Editor UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

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





REGISTER TO RECEIVE EMAIL ALERTS

On the Township's Website Home Page, under Website Resources click Email Alerts and register to receive alerts and messages from any or all Departments of the Township.



NOTES FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

As winter approaches, please be aware that the police department will be increasing our efforts to have residents follow the snow emergency rules. When a snow emergency is declared, there is no parking allowed on all streets in the Township. Snow emergencies for Upper Gwynedd are announced via local media agencies and the Township's web-site and social media pages. When time permits, officers will place notice cards on cars before tickets are issued and/or cars are towed. Any questions, please call the police department at 215-699-5862.



Upper Gwynedd Township COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Upper Gwynedd Township Board of Commissioners are excited to announce the recent contract with the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) to update the Township's Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan is a document designed to guide the future actions of a community. It offers a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for activities that affect future land use including the location, character and timing of future development.

The Township adopted its first
Comprehensive Plan in 1971. The
components of the plan are outlined in
Article III of the Municipalities Planning
Code (MPC). It is suggested that a
comprehensive plan be updated every
10 years, and our last update occurred
in 2004. The focus of the plan is to revisit
all the relevant aspects as outlined in the
MPC to provide renewed information

on our changing demographics, housing needs, parks and recreation development, the needs of the business community and more. It will establish future objectives and priorities and may offer perspectives on redevelopment, address opportunities for vacant properties and properties in transition as well as streetscape improvements, walkability and transportation issues and the protection of natural and historic resources.

The MCPC Resolution 70-3, dated March 11, 1970, established policies for local planning assistance, a cost sharing formula, and a schedule of fees and charges by which the services of MCPC's staff is offered to assist the 62 municipalities in the county. Through this cost sharing program, the Township is responsible for 50% of the total cost of the update. The process for the update will begin in September 2018. (Continued on Page 2)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

(Continued from Cover)

The projected time frame to completion is 24–30 months. Our comprehensive plan runs parallel to the Montco 2040 Vision Plan which is a generalized goal-oriented conceptual plan.

The first plan of action is to form a steering committee to include representatives from the Township's Planning Commission, Board of Commissioners, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, as well as representatives from the business and residential community. A survey/ questionnaire will be sent out to Township residents and businesses to help identify issues or concerns and establish some goals for the future. The progression of our comprehensive plan will continue forward and include public meetings to present proposals and to receive input from residents and adjacent municipalities. Please visit www.uppergwynedd.org for future updates on the comprehensive plan process.

NOR-GWYN BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

The local summer baseball and softball season is in the books. Now, what will we do? More Baseball & Softball! Nor-Gwyn Fall Ball registration is now open. Online program registration is available for both new and returning players. Everyone can improve skills, try new fielding positions and learn to bat from both sides of the plate in a fun environment. For more information and to register, please see www. norgwynbaseball.org.



Above: Joyful moments from the Opening Day Ceremony

Fire Safety TIPS AND REMINDERS

Open Burning

With the fall season quickly approaching, residents are reminded that leaves are not permitted to be burned within Upper Gwynedd. Leaves may not be put into a recreational burn pit for disposal. The proper way to discard leaves is through your trash collector. Most collectors have scheduled leaf pickup times during the fall season.

Heating Unit Maintenance

Summer is the perfect time to inspect heating units and complete chimney maintenance. Heater issues occur annually and increase significantly during the fall and winter seasons. While most problems occur with oil heaters, natural gas and other heaters are not immune to fires. To keep you and your family safe, plan and prepare now for potential issues that may arise in the cold winter months.

Chimney Maintenance

Summer is the optimal time to clear chimney debris in preparation for the winter months. Wood stoves, fireplace inserts, oil burners and fireplaces all require annual cleaning. Be sure to clear creosote to prevent a potential fire this upcoming season. Many homes may have more than one chimney. Beyond cleaning and having the liner inspected, the structural integrity of the chimney should be checked for cracks. Chimney fires can spread rapidly and often burn behind the wall for some time before being noticed. Over 25,000 chimney fires a year contribute to over \$125 million dollars in damage. Beyond the monetary aspect, losing belongings and memories can take a much worse toll.

