



UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT: Upper Gwynedd Township's elected officials and staff shall provide innovative, safe, transparent and fiscally responsible services, and shall respond to the needs of all residents, businesses and visitors of the Township in a timely and respectful manner.

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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HOURS: Monday through Friday:
8:00am–4:30pm

RESPECT THE FLAG

You may drop off your worn or tattered flag in the lobby of the Township Building and we will take care of its proper disposal.



Managers Message: Transparency Builds Trust

The motto of the Board of Commissioners of Upper Gwynedd Township is, "Transparency Builds Trust." Despite that fact, frequently when residents call me with questions or concerns the first thing they tell me is that they had no idea that the Township offers XYZ service, or that a new development is coming to town. It is very important to the Staff and Board of Commissioners that we reach our stakeholders - our residents!

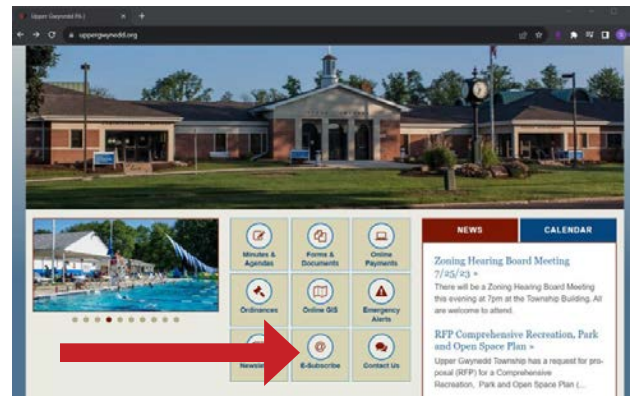
To that end, last year the Township conducted a telephone survey to ascertain how residents usually get their information from us. This newsletter topped the charts as the most utilized communication tool that residents read. Thank you for paying attention to our articles in this newsletter, but we offer so much more.

We now offer a weekly online newsletter that you can subscribe to with just one click. The Gazette is delivered every Wednesday afternoon to over 1,800 subscribers. To subscribe, visit www.uppergwynedd.org and click E-Subscribe.

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The Township also has many social media sites. You can find us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Additionally, several departments have other social media sites, that stand alone such as our PD Facebook page, Parks and Recreation Facebook and Instagram as well as newly added TikTok. Our handles are:

SOCIAL MEDIA	TOWNSHIP	PARKS AND RECREATION	POLICE	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
	Upper Gwynedd Township	Upper Gwynedd Township Parks and Recreation	Upper Gwynedd Police Department	Upper Gwynedd Township Fire Marshal's Office/ Emergency Management
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	@UpperGwyneddTwp	@UGTParksRec	@UGPD	@UGTEMA
	uppergwyneddtownship	ugtparksandrec		

I hope you learned some ways that you can stay informed about Township Events, new developments, Board action and more. If you need help accessing any of these resources, please contact us at 215-699-7777 and our staff will be glad to help you. If the internet and social media aren't your thing, please don't worry. As the Township Manager I have an open-door policy for residents. Call and make an appointment and I will be glad to chat and answer any questions you may have. If you are more interested in connecting with our elected officials, you can also reach out and set up an appointment with any of the five Commissioners. Thank you for making Upper Gwynedd Township a great place to live, work and play. I look forward to hearing from you.

Milestone! 50 Years, Dave Richard

Dave Richard is no stranger to Upper Gwynedd. He began working for the Township on November 5, 1973. He has been a committed employee for 50 years and is the first UGT employee to reach this huge milestone in November.

His love for working outdoors sparked an interest in this field. In the beginning of his career, he worked for the Highway Department doing jobs like mowing grass, filling potholes, and installing snow fences just to name a few. He wore many hats back then when the area was more rural.

He currently holds the Title of Foreman. When asked what his favorite part of working for the Township has been, Dave said, "I enjoy the diversity of jobs that I do, the lifelong friendships that I have made and the connections I have with other Townships and vendors."

Dave laughed talking about how he is the only Public Works crew member not allergic to poison ivy and that he usually is the one with bare hands pulling everything off trees. He recollected the most memorable events he worked through during his time here were the snowstorm in 1996 and Flood Isaías in 2020.

It is known that there is no computer Dave has met that he likes- good thing he enjoys working outdoors. Kudos Dave!



GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

Upper Gwynedd resident Alicia Simrak was recently awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award in Girl Scouting.



Alicia has been a Girl Scout for the past 9 years and has earned the Bronze and Silver Awards, is a Leader in Action and a Girl Scout Program Aid and Camp Program Aid. She attends the Commonwealth Charter Academy. Alicia focused her Gold Award Project on educating the community on the declining bat population because of white-nose syndrome. She made 4 bat boxes and placed them around the community for the bats to have a safer place to roost with a lower chance of contracting white-nose syndrome. She also created a brochure and video to further educate the community on the importance of bats. Way to go Alicia!



Police Department News

Our Three Newest Officers

The three new officers are in their first year with the department. Ofc. Profit #65, Ofc. Buonanno #66, and Ofc. Cikanovich #67 have successfully completed 4 months of field training program and have been assigned to their patrol squads. All three continue to be monitored on their progress by the field training officers. They also continue to attend various training opportunities that further develop their skills into becoming better officers for the Township.

New DARE vehicle

The Crown Victoria DARE car has been the staple of UGPD's community outreach. I am sure many in the community have seen the vehicle at public events throughout the North Penn area, with the music blasting out from the stereos in the trunk. Now, the department's Chevrolet Tahoe has been transformed into a DARE vehicle. In addition to all the fun contained in the Crown Victoria, the Tahoe is now equipped with two TV screens and interactive equipment. In May, the transformed Tahoe made its debut at Pennsylvania State Police Skippack Barrack's Public Safety Day event. The children at the event got to compete against Ofc. Lighthart in a driving simulation challenge. If anyone is interested in having UGPD at a community event, please do not hesitate to reach out.



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Eight Safety Tips for Drivers:

1. Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.
2. Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
3. Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
4. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
5. Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing where you can't see.
6. Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
7. Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street, in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
8. Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.

Eight Walking Safety Tips:

1. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
2. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
3. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
4. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
5. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
6. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
7. Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.
8. Embrace walking as a healthy form of transportation - get up, get out and get moving.



Environmental Advisory Council

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) had a busy Spring/Summer. A well-attended Home Energy Audit Workshop, in partnership with PECO, was held in March. The workshop presented ways to improve energy efficiency in homes to help reduce energy costs while having a positive impact on the environment. Residents were able to sign up for a Home Energy Audit of their homes at no cost.



