



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.

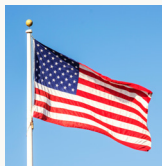


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UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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North Wales, PA 19454
Ph: (215) 699-7777
www.uppergwynedd.org

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

UGT Capital Plan 2023

During our budget process in 2022 we introduced a five-year capital plan for all departments in the Township. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends that state and local governments prepare and adopt comprehensive, fiscally sustainable, and multi-year capital plans to ensure effective management of capital assets. As you will see, our plan addresses many different facets of our community: roads, stormwater, wastewater, walkability, environmental projects, and security. These are your tax dollars at work, and we are proud of the upgrades to our community presented in this year's plan.

2023 Projects:

- **Administration Building Security Upgrade:** This \$200,000 project has

a goal of securing our building. We currently have an open concept entry area and will be upgrading our security by placing bullet resistant glass in our entry way and securing visitors via a supervised entry system.



- **2023 Roads Program:** This \$1,015,000 project includes the milling and overlay of portions of S. Broad Street, Hancock Road, Forrest Lane, and Rexdale Development ADA ramps.

- **Jacks Lane Streambank Restoration:** This \$30,000 project is in the engineering stage this year for construction in future years. The project will count towards our MS4 requirements (DEP and EPA unfunded mandate that requires municipalities to reduce sediment loads in stormwater) for stormwater management and will clean up a streambank and reduce erosion.

- **Haines Run Streambank Restoration Project:** This multiyear project is completing engineering this year and will begin construction late this fall. The project is funded via three separate grants, two for engineering and one for construction. We have received grant funding for this project in the amount of \$948,000. This project also will count towards our MS4 requirements for stormwater management and will clean up a streambank, reduce erosion and help tame flooding concerns for our Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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- Meadow at Hartley Place Open Space:** This \$30,000 project will transform grassy areas at the corner of Hartley Place and Broad Street into meadow areas. This allows for better infiltration of stormwater and satisfies our MS4 Requirements. We have applied for grant funding to help offset these costs.
- Sumneytown Pike Bridge Replacement:** The bridge crosses the Wissahickon Creek near Boston Style and was constructed in the 1920's. The Bridge is Scour Critical, a designation given by PennDOT and needs replacement. It is safe to drive on now, but in order to avoid an unsafe future issue we will be replacing it. As part of this project, we hope to incorporate the walking area onto the main thoroughfare bridge, and this would enable us to move the current pedestrian bridge to another location in order to increase walkability in our community! More to come on this. This project is a \$1.6 million dollar project, offset by a \$1.2 million dollar grant from PennDOT. This year is focused on design; construction will likely occur in the summer of 2024.
- Illuminated Traffic and Pedestrian Signage Project:** This \$98,704 project is being funded via a grant from Montgomery County with a small match from the Township to improve pedestrian crossings at several locations throughout the Township. A mast arm and illuminated Pedestrian Crossing will be installed at Moyer Blvd and North Wales Road, where the Wissahickon Trails path crosses the roadway.

Additional work as part of this project includes: Four (4) flashing LED stop signs at Garfield Avenue & Supplee Road, Two (2) flashing LED stop signs at Township Line Road & North Wales Road, Two (2) flashing LED crosswalk sign assemblies with push button activation at each of the following crossings: Gwyn-Nor Elementary School (139 Hancock Road), crossing Hancock Road, West Point Pike & Park Road, crossing West Point Pike, Gwynedd Square Elementary School (1641 Supplee Road), crossing Supplee Road and Hancock Road & Marlyn's Lane, crossing Hancock Road.
- West Prospect Drainage Improvement Project:** Drainage in this area of the Township has been a continuous issue. This \$145,000 project will aim to direct water through our stormwater system instead of across the roadways.
- Oakland and Meadowbrook Drainage Improvement Project:** Drainage in this area of the Township has been a continuous issue. This \$85,000 project will aim to direct water through our stormwater system instead of across the roadways.
- LED Streetlight Replacement Project:** This project will save the Township over \$250,000 in electricity costs over the next 20 years. The project will replace our existing streetlight bulbs with LED bulbs. This project construction is expected to occur this spring.
- Infiltration and Inflow Repair Project:** Inflow and infiltration into our Wastewater System wastes money and time by requiring us to treat clean stormwater like wastewater. We have dedicated over \$1 million dollars this year to find and repair inflow and infiltration in our system.

Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month in March, the Board of Commissioners recognized the female First Responders from Upper Gwynedd Police Department, Upper Gwynedd Fire Department, North Penn Fire Department and Volunteer Medical Services Corps who tirelessly work and serve to help others and keep our community safe.

UGPD

Ofc Dana Hallam
Ofc Alisa Buonanno

UGFD

QRS Lieutenant Michelle Infusino
FF/EMT Kylie Barco
FF Sarah Mendoza
Jr FF Audrey Kerney
FF/EMT Ashley Mellinger
Lt Amanda Hoade
QRS Member Breonna Thompson
QRS Member Ciara Nagle
QRS Member Cailyn Nagle
EMT Tori Bone
EMT Madison Eppers
EMT/ JR FF Kaitlyn Morse
FF Jeninne Lukens

NPFD

Jessica Smith
Jenna Thomas

VMSC

Lori Dusza, Deputy Chief
Raisa Wheeler, Captain
Rebecca Robinson, Captain
Abigail Akins, Lieutenant
Amanda Gurecki, EMT
Diane Kirk, EMT
Melanie Sorgini, EMT
Nancy Walsh, EMT
Patti Kostrubiak, EMT
Connie Glorioso,
EMT/ Dispatcher
Rachel Bermes, Paramedic





FIRE MARSHAL/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

All throughout 2022 and into the early months of 2023, the Fire Marshal's Office has gone through a lot of changes. The Fire Marshal (full-time) and Deputy Fire Marshal (part-time) positions have been brought on as Township employees as opposed to the contracted stipend positions that they have been in the past. One of our first challenges was to find our identity and to increase the presence of the Fire Marshal's Office in the Community!

