



# UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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

## UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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

## *Trail Studies*

Upper Gwynedd Township has big plans for connectivity in our Township for pedestrians and bikers. In recent years we have completed two grant funded trail studies, one regarding the Liberty Bell Trail, and the second for the PECO Powerline Trail. As a result of those studies the Township has also acquired an easement for the over 6 miles trail along the PECO Power Line Corridor. Township staff have been conducting outreach with residents along that corridor about their thoughts on trail alignment. As part of these projects a new trail map has been created to bring all of our trail work together into one document! If you are curious about trails, please check out the map on page 3. It is also available on our website at [www.uppergwynedd.org/home/news/ugt-trails-studies-map](http://www.uppergwynedd.org/home/news/ugt-trails-studies-map).

The Township actively seeks grant funding for all trail construction, engineering, and design. It takes time to acquire funding, and plan these trails so hang in there while we go through the process. Currently, we are focusing our funding acquisition on the Power Line Trail section along Mill Road which will cross North Wales Road and connect the middle school and elementary school as well as the ball fields, and eventually will connect to the 202 Parkway Trail. We are also focusing on connections of the Liberty Bell Trail to Lansdale Borough. If you have any questions or concerns about Trails in our community reach out today!

## *Nor-Gwyn Baseball and Softball*

Play Ball!!! can be heard across the Nor-Gwyn baseball and softball complex on every day of the week from May through mid-July. Upper Gwynedd's youth and young adults, ages 5 years through high school, compete recreationally in intramural leagues and competitively in inter-community games. As many as 7 games may be played at the same time including games under the lights.

To complete your evening, enjoy a baseball style meal at our concession stand while watching enthusiastic youth players. Have a relaxing evening at Nor-Gwyn Baseball & Softball fields are located near the Pennbrook Middle School and across from Gwyn-Nor Elementary School.



## RESPECT THE FLAG

The Township has a drop box for your retired, worn, or tattered flags so they can be disposed of in the property manner. This service is available to all residents and guests 24/7. The RED, WHITE & BLUE box is in front of the Township Administration Building at 1 Parkside Place.



## THE GAZETTE

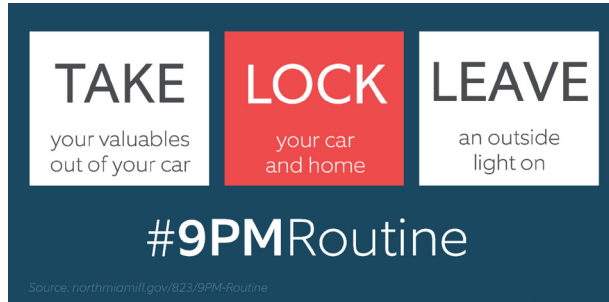
Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, The Gazette by going to our website and clicking the e-subscribe button and adding your email address to our list. That's all there is to it to stay up to date on all Township news!



## Police Department News

One of the most frequent types of thefts that occur in Upper Gwynedd is thefts from vehicles. It is not just Upper Gwynedd Township affected by this, but the general North Penn area as well. Actually, the entire country. Many times, it occurs to vehicles that are left unlocked. North Miami Police Department in Florida started an initiative to address and work with its community on this issue. It is called 9PM Routine.

North Miami PD made a daily post on its social media for a whole month to encourage the residents to remove valuables from their cars, lock their cars, turn on outside lights, and lock up their homes.



Since its origination, the 9PM Routine has been adopted by law enforcement agencies all over the U.S and continues to provide value to communities by raising awareness and providing simple prevention tips. (Neighbors Public Safety Services, [help.publicsafety.ring.com/hc/en-us/articles/360058985673-A-Guide-to-the-9PM-Routine#the-9pm-routine-0-1](https://help.publicsafety.ring.com/hc/en-us/articles/360058985673-A-Guide-to-the-9PM-Routine#the-9pm-routine-0-1))

As a result of the campaign, North Miami PD and its residents developed a better communication with one another in addressing the crimes in the neighborhoods.

The Upper Gwynedd Police Department has been sending reminders to the residents to start their "9PM Routine." We ask that you please make this part of your daily routine.