The Arbor Day Native Tree Giveaway provided residents with a variety of native trees and shrubs, free of charge. 200 total plants found new homes in the Township. Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 152 and several dedicated volunteers for their invaluable help with the giveaway.



The EAC, in partnership with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, hosted a Rain Barrel Workshop which provided 15 rain barrel systems (along with information on operation and maintenance) to residents at a discounted cost.



We also worked with volunteers to enhance Natural Lands' Gwynedd Preserve with native shrub plantings, presented information on responsible herbicide and pesticide use on Township land and private property to the Board of Commissioners, and held a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to hear a presentation and held a discussion on Climate Change and the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 Campaign.

Save the Date (and check the Township's website) for the following Fall activities:

- **Information Session on the Regional Plastic Waste Reduction Initiative**, October 4 @ 6:30 PM in the Public Meeting Room.
- **Home Composting Workshop**, October 18 @ 6:30 PM in the Public Meeting Room. Residents will have an opportunity to purchase a compost bin at a reduced rate and learn the Five Easy Steps to Home Compost from Colleen Falicki of Back to Earth Compost Crew. *Pre-registration required.*
- **Zero Waste Workshop**, November 16 @ 6:30 PM in the Public Meeting Room
- **Make sure to visit our table at Fall Fest on October 21!**

The EAC is also working with the Township on the Haines Run Streambank Restoration project which will restore portions of the Haines Run streambank using green stormwater management. If residents have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please feel free to email the EAC at: mweaver@uppergwynedd.org.

Finally, check out the information on bamboo, an invasive species, on page 5. Get some tips on how to manage and control bamboo in compliance with Upper Gwynedd's ordinance.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Fats, Oils and Grease

Fats, oils and grease or (FOG) coagulate and cause blockages, property damage and environmental damage when disposed of into the sanitary and storm sewers.



As fats, oils and grease cool they harden and back up sewer laterals and mains. Avoid putting grease down sinks and drains. Restaurants should have their grease traps and exhaust filters cleaned regularly.

Proper handling of fats, oils and grease (FOG) ensures free flowing sanitary sewer lines and a cleaner environment.

Flushable Wipes

Flushable wipes can cause lateral, sewer main, pumping station and treatment plant blockages. This can cause damage to critical equipment in the wastewater treatment process.

Wipes when flushed can be snagged on imperfections in pipes, catch passing debris and grease creating a clog. Fixtures in our homes such as toilets and the laterals that convey the waste to the sewer main can become backed up resulting in expensive plumbing repairs. Wastewater treatment plants are affected by pumps and pipes being clogged.

To avoid these issues all flushable wipes should be disposed of properly and not flushed down the toilet. This in turn will ensure less blockages throughout our sanitary sewer system and better functioning pumping stations and wastewater treatment.



Controlling and Managing Bamboo in Upper Gwynedd

In 2019, Upper Gwynedd Township adopted an ordinance (No. 2019-03) meant to control the planting, cultivating and/or growing of bamboo plants within the Township, primarily by prohibiting the future planting, cultivating and/or growing of bamboo plants, and by requiring the use of barriers to prevent the invasive spread of existing bamboo plants. Why does the Township want to control bamboo?

Here are some facts about bamboo:

- **Bamboo is invasive and can be a threat to biodiversity.** It can crowd out native plants which serve as habitat for native species of plants, animals, and insects. Why is biodiversity important? Without a wide range of animals, plants, insects, and microorganisms, we cannot have healthy ecosystems which, in turn, provide oxygen, clean air and water, plant pollination, pest control, wastewater treatment, and other essential functions.
- **Bamboo is a grass of which there are 1,500 species worldwide.** It is evergreen, meaning it does not lose its leaves in the fall.
- **The most common and invasive species seen across Pennsylvania is Golden Bamboo** (*Phyllostachys aurea*). Golden bamboo leaves are 6 inches long and are slender, lance shaped. Young stems are green, but become golden-yellow as they age.
- **Golden bamboo has fast-spreading rhizomes** (similar to roots) with culms (vertical shoots) that spread further apart horizontally and create forests of growth. Rhizomes can run indefinitely unless damaged at the growing time, which in Pennsylvania is a roughly 6-12 week window between March and May.
- **Golden bamboo grows to a height of 30-40 feet** and can form dense thickets, known as “bamboo forests.” The monoculture thickets can invade both natural and human-made environments and outcompete and eliminate native vegetation. Leaf litter found along streams impacts leaf litter-feeding invertebrates, altering stream food webs. Bamboo provides little to no value for local wildlife and decreases biodiversity.



New bamboo planting is prohibited in Upper Gwynedd unless specifically permitted and contained by barriers as specified in the Ordinance. Approved barriers include aboveground planters or an underground barrier consisting of high-density polypropylene or polyethylene, with a thickness of 40 mL, or more, installed at a depth no less than 30 inches (see Ordinance for detailed specifications). Avoid using barriers made of wood, concrete, sheet metal or plastics.



This sample of a rhizome shows how it spreads horizontally, with new culms and roots along its length as it grows.

Existing bamboo stands must be located, trimmed and maintained so that no bamboo, or any part thereof, shall be within 10 feet of any property line, curb, and/or sidewalk, or within 40 feet of any roadway, cartway, street, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and/or public water facilities within the Township. Removing bamboo can be difficult. Small infestations can be controlled mechanically by cutting and mowing, cutting the plants as close to the ground as possible. Excavating equipment can also be used to dig up rhizomes after culms have been cut. Chemical treatments, when safely applied to freshly cut stumps, can also be effective.

For more information on bamboo management and Upper Gwynedd's bamboo ordinance, please visit the Township's Ordinance (<https://ecode360.com/33976395?highlight=bamboo&searchId=4975161787770236#search-highlight-33976395-0>) or the Environmental Advisory Council page on its website.

COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

Keeping your home in good condition not only maintains its resale value but keeps you in good standing with your neighbors and the community.

Here are some common property violations that you can be cited for:

- Property Maintenance:
 - » High Grass
 - » Low Hanging Trees & Bushes encroaching into the Public Right of Way (residents are responsible for trimming)
 - » Broken or deteriorating fences
- Abandoned Vehicles – vehicles must have current registration and licensing
- Bamboo – see the article above on bamboo
- Performing plumbing, roofing, electrical work without a permit
- Noise ordinance violations
- Discharging sump pumps onto adjacent properties





Plant Natives this Fall!

The planting season might seem like it's coming to an end, but it's not quite over yet! Fall is an especially good time to plant natives like perennials because the season provides ideal conditions for new growth. Factors such as soil temperature and sun exposure encourage healthy root growth and aid in the overall growing process come spring. Since fall growth is mostly underground, gardeners won't usually reap the visual benefits until the following year, but this gives us all the reason to look towards the future! Learn more about PA native plants at www.dcnr.pa.gov and click on conservation.