We took a deep dive into designing a new patch/logo that reflects our responsibilities to those who live and work in Upper Gwynedd Township. This new logo displays the Township's Crest as well as the two offices that we are sworn to uphold, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management. This patch is proudly displayed on the new uniforms that we wear every day and on the sides of our vehicles that respond to emergency calls throughout the Township and surrounding communities. While public safety has always been our focus, I can confidently say that we proudly represent our newly re-imagined department well!



One of our primary goals this year is to increase the number and quality of Fire and Life Safety Inspections that are conducted throughout commercial properties in Upper Gwynedd. These inspections aim to find and mitigate common fire hazards found in buildings, as well as making sure that all life safety features are in place and working properly! We will be looking for improper use of extension cords, proper storage of chemicals and other items, in-date inspection tags on fire suppression systems and fire extinguishers, and much more.

For a list of the 25 most common International Fire Code violations found in businesses, please look at the pinned post on our Facebook page, Upper Gwynedd Township Fire Marshal's Office/ Emergency Management (www.facebook.com/UGTEMA).

Zoning Department SUB-DIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Under Construction:

- Gwynedd Park (Hancock Rd. behind Sanctuary Church) 30 twin homes – All homes complete and occupied
- Merck & Co. (West Point Campus) Buildings 50, Boiler 11, 32, and 63A – under construction
- 645 Jones Ave. – 3 lot subdivision was under construction. Currently there is no activity
- West Prospect Ave. (former Saint Rose Ballfield) 5-lot subdivision. All houses complete, 5 occupied
- 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 – 5 homes complete, 1 under construction
- 779-783 Sumneytown Pike, Wheatley Walk, 17 Townhomes – First of three buildings complete, second building

under construction; third building nearly complete

- 445 West Prospect Ave. – New single-family dwelling complete
- 180 Wissahickon Ave. – Approved by Commissioners and under construction
- 211 Gwynedd Ave. – New single-family dwelling, nearly complete

Approved:

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

Proposed:

- 209 Morris Rd. – 1 new lot – no activity
- 615 West Prospect Ave. – New single-family dwelling. Grading Plan approved.
- Moyer Blvd. & West Point Pike – 10 twin homes
- 325 Morris Rd. – 4 new single-family lots, no activity
- New Wawa Store with gas at Valley Forge Rd. and Sumneytown Pike. Existing building to be demolished. Currently being considered by the Zoning Hearing Board.
- 212 Church Rd. – Secure Storage has proposed 2nd building.

TIPS FROM THE ZONING CORNER:

- Please remember that accessory structures such as sheds and detached garages require Building Permits.
- New fences and fence replacement require Building Permits. Please remember that the maximum height is 6 ft. 6 in. and that fences may not occupy a utility easement. In addition, there are clear sight requirements for corner lots adjacent to street intersections.
- Fences around pools require a Safety Barrier Permit from the Building Code Official.
- Sign Regulations:
 - » No Permanent sign may be erected unless a permit is first issued from the Zoning Department.
 - » If someone places a sign on your property without permission, then you may remove it (except for police or municipal notifications).
 - » No sign shall be permitted within the legal right-of-way of the street. They are considered potentially dangerous and a safety distraction to the traveling public. This includes all temporary signs such as those for real estate sale or contractors.
 - » Signs erected without a permit are considered a Zoning Violation and if situated within a street right-of-way then will be removed by the Zoning Officer.
- Zoning Information: Do not hesitate to contact Upper Gwynedd Township Administration for questions, application forms, fees and for permitted location and setbacks required for new building construction.



Environmental Advisory Council

The EAC is also sponsoring a Rain Barrel Workshop on June 15th. See the article below for more information. Keep an eye out in the weekly Gazette and on social media for other workshops and events coming this Summer, including a composting workshop.

Also, on March 25th, the EAC hosted a program on PECO's Home Energy Audit Program and offered free energy audits to township residents. PECO discussed ways to improve home energy efficiency while reducing energy costs and having a positive impact on the environment. If you missed this event, check out the Home Energy Audit Program on PECO's website. An Energy Audit involves a brief home visit by an advisor, free LED lightbulbs if recommended, a report on how to improve energy efficiency in your home, and a list of rebates and discounts available to you through various programs. The cost to the homeowner is currently \$49.00 if you missed the March 25th program. If you are interested in working with the EAC, we meet every month on the 1st Wednesday at the Township Building. Suggestions and volunteers are always appreciated.



WHY SHOULD I USE A RAIN BARREL?

Stormwater is water that does not infiltrate into the ground; it flows across the ground and impervious surfaces into streams, rivers, lakes, etc. Homeowners can implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce the amount of stormwater leaving their property.

Installing rain barrels under downspouts is one low-cost BMP that can help reduce runoff. Rain barrels collect rainwater from rooftops during each rain event. The collected water can then be used around the landscape. You can use the water to water gardens and lawns, clean garden tools, fill fountains, extinguish campfires, etc.

Benefits of using a rain barrel:

- Reduces runoff and non-point source pollution: Rain barrels will capture rainwater from the roof that would otherwise become runoff. Stormwater runoff picks up pollutants such as soil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, trash, animal waste, road salts, chemicals, etc. and transports them to waterways. These pollutants impair waterways and can harm aquatic life and human health.
- Reduces erosion and flooding: Increased amounts of stormwater runoff increases erosion and flooding. Capturing some of the water will reduce velocity and peak flows.
- Saves drinking water resources and money: According to the US EPA, 30% of daily water use is used outdoors. Using the rain barrel's stored water around the landscape saves water resources and reduces the amount of water purchased from municipal sources.
- Good water source for plants: Rainwater is healthy for plants. It is often softer than tap water and does not contain chlorine.

Rain barrels vary in size and are suitable for homes and larger buildings. To accommodate runoff from larger rooftops, multiple barrels can be connected to capture more water. Every rain barrel should have an overflow. Be sure to direct the overflow to a garden or lawn, rather than to an impervious surface like a sidewalk or driveway. Rain barrel maintenance is minimal but important. Check parts routinely and disconnect and clean the barrel once per year. Be sure there is no exposed, standing water where mosquitoes can breed. During winter months, disconnect the barrel and store it in a shed or garage or keep the faucet open so water does not freeze causing the barrel to crack. If you have additional questions about stormwater, or you are just interested in learning more, you can find a full series of videos and articles in the Penn State Extension Stormwater Basics series (extension.psu.edu/stormwater-basics).