### K9 Unit

2023 was another successful year for the Upper Gwynedd Police K9 Unit. Both K9 Gunner and K9 Fury were well utilized. Both K9s were deployed numerous times, with the most being specifically for incidents within Upper Gwynedd Township.

K9 Fury and his handler, Officer Tartar, conducted several demonstrations in town and for nearby agencies such as Lansdale Borough Police Department for their Black

Reserve Book Store. K9 Fury enjoyed assisting at a Trunk or Treat event where he got to wear his favorite costume and meet some local kiddos. K9 Fury also had successful tracks and explosive searches for both Upper Gwynedd Township and other municipalities.

K9 Gunner and his handler, Officer Toro, conducted demonstrations for local Boy Scout Troops, Upper Gwynedd Township Parks and Recreation, and members of some local Churches. In October, K9 Gunner was certified through the USPCA for drug scent detection. He worked successful building searches related to burglaries, tracks, and perimeter work.

Did you also know, one of our furry partners is a movie star? K9 Gunner and Officer Toro were filmed for a Netflix series through the Penn Vet Working Dog Center about working dogs! All of us here at Upper Gwynedd Township Police department would like to thank the community for their continued support of our K9 Unit.



### BIKE LANES

New bike lanes are being installed on S. Broad Street between Morris Rd and Sumneytown Pike, with support of the Partnership TMA of Montgomery County's Bike More, Drive Less project, aiming to increase the usage of bicycling as a transportation option. These bike lanes will utilize existing space and no travel lanes or parking spaces will be removed from the road. Bike lanes have been found by the Federal Highway Administration to improve road safety for all users and have no negative impact on traffic flow. There is strong public support for adding bike lanes and other bike infrastructure to locations in the township and throughout the county, referenced in the Bike Montco Plan.



Future projects plan to expand the new bike lanes north to Lansdale Borough and ultimately create a bicycle network that will connect to The Circuit Trails. On S. Broad Street, some sections will not have full bike lanes and motorists are reminded that bikes can use the full lane and to give at least 4ft of space when passing cyclists, it's the law!

To learn more about the Bike More, Drive Less project please visit [www.ptma-mc.org](http://www.ptma-mc.org) or email the Partnership TMA at [info@ptma-mc.org](mailto:info@ptma-mc.org).





# Sanitary Sewer Infiltration & Inflow Inspection Program

The Township is currently well underway with its Sanitary Sewer Infiltration & Inflow Inspection Program for 2024. Infiltration & inflow (I&I) is when groundwater and stormwater enter the sanitary sewer and is a major concern for all municipalities operating wastewater collection and treatment systems. I&I can quickly overwhelm the capacity of the pipes underground carrying the flow, resulting in sewage backups and overflows into the environment. Infiltration is especially likely to occur during periods of heavy rainfall, when water can flow from the saturated soil through broken and deteriorated pipes and connections. Inflow is caused by rain or groundwater deliberately directed into the sanitary sewer system from drains or sump pumps.

A routine and thorough inspection of the Township's Sanitary Sewer System is conducted during times when the groundwater is high, to identify the locations and scope of such issues. Sections of line due for inspection are cleaned by a vacuum truck with a water jetting nozzle and inspected using a remotely operated vehicle equipped with a CCTV camera. The remote video feed is viewed by an operator, who can direct the camera at any part of the pipe to see the condition it's in, as well as find the location and extent of any problems in the line.

