and the caller poses as a family member or friend in need of help. For more information see <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0208-phone-scams#howtorecognize>.



Drug Drop Box

The Upper Moreland Township Police Department maintains an unused prescription drug drop box in the lobby of the police Station. We encourage residents to use the box to dispose of any unused prescription medication, especially pain medications. The lobby is open 24 hours a day seven days a week.

"Take Me Home" Program

The Upper Moreland Police Department is introducing a **"Take Me Home"** program for families of individuals who may not be able to communicate with a law enforcement officer due to a physical or cognitive condition. During an emergency, time is of the essence, and this background information will help our officers to make informed decisions on how to peacefully intervene to avoid those actions that will likely trigger fear, anxiety, or even a violent response.

Please take a moment to register your loved one today. Once registered, officers can search a secure database for information specific to the person to include physical description, photographs, medical conditions, home address, and a list of persons to contact in the event of an emergency. To register for **"Take Me Home"**, please contact Detective Sergeant James Kelly at 267-607-1008.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Due to COVID guidelines and other circumstances, we are planning for a limited slate of programs. By the time of submission of materials for this newsletter (early February), we have not determined our spring / summer schedules or fees. Please visit uppermorelandrec.com for information for all our programs and events.

For Recreation Program Opportunities, Please Visit UpperMorelandRec.com
U.M.P.R. Helping Build a Strong Community

All programs and events are subject to modifications or cancellation pending COVID Guidelines. Best Practices are in place for each program and include temperature checks at drop off, wellness questions, mask wearing as appropriate, as well as other guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our participants, families, staff, and all others.

2021 SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Open to Upper Moreland Residents Only ~ youngsters entering Grades 1-8.

Online Registration begins **Monday, March 22, 8:30 a.m.** Walk-in registration begins **Wednesday, March 24, 8:30 a.m.**

Dates: June 21 - August 13 (omit July 5) ~ 8-week program

OR (1) June 21 - July 16 (omit July 5) ~ 1st 4-week program

OR (2) July 19 - Aug. 13 (Aug. 13 ends at Noon) ~ 2nd 4-week program

Days: Monday-Friday **Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Site: Upper Moreland Primary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools

Fee: To Be Determined;

Multi-child discount will apply once fees are determined

Ages: Upper Moreland youngsters entering Grades 1-8,
based on the child's Fall 2021 entering grade



PROGRAM: Our Supervised Playground Program offers Township youngsters entering Grades 1-8 a wide variety of activities, including playground activities, sports and games, water play, movies, special events and local trips. Our goal is to provide supervised summer playgrounds that are safe, moderately structured, and enjoyable for all. LOCAL TRIPS may include bowling, laser tag, ice skating, mini golf and more. Theme Park Trips are optional and will require an additional fee (all pending Governor restrictions). We anticipate fewer trips in 2021 due to transportation restrictions.

Upper Moreland residents may register ONLINE beginning Monday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m. Walk-in registration, at the UM Township Building, Parks and Recreation office, begins on Wednesday, March 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Proof of residency is required at time of registration. Enrollment is limited at each site, and the Department reserves the right to cancel a site pending insufficient enrollments.

\$250 Deposit is due at the time of registration.

PAYMENT DEADLINE: All fees must be paid in full by to May 28 (for the 8-week program / 1st 4-week program) or June 11 (for the 2nd 4-week program). **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THESE DATES.** No youngster will be allowed to participate in the program until ALL fees are paid in full.

\$50 late fee will automatically be added to accounts that have outstanding balances after 5/28.

LOG INTO OR CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY AT WWW.UPPERMORELANDREC.COM

Online registration will open on Monday, March 22, at 8:30 a.m. There is a 2.45% convenience fee for online registration/credit card processing. This fee goes directly to the credit card processor and is not retained by UM Township; therefore, it is non-refundable. Registrations are not transferable among sites or participants. Fees are not prorated based on attendance.

Registration will not be completed until residency is confirmed AND payment is received.

We are working remotely and can still help with your Medicare questions and enrollments.
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UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

OTHER SUMMER PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE...

(dates, times, and locations to be announced) Sport and specialty camps will include basketball, multi sport, soccer, tennis, drawing, science, dramarama, lacrosse, field hockey, and other programs.

TICKETS



DISCOUNTED REGAL CINEMA MOVIE TICKETS

\$10.00 cash ONLY. Good for ALL regular movies, including new releases. No expiration date.

DISCOUNTED PENN CINEMA TICKETS

\$10.00 cash ONLY.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

MASONS MILL PARK 2021 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SUNDAY EVENINGS at 6:30PM

The Department of Parks and Recreation offers FREE summer concerts at the Masons Mill Park Concert Gazebo, 3500 Masons Mill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA. We are currently scheduling a variety of bands for your enjoyment. Please call us or visit the website for a summer concert series flyer (available in April).