**UPPER GWYNEDD
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION (UGCA)**
*Supporting Township &
Community Programs, Projects
and Activities*

We cannot thank the Township residents and companies enough for their generous tax-deductible contributions through the UGCA for the Township projects and activities.



Fury and Gunner, our new canine dogs, are appreciative of the care and feeding they are receiving. Continuing support is needed to achieve the goal of \$6,000 for a full year. They say woof, woof - thank you!

The Police are most grateful for the contributions being made for the retrofit of an existing police car for the D.A.R.E. Program. Funds of \$6,500 are needed for this work that will include features that will provide education of our youth in preventing drug abuse.

Funds are needed for continuing support for scholarships for deserving children to attend summer camps and other Parks and Rec children's programs.

For your convenience, tax deductible donations can be made by using the following UGCA QR Code which can be read by a smartphone.



Public Works Department **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

In Upper Gwynedd Township, the Public Works Department maintains over 50 miles of roadways. Many of these roadways are resurfaced during the Spring and Summer months through "milling and overlaying" and "micro-surfacing" processes. The roads are selected after a detailed inspection and the work is then contracted out. What is the difference between these two processes you may ask? Milling and Overlay involves grinding off and re-blacktopping the top one-and-a-half inches of the road surface.

Roadways that are scheduled for mill and overlay in 2023:

- Broad Street between Sumneytown Pike and Garfield Avenue
- Hancock Road between North Wales Road and the Nor-Gwyn Baseball Fields
- Forest Lane

Once the roads have been re-blacktopped, the Township contracts to have those roads micro-surfaced with Ralumac about three years after. This cold-applied asphalt-like material is designed for all types of surfaces and provides excellent stability to roadways in summer and winter. When applied, it is coarse, but as it is driven on over time, it will smooth out. This process lasts 6-9 years and extends the life of the roads significantly.

Roads scheduled to be micro-surfaced in 2023 are:

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| • Conway Place | • McIntosh Way | • Scott Way |
| • Flintlock Drive | • Muhlenberg Drive | • Stirling Drive |
| • General Nash Drive
(Garfield to Patriot) | • Musket Drive | • Supplee Road |
| • Hartley Place | • Patriot Drive | • Tricorn Drive |
| • Lafayette Road | • Powderhorn Drive | • Twinlyn Drive |
| | • Pulaski Drive | |

Upper Gwynedd Township always has a five-year plan for roadways scheduled to be either milled-and-overlayed or micro-surfaced. Residents will be notified via mail and/or door hangers with detailed information about the procedures involved and the dates and time of the roadwork that will affect their neighborhood. If you have any questions on the 2023 Roadwork Program, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department for additional information.

Street Sweeping

Due to the unusually warm weather we've had this winter, our Public Works crew has gotten a jump start on sweeping our Township Roadways. This will be done periodically to help remove debris from our streets and prevent it from entering our Storm Sewer Systems throughout the Township.

NOR-GWYN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Enjoy a relaxing evening at a local baseball or softball game on every day of the week from May through mid-July watching Upper Gwynedd's youth and young adults compete. Have a baseball style meal at our concession stand while watching enthusiastic youth players as young as 5 years old in the early evening. Young adults (middle school, high school, and college) play ball under the lights competing with teams from neighboring townships. As many as 7 games may be played at the same time. The Nor-Gwyn Baseball & Softball fields are located near the Pennbrook Middle School and across from Gwyn-Nor Elementary School. Play Ball!





Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips



Caring for Your Yard this Spring

Spring is here and with it comes warmer weather, rain and lots of yard work! Before you head outside to tackle your latest project, remember that what you do to your yard has a direct impact on the local environment. Luckily, there are lots of small steps that you can take as a homeowner to make your yard more eco-friendly!

Consider these tips to help you reduce stormwater pollution and provide valuable habitat for local wildlife on your property.

Visit our website to learn more:
www.perkiomenwatershed.org



Clean-up

Collect and dispose of any trash that might have blown into your yard over the winter. Mulch or compost leaves and garden cuttings from the fall so that they don't get washed into local streams.

Fertilize Carefully

Look for slow release nitrogen fertilizer since it is less likely to harm water quality. Several small fertilizer applications spread out over the growing season is better than one large application. Never apply fertilizer before it rains!

Plant Natives!

Spring is a great time to plant native trees, shrubs and perennials! Native PA species require less maintenance, are more beneficial for wildlife and absorb more stormwater than non-natives.

Mow Sharp and High

A sharp mower blade cuts grass cleanly which improves turf health. Set your mower deck to 2.5 inches or more to help reduce stormwater runoff and shade out weeds. Where possible, consider converting a section of your lawn to a native garden.

CODES DEPARTMENT Code Enforcement

With the coming of spring and summer several items regarding your property and residence should be considered.

- Trees and shrubs should be trimmed so that they do not encroach on neighboring property or public streets and sidewalks.
- If you have a pool, be sure that the electric is code compliant to avoid the potential for electric shock. In ground pools require a fence with gate locks around the perimeter. Above ground pools should have a removal ladder.
- Trim shrubs away from the exterior air conditioning components to allow air exchange.
- Decks should be checked for wood decay, rot, and signs of dilapidated or structurally unsafe conditions. Check that nails are securely attached to the structure. Each handrail should be graspable and should be firmly fastened and capable of supporting the load being imposed. Guards or spindles should be spaced so that a space no greater than 4 inches exists between each member. Any replacement items should be screwed rather than nailed.
- Brush, weeds, and grass must be cut if in excess of 12 inches throughout the growing season.
- Abandoned motor vehicles are not permitted on properties, an abandoned vehicle is any vehicle without a current registration and inspection sticker.
- Most building within the Township requires a permit. Please call the Code Department with questions. When building is completed a final inspection is required.