Healthy Root Growth

The amount of top-growth that occurs during the fall is not as abundant as the growth recorded during summertime, but while top-growth may be minimal, the action that takes place under the soil is essential for the health of a new native plant! It's important to remember that timing is everything when it comes to fall planting. Gardeners should have transplants in the ground at least six weeks before the first freeze. This timeframe gives new transplants enough time to establish firm, anchored roots.

The Dormant Phase

During the fall season, hardy perennial natives are approaching a dormant phase of their growth cycle. Plants that are typically blooming begin to lose their luster and full leaves. For a perennial, the dormancy period refers to the plant's temporary metabolic inactivity in response to the changing climate. The plant is not dead, but simply in a state of suspended animation. Gardeners should cut back their perennials now to ensure that they thrive next spring.

Plan Accordingly

Keep in mind that some perennials bloom earlier than others. Plant according to the perennial's growth pattern, and group the plants together accordingly! With the proper planning, you can coordinate your landscape so that all of your perennials bloom in an aesthetically pleasing pattern. And remember to use native plants trees and shrubs to benefit the ecosystem.

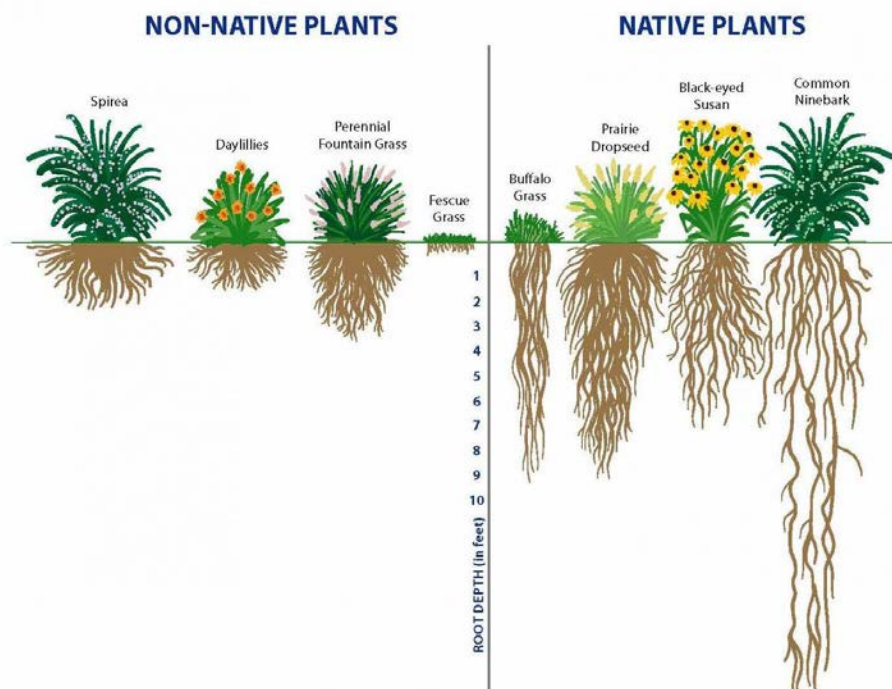


NOR-GWYN BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL Fall 2023

Replay the fantastic 2023 summer season on the Nor-Gwyn Facebook page, from an enthusiastic Opening Day ceremony to a competitive Skill Day, followed a relaxing Nor-Gwyn Night at the Iron Pigs. Teams of all levels participated in post season tournaments, including PA State level tournaments. Participation in baseball and softball recreation teams increased with more players and families enjoying the game and creating lasting memories.

We are ready for more baseball and softball with the Fall Ball season beginning after Labor Day. Registration is online for all programs and for both new and returning players. Players can improve skills, learn to bat from both sides of the plate and try new fielding positions in a fun environment.

Nor-Gwyn Baseball and Softball regularly emails a newsletter to our community containing current events and news. Please send an email to norgwynbaseball@gmail.com to receive our newsletter. For more information about Nor-Gwyn Baseball and Softball, please see www.norgwynbaseball.org





Upper Gwynedd Fire Department

In the first half of 2023, Upper Gwynedd Fire Department (UGFD) has answered the call for service over 250 times. These incidents include anything from alarm malfunctions, motor vehicle accidents and building fires as well as specialized assignments such as water rescues, Rapid Intervention Team Assignments and Hazardous Materials Incidents.

The UGFD currently has over 40 volunteers that are trained and capable of answering these calls to serve. We are always looking for more helping hands to answer those calls. Members are accepted as young as 14 years old. Our junior firefighter programs are for ages 14-17 and gives individuals training and skills needed to operate as an interior firefighter, once they turn 18 years old. Junior firefighters are included as much as possible in training and calls for service. Individuals will gain a sense of confidence, leadership and accomplishment as they obtain skills need to start a career as a first responder. Training and gear are 100% paid for by the department. We are looking for individuals who have a passion for helping others and are willing to learn new skills and knowledge. Our members are highly motivated individuals who spend a great deal of time learning and training. We are fortunate to have easy access to both The Montgomery and Bucks County Fire Academies and EMS Training Institute. Members also receive training from institutions such as Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as well as an array of online programs.

The company trains every Monday evening, starting at 7:00pm. Training topics vary depending on weather, current events and schedules set by our three training officers.



Topics of training ensure that we are ready to respond in our response area to any type of incident including training on new equipment or new and/or redesigned structures in our response area. To date, members have spent over 1,500 hours training collectively since the beginning of this year within the walls of our firehouse. This does not include the hours which individuals have chosen to spend at the fire academy or in online classes. Several of our members are also certified instructors through the state fire academy. This helps us ensure that safe and quality instruction is provided all of the time.

When you see us out in the community, using a nearby hydrant to teach new pump operators or our newest firefighters proper hose techniques, stop by and say hello! Our members are always willing to show the community the trucks and explain what we are doing. Our firehouse is also open during training hours for anyone to watch and get an idea of what we do to serve the community. You may leave with an application in your hand! If you do not feel like you are able to physically do the tasks required of you to be a first responder, we are always looking for people to fill administrative rolls. Administrative Members fill roles that pertain to tasks such as fundraising, record keeping and insurance management.



FIRE MARSHAL/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT *From the Fire Marshal*

October 8 - 14 is Fire Prevention Week and the theme is **"Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention."** Cooking fires account for more than 50% of all fires in the home and can cause property loss, injury and even death. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires. In addition to cooking safety, here are other fire safety tips to keep you and your family safe.