- Carpooling to the park is recommended.
- Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.
- Smoking, pets and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the park.
- Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting.

In case of rain, concerts may be cancelled; check the announcement section at www.uppermorelandrec.com OR call the Park Office at 215-659-3388 after 3:00 p.m. on the day of the concert.

2021 Dates: 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8 and 8/15.
Make-up date is 8/22.

CONCERTS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO GOVERNOR GUIDELINES

PICKLEBALL MEET UP GROUP

2021 Dates: Program members have exclusive use of the Masons Mill courts on Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Sat mornings from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Players are also welcome to use the courts at any time they are open for public use. **Pickleball is an easy to learn, enjoyable exercise.** May – October. **Fee:** \$35 R / \$52.50 NR

- No sports experience needed to play the game, just an interest in fun, fitness, and making new friends.
- You don't have to be strong, you don't have to be quick, you don't have to be tall, and you don't have to be athletic or good at other sports to enjoy this game.
- A low-impact game, which requires less running and is played on a court ½ the size of a tennis court.
- Uses a lightweight paddle and a wiffle-type ball slightly larger than a tennis ball.
- Participants must bring their own equipment. A chair is also recommended for times between games.
- Each participant will receive a UMPR Pickleball key tag; please present this to the leader upon arrival at the program each day.

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

Recently the Upper Moreland Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) removed nonnative, invasive plant species from the wetland area in the dog park. We also removed invasive vines from the younger trees in Veterans Park. Hopefully some of the native flowers and trees will now have a chance to grow.

Members of the EAC helped plant over 100 trees in the Fulmor Heights area. Whether along a stream, in a park, or your own yard, trees are vitally important for soaking up water during rainstorms and snowmelt. This reduces the amount of stormwater runoff that ends up in streams. Tree roots also help hold the soil along streambanks and steep areas. The shade trees provide lower summer stream temperatures so fish and other stream organisms can survive. When streets are shaded they don't get as hot. This means that rainwater that runs off of them into streams is lower in temperature. Besides shade, trees provide nesting sites for birds such as robins and woodpeckers. Trees also provide habitat for many of the insects that birds need to eat and feed their young. Woodland areas provide food and habitat for many species, including birds, flying squirrels, mink, fox, and other wildlife.

Trees provide many benefits for people as well. Evergreen trees on the north side of a home can block winter winds and help reduce heating costs. Shaded homes and buildings have lower summer cooling costs. Neighborhoods with tree-lined streets tend to have less crime and homes sell for higher prices. The sense of nature that trees provide reduces stress and lowers blood pressure. Native trees, such as walnut, hickory, persimmon, pawpaw, mulberry, and others provide nuts and fruits.

It is important to put the "right tree in the right place." Not only do certain trees require more light or moisture

than others, the mature size of the tree needs to be considered. Planting a young tree that will grow to 40 or 50 feet tall, under a powerline is not a good idea. Use a smaller tree, such as a redbud, and plant it a few feet away from the lines. The location of sewer lines should also be taken into consideration when planting trees. The roots of many trees will seek out the moisture in the sewer lines and grow into them.

Do yourself and wildlife a favor and plant some native trees in your yard. Redbud and flowering dogwood will provide beautiful spring blooms. Persimmons can provide fruit, jellies, and pies. Oaks provide shade and are one of the most important type of tree for wildlife. Remember that Upper Moreland is an Audubon Bird Town so help the birds and plant a native tree!



The Upper Moreland Free Public Library and EAC will be hosting an online discussion of the book *Nature's Best Hope*, by Doug Tallamy, on Saturday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. The library has 12 copies of the book to loan out, so join in and learn how you can help preserve nature in your own backyard and even get a coupon for a free tree!

On **Saturday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, the EAC will be hosting an **Earth Day Fair in Masons Mill Park**. Join us for workshops on how to make a rain garden or rain barrel. Get some native seeds to plant and learn how to attract birds and butterflies to your yard. Talk to a beekeeper and learn how to get started on your own. See an electric car, learn about solar panels, geothermal heating and cooling systems, and much more. We hope you will join us for this fun event!

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Residents with private access driveways: please be aware that low tree branches and low hanging wires can impede our fire response. Fire Code 503.2.1 requires there must be an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches and/or 20 feet in width. Keeping your property clear will make it easier for Fire Department apparatus to get to your location in a more timely manner.