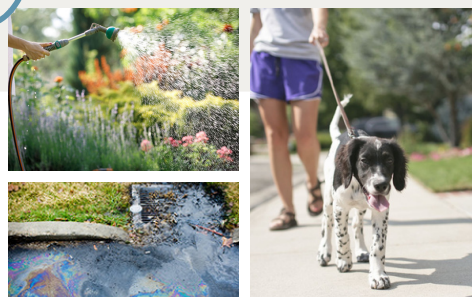
SUMMER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater runoff is a major pollutant of our local waterways. It flows from rooftops, over paved streets, sidewalks, parking lots, across bare soil and lawns. As it flows, runoff collects and transports many different kinds of pollutants. This water drains directly into nearby creeks and streams without being treated at a sewage plant.

Luckily, there are many steps that you can take to help reduce the amount of pollutants entering our waterways.

Here are some tips to manage stormwater pollution this summer:

- **Pick up after your dog.** Their waste is not natural, its full of bacteria and excess nutrients that will create algae blooms and contaminate local waterways.
- **Water your lawn & garden slowly.** Only water your grass and plants when necessary. When watering, be sure to do so slowly to reduce runoff. Consider investing in irrigation hoses or gator bags where possible.
- **Wash your car the right way.** Either wash it at a car wash that filters wastewater, or in a grassy area.



Visit our website to learn more:
www.perkiomenwatershed.org



From the North Wales Area Library

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

BOOK CLUBS

We have 4 to choose from:

- Third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm
- Fourth Wednesday of the Month at 2 pm
- Preview Book Club meets when titles are available
- The Cookbook Club meets a Monday every other month. Details on the website.

ATTRACTION PASSES

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

GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS

May 8, June 12, August 14 at 6:45 pm

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 13 at 9 am

Library Gardens

USED BOOK SALE

May 5 and 6 from 8 am–4 pm

Community Rooms at the Library

Stop in for a bag of hardback and/or paperback books for all ages. May 6 \$5 a bag! Donations of hard and paperback used books, puzzles and DVDs will be accepted until April 26.

SUMMER READING CLUB 2023

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Wednesdays, June 21 - August 23,

11 am–7 pm, are family reading days.

Special events will be held weekly; details for these events can be found at www.northwaleslibrary.org.

Registration begins June 1.

DONATE YOUR CAR TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

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.

CRAFT/ART PROJECTS

Each Monday starting June 26 at 5 pm

Registration required.

SUMMER FAMILY MOVIES AT 5 PM

May 31: UP
 June 7: Inside out
 June 14: Zootopia
 June 21: Mulan
 August 2: Princess and the Frog
 August 9: Moana
 August 16: Pets
 August 23: Encanto

AUTHOR VISITS – *Registration required.*

Steve Dragon • June 21 at 1 pm

For grades 1-6

Lydia Cohn • July 26 at 11:30 am

For ages 1-8

2023 AMERICAN RED CROSS

BLOOD DRIVES

Thursdays, May 18, June 15, August 17,
 September 21, October 19, November
 16 and December 21

1–6 pm • *Library Community Rooms*

ONE ON ONE KNITTING LESSONS

Each Monday, by appointment, with Brenda. The fee is a \$10 donation per session that will help fund Library projects. Call 215-699-5410.

MEDICARE HELP

Get free personalized, objective guidance from a state-certified APPRISE counselor. Please contact Bill Maclean at 610-563-7967 or wa.maclean@hotmail.com to set up your appointment.



STORY WALK

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

STORY TIME

Miss Vickie each Tuesday at 10 am

Miss Erin each Thursday at 4 pm

STORY TIME AT MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP REC CENTER

Third Wednesday of the Month at 10 am

GAMES AT THE LIBRARY

Mahjong, Mexican Train Dominoes, Pinochle.

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Scan, Copy, and Fax for nominal charges
- Use our computers or Wi-Fi for FREE
- Lunch and/or snacks are available Monday-Friday all summer long for children under the age of 18.

RENT A COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE LIBRARY

Includes Projector Screen, Outlets, Tables and Chairs.

For information about all library events and programs or to register for a class, call 215-699-5410 or visit www.northwaleslibrary.org

The Library hours of operation are:

Monday-Thursday: 11 am – 7 pm

Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday: Closed



Upper Gwynedd Human Relations Commission Continues Service to the Community

The Human Relations Commission of Upper Gwynedd Township is hard at work learning how best we can fulfill our responsibility to residents who live and work in the Township and believe they have been the target of unlawful discrimination. In January we hosted a Summit that included HRC members from our own community as well as several surrounding municipalities, and enjoyed a presentation by Carmina Taylor, the consultant for the Montgomery County Cultural Proficiency & Equity Student Ambassadors, as well as members of the Student Equity Ambassador organization of North Penn High School. Following the



Carmina Taylor

formal presentation, there was a lively discussion about how we can support organizations like this in our community, and work with our neighbors to continue to achieve our mission.

In the spring, members of the HRC will receive additional training from the PA State Human Relations Commission on methods to investigate discrimination claims effectively. The mission of the HRC is to address concerns of discrimination and bias that arise among or between township residents. Any resident of our community or employee in the township who believes they have been the target of unlawful discrimination is welcome to bring their concern to the Upper Gwynedd Township Human Relations Commission for informal discussion and non-binding mediation. The five HRC members are volunteer residents of the Township who

serve for a three-year term. If you have concerns of this nature, we encourage you to reach out to us at HRC@uppergwynedd.org or by phone 215-699-7777. Meetings are open to the public and publicized in this newsletter and on the Township website.

You may notice posters describing the mission of the Upper Gwynedd Human Relations Commission around the area. And look for us at upcoming Township events where we will be happy to talk with you personally and provide additional information.



Yordanas Lemma, Jared Robinson, Andrew Reed

Upper Gwynedd Township Fire Department

2022 was a busy year for the Upper Gwynedd Township Fire Department (UGFD). We answered



482 calls for service and spent almost 7,000 hours in training, collectively. The UGFD personnel is ready and able to respond to an array of incident types at a moment's notice with trained personnel and adequate equipment to mitigate the situation at hand.

We continued to settle in with the new Squad and Quint 80 Rosenbauer firetrucks in service in the township and participated in an array of training. A highlight on our training schedule was Man vs. Machine class, that was brought to us by PL Vulcan Fire Training Concepts. The class focused on machinery entrapments that require a "think outside the box" approach to ensure successful disentanglement from these unique circumstances. Participants spent a Friday evening and Saturday morning

learning from instructors from across the country and implementing new tools into these scenarios.



