





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.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

No, we didn't move, but we did change our mailing address for Taxes, Invoices and Payments. Please send all Township correspondence (except sewer payments) to:

Upper Gwynedd Township 1 Parkside Place North Wales, PA 19454

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, 1 Parkside Place, North Wales.

Police Department

GOING TO THE DOGS!

The UGT Police Department is eagerly awaiting the arrival of their newest members, who are due to join the force at the end of the year. Fury, a Belgian Malinois, and Gunner, a Dutch Shephard, are finishing up their training and will soon join their human counterparts in keeping the Township and its residents safe. The police department is working hard to partner with our community on funding the canine (K9) unit with public donations. A K9 Brick Fundraiser is currently underway. Personalized bricks purchased through your donations will be set and displayed next to Park-Sci Playground at Parkside Place. Details and order forms for the K-9 Brick Fundraiser can be found on UGT Police Department's Crimewatch page at montgomery.crimewatchpa.com/



FUNDRAISER and order forms for the K-9 Brick Fundraiser can be found on UGT Police Department's Crimewatch page at montgomery.crimewatchpa.com/ uppergwyneddpd. You can also help fund Gunner and Fury by purchasing K9 t-shirts at the Police Department for \$20. Both fundraisers will run through the end of this year. The Department hopes you join them in supporting the new K9 unit, and looks forward to

WE GOT ANOTHER GRANT!

getting Fury, Gunner and their handlers out into the community!

The PA Liquor Control Board awarded the department a \$26,000 grant to Reduce Underage and Dangerous Drinking. The grant was used to purchase a trailer, four pedal carts, Drunk Buster Impairment goggles, traffic cones, tables, chairs and tents. The grant also covers officers performing the details. Officer Fred Lynch was successful in applying and



acquiring this grant for the department. The department will be using this RUDD trailer at many upcoming events. Students, young adults and parents will learn about the dangers of drinking alcohol by wearing the impairment goggles while attempting to perform tests for balance, coordination and undivided attention.



Township resident and 2021 North Penn High School graduate Catherine Cavanaugh has the distinction of recently being selected a U.S. Presidential

Scholar. Ms. Cavanaugh is one of only three teens in Pennsylvania and 161 in the nation to be chosen as members of the 57th class of Presidential Scholar honorees by the U.S. Department of Education. Presidential Scholars are chosen based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, and community service and leadership. While at North Penn,

Fire Department

Over the first seven months of 2021, UGFD has responded to over 330 calls for service. While we are not running calls, members have been furthering their education with weekly training held at the firehouse and area fire academies. Members are also achieving local, state, and national certifications to better serve the community.

To ensure that the Swiftwater Rescue Team is ready, UGFD has hosted two additional technician-level classes. These classes were comprised of classroom, land-based, and water-based evolutions to ensure that the team is prepared for any water emergency.

Recently, the township's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating increased from a 4 to a 3. An ISO rating, also known as a fire score, is a score from 1 to 10 that indicates how well protected the community is by UGFD, the lower the score, the better. This score is calculated through a review of the quality of the fire department to include staffing levels and training, adequate water supply in the community through the prevalence of fire hydrants, and the department's community outreach/fire prevention. Insurers use this score to help set

Ms. Cavanaugh founded the "Spanish Translation Project," a website linking students in need of specialized translation services with those who are fluent enough to offer translation. Her project translated all the high school's biology and chemistry curriculum, the health curriculum for 10th and 11th graders, and common core materials for Keystone Exam takers. They also translated the entire Constitution, and guides for the U.S. citizenship test and PA state civics tests that are required of high school students. Numerous states and several countries now benefit from the "Spanish Translation Project." As well as being honored as a Presidential Scholar, Ms. Cavanaugh also won a \$5,625 National Honor Society scholarship from the National Association of Secondary School Principals. She was also named a finalist

Felicidades, Catherine Cavanaugh!

homeowner's insurance rates. Residents may see the department's hard work in obtaining this low score translated into lower homeowners' insurance premiums, depending on your carrier. We are striving to reach the next highest rating.

Keep an eye out in your mailbox this fall for our fund drive newsletter and donation slip. The department does not charge for fire services and as an all-volunteer organization, we rely heavily on your help. Public donations tend to amount to nearly 40% of our annual operating budget! Your monetary support goes to ensure that firefighters have the most up to date gear and equipment to keep both them and you safe. You are always welcome to donate anytime online at www.ugfd.org.

Carbon Monoxide incidents are one type of call that your fire department responds to quite frequently in the fall and winter. We encourage you to have a carbon monoxide detector present in your home on all levels. Carbon Monoxide is known as the silent killer because it is an odorless and colorless gas. It is a byproduct of burning fossil fuels, like natural gas and home heating oil. It can cause sudden illness and even death. One way to prevent this is to ensure that your heater exhaust is clear of debris and snow. in the U.S. Youth Senate Program and a Coca-Cola Scholarship regional finalist. In addition to creating the "Spanish Translation Project," while in high school she was also a member of the English Language Learners (ELL) Club; a Champion Ambassador for the Giving Tree Organization; president of GirlUp, a United Nations initiative which provides relief to impoverished women throughout the world; and a member of the NPHS superintendent's student council. Ms. Cavanaugh is also an accomplished cellist.