Safety Tips From Upper Moreland Township Fire Department

1. Post your house number so it is visible from the street.
2. Don't drive through flood water: turn around, don't drown.
3. Burning yard waste is illegal.
4. Smoke Alarms save lives.
5. Smoke Alarms may be disposed of in your regular residential trash. Please remove batteries if applicable.
6. Check our website, <http://www.uppermoreland.org/149/Emergency-Services> for all of these codes and the proper use of fire pits.



Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



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SPRING & SUMMER UPDATES

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

eResource Spotlight:

During these changing times, UMFPL is working hard to bring the community additional resources that can be accessed from anywhere!

Dial-A-Story (and more!) is HERE!:

The Library is excited to announce a new service available from home or on the go. Call the library's dedicated phone line, 215-935-4071, for a regularly updated selection of read-aloud stories, poems, and jokes for kids & adults alike, **plus** activities like science experiments or writing prompts to exercise your brain and get your creative juices flowing!



UMFPL Recommends:

Looking for something new to read, watch or listen to, but no time to browse at the library? Answer our short questionnaire and UMFPL librarians will provide you with personalized suggestions for your learning and entertainment needs! Get started now: www.umfpl.org/recommends.

UMFPL SummerQuest: *Tails & Tales* June 13-August 14:

Go wild this summer and explore the animal kingdom during UMFPL's annual SummerQuest! The Library will offer fun for all ages, amazing take & make projects, and a beautiful community-built art project, plus our annual Beanstack SummerQuest challenge with incentives and prizes for participation.



SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADULTS

- **Zoom Book Clubs** - Enjoy librarian-facilitated discussions of a variety of popular literary fiction and non-fiction. Book titles on the Library's website.
- **Cook Your Way Through...** - Join us for UMFPL's latest virtual cookbook discussion program! Cookbook titles and full schedule is listed on the Library's Website.
- **Adult Craft Kits** - Try a new craft each month! Supplies and instructions included. Kits are available for pick-up (or curbside) each month while supplies last. Check the Library's Website for additional details.
- **Trivia Nights** - Do you love trivia? Join us virtually to play Kahoot trivia with a new topic each month. Winner gets a gift card prize. Contact the library for additional details or to register or view the upcoming themes on the Library's Website.

The library offers many more opportunities to build skills and explore hobbies via a variety of free events. Visit umfpl.org/events or call the library for details.



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Visit us online at WWW.UMFPL.ORG for information on programs and events throughout the year.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR KIDS

Bright By Text

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

Story Time

New story times available weekly for both babies and toddlers (virtual until restrictions are lifted.) Join us to hear stories, sing songs, and have fun! Check out our monthly 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!

Pre-K Kits (Take & Make)

Have preschoolers at home? Pick up Pre-K Kits in the UMFPL Kids' Room! Each kit has an educational theme with learning activities, book lists, outdoor activities, crafts, challenges, and more! New kits available the 1st and 15th of every month.

Young Artists (Take & Make)

School-age kids can unleash their creativity with a variety of art mediums in these kits that provide all you need for a fabulous art project. Follow along with instructional videos or make your own creation. New kits available monthly!

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TEENS

The library offers monthly activities for teens to connect with others and explore topics of interest. Visit www.umfpl.org for details!

MontCo Youth Author Event

See author Jarrett Krosoczka LIVE on Zoom! Krosoczka is the author of National Book Award finalist *Hey, Kiddo*, as well as the popular Lunch Lady and Jedi Academy series (and more!)



Middle Grade Event: Tuesday, June 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Event: Wednesday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m.

UMFPL will have free book giveaways available!
Details and registration information TBD.

**Follow the Library on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter
for regular updates and library news!**

Your eLibrary

Even MORE Resources provided for Upper Moreland residents. Available 24/7 at www.umfpl.org/eLibrary!

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Start your genealogical research with Ancestry!

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YouTube

Check out UMFPL's Youtube channel for new videos every month, including read-alouds, recommended resources, and how-to videos for library resources.



UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Looking forward to more creative ways to keep connected is our 2021 mission as Upper Moreland Historical Association marches into its 25th year. We continue to hear from members and others about the stories of their items they are donating to UMHA and the memories of seasons of long ago.

It is about the stories – if you are speaking to children and grandchildren about where you went to school, where you spent your summers, how did you meet friends – please write down your memories.

We are hoping to present ZOOM speakers soon, especially if in-person programs are not yet allowed in the township building. This is usually the Upper Moreland Township Newsletter issue where we include our annual dinner invitation, and unfortunately, that is still not planned yet. We were thinking of an outdoor wine and cheese affair in June or September – it would be wonderful to see everyone once again.

At this time – please contact the Upper Moreland Public Library if you would like to make an appointment to access the Archives Room. The phone number is: 215-659-0741.

You can also visit UMHA.com or see our page on Facebook under Upper Moreland Historical Association for updated information regarding public activities in the coming months.