The department ended the year with holiday cheer by escorting Santa on our annual Santa run around the township, as well as hosting our 4th annual Sensory Santa event and 2nd Annual Signing Santa event. The department has partnered with several agencies to make sure Santa is accessible to our community in many forms. We continue to partner with different entities to make sure our personnel are equipped to interact with our community that may need adaptations in how they interact or are treated by first responders, as well as starting to provide fire safety programming to special populations in the area.

In 2023, UGFD has been running full steam ahead with planning and implementation of trainings and events to ensure high

quality fire protection in the township and surrounding area. You should now have received your mailer for our annual fund drive. The department does not charge for fire services. Public donations amount to nearly forty percent of our operating budget on an annual basis! Your monetary support goes to ensure that firefighters have the most up-to-date gear and equipment to ensure they stay safe. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. You are always welcome to donate anytime online at www.ugfd.org.

We are always looking for new members, administrative members included and no prior experience is necessary. We encourage anyone interested in joining to reach out via Facebook or Instagram. You may also visit our website, www.ugfd.org, to find our application, or stop by the station on Monday nights at 7pm, located at 668 Garfield Avenue.

To stay up to date with UGFD in between our newsletters, like and follow us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/UGTFD.



Wastewater Treatment Plant

COMMON DEFECTS IN RESIDENTIAL SEWERS

Most of a home's plumbing runs out of sight and out of mind, unless problems like a frozen garden hose or leaking dishwasher grab your attention. However, there are plenty of sewer related problems that have been actively wreaking havoc for homeowners and the municipal sector for years, often times unseen. Buried sewer lines are under constant attack from the combined effects of the environment they are exposed to, as well as the forces of nature and time degrading them as well. It is a slow process that began the day they were installed. Modern construction materials specified in current building codes are much more resilient than those used in the past, but that is hardly of any comfort to owners of homes with sewer backups, defects, and slow drains caused by degraded pipes and connections. The first remediating actions after clearing a blockage, or trying to troubleshoot an ongoing issue, is to identify the location and type of defect in the line. This can be done with something as complicated as a miniature camera on a reel that travels through the line broadcasting its location via radio signal, or by a simple visual inspection of exterior features such as the cleanout vent.

Let's examine some of the common areas for defects to be found. Where the pipe exits the foundation of the building or passes under an area such as a garage floor slab or driveway, the effects of settling can produce forces that can crack or shear pipe and connections. This is accelerated by poor landscape grading and drainage, especially in our area, where the soil tends to have a high shrink-swell potential.

Iron pipe has the natural tendency to become rough as it ages and has a much higher chance to contribute to grease and paper clogs, especially at the vent trap. This issue is clearly visible when

it happens, as the line will back-up and overflow from this vent onto the ground whenever water is going down the drain in the house. Flow can usually be restored quickly by using a vent plunger or cable snake to clear the line, but if the problem persistently reoccurs, further investigation into line conditions or replacement of the vent trap may be necessary.

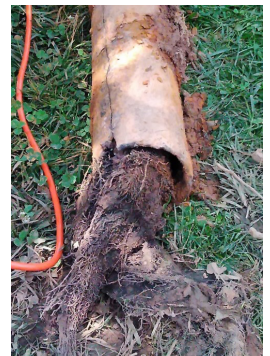
The point where the line from a home or business is joined to the municipal sewer system, and changes pipe size or type, is called a Transition. These have high tendency to cause problems because of the variability of attachment methods used. Commonly, the building or plumbing contractor at the time of construction would need to adapt for example, a 4" cast iron line from a house to a 6" concrete fiber reinforced lateral. Unfortunately, with size and material differences come difficulties in making an air-tight connection. It may seem strange to use the phrase "air-tight" in regard to a pipe designed to convey liquid flow by gravity, but there is a very good reason why. Tree roots have an amazing ability to infiltrate and grow into pipes through the smallest gaps as they follow the presence of moisture escaping as vapor from pipe defects. They are especially common at failed transitions, and the problem is only made worse by improper methods of joining pipe. The Township has invested over \$1 million dollars this year into finding sources of Inflow and Infiltration (which these damages pipes cause, as well as other things). If your sewer line is found to have infiltration/inflow issues, our Department will contact you and work with you to address the issue. Reduction of Inflow and Infiltration creates efficiency, reduces costs of our operations and improves environmental treatment wastewater in our collection system.



The inside of an iron pipe, that has developed a layer of scale that can snag paper and cause clogs.



A failed Transition: the different pipe types being encased in concrete as a simple method of joining.



Roots completely blocking a pipe.

Household Hazardous Waste

2023 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required. Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Oak Ridge Elementary School
465 Moyer Rd, Harleysville

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Temple University–Ambler Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Abington Middle School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Visit our website www.MontcoPARecycles.org or scan QR code for more information including, acceptable and unacceptable items.





PARKS AND RECREATION *Spring & Summer 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 unforeseen circumstances and inclement weather, please check our website or Facebook page 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!

PARK AND RECREATION SUMMER HELP 2023

We will be hiring enthusiastic individuals for the following positions: Teen Camp Counselors and Park Monitors.

Please check our website for more information: www.uppergwynedd.org. Email Leigha at lgetty@uppergwynedd.org with any questions.

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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SPRING / SUMMER 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.

Unity for Kindness: Food Truck Event

Saturday, April 29

LOCATION Amphitheater/Pavilion at Parkside Place

TIME 11:00am–3:00pm



This amazing event invites residents to come together to help spread kindness throughout our community. Enjoy a live band and indulge in an array of diverse food truck options while listening to our speakers who will be encouraging, educating, and promoting how we can be inclusive and celebrate diversity and kindness in Upper Gwynedd.