Public Works NEW STREET LINE PAINTING MACHINE



Upper Gwynedd Township Public Works has recently purchased a street line painting machine. This will replace a 25-year old paint machine that was mounted on a 40-year old truck. The new line painting machine can be operated by one operator instead of two which saves manpower in the Public Works Department. The new machine will also save a significant amount of time while striping the 10+ miles of road and 19 intersections throughout the township. Please use caution when you see the flashing yellow lights while the line painting is performed.

Zoning & Code Enforcement REMINDERS

- Please take the time to ensure falling leaves do not block any drainage systems.
- If a working fireplace has a chimney, check for defects.
- For mechanical systems to function at their best, see that all air intake and exhaust vents are not blocked. The units should have preventive maintenance for optimum performance.
- If a resident is contemplating having work performed at their home, the State has adopted the 2015 version of all the building codes effective October 1st.

Parks & Recreation, UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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PARK & 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.

THANKS TO OUR 2018 SPONSORS

Due to the generosity of our sponsors Upper Gwynedd Township has become one of the premier recreation departments in the area and is able to provide quality recreation programming for our residents and the entire North Penn community. Please contact Alex Kaker, Director of Parks and Recreation, (akaker@uppergwynedd.org) for info on how your company can help

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Annual Fall Carnival

*Thursday, September 6 through Sunday, September 9, 2018*Parkside Place Park

Family Times:

Thursday 6:00pm-10:00pm Saturday 1:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

FAMILY PASS

\$25 unlimited ride during above times, good for the day of purchase only

Carnival Times:

 Thursday
 6:00pm-10:00pm

 Friday
 6:00pm-10:00pm

 Saturday
 1:00pm-10:00pm

 Sunday
 1:00pm-5:00pm

MEGA PASS

\$40 unlimited rides all four days







Annual Fall Fest

Saturday, October 20 from 11:00am till 3:00pm Parkside Place Park Complex

Spice up your autumn and bring your family and friends to a fun event all for a nominal cost. Enjoy various activities such as children's crafts, petting zoo, autumn entertainment, sensational games, food and refreshments. Free hay rides will be given throughout the day! Come check out our Touch-A-Truck section featuring firetrucks, police



cars, dump trucks and even a helicopter! Enjoy the car show as well as various service vehicles! Come in costume and receive a spooktacular prize!



If you are interested in being a vendor or setting up a table at the Upper Gwynedd Township Fall Fest,

please let me know. There is no charge for vendors, however we ask you to bring your own table. All vendors

are asked to arrive at 10:30am to set up their table. Please respond if you are interested in attending and how many tables you will bring.





NYC BUS TRIP RADIO CITY ROCKETTES

Tuesday, December 4, 2018



HOLIDAY LIGHT **SPECTACULAR**

Friday, December 7, 2018

LOCATION Parkside Place Park Complex

6:00pm-8:00pm

TIME Open to all ages AGES Suggested donation FEE

for Toys for Tots

Join Upper Gwynedd Township for the Holiday Light Spectacular. Enjoy a night full of sparkling lights, hot chocolate, carolers and much more! Admission for the event is free with a suggested donation for Toys for Tots!

RECAP OF SUMMER EVENTS

Earth Day Tree Planting

Upper Gwynedd Township planted 11 trees in Garfield Park with various volunteer groups.

With a mission to continuously create a healthy and clean environment, the Township plans to continue this tree planting for years to come. To date, this annual tree planting has resulted in over 50 trees in three township parks.

Summer Basketball League

This summer kicked off the 21st season of the Upper Gwynedd Summer Hoops League. Over 500 players across the tri-county area competed for eight weeks. Boys and girls, grades 7th–12th participated to improve skills and sportsmanship.

Summer Breeze Concert Series

The series consisted of nine free concerts, held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in Parkside
Place Park from mid-May through mid-July. About 100 people attended each concert. Diz's Dogs Food Truck was present at all concerts. The 2018 line-up featured groups such as Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers, Philadelphia Funk Authority and the Grease Band.