Ms. Cavanaugh will be attending the University of Pittsburgh Honors College, studying neuroscience and political science. Please join us in congratulating her on her amazing achievements and wishing her a bright and successful future!

Snow! As we approach the cold winter months and inevitable snowstorms, we encourage you to please shovel out fire hydrants close to your home as soon as possible. Without this help, it takes firefighters precious minutes to dig them out when an emergency occurs. Your help following a snowstorm could save yours or your neighbors life!

UGFD is proud to announce the expected arrival in January 2022 of our two new apparatus. UGFD will be receiving a Rosenbauer Commander Custom FX Ouint and a Rosenbauer Commander Custom FX Rescue Engine. These new trucks, Quint and Squad 80 respectively, will replace our current 2001 Peirce Dash 100' Tower Ladder (Tower 80) and 2004 Pierce Dash (Squad 80). These two trucks have faithfully served Upper Gwynedd residents and will be sold to other agencies. UGFD members have spent countless hours on committees designing the new trucks to best serve our community. UGFD will be hosting a formal housing ceremony for these trucks in the springtime and encourage the community to attend! Stay tuned to our Social Media for additional photos as the trucks make their way down the production line.

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GOT LEAVES?

Residents are advised that the Barnside Farm Composting Facility on Haldeman Road in Lower Salford Township provides a drop off site for leaves, grass, and yard waste. Call 610-287-8880 for more information. In the fall, waste haulers will advise you of their leaf pick up dates for recycling.

In recent years, there has been a significant reduction in the amount of leaf waste going to a recycle facility, from 906 tons in 2015 to 235 tons in 2019. The Township is examining ways to increase the amount rather than have it go to a landfill. Alternative methods are under review and more information will be distributed in the future.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Please join us for two more Community Conversations this year with the Board of Commissioners and Township Staff.

The goal for these conversations is for the Township to gain an understanding of Community needs and the experiences in our Township of our minority/diverse residents. We also welcome all residents to participate in these Conversations and learn about their neighbors.

SAVE THE DATES:

OCTOBER 12TH AT 7 PM Opening our Arms to the Asian American Community

DECEMBER 2ND AT 7 PM Opening our Arms to the LGBTQ+ Community

Please join us to help us serve you! More info about these programs will be posted on our website at uppergwynedd.org by September 20th. Check in for updates!



1) Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile, never in the street or stream! You can shred yard waste to use as mulch or fertilizer for your yard and garden. Or, check with you municipality for yard waste collection opportunities.

2) Apply herbicides and fertilizers sparingly and never before it rains. Try spot treating for weeds or, better yet, pull them by hand! If you have to use herbicides or fertilizers on your lawn, make sure to always follow the instructions and sweep up anything that falls on hard surfaces.

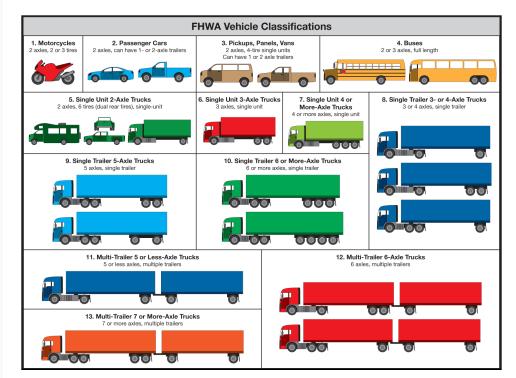
3) Add native plants to your yard. Now through Thanksgiving can be the best time to put native plants in the ground. Many plants go dormant in the fall and winter and will not require much maintenance to survive until spring. Native plants aid in the infiltration of stormwater and provide important food and habitat for wildlife.

Check out our website to learn more: www.perkiomenwatershed.org



SURVEY - WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

UGT Board of Commissioners is looking for feedback on large vehicles parking in residential neighborhoods. Please click or copy this link (www.surveymonkey.com/r/T75QSNY) to take our survey which is only 5 questions and takes less than 1 minute to complete. Residents can call the Township with their responses at 215-699-7777.



Grant Funding

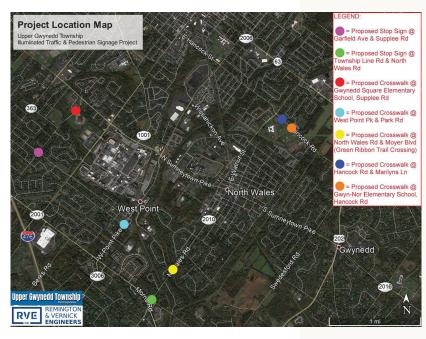
Upper Gwynedd Township is thrilled to announce the acquisition of over \$1.3 million in grant funding for several important projects in the Township this year.

Sumneytown Pike Bridge over the Wissahickon Replacement: The Township received a grant of \$1.2 million dollars from the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund to replace this bridge. Each year PennDOT inspects our bridges in the Township for safety and recommends potential maintenance on the bridges. In 2020 we performed repairs to the Scour of the bridge and found that due to the age and status of the bridge it needs to be replaced. The bridge is currently safe, but in UGT we want to take a proactive approach to infrastructure maintenance so that it is not compromised in the future. The total project cost is expected to be over \$1.7 million dollars, so this grant makes a huge difference in the Township's cost for this important infrastructure improvement. Construction is expected to take place in 2023.