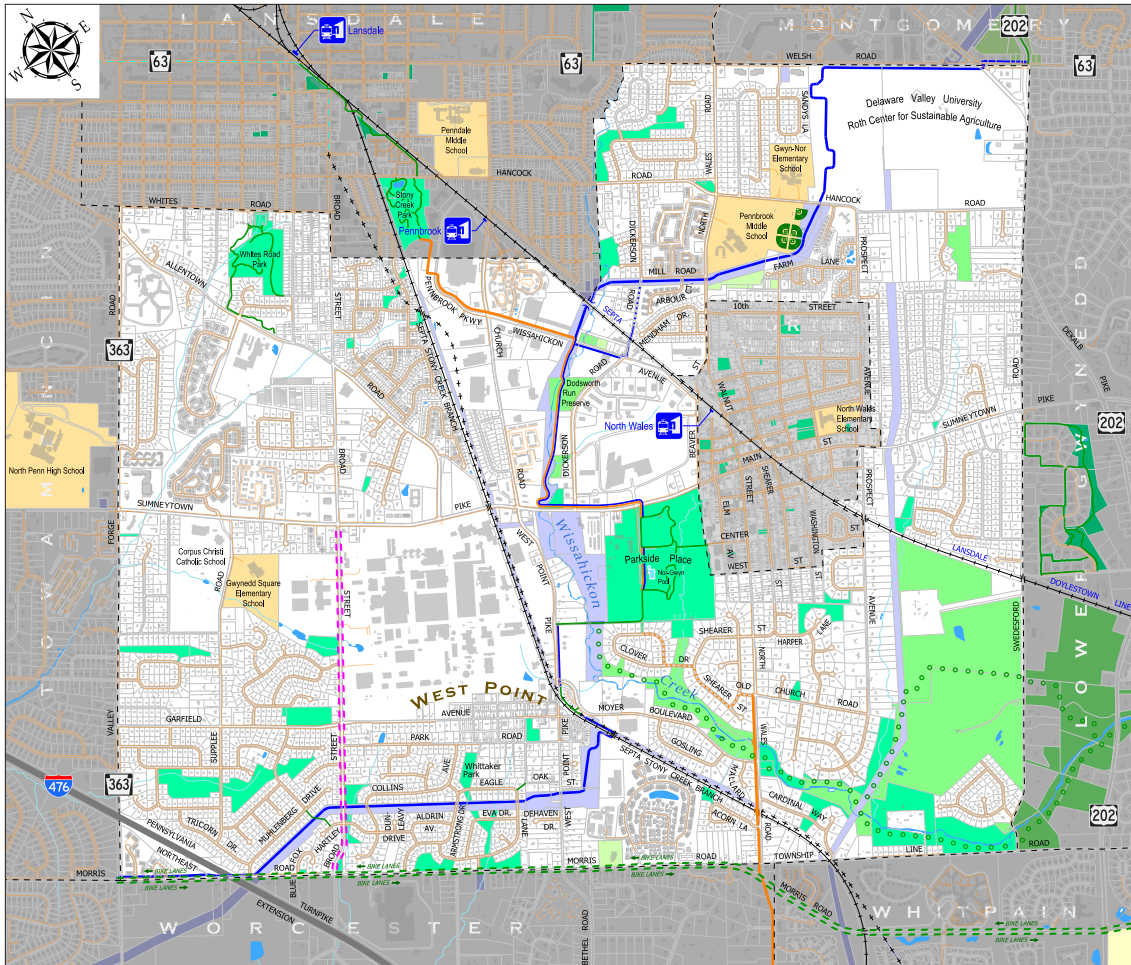
In our 2024 inspection cycle, the Township has had over 7 miles of sanitary sewer lines, with over 500 residential services inspected. If a defect is found in the private building sewer line leading from a home or business, a notice describing the problem with the line will be sent to the property owner. The Township Ordinance requires repairs to be conducted to prevent further degradation of the line, the possibility of a backup into the occupied structure, and to prevent untreated sewage from entering the environment.



< Image from a Lateral Launch CCTV Camera System. Taken from the camera view of the "Tractor" which has driven to a lateral connection point in the sewer mainline, visible coming in from the left side. The orange cable extending from the tractor contains the launch camera, to inspect up the line (Visible in the PIP at the bottom right).



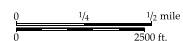
< A picture of a sewer lateral connection with heavy root intrusion at the 6" to 4" Transition, as viewed from the Lateral Launch Camera.