TEN TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY

1

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.



2

Test smoke alarms monthly. Replace batteries at least once a year.



3

Have a family fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.

4

If there's a fire in your home, get out, dial 911 and don't go back inside.



5

Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.



6

Use flashlights during power outages, not candles.

7

Never leave a burning candle unattended.



8

Turn off space heaters when you leave the room and don't leave them unattended.



9

Only use smoking materials outside.



10

Keep flammable items away from anything that can get hot, such as space heaters.





Public Works Department LEAVES

As the beauty of the season unfolds, the leaves begin to change colors and fall to the ground. It can become a challenge to keep our storm drains clear of this debris.

Leaves that gather in these drains have the potential to impact the performance and flood the neighboring streets and yards. Homeowners are responsible to purchase their own biodegradable leaf and yard waste bags to place leaves in a bag for collection from your private trash hauler. We also strongly recommend that if you see leaves on top of the storm drains, to carefully remove them. Please never attempt, however, to remove a storm drain cover.

If there is an incident where the storm drain appears to be clogged, please contact our Public Works Department at 215-699-7777 or you can email our Superintendent Willard Troxel at wtroxel@uppergwynedd.org. Please provide an address or cross street for the location

and a picture is also very helpful as it will provide us with the necessary steps required for a solution. Thank you for your help in keeping our neighborhoods safe from flooding.

Dumping Yard Waste

Did you know that disposing of yard waste and tree trimmings on Township Open Space is unlawful (per Section 127-3 of the Township Code.)? Open Space is parcels of land, an area of water or a combination of land and water within a development site that is designed and intended for the use of residents of the Township. Remember that leaf and yard waste removal is provided by residents' private haulers, who should be notifying their customers of their pickup dates and collection rules.

Drainage Improvement Project completed for Meadowbrook.

Township engineers Remington & Vernick Engineering, along with Floyd G. Hersch, Inc. who was contracted by

Upper Gwynedd Township, and our Public Works Department, have completed a drainage improvement project in the Meadowbrook neighborhood. This plan was set into motion to greatly improve drainage issues that were causing damage to residents' properties. Together, they installed 200' of storm sewer pipe. A swale was also constructed into the storm sewer pipe along Oakland Place discharging on Meadowbrook Road along the curb line. We have been monitoring the area during our recent storms and everything is working well.

New Public Works Vehicle

In the fall, Public Works will be adding a truck to their fleet. Be on the look out for our new 1-Ton Dump Truck with Spreader and Plow. The purchasing of this vehicle will allow our department to haul stone, dirt and salt more efficiently. It will also be utilized during inclement weather to plow and will be of immense benefit to the Department and the Township.

Zoning - Sub-division & Land Development

Under Construction:

- Merck & Co. (West Point Campus) Buildings 50, Boiler 11, 32, and 63A – under construction.
- 645 Jones Avenue – 3 lot subdivision was under construction. Currently there is no activity.
- Shoppes at Upper Gwynedd (Church Rd. & Sumneytown Pike – former Giant site) – Includes existing Royal Farms Convenience Store and two retail buildings complete. Building adjacent to Parc Apartments will be a Montessori School. Capriotti's Sandwich Shop and Parker's Barber Shop are initial occupants of retail space.
- Roosevelt Court, State St, 9-lot subdivision. 6 homes complete, 3 under construction
- 779-783 Sumneytown Pike, Wheatley Walk, 17 Townhomes – Units 6 – 17 complete, Units 1 – 5 nearly complete

- 180 Wissahickon Ave. Approved by Commissioners and under construction.
- 211 Gwynedd Avenue – New single-family dwelling, nearly complete
- 615 West Prospect Avenue – New single-family dwelling. Under construction.
- Moyer Blvd. & West Point Pike – 10 twin homes. Site being cleared and graded

Approved:

- 229 Morris Rd. – 2-lot subdivision. No permits issued. Final plan not recorded.

Proposed:

- 209 Morris Road – one new lot – no activity
- 825 Morris Rd. – 4 new single-family lots – no activity
- New Wawa Store with gas at 1601 Valley Forge Rd. and Sumneytown Pike. Existing

building to be demolished. Approved by the ZHB. Next step: Submission of site construction plan.

- 212 Church Road – Secure Storage. Proposed 2nd building approved by the ZHB
- 645 Sumneytown Pike – 2-lot subdivision – one new house on Barberry Rd.
- 203 Church Road – 2 new warehouse buildings (total 166,600 sq.ft) Dimensional variances approved by the ZHB
- 1010 Church Road – The Learning Experience – Grading and construction plans under review
- 375 Morris Road – MCIU occupancy and playground - Under review.
- 1500 Pennbrook Parkway – 60 units – Pending adoption of TOD-2 zoning.



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is comprised of individuals who are tasked with helping to investigate and resolve complaints of discrimination among residents and employees in our township. This may include disputes between landlords and tenants, or employees and employers.



Members of the Upper Gwynedd HRC participated in training provided by staff from the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. The training included education in the process and procedures for recognizing, investigating and responding to concerns related to discrimination of any member of a protected class. We are available to speak with you if you would like discuss situations that may fall under this purview. You can find us at most Township events, including Fall Fest on October 21st or you can reach us by email at HRC@uppergwynedd.org.

The current members of the Upper Gwynedd HRC include Deborah Stone, Jessica Curran, Duncan Reed and Ann Kuntzmann and we have a vacancy on the board. If you are interested in volunteering for the HRC, please submit your resume via email to mweaver@uppergwynedd.org. We look forward to continuing to serve the members of our community.

From the North Wales Area Library SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2023

BOOK CLUBS

- Third Tuesday of the Month at 7 pm
- Fourth Wednesday of the Month at 2 pm
- The Cookbook Club meets one Monday every other month.

ATTRACTION PASSES

Attraction passes can be checked out to visit places like museums, gardens, and zoos free of charge.

BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAYS

The third Thursday of each month from 1-6 pm

SWEDESFORD GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 • 6:45 pm
No Fee

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Tuesday, September 19
Forms available at the Library!

COMPUTER TUTORING and Excel classes are available for adults. *\$10 per hour*

GAME DROP-IN

Mahjong, Mexican Train Dominoes, Canasta, Pinochle

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS AVAILABLE!



North Wales Area Library Hours

Monday-Thursday :11 am – 7 pm
Friday: 11 am – 4 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm

Program details can be found at www.northwaleslibrary.org

BOOK SALE

October 13 & 14 • 8 am - 4 pm

Stop in for a bag of hardback and/or paperback books for all ages.
Oct. 14: \$5 a bag!