Illuminated Traffic and Pedestrian Signage: The Township received a grant of \$98,704 dollars (\$24,676 in matching funds) for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at numerous locations throughout town.

- 1. Four flashing LED stop signs at Garfield and Supplee Rd.
- 2. Two Flashing LED stop signs at Township Line Rd. and North Wales Rd.
- 3. Two Flashing LED Crosswalk sign assemblies with push button activation at each of the following crossings:
 - Gwyn-Nor Elementary School crossing Hancock Rd.
 - West Point Pike and Park Rd. crossing West Point Pike
 - Gwynedd Square Elementary School crossing Supplee Rd.
 - Hancock and Marlyns Lane crossing Hancock Rd.

This project aims to increase pedestrian safety through the installation of the flashing crosswalk signs. None of the proposed crossing locations currently have signs that indicate a pedestrian crossing. The flashing signs will make the pedestrian crossings more visible to drivers on the roads, thereby reducing the risk of accidents at the crossings and making it safer for pedestrians to cross. This project also aims to make these crossings more accessible to pedestrians with



disabilities by ensuring that there are ADA accessible curb ramps at either side of each crossing.

The installation of flashing stop signs would advance traffic calming efforts in the proposed locations by making the stop signs more visible to drivers and reducing the risk of crashes. We expect construction to be completed for this project in 2023.

SAFETY INFORMATION FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

From an Emergency Management standpoint, the primary threat to Upper Gwynedd Township has historically been flooding and wind. There are sections of the Township that are prone to flooding and may make travel difficult in the event that multiple roads are closed or impassable. Residents should learn alternate routes in the event of such an emergency.

Wind events, such as thunderstorms or hurricanes can cause problems in the Township bringing down trees and/ or wires, creating a hazard to all who are nearby. As we have learned from recent storms, there are times that the power grid is damaged, and residents may go for days without electricity. While this is difficult to handle on many fronts, everyone should be prepared in the event this happens again. With hurricane season in full swing,

> Upper Gwynedd may once again be in the path or aftermath of a storm. The potential is there for heavy rains, flooding, and damaging winds. Keep you and your family prepared for these events by storing a 3-day supply of goods for each family member in your household. The link (http:// tinyurl.com/ kmpg6pw) has been provided

by the American Red Cross and has important information on creating an adequate supply of needs for you and your family. It is important to note that this supply should be kept up to date with each season, as emergencies can occur at any time throughout the year.

From the North Wales Area Library

A Wealth of Resources, Free of Charge! Online Resources Available 24/7.

ONGOING EVENTS

Story Time Every Tuesday at 10 am

Book Clubs for Adults

Third Tuesday at 7 pm and the fourth Wednesday at 2 pm.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Every Thursday at 1 pm

Knitting & Crochet Group

2nd Monday of each month at 1 pm

Please check www.northwaleslibrary.org for new teen events including special book events, art and creative workshops and movie showings.

SAVE THE DATE! LIBRARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR SAT., NOV. 6TH • 10AM-3PM HOLIDAY SALES • FOOD & DRINKS PICTURES WITH SANTA • MUSIC

Library Book Sale!

A large selection of books for sale on October 22 – 23, 8 am – 4 pm

Red Cross Blood Drives

Thursdays, September 16, October 7, November 18, and December 16 from 1-6. Please give the gift of life.

Flu Shots Available

Thursday, September 30, 1-4 pm

Attraction Passes are available through a partnership with the Library and UG Township! Borrow a pass for one week for free entrance into area gardens, museums and other local attractions.

A StoryWalk places a children's story (literally a book taken apart) along a walking route around the library. Our September StoryWalk selection is *Compost Soup*

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 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. Call Point Service Center at 215-699-TIRE (8473) or email pointservicectr@ gmail.com.

NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY 233 S. Swartley Street, North Wales, PA 19454 www.northwaleslibrary.org 215.699.5410

Mon–Thurs: Friday: Saturday: Sunday:

11am-7pm 11am-4pm 10am-5pm Closed

UGT IDA hard at work in 2021! Did you know the Township has its own Industrial Development Authority?

Industrial Development Authorities ("IDAs") are public instrumentalities whose purpose is to promote economic development, usually by providing financing for industrial or commercial projects. IDAs are a unique financing tool in that they can finance projects by issuing bonds, subject to approval from the Township. Our UGT IDA was established in 2005 and has funded some great projects over the years. The "industrial" in the IDA's name doesn't quite do it justice, because as IDA authorization has evolved and our IDA provides almost entirely for financing for 501c3s Non-Profit Corporations. These activities generate modest fees which are used to fund various Township projects.

In 2021 our IDA provided financing for the non-profit ACTs for a new facility located in Upper Dublin Township. As a result of that funding our IDA then can fund Township projects through the fees we charge for the financing (which is still very low cost to the Developer).