## Upper Gwynedd Township Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Trails Map

- Power Line Trail**
  - Recommended Alignment
  - ⋯ Recommended on-road segment
- Liberty Bell Trail**
  - Recommended Alignment
  - ⋯ Recommended on-road segment
- Broad Street Bike Lanes**
  - [In Progress]
- Existing**
  - Multi-Use Trail
  - Bike Lanes
  - Green Ribbon Trail (footpath)
  - Sidewalk
  - Railroad
  - Aband. Railroad (Liberty Bell trolley)
  - Municipal boundary
- Ownership**
  - Township owned
  - Non-profit owned
  - Philadelphia Electric Co. right-of-way
  - School District property

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## Fire Department

### THE AGE OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING

The state of Pennsylvania has over 2,000 volunteer fire departments. In 1970, there were over 150,000 volunteer firefighters in the state. In 2021, that number has plummeted to a mere 40,000. With the national standards for training increasing along with the price of gear and equipment, it can be hard to imagine the investment that goes into training and outfitting one single firefighter to prepare them to serve the community properly and safely. The entry level firefighter training program is about 200 hours of training today. The men and women who participate in these courses do so while also going to school or work full time, being parents, spouses, playing high school sports, and more; all for free. So, what is it that keeps them walking through the doors of UGFD?

As we enter the year 2024, UGFD is still one of many 100% volunteer fire departments in Montgomery County. In the year 2023, the fire department voted in 11 new members. In the first 3 months of 2024, they have voted in 6 already. A volunteer fire department requires an unheard-of amount of dedication to run successfully, daily. It is not just about going to fires. There is also fundraising, financial planning, training, cleaning, equipment maintenance,

operational planning, report writing, committee meetings and so much more. As the volunteer pool gets smaller, a lot of our Township volunteers are filling multiple roles within the organization. This innately causes the members to spend long hours away from their families and ending up with very little down time. Yet, they are still here and love it with every part of themselves; it's who they are.

The officers and members of Station 80 can often be heard calling each other 'brother' or 'sister', as many cohorts in the fire service do, but they really mean it. Chief Geiger quite often refers to the myriad of personalities that make up the membership of UGFD as a dysfunctional family. The members of a volunteer fire department train together and respond to calls together. The members that protect Upper Gwynedd do so much more than that; they share meals together, some of them live together, they are in each other's weddings, help each other with schoolwork, stand side by side to fight cancer together



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and even carry each other's children. The department recently voted in the 5th member of a family that will join his two brothers as a 5th generation firefighter. There is an unbreakable bond between the members that ride the red and black trucks in Upper Gwynedd Township, and until you have experienced it for yourself, you will never fully understand the love within the four walls at 660 Garfield Ave.

Upper Gwynedd Fire Department accepts new members all year round. Members are accepted as young as age 14. Roles available include Firefighter, Junior Firefighter, QRS Responder, and Administrative Member. If you are looking for a way to give back and protect the community, or looking for a second family, visit [www.ugfd.org](http://www.ugfd.org) for more information and an application.

## SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

### Under Construction:

- Merck & Co. (West Point Campus) Building 50—complete; Boiler 11 and Buildings 32 and 63A are under construction.
- 645 Jones Avenue—3-lot subdivision was under construction. Currently no activity.
- Shoppes at Upper Gwynedd (Church Rd. & Sumneytown Pike (former Giant site)—Includes existing Royal Farms Convenience Store and two retail buildings complete. Building adjacent to Parc Apartments is a Montessori School. Capriotti's Sandwich Shop, Parker's Barber Shop, Rolly Rice and Smiles for Kids are initial occupants of retail space in Building "B."
- Roosevelt Court, State St.—9-lot subdivision. All 9 homes completed and occupied.

- 180 Wissahickon Ave.—Approved by Commissioners and under construction.
- 615 West Prospect Ave.—New single-family dwelling, completed
- Moyer Blvd. & West Point Pike—10 twin homes, under construction.
- 584 W. Prospect Ave.—New single family dwelling under construction.
- 645 Sumneytown Pike—2-lot subdivision – one new house on Barberry Rd.
- 375 Morris Road, MCIU occupancy and playground—Interior is under construction.

### Approved:

- 825 Morris Rd.—4 new single-family lots, pending final approval
- New Wawa Store with gas at Valley Forge Rd. and Sumneytown Pike—existing building to be demolished. Approved by

- the ZHB. Site construction plan approved.
- 212 Church Rd.—Secure Storage. Proposed 2nd building approved by the ZHB. Site construction plan pending final approval.