HOAGIE SALE

Saturday, October 14 • Noon

Hoagies will be available at noon @ the Library for \$10/each. *Pre-orders required!*

STORY WALK

Visit our outdoor Story Walk! Stroll the Library property and read a specially selected children's book.

STORY TIME TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Miss Vickie Tuesday at 10 am
Miss Erin Thursday at 11 am

STORY TIME AT MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP REC CENTER

Third Wednesday at 10 am

SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY

October 14 • 12:30 pm

Special viewing glasses will be available. Weather permitting.

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY!

See www.northwaleslibrary.org for showings.

Back by Popular Demand!

ELVIS IMPERSONATOR

Friday, October 27 • 7-8 pm • Library

Reservations Required. Tickets \$25.00/each
Bring a snack!

HOLIDAY MARKET PLACE

Saturday, Nov. 18 • 10 am – 3 pm

Community Rooms at the Library

Donate your car!

The Library will benefit from the proceeds of the sale or salvage of your vehicle. Your donation is tax deductible. Contact Point Service Center at 215-699-TIRE (8473) or email poinsservicectr@gmail.com and tell them you want to donate your vehicle to NWAL. Arrangements will be made to tow your vehicle, if necessary, at no cost to you.



PARKS AND RECREATION *Fall 2023*

PARKS & RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT: Upper Gwynedd Township Department of Parks and Recreation shall strive to develop and maintain quality parks and facilities; to preserve open/natural spaces; and to provide recreational programs and services which will enhance the physical, social, and emotional well-being of all current and future residents of Upper Gwynedd.

PLEASE NOTE:

All special events/programs are tentative and subject to change due to inclement weather, please check our website, Facebook page, and other social media for any changes as the event/program approaches. www.uppergwynedd.org

YOU SNOOZE...YOU LOSE

Nothing cancels a good program quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there are not enough registrations by the specified deadline, the program you want could be canceled! We do not accept day-of registrations for any program. For the status of a program or information about a possibility of a cancellation call 215-699-7777 and ask for Parks and Recreation.

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

When you register for any of our recreation programs, do not wait by the phone or camp out at your mailbox.

THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL HEAR FROM US IS:

- If the class is full
- If the class is canceled
- If there is a change in time or day

So, if it is almost time for your class to begin and you have not heard from our friendly staff, that's good news! IT MEANS YOU'RE IN!

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Join us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and TikTok to hear the latest news about Upper Gwynedd Township Parks and Rec!

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PARK RULES AND REGULATION REFRESHER

From time to time, it is important to review some park rules to make sure all park users are safe and enjoy their visit. All Upper Gwynedd parks rules and regulations are posted in parks and are enforced. We are highlighting a few in this newsletter. Thanks for your continued help with these.

Smoke Free Parks

"Young Lungs at Play" is Upper Gwynedd's motto. We have all heard the negative effects of smoking; it compromises the immune system, increases respiratory infections, causes heart and lung damage, increases the risk for osteoporosis, increases the risk for cancer, and more. Even secondhand smoke can cause the same diseases in those who have never smoked. Act 27 of 2008, The Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA) regulates smoking in public places and workplaces across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For help to quit, please call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669). Let's work toward a healthier Upper Gwynedd!

All Dogs Must be on Leashes

No animals are allowed in the park or recreational areas unless attended and controlled by a leash (under our general legislation, chapter 134.) The individual in charge of an animal entering any park or recreational area is required to be in possession of proper implements for the gathering and disposing of animal feces. All feces will be collected immediately, removed from the park or recreational area, and disposed in accordance with accepted sanitary standards.

Please Don't Feed the Wild Animals

We know that it's hard to resist, but it causes them to depend on humans and several things will happen:

- They will become sick from eating unnatural foods that their bodies can't process.
- They will stop foraging for food, which will upset the ecosystem in our parks.
- They will become aggressive towards humans and other wildlife.
- More wildlife may gather and will cause overcrowding.

For these concerns, we ask that you please don't feed the wildlife in our parks!

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FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

All special events are tentative and subject to change, please check our website or Facebook page for any changes as the event approaches.

Upper Gwynedd Township 32nd Annual Carnival

Thursday, September 7 – Sunday, September 10

LOCATION 1 Parkside Place, North Wales, PA
TIME Thursday, September 7: 6:00–10:00pm
 Friday, September 8: 6:00–10:00pm
 Saturday, September 9: 1:00–10:00pm (only Fireworks night)
 Sunday, September 10: 1:00–5:00pm

It is back and better than ever! Join us for the Upper Gwynedd Township 32nd Annual Carnival. **New in 2023:** We will be pre-selling wristbands. Details on our website: www.uppergwynedd.org.



Concert in the Park: River of Dreams - Billy Joel Tribute

Wednesday, September 20

Grab your blanket & lawn chairs and come see the River Of Dreams Billy Joel Tribute band! A food truck will have refreshments available during this concert.

LOCATION 1 Parkside Place Park, Debarth Amphitheater
TIME 7:00–8:30pm
FEE FREE (food truck will be available for purchases)

UG Parks and Rec and Blind Sports Organization presents: SPORTS SATURDAY IS BACK!

Saturday, September 30

LOCATION Parkside Place Park: Fields
TIME 10:00am–3:00pm
FEE FREE (pre-registration is required)
AGES 6+ Blind and VI individuals, siblings, and parents

Sports Day is an opportunity for individuals who are blind or visually impaired to be introduced to some of the many adaptive sports opportunities available in the community. Participants will have the opportunity to attend introductory sessions run by experienced volunteers. Introduction sessions may include Goalball, Beep Baseball, Blind Soccer, Blind Tennis, Tandem Cycling, Guide Running, Beep Kickball, Gymnastics, and Judo. No experience necessary and all ability levels are welcome. Our program leaders will also be on hand to answer questions about their sports. Whether you want to train to be a Paralympian or just want a fun activity to get moving, you'll find a place at Sports Day!

Who: All blind & VI (ages 6+) who can follow directions, function fairly independently, and participate in physical activities. No experience necessary. Sighted siblings welcome. Parents, PE teachers, O&M instructors, Adapted PE & Therapeutic Rec. students, & other VI professionals are encouraged to volunteer or observe. Adults who are blind & VI are welcome as well! This event is open to all ages of blind & VI individuals.

Fall Fest

Saturday, October 21

LOCATION 1 Parkside Place North Wales, PA
TIME 11:00am–3:00pm
FEE Minimal cost for crafts, food

Join us for a fun afternoon full of vendors, children's crafts, hayrides, Touch-A-Truck, entertainment, and much more! Information on our website: www.uppergwynedd.org. Vendors can register here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fallfest2023



Parents Night Out!