This year the IDA authorized the following Township Projects:

• **Parks and Recreation:** The IDA provided \$10,000 of funding for the Jacks Lane Open Space clean-up project. This project involves the removal of dead and dying trees in the Open Space area for safety purposes.

- **Public Works:** The IDA provided \$4,200 for six (6) vehicle radios from Land Mobile. Our Public Works Department has been using radios for 45 years and ours needed replacement with newer, more reliable models. Public Works crews use them to communicate when they are on job sites, and they are of particular importance during plowing operations, Firefighting efforts and emergencies that occur throughout the year. Two-way radios keep the Department in contact with the Police and Fire Departments during such emergencies, especially when phone lines are down.
- **Police:** The IDA provided \$6,095 to add a temperature controlled rear cage area to the K9 vehicle for our newly formed canine unit.
- Administration: The IDA provided \$5,000 in funding for Air Purifiers throughout our facilities to help battle the COVID 19 Pandemic.

None of these projects had budgeted funds and without the IDA support, the Township would have had to use Tax Dollars to fund these expenses. The Township thanks the IDA (Chairman Al Bailey, John Kinast, Fred Hencken, Dan Wallace and Rob Morse) for their continued support!

Interested potential borrowers are encouraged to contact our Solicitor, Mr. Neal Pearlstine at (267) 662-9012.

Upper Gwynedd Community Association (UGCA)

Thank you, Upper Gwynedd Residents and Businesses!



Many are taking advantage of making charitable contributions through the Upper Gwynedd Community Association (UGCA) to

various Township initiatives that benefit the Upper Gwynedd Community. As previously reported in our Newsletter, UGCA is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation established by the Upper Gwynedd Township Board of Commissioners and approved by the IRS to encourage philanthropy in support of community programs and activities.

UGCA's mission is to solicit donations and contributions of any size from individuals, business or corporate entities and other private foundations for "worthwhile and fulfilling community activities" which "support civic, recreational and other public needs."

To date, donations have been made through the UGCA by:

- The Reserve at Gwynedd for use by the Police Department's new Canine Unit and DARE Program
- The McCausland Foundation for purchase of a police motorcycle.
- Merck & Co., Inc. through their "Neighbor of Choice" program for the Township's health and wellness, math and science community programs.
- Numerous residents and businesses for use by the Township's Parks and Recreation programs.

Delayed somewhat by the Pandemic, the UGCA will finally be launching its formal marketing campaign to invite contributions and donations under its tagline "Upper Gwynedd Community Association: Enhancing the quality of life for the Upper Gwynedd Community". Look for us at a booth at the September Township Carnival to learn more about the UGCA and what you can do to support the Township's programs.

Contributions may be made to the UGCA with your specific program designated. Alternatively, the UGCA will allocate funds for projects and activities consistent with its Charter. Please mail checks to David Brill, Finance Director, Upper Gwynedd Township, 1 Parkside Place, North Wales, PA 19454.

We hope you will join others who have embraced the UGCA's commitment to giving back to the Community.

Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign

Most signs require permits. The only exceptions are: Real Estate Sale or Rent, Political or signs authorized by governmental agencies or the police department. In general, "freedom of speech" signs are exempt from regulations provided they are placed on the premises of the sign's author. No commercial or temporary signs of any kind should ever be positioned in the public right-of-way. This area is reserved for street signs, traffic speed and control signs and temporary signs authorized during an emergency or road construction. Sign regulations are part of every municipality's toolbox of land use ordinances.

The purpose of these regulations includes:

- 1. To control the quantity, size, location and illumination of signs in the Township in order to permit only those signs that will not, by reason of their size, location construction or manner of display, endanger the safety of, confuse or mislead pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- 2. To permit and regulate signs in such a way so as to support and complement land use objectives set forth in the statement of community objectives in the Zoning Ordinance.
- 3. To alleviate the growth of sign usage that is detrimental to the Township, which is to recognize that economic factors, such as the right to advertise, must be balanced with the public interest to maintain the quality of the appearance of the Township, which is to enhance the economic value as well.
- 4. To prevent an overabundance of signs causing clutter and to prevent lack of quality in design and construction and to provide for the removal of signs which constitute a hazardous or blighting influence.

Snipe or Bandit Signs

These are the most flagrant violations under the fourth principal. These are signs tacked, nailed or posted on trees, street signs, utility poles or positioned usually in the public street right-of-way and often near busy intersections.

Their purpose is to advertise a service,

product or event that does not apply to the use of the premises. Due to the speed and reduced



cost of efficient modern printing processes, these signs are multiplying in vast numbers. They are prohibited and because of inherent safety concerns for the traveling public are removed by Township officials. Should these signs be placed on private property without your permission you as owners should not hesitate to remove them.

PUBLIC WORKS: "STEP ON A CRACK..."

Fall is the perfect time for long walks through your neighborhood. But sometimes that stroll may turn to a tumble if a neighbor's or your own sidewalk is in disrepair. Sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of homeowners. When major cracks develop or sidewalk sections and curbs become unlevel, it's time to make repairs. UGT requires a permit before residents can begin repairing their sidewalks, curbs and/or driveway aprons. While skilled residents are allowed to do repairs themselves under strict construction guidelines, it is highly recommended that they use a licensed and insured contractor to do the repairs. In addition to submitting a pemit application, a "PA One Call" must be made to ensure that no underground utilities will be disturbed or damaged during the repair process.