Cinema Under the Stars

This free series features three movie showings in Parkside Place Park. Attendees enjoyed free popcorn at this family-friendly outdoor experience. Movies shown were *Thor:* Ragnarok, Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark and The Incredibles. Diz's Dogs Food Truck was present at all movies.

Night Sky Campout

During the 3rd Annual Night Sky
Campout, over 200 individuals
came to camp under the stars. In
partnership with Keystone Fellowship,
attendees enjoyed a free dinner,
activities, a movie and breakfast in
Parkside Place Park. Admission was
the suggested donation of a nonperishable item for Manna on Main
Street. This year, attendees donated
a collective 358 pounds of goods for
community members in need.



Galentine's Day Designer Bag Bingo

Friday, November 2 from 6:00pm till 10:00pm Upper Gwynedd Fire House Banquet Hall

Friday, November 2, 2018

TIME

LOCATION Upper Gwynedd Fire House Banguet Hall

660 Garfield Avenue West Point, PA 19786 Doors Open at 6:00pm Bingo: 7:00–10:00pm

AGES All ages are welcome, must be accompanied by an adult to attend if

under 18 years old \$25 pre-register \$30 at the door

This event is "BYOB" and "BYOD:"
Bring Your Own Bottle and Bring Your
Own Delicacies. There will be ten
rounds of bingo, each round with one
winner. Join the fun even if you don't
win—conciliation prizes will be offered.

What's Galentine's Day? Only the best day of the year! This is the one day a year you and your lady friends can leave your husbands and boyfriends at home and just kick it. Ladies



celebrating ladies. What better way is there to celebrate ladies than competing to win designer bag prizes? Bring your own bottle and head over to the Fire House Banquet Hall for some friendly rounds of bingo. One authentic hand bag will be awarded per round. Raffles and 50/50 tickets will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Register early and secure your space! Questions? Contact Emily Croke at 215-699-7777.

ADULT FITNESS

Sculpt and Define

Mondays: September 10-October 17 Mondays: November 5-December 12

LOCATION Community Building

AGES

TIME 6:15pm-7:10pm

\$44 FFF

Whether you want to get in shape for or just feel better about yourself, this super-slimming, muscle building, bodysculpting 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: September 12-October 19 Wednesdays: November 7-December 14

LOCATION Community Building

18+ AGES

6:15pm-7:10pm TIME

FFF \$44

Increase muscle activation, burn calories faster and maximize results! With new, innovative weight training equipment, you are sure to see quick results. Limited to 12 people. All you need to bring is your yoga mat and an open mind!

PICKLEBALL

To control crowds at our four new pickleball courts, we have created a "Meetup" group to help players organize themselves. The fee for 2018 is \$25 for residents and \$40 for non-residents (Register at www.uppergwynedd.org) Once registered, you may join the Meetup group (go to www.meetup.com and search "Upper Gwynedd Pickleball") and sign up for specific dates. Registration fee covers through October. 2018 dates will be Tuesday through Friday from 5:30pm to 8:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to noon. This group is open to all skill levels, including people who have never played before!

YOUTH CLASSES

Engineering for Kids

Ir. LEGO® Robotics: Adventure Stories

Saturdays, December 1-15

Community Building LOCATION

4-7 AGES

9:00am-11:00am TIME

\$139 FFF

This class is a perfect mixture of fun and learning, using LEGO® WeDo™ Robots. Using LEGO® bricks, students build an airplane rescue, a giant escape, and a sailboat storm. They also learn how to program and operate their creations using a laptop computer.

Apprentice LEGO® Robotics: **Robo Battles**

Saturdays, December 1-15

LOCATION Community Building

8-12 AGES

11:30am-1:30pm TIME

\$139 FFF

Robo Battles curriculum is designed to introduce students to the world of not only building, but also programming basic robots. Throughout this course the students will explore different ways in which a robot could be utilized to engage in various battle challenges.

American Red Cross

Babysitting Certification Class

Saturdays, September 8

LOCATION Upper Gwynedd Township Bldg

Main Meeting Room

11–15 (Must be 11 by AGES

the class start date.)