Friday, October 27

LOCATION Community Center
TIME 5:00–8:00pm
FEE \$40
AGES 4-11



Join UGT for our Parents Night Out costume party! Drop your kids off in their costumes for a Halloween party with festive games, crafts, and more! Pizza and dessert will be provided.

NYC Bus Trip

Monday, November 20

TIME Depart UG: 8:30am Arrive NYC: 10:30am
 Show Starts: 2:00pm Show Ends: 3:30pm
 Depart NYC: Directly After Show
 Return UG: 6:30pm
FEE \$210/person

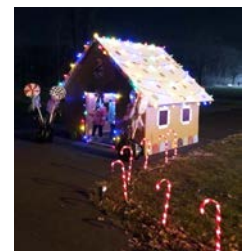
Join Upper Gwynedd Township & Lansdale Borough for a day in NYC! See the 2023 Christmas Spectacular show starring the Radio City Rockettes in their annual musical holiday stage show presented at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Price includes bus, tickets to show (premium seating) and driver tip. Lunch on your own.

Holiday Lights Celebration

Friday, December 1

LOCATION 1 Parkside Place, North Wales, PA
TIME 6:00–8:00pm
COST 1 Toy for Tots per family

Bring your family and see our amazing light creation. There will also be horse drawn carriage rides, entertainment, light refreshments, games, crafts and much more! For more details, check our website.





ADULT WORKSHOPS

Stamping and Paper Crafting Class
Sundays, September 17, October 1,
November 5 & December 3**LOCATION** Parkside Place: Community Center**TIME** 1:00–2:30pm**FEE** \$30 per workshop**AGES** 18+ (teens under the age of 18 welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult)

Discover how easy it is to make beautiful projects by hand using stamping, die cutting and other paper crafting techniques. Each class will feature a selection of greeting cards, treat boxes, home decor or other items fit for the current season, or any occasion. You'll leave the class with three to five completed projects to take home. Sign up for one or multiple classes (not a series). *Class fee includes all supplies.*

Know Your Medicare Options
Thursday, September 21**LOCATION** Parkside Place:
Main Meeting Room**TIME** 6:30–8:00pm**FEE** FREE (You **MUST** register for this event)**AGES** Adult

During this educational seminar, you will learn how Medicare works and what it covers, how Part "D" prescription cards work, how to pick the right one for you, and the difference between Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans. Run by DelVal Senior Advisors.

NEW! **Puppy Yoga**
Saturday, December 16**LOCATION** Parkside Place:
Community Center**TIME** 10:30–11:30am**FEE** \$32 per person**AGES** 8+ (ages 14 & under must be accompanied by an adult)

Join us for our first ever Puppy Yoga! We will be partnering with Whole Body Yoga studio and Last Chance Ranch to host this special event! All attendees must be a paid participant. Those of all skill levels are welcome to join this fun class!

ADULT FITNESS/LESSONS

Sculpt and Define**Fall Session 1:**

Mondays, September 11 – October 16

Fall Session 2:

Mondays, October 30 – December 11

(No class the week of Thanksgiving)

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Community Center**TIME** 6:15–7:15pm**FEE** \$45 per person**AGES** 18+

Whether you want to get in shape for fall or just feel better about yourself, this super-slimming, muscle building, body-sculpting class will help you lose weight and BURN calories. It is a low-impact fat burning aerobic and strength training style class, which shapes the whole-body using resistance bands, weights, exercise balls, and cardio drills. This class will help you tone and build muscle definition.

Power Pump**Fall Session 1:**

Wednesdays, September 13 – October 18

Fall Session 2:

Wednesdays, November 1 – December 13

(No class the week of Thanksgiving)

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Community Center**TIME** 6:15–7:15pm**FEE** \$45 per person**AGES** 18+

Increase muscle activation, burn calories faster, and maximize results in our Power Pump class. With new innovative weight training equipment, you are sure to see quick results. The class is a muscle sculpting class limited to 17 people. Only thing you need to bring is your mat and an open mind to a fitter, healthier you!

Adult Tennis Lessons with Kristina AllingWednesdays, September 13 – October 11
(With 10/18 make-up day)**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park:
Tennis Courts**TIME** 7:00–8:00pm**FEE** \$75 per person**AGES** 18+ Adult Advanced Beginner**Pickleball Meet Up**

April 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023

TIME Sunday & Monday: OFF
Tues, Wed & Thurs: 5:30–8pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am–12pm

FEE \$30 residents
\$50 non-residents

To control crowds at our four pickleball courts, we have created a "Meet Up" group to help players organize themselves.

BEFORE JOINING THIS GROUP, you MUST (You will not be added until both steps are taken):

1. Register at: ugtparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home
2. Once paid, request to join the Meet Up group here: www.meetup.com/upper-gwynedd-2023-pickleball-meetup-group. Please make a profile on the meet-up site that includes your first and last name and a photo of yourself.

Pickleball Lessons with Jerry Tozzi
Beginner Fall Session 1:

Mondays, September 5 (the only Tuesday due to holiday) – September 25

Beginner Fall Session 2:

Mondays, October 2 – October 23

Intermediate Fall Session 1:

Thursdays, September 7 – September 28

Intermediate Fall Session 2:

Thursdays, October 5 – October 26

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:
Pickleball Courts

TIME 9:00–10:00am

FEE \$45 per person

AGES 18+

Enjoyed by players of all ages & skill levels. Beginners will be taught all facets of the game including mechanics, shot selection, strategies, and keeping score. Intermediates looking to improve their game will be given strategies, drills, and tips to enhance their game to the next level.



PRE-K PROGRAMS

Let's Get Messy

Fall Session 1:

Wednesdays, September 6 – October 11

Fall Session 2:

Wednesdays, November 1 – December 6

LOCATION Community Center
TIME 10:00–10:45am
FEE \$65
AGES 1-5 years

In this parent and child class, you and your child will “get messy” during this fun art class for preschoolers. Kids will dive into playdough, sand, paint, shaving cream, and much more in this 45-minute class filled with fun and creativity! *Please wear old clothes and bring a smock.*



NEW!