Permit fees for sidewalks, curbs and/ or aprons are \$25 for each component. Regular sidewalk replacements require 4" of concrete on top of 4" of crushed stone while aprons (where your sidewalk meets your driveway) require 6" of concrete and wire atop 6" of crushed stone. And all repairs require inspections by the Township's PWD. Our "Street Excavation and Occupancy Permit Application" can be found on our website under our "Forms and Documents" section and a complete list of fees also be found at www. uppergwynedd.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Continued from Page 1

It is the hope that through this grant we can educate everyone to be more responsible when consuming alcohol but also remind the young adults and students that underage drinking is illegal and how alcohol affects our mind and body. If you see the UGT Police trailer set up at an event, please stop by to say, "hi." Come out and try the pedal cart obstacle course while wearing the goggles.

UGT Forms Human Relations Commission

Upper Gwynedd Township strives to be a place where people from all walks of life can live, work, and visit free from harassment and unlawful discrimination. To this end, the UGT Human Relations Commission (HRC) was established by Ordinance 2020-06 in September, 2020. Upper Gwynedd joins neighboring municipalities, including North Wales Borough, Lansdale, and Montgomery Township, which have also established local HRCs. These commissions are bound by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, which prohibits certain practices of discrimination because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, age, or national origin.

The UGT HRC is comprised of five volunteer township residents who will mediate disputes in an effort to resolve conflicts and settle complaints of discrimination. The township commissioners invited applications from residents who were interested in volunteering for the HRC.

Following a series of interviews, the following residents were named to staggered terms beginning February, 2021:

- Ray Kulbeda (Chair) is a 17-year township resident with background in religious service and business finance.
- Janki Patel (Co-Chair) is a 5-year resident of the county with a background in retail customer service and human services.
- Deborah Stone is a 40-year township resident with a background in education and public relations.
- Jessica Curran is a 14-year township resident with backgrounds in finance and human services.
- Duncan Reed is a lifelong township resident with a background in investments.

Supporting the HRC are Sandra Brookley Zadell, Township Manager, and Commissioners Katherine Carter and Ruth Damsker. The members have received training in the legal aspects of discrimination law in Pennsylvania and will receive further training in mediation strategies. The HRC is non-partisan and provides services free of charge. A resident or an employee who works in the township who believes they have been a victim of unlawful discrimination may bring a complaint to the commission. As a service of local government, the HRC serves as a facilitator to get people on both sides of a dispute talking. The goal is to come to a resolution that satisfies both parties. The wronged party retains the option of going to court, but it is hoped that through dialogue and mediation, a resolution can be reached amicably.

In all 50 states, federal law makes it illegal to discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions), disability, age (40 and older), citizenship status and genetic information. Pennsylvania law also includes mental disability, GED rather than high school diploma, use of a service animal, and relationship or association with a disabled person.

Some examples of the type of complaint that may be brought to the HRC:

- A job applicant believes they were denied a position for which they were qualified because they have a physical disability.
- A person applying to rent an apartment believes they were turned down despite meeting financial and other requirements because of their sexual orientation.
- An employee believes they were laid off because of their age.
- A parent feels their child is being unduly suspended from school because of racial bias.

For more information, or to lodge a complaint, contact Sandra Zadell, Township Manager, at 215-699-7777 or szadell@uppergwynedd.org. You may access the complaint form on our website at www.uppergwynedd.org. Full provisions of the ordinance may be found on the website also.

Nor-Gwyn Baseball & Softball In a League of Their Own

Upper Gwynedd Township residents Bob Hamlin and Steve Cameron were recently inducted into the Nor-Gwyn Baseball and Softball Hall of Fame. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Hamlin were awarded plaques in their honor and became the 18th and 19th individuals to be recognized by the organization for their years of exemplary volunteer service. Both gentlemen have shared their love and knowledge for the game of baseball to hundreds of players in the UGT community and have made a positive impact to many families by their devotion to the organization.

Mr. Hamlin has served Nor-Gwyn for the past 14 seasons. He was a member of their Board of Directors from 2011-2015, serving as Vice President from 2012-2015. He also acted as the Youth Baseball Tournament Team Program Director from 2009-2016. Mr. Hamlin managed or coached ten baseball teams at levels ranging from Youth Baseball to Connie Mack from 2009-2014. An ardent fundraiser and youth advocate, Mr. Hamlin's numerous achievements include co-founding the annual Nor-Gwyn Wood Bat Classic Youth Baseball Tournament and receiving the 2011 Greer Foundation's Tarvalsky-Price Youth Leadership Award.