9:00am-3:00pm TIME

\$64/registrant FFF

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 American Red Cross Certification Card, an interactive CD-ROM, as well as child care concepts. You must attend the entire course, pass the evaluations, and show the maturity to properly care for children. Please bring a lunch, pencil and snack. No late registrations will be accepted.

Young Rembrandts Drawing

Pre-Elementary School Drawing

Saturdays, October 20-November 10 LOCATION Community Building

AGES 4-6

9:00am-9:45am TIME

\$59 FEE

Learning to draw basic shapes is an essential building block for every artist. Our lady bug and gumball machine provide excellent practice for drawing circle shapes. The clown puppet and Frankenstein monster are great introductions to character drawings. And a candy bag and fall scene will strengthen your child's compositional skills.

Elementary School Drawing

Saturdays, October 20-November 10

LOCATION Community Building

7-14 AGES

10:00am-11:00am TIME

\$59 FFF

Our selection of drawings introduces students to a fascinating world of color, pattern, and design. tudents will create fall-themed illustrations like taffy apples and a farmer's scarecrow. Stylized art styles will be explored through our tarantula line art and Van Gogh-inspired drawing featuring vibrant sunflowers.



TENNIS LESSONS

LOCATION

Parkside Place Park \$60 per 5-week session

Penn Suburban Tennis Association lessons run by tennis professionals from the PennSuburban Community Tennis Association (PSCTA), a local, not-for-profit organization and is registered through the United States Tennis Association. The equipment and playing area allows childrer to rally and play the game, increasing the likelihood that they will return to the court

Tuesdays Sent 11-Oct 9 Rain Date: 10/16

5–6 year olds, 5:00pm–5:45pm 7–8 year olds, 5:45pm–6:30pm 9–10 year olds, 6:45pm–7:15pm

Thursdays, Sept 13-Oct 11 Rain Date: 10/18

5–6 year olds, 5:00pm–5:45pm 7–8 year olds, 5:45pm–6:30pm 9–10 year olds, 6:45pm–7:15pm

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration is online payable by credit card. (A small service charge is associated with online payments.) To pay by cash or check (payable to Upper Gwynedd Township), visit the Township building between 8am–4pm, Mon–Fri. Registrations will not be taken at the program.

You must complete your profile on Community Pass in order to complete the registration process both online and in person. Visit www.uppergwynedd.org under the Parks & Recreation tab. Click "Register Now!" to get started.

OUTDOOR EVENTS

All outdoor events are weather dependent. Cancellations will be announced on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page as late as 15 minutes prior to the event start time. No Facebook account is required to view the page. Cancellations will ONLY be made on Facebook.

YOUTH SPORTS

Jump Start Sports

Hummingbirds Soccer

Tuesdays, Sept 11-Oct 16 (6 sessions)

LOCATION Parkside Place Complex **AGES / TIME** 3–4 year olds, 5:30pm–6:30pm

5–6 year olds, 6:30–7:30pm \$70 (includes team T-shirt, and Award)

Players have fun and learn the basics of soccer: dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, and positioning. Each session consists of instruction in each aspect of the game, participation in fun, age appropriate drills that are designed to teach skills, and low-key, non-competitive game. Register at www.jumpstartsports.com.

T-Birds T-Ball

FEE

Tuesdays, Sept 14-Oct 12 (5 sessions)

LOCATION Parkside Place Complex 5:30pm-7:30pm (Time determined

by schedule. Everyone plays for 1 hour.)

AGES 3-6

FEE \$75 (Includes team T-shirt,

MLB Cap, and Award

Players learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and base running, and then apply what they have learned in fun, non-competitive games. Instruction is conducted by Jump Start Sports staff coaches. Players receive a Major League Baseball hat, team tee shirt, and baseball medal. Register at www.jumpstartsports.com.

Challenger Sports

TinyTykes Soccer

Wednesdays, Sept 12-Oct 17 (6 sessions)

LOCATION Parkside Place Complex

TIME 1:30pm-2:30pm AGES 3-5

FEE \$124

An exciting enrichment program! Challenger Sports' professional British coaches are experts in working with children and will combine soccer and learning adventures to help your child's gross motor skill development, while having lots of fun! Each child will receive a TinyTykes jersey and size two soccer ball for attending the program. Details at www.challengersports.com.