Montgomery County Senior Games (MCSG) 2023

Monday, May 1 – Friday, May 5

The mission of MCSG is to stimulate senior adults in Montgomery County to be active in sports and recreational events in order to maintain physical and mental well-being. For more info and to register go to this website: www.montcoseniorgames.com

Golf Outing

Monday, May 8

LOCATION Cedarbrook County Club

TIME 1pm shotgun start

FEE \$165 per golfer
(includes lunch and dinner)



To become a sponsor or submit a team, go to our website and download a form: www.uppergwynedd.org or call 215-699-7777. All proceeds support the Upper Gwynedd Park and Recreation Department! Raffle prizes and golf game “helpers” available for purchase at the course.

Concerts in the Park

June 14: Snacktime (Soul, brass band) Bring a canned good to support The Garden of Health in North Wales.

June 28: The Won Ton Soups (Quirky, lovable horn band)

July 12: Philly Funk Authority (Funk, Soul)

June 26 27: The River of Dreams Band
(Billy Joel Tribute-Rock/Pop band)

August 9: Greaseband (Classic Rock, Pop)

LOCATION Parkside Place Complex Debarth Amphitheater

TIME 7:00–8:30pm

Grab your blanket, lawn chairs, family, friends and come see some fantastic bands! **New in 2023:** We will have a different food truck each movie on hand for some dinner.

Night Sky Campout

Friday, July 21 (6pm) – Sat, July 22 (9am)

LOCATION UG Community Park

FEE \$5 per family (donation of a non-perishable item requested as well.)

You MUST register for this event by July 14.

Bring your tent and camp out under the stars with your family and friends. Not the camping type? You can still join us for the festivities with a donation of a non-perishable item. There will be plenty of great family activities throughout the night all brought to you by Keystone Fellowship, including a family craft and family “movie under the stars.” Dinner will be hot dogs and ice cream for dessert. The next morning, there will be a continental breakfast free for all campers. To register and for more info, go to: www.uppergwynedd.org.

Movies in the Park

June 16: Grease (Dress up as your favorite character, prizes will be given out!)

June 30: Strange World

July 21: Bad Guys (Campout movie)

August 4: The Mitchells Vs. Machines

LOCATION Parkside Place Complex Debarth Amphitheater
TIME begins at dusk (approx. 8:30–8:45pm)

Grab your blanket, low lying chairs, family, friends, and come see some great family movies! **New in 2023:** We will have amazing dessert food trucks attending, so you can purchase something to snack on!

UGT'S PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AN AWARD

We are very proud to let our residents know that they live in an award-winning community. We have received an award from PRPS (Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society) Excellence in Programming. The event we were granted this award was for our Blind Sports Program that ran in the fall of 2022. Thanks to the community for supporting this amazing new day!



Sarah Prebis, Parks & Rec Director (left) and Leigha Getty, Parks & Rec Coordinator (right) proudly display their PRPS Excellence in Programming award.

Blind Sports Day 2022: Upper Gwynedd Township Parks & Recreation partnered with the Blind Sports Organization to host, Sports Saturday for children and families who were either blind or visually impaired. Sports Saturday was an opportunity to introduce some of the many adaptive sports available in the community of the blind or visually impaired.

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YOGA IN THE PARK

Tuesdays or Thursdays
May 31 – September 6

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:
Fields next to the pavilion

TIME 6:00–7:00pm

FEE \$25 per person

AGES: Open to all ages

Let's wind down our busy work days by stepping into nature and onto our yoga mats together as a community. These all levels classes we offer will be led by Jeff Fazio on Tuesdays and alternating Janine Payson & Mary Beth Sedgwick on Thursdays. Both classes will be an hour long. There's no better way to destress than deep breathing, meditation and taking in all of the beautiful colors nature has to offer.

New to yoga? All you need is a mat or towel and your willingness to try something new! We hope you'll join us outside as we connect with each other, ourselves and nature!

We offer a range of class cards and memberships that will allow you to take classes at the park or the studio! Visit our website to register: wholebodyyogastudio.com

ADULT WORKSHOP

Know Your Medicare Options
Thursday, August 17

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Main Meeting Room

TIME 6:30–8:00pm

FEE FREE (*You MUST register for this event*)

AGES Adult

Join us for this FREE event! 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.

ADULT FITNESS

Sculpt and Define
Mondays, June 5 – July 17
(*No class the week of July 4*)

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Community Center

TIME 6:15–7:15pm

FEE \$45 per person

AGES 18+

Whether you want to get in shape for summer or just feel better about yourself, this super-slimming, muscle building, body-sculpting class will help you lose weight and BLAST 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
Wednesdays, June 7 – July 19
(*No class the week of July 4*)

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 15 people. Only thing you need to bring is your mat and an open mind to a fitter, healthier you!



Martial-Arts and Self-Defense Class
Mondays, June 5 – August 21

LOCATION Amphitheater Lawn
(weather permitting) OR
Community Center

TIME 4:45–5:45pm

FEE \$75 per person

AGES 14–60yrs

This Class involves many aspects of the martial-arts including Muay Thai, Sanda, Kung-fu, Kickboxing, Boxing, Aikido, and various others.

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 Summer Session 1:

Mondays, June 5 – June 26

Beginner Summer Session 2:

Mondays, July 3 – July 24

Beginner Summer Session 3:

Mondays, August 7 – August 28

Intermediate Summer Session 1:

Thursdays, June 8 – June 29

Intermediate Summer Session 2:

Thursdays, July 6 – July 27

Intermediate Summer Session 3:

Thursdays, August 10 – August 31

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.