Tuesday Class Added! Mini Moovers & Groovers

Fall Session 1:

Tuesdays, September 19 – October 10
(4 week session)

Fall Session 2:

Tuesdays, October 24 – December 5
(NO class 11/7)

LOCATION Community Center
TIME 10:00–10:45am
FEE \$45 (4-week session) &
\$65 (6-week session)
AGES 18 months-5 years

Wednesday Mini Moovers & Groovers

Fall Session 1:

Wednesdays, September 6 – October 11

Fall Session 2:

Wednesdays, November 1 – December 6

LOCATION Community Center
TIME 11:00–11:45am
FEE \$65
AGES 18 months-5 years

Upper Gwynedd is very excited to be offering this “Parent and Me Class.” You and your child will be getting your bodies moving with stretches, games, activities and fun relays each week. Get your preschool child up and moving with this fun filled class taught by Miss Laura. *Please wear comfortable shoes & bring a water bottle.*

Let's Experiment

Thursday, October 5 & November 2

LOCATION Community Center
TIME 10:00–10:45am
FEE \$15 per class
AGES 3-5 years

Join us for a morning full of kid friendly experiments! We will make play dough, slime, & much more!

Fun with Food

Thursday, October 12

LOCATION Community Center
TIME 10:00–10:45am &
11:00–11:45am
FEE \$15
AGES 3-5 years

Join Miss Laura for this parent/child pop up class! Students will make rainbow bread, dirt pudding, & more!

Leaps & Beats: Dance Class

Thursdays, November 30 – December 28

LOCATION Main Meeting Room
TIME 4:30–5:15pm
FEE \$75 per session
AGES 3-5 years

Leaps & Beats provides dance instruction for dancers ages 3-5 in a positive, enthusiastic environment. The program encourages students to develop a love for dance while learning ballet, jazz, and hip-hop style dance. In addition, dancers will be encouraged to use their imagination and create their own unique style to the dance floor while incorporating props, dancing to upbeat music, and enjoying fun games!

NEW!

Winter Wonderland: Pre-K Party

Friday, December 8

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Community Center
TIME 10:00–11:00am
FEE \$13 per person
AGES 18 months-5 years
(parent/child class)

Join us for a fun morning of winter activities including games, family exercises, winter crafts, and snacks! *You MUST register for this event.*

Pre-School Drawing Classes with Young Rembrandts

Saturdays, September 16 – December 9
(NO class Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Nov. 25)

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:
Community Center
TIME 10:00–10:45am
FEE \$200 per person
AGES 4-6 yrs

The Young Rembrandts pre-school program is specifically designed with the needs of our youngest learners in mind. We use subjects they're familiar with such as animals and toys, as well as their favorite learning tools - pictures, stories, touching, and doing - to enhance social and conflict resolution skills while improving listening, fine-motor skills, and time-on-task.

Jump Start T-Birds-T-Ball

Wednesdays, September 6 – October 11

LOCATION West Point Park
TIME 5:30pm OR 7:30pm
(players attend on a rotating schedule)
FEE \$110
AGES 3-6 years

A fun and highly instructional introduction to baseball for boys and girls. Players learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and base running, and then apply what they have learned in fun, non-competitive games. Jump Start Sports staff members conduct the instruction and oversee the game play while volunteer parent team coaches assist.

Jump Start Hummingbird Soccer

Thursdays, September 7 – October 12

LOCATION West Point Park
TIME 5:30pm OR 7:30pm
FEE \$105
AGES 3-6 years

Children have fun and learn the basics of soccer in an age-appropriate program. Players learn dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, defending, and positioning. Each session consists of instruction in all aspects of the game, participation in fun drills designed to teach skills, and fun, low-key, non-competitive games.



YOUTH SPORTS

Coming
Soon!**Fall Youth Cheerleading
& Tumbling**

Please check our website
for more details on these Fall
Cheer classes!

Mommy and Me: 18 months-3 years
Cheertykes: 3-4 years
Mini Megaphones: 5-6 years
Cheer Divas: 7-10 years

Introductory
classes helping
children ages 18
months to 10 years
learn the basics
of cheerleading
and tumbling! All
classes will teach
jumps, motions,
tumbling, dances,
stunts and more.

Each class will have fun cheer music
and cheer games! Get ready to be a
#Cheerboss!

**i9 Fall Basketball**

Sundays, September 17 – October 22

LOCATION Parkside Place Park: Fields
TIME 10:00am–4:00pm (*specific
time slots will be determined as
program gets closer*)
FEE \$185 per person
AGES 4-14 years
REGISTER www.i9sports.com or visit
our website for more details

i9 Sports Basketball
will help participants
gain an understanding
and appreciation
for playing the
game “the right
way.” The schematic
curriculum teaches
the fundamentals
of dribbling, passing, shooting, offense,
defense, Game Strategy and Teamwork in
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Certified Staff. All athletes, regardless of
skill level, will learn basketball skills along
with valuable sportsmanship lessons such
as respect, teamwork, and responsibility.



NEW!

**Jump Start Sports
Intro to Pickleball**

Mondays, September 11 – October 16

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:
Tennis Courts
TIME 4:30–6:30pm
FEE \$110 per person
AGES 6-12 years
REGISTER campusui.active.com or
visit our website for
more details

Introductory Pickleball is a fun oriented
introduction to the sport culminating in
a tournament with competition among
children from several communities
competing by gender and age. There will
be three instructional sessions culminating
with a season end tournament.

**PSCTA Tennis Lessons**

Tuesdays, September 12 – October 10
(with 10/17 make-up day)

TIME 5-6 years old: 5:00–5:45pm
7-8 years old: 5:45–6:30pm
9-10 years old: 6:30–7:30pm

Thursdays, September 14 – October 12
(with 10/19 make-up day)

TIME 5-6 years old: 5:15–6:00pm
7-8 years old: 6:00–6:45pm
9-10 years old: 6:45–7:45pm

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:
Tennis Courts
FEE \$75 per person
AGES 5-10 years

Tennis Lessons with Kristina Alling
Wednesdays, September 13 – October 11
(with 10/18 make-up day)

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:
Tennis Courts
TIME Tween (11-12): 5:00–6:00pm
Teen (13-18): 6:0–7:00pm
FEE \$75 per person
AGES 11-18 years

Soccer Starters by Total Soccer
Saturdays, September 16 – October 28
(NO soccer on 10/21)

LOCATION Parkside Place Park: Fields
(will be held at West Point Park on 9/30)
TIME 3-4 years: 9:00–10:00am
5-6 years: 10:00–11:00am
7-8 years: 11:00am–12:00pm
FEE \$160 per person
AGES 3-8 years

Soccer Starters 1 (3-4 years old):

We know the importance of engagement
in the learning process - it's essential to
first get kids interested and motivated
before they can absorb the necessary
lessons involved in our soccer training
programs. Thematic games and fun
exercises are designed to inspire and
challenge young players, but also allow
them to meet with successes that keep
them interested in learning more. Learning
the fundamentals and developing a love
for the game starts here.