US Sports Institute

US Sports Institute Multi-Sports

Monday, August 20-Friday, August 24

LOCATION Parkside Place Complex

AGES 5-8 & 9-12

TIME / FEE 9:00am-3:00pm, \$199

9:00am-12:30pm, \$169

Players will have the opportunity to experience up to four different sports each day. Sports included: Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Flag Football, Hockey, Handball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby and more! During the morning players, will focus on developing their technique and skills within each sport, and gain a basic understanding of playing a scrimmage. The afternoon will focus on small sided scrimmages in a tournament environment that encourages good sportsmanship and teamwork.

US Sports Institute Parent & Me Multi-Sports Squirts

Monday, August 20-Friday, August 24

LOCATION Parkside Place Complex

AGES 2-3

TIMES 4pm-5pm or 5pm-6pm

FEE \$90

Children will have the opportunity to try T-Ball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, Floor Hockey, Flag Football, Parachute Games and more in a safe, structured environment. The Multi Sports Parent & Me Squirts program is ideal for any child that needs a little help from Mom or Dad.

US Sports Institute Multi-Sports Squirts

Monday, August 20-Friday, August 24

LOCATION Parkside Place Complex

AGES 3-5

TIMES 4pm-5pm or 5pm-6pm

FEE \$90

USSI's Multi Sports Squirts program allows children aged 3-5 to experience a different sport in each session of the program. It is the perfect introduction to athletics for your future sports star!

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY

A Sampling of **Upcoming Events**

Chief of Police

NEW! Cookbook Club: This new club meets one Monday each month.

"The ABCs of Civics": On September 26, the Library will be hosting, a fun, educational program for all ages.

Bingo at St. Rose: October 5 **Used Book Sale:** From October 18-October 21 **Annual Home-Made**

Holiday Cookie Sale:

December 18 and 19

Attraction Passes

The Library lends attraction passes for a one-week checkout. These passes allow free access to exciting places like zoos, museums, and gardens free of charge. We currently have nine passes: Glencairn Museum, Elmwood Park Zoo, Chanticleer Gardens, Morris Arboretum, Museum of the American Revolution, Simone Automotive Museum, Bucks County Children's Museum, Mutter Museum, and National Constitution Center. We are looking for donors to purchase additional passes. Please contact Jayne Blackledge at 215-699-5410 if you are interested.

Did You Know?

As an Upper Gwynedd Township resident you are entitled to a free library card! Being a member of the library allows you to check out e-books, magazines, use public access computers, watch movies and more!

North Wales Library

Monday-Thursday: 10:00am to 9:00pm Friday: 10:00am to 4:00pm Saturday: 1:00am to 5:00pm Closed Sunday northwaleslibrary.com

UPCOMING MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

8/6/18	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
8/13/18	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
8/15/18	Police Pension Board Meeting	3:30 pm
8/21/18	Workshop Meeting	7:00 pm
8/27/18	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30 pm
8/28/18	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9/3/18	Holiday: Labor Day	Offices Closed
9/5/18	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
9/17/18	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9/18/18	Workshop Meeting	7:00 pm
9/24/18	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30 pm
9/25/18	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10/1/18	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30pm
10/8/18	Holiday: Columbus Day	Offices Closed
10/16/18	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm
10/22/18	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30 pm
10/23/18	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00pm
11/6/18	Election Day	Offices Open
11/7/18	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
11/12/18	Holiday: Veteran's Day (Observed)	Offices Closed
11/13/18	Workshop Meeting	7:00pm
11/14/18	Police Pension Board Meeting	3:30 pm
11/14/18	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11/19/18	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30 pm
11/22/18	Holiday: Thanksgiving	Offices Closed
11/23/18	Holiday: Thanksgiving	Offices Closed
11/27/18	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12/3/18	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
12/11/18	Workshop Meeting	7:00 pm
12/17/18	Board of Commissioners Meeting	7:30 pm
12/18/18	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12/25/18	Holiday: Christmas	Offices Closed