Historical note of interest:

Our First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, is a graduate of Upper Moreland Senior High Class of 1969. We are proud to be able to establish a file in our archives and we look forward to seeing her accomplishments.

Pictured is a recent donation to our collection, the music sheet from 1899 of the "Willow Grove March." If you come across a piece of historical value and would like to donate it, please include your information on how you obtained the article and any pertinent memories.

Stay safe, wear a mask and get the COVID-19 vaccination. We sincerely hope you can visit with us soon.

PENNYPACK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION TRUST (P.E.R.T.)



Township and Land Trust Recycle Christmas Trees

By Chris Mendel, the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust

Upper Moreland Township and the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust are working together to keep the Pennypack Creek healthy and reduce waste. We are doing this with the Christmas trees you placed curbside after the holiday. The Township's Public Works Director, Dave Elsler, and Sanitation Foreman, Don Messner, are long-time friends of Pennypack Trust. With their help and the help of our residents, over 700 trees (about 10% of all those collected) went to the Trust in January 2021. Trust employees and volunteers staked them into small swales and drainage areas that lead to the Pennypack Creek. The trees trap sediment, which



is the main pollutant of the Pennypack Creek. The trees also impound water in little pools scattered in the forests that are critical to the life cycles of both insects and amphibians. These critters drive the food chain for fox, fish, hawks, snakes, and so many other animals.

Allowing hundreds of Christmas trees to biodegrade in nature reduces handling time and is a wonderful example of waste-stream diversion. This saves the Township time from having to further grind-up and fold-in that waste stream with other compostable materials.

Here is what you can do to make your Christmas tree useful to our watershed next year:

- Please do not bring your tree directly to the Trust, just place it curbside during the first full week of January.
- Do not use tinsel! It is very persistent in the landscape and can make our installations less desirable.
- Christmas trees trap sediment when they are laid into swales with their tops pointing up-stream.
- Sometimes leaf bags are also part of a load of Christmas trees; be sure that dog waste is not part of the mix.

Thank you, Upper Moreland Township and residents!





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UPPER MORELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Residents of Upper Moreland Township strive to keep our community one we can be proud of. As a result, the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners declared it to be the public policy of the Township to foster equality and equal opportunity for all citizens regardless of actual or perceived race, color, age, religious creed, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression in all matters affecting employment, housing and commercial property, and public accommodation, and to safeguard the right of all persons to remain free of discrimination or discriminatory practices. In late 2020 the Upper Moreland Human Rights Commission (UMHRC) was formed to provide members of our community equality and equal protection under the law. A full copy of Ordinance no. 1696 establishing the UMHRC is available on the township website.

The Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of all people and through Ordinance no. 1696 prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The UMHRC provides a venue for all citizens of Upper Moreland Township to address potential grievances. The UMHRC has been organized and is in the process of training its members in accordance with guidelines set forth by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. The UMHRC is preparing education and community outreach programs and materials in order to inform Upper Moreland Township citizens about its purposes, responsibilities, and processes in serving our community.

Dedication to our common goal of community, equality, and equal protection under the law can be achieved through continued learning and education about our community and the needs we all share. Community input to reach the goals all of us share for our community are welcome and requested. Please email Township Manager Matt Candland at MCandland@uppermoreland.org with your comments and suggestions.

Upper Moreland Human Rights Commission Members 2021 Kate Hill, Chair • Trish Cosby, Vice-Chair
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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 many 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 as well. 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 and accelerate the approval process. For more information go to: www.uppermorelandhistory.org. Also, find us on Facebook.

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>.

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Children delight in the "fireworks" launched in celebration of the birth of the new Prince in *Rumpelstiltskin*

Penn's Woods is a traveling puppet theater that had its start in 2010 as a theater of 18th and 19th century history. At that time reenactments, historic sites and their school programs were our primary venues.

But with the production of *Rumpelstiltskin* in 2013 things changed. As the repertoire expanded to include farces, fantasies and other fairytales so did our outreach. Penn's Woods now performs in Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Lancaster, Northampton, Berks, Delaware, Chester, Philadelphia and Cape May counties appearing at community events of all types: First Fridays, township family days, and annual celebrations such as Juneteenth, Independence Day and Visits with Santa.

But timed presentations such as a 30-minute puppet show don't always fit into an event planner's activity schedule, so instead we offer Polly, a life-sized musical puppet whose arms and head the kids move to music they control. Polly is an on-going activity rather than the scheduling challenge of a puppet show. Her costumes and wigs include a farmer, a pirate, a queen, an 18th century woman of fashion and more. But most importantly, Polly gives everyone the chance to be a puppeteer!

Whatever the activity, Penn's Woods Puppets will be a valuable addition to the day.



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