**Soccer Starters 2
(5-6 years old):**

Through instructional
gameplay and moves
taught in our Soccer
Starters Curriculum,
participants will refine
body awareness/
movement, reinforce social & listening
skills, and build on the concept of team
play & cooperation in preparation for
the jump to travel soccer. Sessions will
conclude with a scrimmage each week.

**What they learn:**

- Advanced skills that can be utilized in small sided games.
- How to refine body awareness and movement.
- The concept of team play.
- Social and listening skills.

Soccer Starters 3 (7-8 years old):

60 Minute training session dedicated to all
technical aspects of the game. Players will
focus on ball striking, 1v1 and ball mastery
exercises. A 6-week course where the
instructor will have a dedicated topic for
each session. Sessions will conclude with a
scrimmage each week.



TEEN EVENTS

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

Saturday, October 15

LOCATION UGT Main Meeting Room
TIME 9:00am–3:00pm
FEE \$75 per person
AGES 11-18 yrs boys and girls

This certification course provides teens with the confidence and skills to care for youngsters. Prospective employers will be happy to hire babysitters who have acquired this official recognition. Upon completion of the course, you will receive an ARC Certification Card, as well as childcare concepts. You must attend the entire course, pass the evaluations, and show the maturity to properly care for children. Please bring a lunch, pen or pencil.

NEW! Teen Man Hunt in the Park

Friday, September 22

LOCATION Parkside Place Park: Pavilion & Fields
TIME 6:30–9:00pm
FEE \$25 per person
AGES 12-15 years

Send your teens off to play Man Hunt in a safe spot with the company of their friends! The evening will begin with dinner and snacks. Following dinner, the games will begin! Teens will be able to use our park for the game. Rules will be reviewed with participants prior to the start of the game. Rules must be followed in order to participate in this game.

Coming Soon! Teen Winter Break Camp

December 26 – 28

TIME 8:30am–6:00pm
(times will be slightly different depending on each trip.)
AGES 12-15 years

UGT Parks and Recreation will be offering a Teen Winter Break Trip Camp. Each day, the teens and staff will get on a bus from Parkside's Pool Parking Lot and travel to a different location to have a fun-filled day! Check our website for more information about this camp and keep an eye out for registration details.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Play-Well TEKnologies: LEGO® Class

Wednesdays, September 13 – October 18

LOCATION Parkside Place Park: Community Center
TIME 4:15–5:15pm
FEE \$135 per person
AGES 5-12 years

Minecraft Engineering with LEGO® Materials: Venture into the world of Minecraft in our unique LEGO® experience. Get ready to build your base, craft your tools, use your Minecart to harvest raw resources, and battle to stop the Ender Dragon from ending the world. Come explore the endless possibilities of LEGO® with a trained Play-Well instructor.



Elementary Drawing Class with Young Rembrandts

Saturdays, September 16 – December 9
(NO classes on Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Nov. 25)

LOCATION Parkside Place Park: Community Center
TIME 11:00am–12:00pm
FEE \$200 per person
AGES 7-14 years

Our elementary learners are at the crucial time of development when they decide whether they're good at something or not. This decision will affect not only the rest of their academic career, but their lifetime learning as well. The Young Rembrandts elementary program provides the tools this age-group needs to succeed at drawing - a teaching tool from which the majority of learners prefer and ALL learners benefit! Our program works because it's not only hands-on and visual... it's simply fun. Add to this our innovative guided instruction, topics that kids love and relate to, and instructors that know how to reach this group; we take kids from thinking they're not 'artists' to knowing they can achieve this, and everything else, they put their minds to.

Funky Forces w/ Mad Science

Fridays, September 29 – November 10
(NO class on Friday, Oct. 27)

LOCATION Parkside Place Park: Community Center
TIME 4:30–5:30pm
FEE \$138 per person
AGES 6-12 years

Eliminate the mystery in chemistry & the forces that make our world work! Learn the secrets behind famous magic tricks, experience awesome forces, build some cool devices & watch them work! Build loop-de-loop flying stunt planes, use a vortex generator to create air pockets with a punch, experiment with gravity & create your own crazy crystal gardens!

Winter Break Pottery Camp

Tuesday, December 26 – Friday, December 29

LOCATION Parkside Place Park: Community Center
TIME 9:00am–12:00pm
FEE \$200 per person
AGES 5+

Our winter break camp is a great way to spend a week getting to know the art of ceramics, while meeting new friends and fellow artists.

Each day begins with a new lesson on hand building, followed by a guided project incorporating the new technique taught. We will also be dabbling with modeling clay (oil-based polymer.) All terracotta projects will be glazed by the participants and then taken back to INDI studios at the end of the week to be fired. All pieces will be available for pick up within 10 days from the last day of camp. Please bring a light snack and drink. All supplies included. For pictures of previous projects check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/indistudio.org or find us on Instagram @INDIStudio1. For more information, go to www.InDistudio.org.



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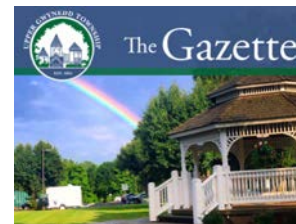
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UPCOMING MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

9/4/2023	Holiday: Labor Day	Offices Closed
9/6/2023	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
9/12/2023	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
9/13/2023	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
9/18/2023	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9/19/2023	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
9/26/2023	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10/4/2023	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
10/9/2023	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
10/11/2023	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
10/17/2023	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
10/19/2023	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
10/24/2023	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11/1/2023	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
11/6/2023	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11/8/2023	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
11/10/2023	Holiday: Veteran's Day (Observed)	Offices Closed
11/13/2023	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
11/15/2023	Police Pension Board	1:00 pm
11/21/2023	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
11/23/2023	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day	Offices Closed
11/24/2023	Holiday: Thanksgiving	Offices Closed
11/28/2023	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12/6/2023	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
12/11/2023	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
12/13/2023	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
12/18/2023	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
12/19/2023	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12/25/2023	Holiday: Christmas	Offices Closed



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Go to our website and click the e-subscribe button and add your email address to our list. That's all there is to it to stay up to date on all Township news!

FOR SEWER BILL PAYMENTS

By Mail: Please note that payments MUST BE MAILED to Upper Gwynedd Township, P.O. Box 95000-5950, Philadelphia PA 19195-5950.

A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Be sure to write your account number on the check and include your payment stub!

Online: Visit our website www.uppergwynedd.org to pay online. Credit card payments will not be accepted by phone.

Bill Pay: Payments sent from your bank should be mailed to Upper Gwynedd Township, 1 Parkside Place, North Wales PA 19454. *Be sure to include your account number.*

In Person: Walk-in payments will be accepted at the Township Building.