Mr. Cameron has served Nor-Gwyn for the past 22 years; as a member of their Board of Directors from 2004 to the present, Board Secretary from 2009-2010 and currently as Treasurer which he has held since 2010. In this role, he championed implementation of accounting software that standardized and automated the position's tasks. He was also a Nor-Gwyn Youth Baseball Player Representative from 2007-2008 and Tournament Team Coordinator in 2008. Mr. Cameron organized Nor-Gwyn's Annual Evening at a Minor League Ballpark Event for 12 years and served on the committee to reformat the organization's future tournament team structure. Mr. Cameron managed or coached 22 Nor-Gwyn Baseball teams at all levels, from T-Ball to Connie Mack, from 2000-2013. He was the recipient of the 2006 Larry Meyers Coach of the Year Award.

Fall 2021

The 2021 summer season was exciting for the Nor-Gwyn Community. The fun continues with more baseball and softball in 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. For more information, please see www. norgwynbaseball.org



FIRE DEPARTMENT Continued from Page 2

We are always looking for new members to be active responders to emergencies, whether responding to building fires or responding as medical professionals to assist an ambulance. No prior experience is necessary. UGFD will pay for training and provide all equipment.

UGFD is also looking for administrative members. These members assist with the finance, fundraising, grant writing, maintenance of the firehouse, and much more. 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.

SUB-DIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT Under Construction

- Gwynedd Park (Hancock Rd. next to Sanctuary Church) 30 twin homes. 24 Building Permits approved & 14 homes complete.
- Merck & Co. (West Point Campus) Building 63. *Building Permit issued.*
- Enclave at Gwynwood Farm (W. Prospect opposite Church Rd.) 4-lot residential development. *First house complete, 2 houses under construction.*
- 512 Montgomery Ave. New single-family home. *Permit issued.*
- 1231 Dickerson Rd. New single-family home. *Permit issued, construction complete.*
- 11th St. New single-family home. *Grading permit approved. Permit issued.*
- 645 Jones Avenue 3 lot subdivision *under construction.*
- 721 S. Broad St.– New single-family home
- West Prospect Ave. (former Saint Rose Ballfield) 5-lot subdivision. *3 houses framed and 2 are under construction.*
- 1131 S. Broad St. lot consolidation plan. Will accommodate one new single-family house, under construction.

Approved

- Shoppes at Upper Gwynedd (Church Rd. & Sumneytown Pike – former Giant site) – Conditionally approved – includes Royal Farms Convenience Store. Two retail buildings in rear will be submitted for review. Montessori School decision pending.
- 229 Morris Rd. 2-lot subdivision. No permits issued. Final plan not recorded.
- Merck B32 and B50 land development. *Plans approved, building permit is pending*
- 180 Wissahickon Ave. Proposed industrial building. *Approved by the Planning Commission. Final approval granted.*
- Tesla Charging Stations at Wawa, Welsh Rd. *Conditional Use Approved. Building Permit approved.*

Proposed

- Roosevelt Court, State St, 9-lot subdivision. Development Plan to be considered by the Board of Commissioners
- 779-783 Sumneytown Pike, 17 Townhomes – Preliminary Plan submitted to the Planning Commission.
- 1034 Dickerson, lot grading plan submitted.

PARKS AND RECREATION Fall 2021

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.

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 a 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!



Holiday Lights Celebration

TIME	5:00-8:00p
LOCATION	1 Parkside
COST	Free

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.

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FALL SPECIAL EVENTS 2021

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

Car Show

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021		
LOCATION	Parkside Place	
TIME	Check-in starts at 9:00am	
	Awards at 3:00pm	
COST	\$15 pre-reg (\$20 day-of)	

Our annual car show will be a standalone event this year! There are 8 Classes of cars: Antique, Street Rod to '49, Trucks, Muscle Car (stock,) Special Interest, Street Machines / Pro Street, Classic Cruisers and New Muscle.

Carnival

Thursday,	Sept. 9 – Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021
TIME	Thursday, Sept. 9, 6-10pm
	Friday, Sept. 10, 6-10pm
	Saturday, Sept. 11, 1-10pm
	Sunday, Sept. 12, 1-5pm
LOCATION	Parkside Place

It is back and better than ever! Join us for the Upper Gwynedd Township 30th Annual Carnival. Details on our website: www.uppergwynedd.org

Golf Outing

Monday, Oct. 4, 2021		
LOCATION	Cedarbrook County Club	
TIME	1:00pm Shotgun Start	
	Scramble format	
COST	\$140 per person	

Lunch and a sit-down dinner included. For more information and to register your group, see our website for a registration form. To become a hole sponsor, please contact Sarah at: sprebis@uppergwynedd. org . All proceeds benefit the Upper Gwynedd Parks and Recreation Department.

Fall Fest

Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021		
TIME	11:00am-4:00pm	
LOCATION	Parkside Place Park	
COST	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

THE LIBERTY BELL TRAIL North Penn & Indian Valley - Make YOUR Voice Heard!

How can YOU get involved in the Liberty Bell Trail feasibility study?

- Participate in the WikiMap and fill out the associated survey.
- Contact your elected officials and say you support the Liberty Bell Trail. These are the people responsible for seeking funding to put this feasibility study into action, and they need to know their constituents are in support!
- Check out our webpage to stay up to date on upcoming meetings and events.
- Email Zhenya Nalywayko (Znalywayko@pecpa.org) to be placed on our mailing list.