YOUTH CAMPS & SUMMER PROGRAMS

Camp Parkside Day Camp Mini's Day Camp

Week 1: June 26 – June 30

Week 2: July 3 – July 7 (*No camp July 4*)

Week 3: July 10 – July 14

Week 4: July 17 – July 21

Week 5: July 24 – July 28

Week 6: July 31 – August 4

LOCATION Parkside Place: Upper Gwynedd Community Center & Pavilion

TIME 9:00am–12:00pm
(*AM Mini camp is FULL*)
1:00–4:00pm

FEE \$75 per week (\$60 for week 2)

AGES Day Camp Ages: 6-12yrs
Mini's Ages: 3-5yrs
(*must be potty trained*)

This amazing and fun camp is a chance for your child to hang out with other cool kids and counselors. They will be very busy all day, doing arts and crafts, games, sports, hikes, and so much more. Each week, we bring a special activity for the campers (ice cream truck, inflatable water slide, fire truck, etc.) All this is included in the cost! Day Camp drop-off and pick-up is at the Pavilion, Mini's Camp drop-off and pick-up is at the Community Center. *Space is limited!*



i9 Basketball Camp

Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23

LOCATION Parkside Place: Fields

TIME 9:00am–12:00pm

FEE \$175 per person

AGES 5-12yrs

i9 Sports Basketball Summer Camp focuses not on winning and losing but rather developing motor skill, promoting fitness and creating self-confidence. It is a great way to improve skills, and to keep everyone active! The camp curriculum teaches the fundamentals of Offense, Defense, Game Strategy and Teamwork in a fun, positive environment by i9 Sports Certified Staff. All athletes, regardless of skill level, will learn Basketball skills along with valuable sportsmanship lessons such as respect and teamwork.

i9 Cheerleading Camp

Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23

LOCATION Parkside Place: Fields

TIME 9:00am–12:00pm

FEE \$175 per person

AGES 5-12yrs

i9 Cheerleading Summer Camp focuses not on winning and losing but rather developing motor skill, promoting fitness and creating self-confidence. Participants will learn the fundamentals of Cheerleading. We will learn a mix of age-appropriate Cheers, Chants, and Stunts. We will perform for the participant's families on the last day of camp.



Full Day Mad Science Camp: Funky Forensics and NASA STEM Explorers

Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Community Center

TIME 9:00am–4:00pm

FEE \$362 per person

AGES 6-12yrs

Funky Forensics - Focus on the science of forensics in this hands-on look at crime scenes. Identify and collect evidence, from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Recreate the scene of a crime using clues and detailed observations. Use science to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in this hands-on investigation into the science of sleuthing!

NASA STEM Explorers - Developed in partnership with NASA, our campers will think and act like NASA innovators during this hands-on program inspired by the NASA OPTIMUS PRIME Research Challenge (NASA OPSPARC). Use creative and collaborative skills to design a mission patch, train like an astronaut, build a Mars rover and solve real-world engineering problems. How might you use space suit cooling tubes to solve a problem here on Earth?

Chess Wizards Chess Camp

Monday, June 26 – Friday, June 30

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Community Center

TIME 12:00pm–3:00pm

FEE \$244 per person

AGES 6-12yrs

You'll improve your chess skills and work out your most powerful muscle - your brain! Camps includes: fun team chess games, recess time, snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each participant receives a T-shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. We include all the materials necessary. Unleash your brain power and spend part of your vacation with Chess Wizards!

Pottery Camp

Monday, July 3 – Friday, July 7
(*NO Camp 7/4*)

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Community Center

TIME 12:00–3:00pm

FEE \$200 per person

AGES 5+

Each day begins with a new lesson on hand building, followed by a guided project incorporating the new technique. 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 to be fired. All pieces will be available for pick up within 10 days from the last day of camp. Please bring a lunch, light snack and drink. All supplies included. For more information, go to www.InDistudio.org

Young Rembrandts Drawing Camp

Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14

LOCATION Parkside Place:
Community Center

TIME 12:00pm–2:00pm

FEE \$188 per person

AGES 5-11yrs

Artists will learn to draw their own ANIME style characters ranging from easy to challenging – this is a great way to perfect those skills and learn new manga tricks. Students will complete multiple pieces of artwork like customized faces, animals, sugoi action and more ARTastic drawings.



YOUTH CAMPS & SUMMER PROGRAMS CONT.

Engineering for Kids Half Day Camp: Junior Under Construction**Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21**

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Community Center
TIME	12:00–3:00pm
FEE	\$249 per person
AGES	5–7yrs

Put on your hard hats engineers and join us for our Engineering of Cities! In this program, students work hard to apply their knowledge of construction to save the beach from erosion and build their very own city from the ground up. From roads and tunnels to buildings and skyscrapers, students discover that no job is too tough for an Engineering for Kids engineer!

Mad Science Camp: Mad Machines and Amazing Architects**Monday, July 31 – Friday, August 4**

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Community Center
TIME	12:00–3:00pm
FEE	\$194 per person
AGES	6–12yrs

From decoding messages to metal detectors and night vision, you will have the opportunity to check out spy equipment and discover the technological tools of detection!

Engineering for Kids Full Day Camp**Monday, August 7 – Friday, August 11**

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Community Center
TIME	9:00am–3:30pm
FEE	\$437 per person
AGES	8–14yrs

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's...Heroes Week! Students will join other engineers their age as they seek ways to protect the world and save mankind in the process. They will join a league of heroes and will compete against other leagues by performing engineering-related challenges, such as saving an ecosystem from a potentially lethal oil spill. Only one group will end the week as the ultimate league of superheroes! *Make sure to bring your own lunch, snack, and water bottle!*

Jumpstart Sports: All Starts Sports Camp**Monday, August 7 – Friday, August 11**

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Fields
TIME	9:00–11:00am
FEE	\$200
AGES	3–12yrs

The Junior All Stars Sports Camp by provides a positive, age-appropriate introduction to a variety of sports. Sports offered include Soccer, Football, Hockey, Track & Field, Basketball, and more! This program helps children to enjoy exercise and to see which sports they enjoy. It also helps build confidence and social skills to help prepare for participation in more formal sports programs.

Science Explorers Camp**Monday, August 14 – Friday, August 18**

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Community Center
TIME	12:30–3:30pm
FEE	\$300 per person
AGES	7–11yrs

STEM Science Camp exploring erupting foam monsters, conducting amazing air pressure experiments, dig for hidden treasures, investigate the science of illusion and build spectrometers to view the spectrum of different types of light.

Pre-K Messy Art Camp**Monday, August 14 – Friday, August 18**

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Community Center
TIME	9:00am–12:00pm
FEE	\$175 per person
AGES	3–6yrs

Join Miss Laura, who has been teaching Messy Art at Upper Gwynedd Township for 2+ years, for a week of Messy Art Camp! Your sensory loving preschooler will have the opportunity to explore their creativity while being exposed to a variety of art techniques & materials. Space is limited! *Please bring a smock or extra t-shirt, labeled water bottle, & a snack. It is recommended for parents to stay on premises.*

**Multi-Sport Camp****Monday, August 21 – Friday, August 25**

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Fields
TIME	9:00am–12:00pm
FEE	\$249 per person
AGES	5–11yrs

The US Sports Institute's flagship summer multi sports camp gives players aged 5–11 the opportunity to experience up to 3 different sports each day, and over 12 sports in one week.