Links

- WikiMap & Survey: https://wikimapping.com/Liberty-Bell-Trail.html
- Pennsylvania Environmental Council LBT Webpage: https://pecpa.org/program/libertybell-trail/



ADULT FITNESS

Power Pump

Session 1: Wednesdays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 20 Session 2: Wednesdays, Nov. 3 – Dec. 15 (No class on Nov. 24)

LOCATION UG Community Center 6:15pm-7:15pm TIME \$44/registrant FEE 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!

Zumba

Session 1: Fridays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 1 Session 2: Fridays, Oct. 8 - Oct. 29 Session 3: Fridays, Nov. 5 - Dec. 1 (No class, Nov. 26) LIG Community Center

LOCATION	ou community center
AGES	18+
TIME	9:00am–9:55am
FEE	\$32 per session

Ditch the workout and join the party! Zumba is a Latin inspired easy-to-follow, calorie burning, dance fitness party. It will energize you, sculpt you, and make you smile. This party is designed for all ages, shapes, sizes, and fitness levels.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021 LOCATION UG Main Meeting Room FEE

Sculpt and Define

Session 1: Mondays, Sept. 13 – Oct.18 Session 2: Mondays, Nov. 1 - Dec. 13 (No class on Nov. 22)

LOCATION	UG Community Center
TIME	6:15pm–7:15pm
FEE	\$44/registrant
AGES	18+

Whether you want to get in shape for Summer 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.

TIME 9:00am-3:00pm \$65/registrant 11+ (boys and girls) Min 10, Max 18 AGES

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, an informational CD-rom, 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 mask, lunch, pen or pencil.

THANKS TO OUR 2021 SPONSORS!

Due to the generosity of our sponsors, Upper Gwynedd 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 Sarah Prebis (sprebis@ uppergwynedd.org) for info on how your company can help.

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Pickleball Lessons

Session 1 Beginners: Mondays, Sept. 6 - 27 Intermediate: Thursdays, Sept. 9 - 30 Session 2 Beginners: Mondays, Oct. 4 - 25 Intermediate: Thursdays, Oct. 7 – 28 LOCATION Parkside Place: Picklehall Courts

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9:00-10:00am
\$40/registrant
18+

Enjoyed by players of all ages and skill levels. Beginners will be taught all facets of the game. 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.

Goat Yoga

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021	
LOCATION	UG Fields
	(next to the Pavilion)
TIME	9:00-10:00am &
	10:15-11:15am
FEE	\$40 per person
One ticket for	each participant is required.
	r age 13 must be accompanied
	t. Anyone in the Goat Yoga class
ring is conside	red a participant.
AGES	5+

A triple threat to de-stress, Namaaaste Goat Yoga is a great way to break from your normal mindset and reap the benefits of animal/laughter therapy and yoga! Open to yogis of every skill level, Namaaaste Goat Yoga is not your typical but still relaxing form of beginner-level goat-centric subtle yoga that always involves smiles, laughter, giggles, and of course, goats! This is a 45-minute goat yoga experience followed by a 15-minute picture/snuggle time with our baby and miniature breed goats. Participants should bring their own yoga mat/towel/blanket.

PRESCHOOL CLASS

Let's Get Messy Playtime Class Wednesdays Sent 15 - Oct 20

weullesuays, sept. 15 - Oct. 20			
LOCATION	UG Com	imunity Cent	er
TIME	10:15-11	1:00 am	
FEE	\$60	AGES	2-5

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.



KIDS PROGRAMS

Young Rembrandts

Session 1: Saturdays, Oct. 23 – Nov. 13 Session 2: Saturdays, Nov. 20 – Dec. 18 (*No class on Nov. 27*) LOCATION UG Community Center TIME

9:00-9:45am, 4-6 yr: Early Elementary Drawing 9:45-10:45am, 7-14 yr: Drawing 10:45-11:45am, 8-14 yr: Cartooning FEE \$72 AGES 4-14yrs

We teach drawing with a see-touch-do method that all kids can succeed with, learn from and love! The secret to our success is that children ALREADY love to draw—we just take their love a little further, by giving them a solid foundation that will take their drawings from doodles to confidence-boosting achievements. During our classes, we use an innovative step-bystep approach on drawing topics your kids can relate to and learn from. Watch your child reach a new level of potential with this engaging, award-winning program.

Bricks 4 Kidz: Wheels in Motion

Saturdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 16		
LOCATION	UG Community Center	
TIME	10:00-11:00am	
FEE	\$90	
AGES	5-10	

Students will use LEGO® Bricks, axles, pulleys, gears, and motors to build a variety of models on wheels. Some are familiar vehicles, such as a fire engine and delivery truck. Others are more spectacular, such as the Rescue Robot and K-9 Bot. Put your Speed Bot model to the test as you race against others using remote controls! We'll explore concepts of speed and force and gain non-vehicle knowledge from the unconventional Wheels in Motion models as well.

Jr. Scratch & Makey Makey: Musical Adventures Fridays, Sept. 24 - Oct. 29

LOCATION	UG Community Center
TIME	4:30-5:30pm
FEE	\$130/registrant
ACES	4-7

We are going to explore how different sounds are created and we will create our own interpretations of common musical instruments like drums, piano, guitar, and even a recorder, and we will create our very own dancing program, all through the use of Makey Makey and Scratch to bring our music to life! The last day will end with a great mini concert from all of our students!