Every camp is coached by our professional, international staff who are trained to encourage maximum participation, good sportsmanship, and above all- FUN.

During the camp players will focus on developing their technique and skills within each sport and gain a basic understanding of playing a scrimmage. The day will consist of small sided scrimmages in a tournament environment where players can earn World Cup points for their team through good sportsmanship and teamwork.

**Full Day Theatre Horizon Drama Camp****Monday, August 21 – Friday, August 25**

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Community Center
TIME	9:00am–3:00pm
FEE	\$200 per person
AGES	7–11yrs

In Theatre Horizon's Summer Drama Camp, young actors spend a week working as an ensemble to create an original play – full of drama, comedy, suspense, and one-of-a-kind characters. Professional teaching artists guide campers through playwriting basics and fun improvisation games. On the last day, they perform their world premiere play for an audience! In Summer Drama Camp, children make new friends, build listening and ensemble skills, take on leadership roles, and explore their creativity.



TENNIS

PSCTA Tennis Lessons

Spring Session:

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays,
April 20 – May 18

LOCATION	Parkside Place Park: Tennis Courts
TUESDAY	Ages 5/6: 5–5:45pm Ages 7/8: 5:45–6:30pm Ages 9/10: 6:30–7:30pm
THURSDAY	Ages 5/6: 5:15–6:00pm Ages 7/8: 6:00–6:45pm Ages 9/10: 6:45–7:45pm
FEE	\$75 per person
AGES	5-10yrs

Tennis Lessons with Kristina Alling

Spring Session:






Wednesdays, April 19 – May 17

LOCATION	Parkside Place Park: Tennis Courts
TIME/AGES	Tween (11-12yrs): 5:00–6:00pm Teen (13-18): 6:00–7:00pm Adult Advanced Beginner (18+): 7:00–8:00pm
FEE	\$75 per person
AGES	11yrs-adult

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know Upper Gwynedd Township does MANY free events? Did you know we have a community garden that you can come pick flowers from? Did you know UG has a sensory garden? Did you know we offer free summer concerts and movies? Did you know we have a Food Truck Festival (where the theme is Unity for Kindness?)

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

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TEEN CAMPS

Teen Trip Camp 2023

Please note, the trips are subject to change!

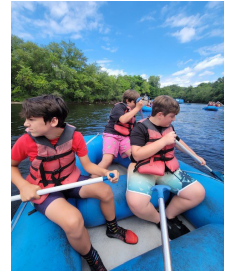
Week 1: June 19 - 22

Monday, June 19 – Point Pleasant Beach
Tuesday, June 20 – Paintball in Poconos
Wednesday, June 21 – Dorney Park
Thursday, June 22 – Phillies Game: Brave vs. Phillies (lunch included)



Week 2: July 10 - 13

Monday, July 10 – Point Pleasant Beach
Tuesday, July 11 – Great Adventure Hurricane Water Park
Wednesday, July 12 – Top Golf & Axe Throwing in Philly
Thursday, July 13 – White Water Rafting at Pocono Whitewater



Week 3: August 7 - 10

Monday, August 7 – Point Pleasant Beach
Tuesday, August 8 – Paintball in Poconos
Wednesday, August 9 – Camelbeach Water Park
Thursday, August 10 – White Water Rafting at Pocono Whitewater

TIME	8:30am–6:00pm (Times will be slightly different depending on each trip)
FEES	\$300 per week OR register for all 3 weeks for \$870
AGES	12-15yrs

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! The schedule above is RAIN OR SHINE. If a trip is canceled due to weather, Friday will be held for a rain make-up. Please note, the trips are subject to change! All tickets and bus fees included. Teens will need a packed lunch or bring money to purchase lunch. Grab a friend and sign-up today! *Space is limited!*

CSI Camp

Monday, July 24 – Friday, July 28

LOCATION	Parkside Place: Community Center	TIME	1:00–4:00pm
FEE	\$213 per person	AGES	11-17yrs

This camp is filled with STEM concepts that are used to solve crimes. The lecture, labs and exercises will cover many "CSI" topics including: collecting, analyzing and classifying fingerprints, creating & examining blood spatter patterns, casting footprints, and so much more. This is a very hands-on and interactive enrichment class for students. Current or former Detectives teach this class.

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Participants had the opportunity to attend introductory sessions run by experienced volunteers which included Goalball, Beep Baseball, Blind Soccer, Blind Tennis, and Beep Kickball. No experience was necessary, and all ability levels were welcome. The Blind Sports Organization's program leaders were available throughout the day to answer questions about their sports, organization, or the blind/VI community. Participants took a break for lunch which was provided by BSO while professionals led an information session providing additional support and resources available for all attendees.

Sports Saturday allowed for Upper Gwynedd Township to celebrate all abilities. Participants came from PA and NJ! Whether an individual wanted to enjoy the sunny day with a treat, train to be a Paralympian, or just wanted to participate in a fun activity to get moving, Sports Saturday had a place for everyone!

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UPCOMING MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

5/3/2023	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
5/8/2023	UGT Golf Outing	11:00 am
5/9/2023	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
5/10/2023	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
5/15/2023	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
5/17/2023	Police Pension Board Meeting	1:00 pm
5/22/2023	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
5/23/2023	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
5/29/2023	Holiday: Memorial Day	Offices Closed
6/7/2023	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
6/12/2023	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
6/14/2023	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
6/20/2023	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
6/27/2023	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
7/4/2023	Holiday: Independence Day	Offices Closed
7/5/2023	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
7/10/2023	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
7/12/2023	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
7/18/2023	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
7/20/2023	Human Relations Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
7/25/2023	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
8/2/2023	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
8/7/2023	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
8/9/2023	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
8/14/2023	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
8/16/2023	Police Pension Board Meeting	1:00 pm
8/22/2023	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
8/23/2023	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm

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.