YOUTH SPORTS

Jump Start Sports Hummingbirds Soccer

Tuesdays, Sept. 7 – Oct. 12		
LOCATION	West Point Park	
TIME	5:15-6:00pm or 6:00-6:45pm	
FEE	\$90	
AGES	3-5.5	

Boys and girls 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.

PSCTA Tennis Lessons

Tuesdays or Thursdays, Sept. 7 – Oct. 7		
LOCATION	Parkside Place Park: Tennis Courts	
TIME	5:00pm-5:45pm - 5/6 yr	
	5:45pm-6:30pm - 7/8 yr	
	6:30pm-7:30pm - 9/10 yr	
FEE	\$60	
AGES	5-10	

PSCTA is a local, not-for-profit organization and is registered through the United States Tennis Association. The scaled-to-size equipment and playing area allows children to rally and play the game, increasing the likelihood that they will return to the court and continue to improve!

T-Birds T-Ball

 Wednesd=y. Sept. 8 - Oct.13

 LOCATION
 West Point Park

 TIME
 5:30-6:30pm

 FEE
 \$95

 AGES
 3-5

Players learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and base running, and then apply what they have learned in fun, non-



competitive games. Sessions are one hour long and include all instruction and game play in one outing. Parent assistance appreciated, but all instruction will be provided by Jump Start Sports.

Tennis Lessons with Kristina Alling

Wednesdays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 10		
LOCATION	Parkside Place Park: Tennis Courts	
TIME	5:00-6:00pm - 11/12 yr	
	6:00-7:00pm - Adult	
	7:00-8:00pm - Teen	
FEE	\$60	
AGES	11-Adult	

Participants in teen & adult lessons, please plan to provide your own racquet.

KIDS PROGRAMS cont.

App. Hardware Engineering: Get Wired with Makey Makey Fridays, Sept. 24 – Oct. 29

LOCATION UG Community Center

тіме 6:00-7:00pm адея 8-14

FEE\$130/registrantAGES8-14Imagine designing a piano using celery or creating a custom digital training program. Now,
envision playing video games using just your body, a bit of wire and your own imagination.
In our hardware engineering program, students engineer their own customized video game
controllers using a Makey Makey device and materials that can be found in just about any
kitchen. Through application of circuitry, acoustical engineering and video game design,
students discover new ways to interact with technology, all while creating unique designs in a
fun collaborative environment.

App Aerospace Engineering: Up, Up, and Away

Fridays, Nov. 5 - Dec. 17 (No class on Nov. 26)

LOCATION	UG Community Center	TIME	6:00-7:00pm
FEE	\$130/registrant	AGES	8-14

During the Aerospace Engineering classes, students use the Engineering Design Process to design, create, test, and refine a variety of flying machines. They construct a shock absorbing system designed to protect two marshmallow astronauts in a lunar vehicle, create their own air-powered rockets, and assemble a model blimp that actually takes flight!

Jr. Aerospace Engineering: Taking to the Skies

Fridays, Nov 5 - Dec. 17 (No class on Nov. 26)

LOCATION	UG Community Center	TIME	4:30-5:30pm
FEE	\$130/registrant	AGES	4-7

The Junior Aerospace Engineering classes introduce our youngest engineers to fundamental concepts of aircraft and spacecraft design. Through open and focused exploration, students explore and construct airplanes, rockets, helicopters, and more.

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UPCOMING MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

9/1/2021	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
9/6/2021	Holiday: Labor Day	Offices Closed
9/8/2021	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
9/13/2021	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
9/16/2021	Human Relations Commission (TBD)	6:30 pm (Check Website)
9/20/2021	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9/21/2021	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
9/28/2021	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10/6/2021	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
10/11/2021	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
10/13/2021	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
10/19/2021	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
10/21/2021	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
10/26/2021	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11/3/2021	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
11/8/2021	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
11/10/2021	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
11/11/2021	Holiday: Veteran's Day	Offices Closed
11/15/2021	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11/16/2021	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
11/17/2021	Police Pension Board	4:30 pm
11/18/2021	Human Relations Commission (TBD)	6:30 pm (Check Website)
11/23/2021	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
11/25/2021	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day	Offices Closed
11/26/2021	Holiday: Thanksgiving	Offices Closed
12/1/2021	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
12/8/2021	Planning Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
12/13/2021	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
12/16/2021	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
12/21/2021	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
12/24/2021	Holiday: Christmas Eve	Offices Closed
12/28/2021	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12/31/2021	Holiday: New Year's (Observed)	Offices Closed

3RD ANNUAL E-RECYCLE SHRED EVENT Saturday, October 2, 2021

LOCATION	Parkside Place
TIME	9am-1pm

A FEW THINGS TO NOTE:

- This event is for UGT Township residents ONLY. We will be checking IDs for proof of address.
- Small fees will apply for certain electronics.
- There is a 5 bag/box limit for shredding.
- No early birds please.

Check out our website for more information: www.uppergwynedd.org



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