### Proposed:

- 203 Church Rd.—2 new warehouse buildings (total 166,600 sq.ft) Dimensional variances approved by the ZHB. This is on hold pending submission of a new plan.
- 1010 Church Rd.—The Learning Experience, Grading and construction plans under review.
- 1500 Pennbrook Parkway—60 units, TOD-2 zoning was adopted. Next step is submittal of land development plan.
- 1327 E. Prospect Ave.—2-lot subdivision, proposed flag lot.



## Human Relations Commission (HRC)

The HRC is a volunteer resource for people who live and work in the township and have reason to believe they have experienced unlawful discrimination in employment, housing or education. The HRC provides confidential information, advice, and mediation at no charge and without legal consequence. As part of our outreach activities, we publicize information about equity and fair practices to township residents and businesses. We strive to educate the community through informal interactions at township events and dedicated programming.

Throughout the year, members of the HRC are present at Township events to discuss concerns about discriminatory practices or provide additional information and resources. We invite you to visit our table at *Unity for Kindness Day*, meet the HRC members, and participate in the activities we provide for children, including sidewalk chalk, stickers and bubbles. In keeping with the Kindness theme the HRC, in conjunction with Upper Gwynedd Parks and Recreation,

will offer a rock painting event to create a display at the Township Garden later in the spring.

As education is one of our primary goals, we thought to share just a few of the federal laws that address these very issues.

**The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967** protects individuals who are 40 years of age and older from employment discrimination based on age. Under this Act, it is unlawful to discriminate against people because of their age with respect to any term, condition, or privilege of employment.

**Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990** was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H. W. Bush. It provides a wide range of civil rights protection for individuals with disabilities. Titles I and V prohibit employment discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in private businesses and in state and local governments (covering both mental and physical impairments that limit major life

activities,) but who are otherwise qualified for employment. The ADA prohibits discrimination in all employment practices, including job application procedures, hiring, firing, training, compensation, advancement, and any other terms, conditions or privileges of employment. However, ADA does not require preferential treatment of individuals with disabilities, as employers are free to select the most qualified applicant for the position, but it does prohibit discrimination based solely on a candidate's real or perceived disability.

**The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978** prohibits employment discrimination in the Federal government based on marital status and political affiliation which does not adversely affect the performance of the employee.



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## Upper Gwynedd Township E-Recycle/Shredding Event

**PAR Recycle Works will be onsite to assist residents with their electronic recycling and shredding needs.**

**This event is limited to residents only. Be prepared to have your Driver license ID checked by our staff.**

**Shredding is free, but limited to 5 bags or boxes per vehicle. Please remove all metal & binder clips (staples are OK)**

The following items include a cost to ensure they are properly recycled:

- CRT TVs \$40-\$80 (vary by size)
- Flat screen TVs \$25
- CRT monitors \$25
- Flat monitors \$7
- Air conditioners \$25
- Humidifiers/Dehumidifier/Air Purifier \$25
- Mini fridges \$25
- Microwaves \$15

PAR accepts cash, check, or credit card

**WHEN: May 11, 2024  
9:00AM-1:00PM**

**WHERE: 1 Parkside Place,  
North Wales, Pa 19454**



## NEW SMALL E-WASTE COLLECTION CONTAINER



**UGT is excited to announce a new e-recycling service for residents that is available 24 hours/7 days a week**

UGT has expanded its partnership with PAR-Recycle Works to add this new service in addition to our annual E-recycle/shredding event. This container is for any small and medium-sized items with a plug or wire. The items must fit & cannot be left outside the container.

This service from PAR-Recycle Works is at no cost to the Township. PAR-Recycle Works is nonprofit electronics recycler that provides transitional employment and support to people returning from prison.



### ITEMS ACCEPTED

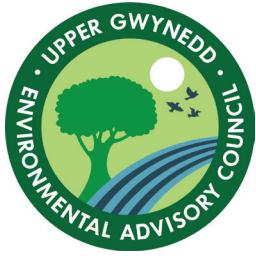
- Computers (no monitor)
- laptops
- tablets
- All phones & chargers
- Any wires/cables
- Printers
- Mice
- Keyboards
- Radios
- DVD players
- Speakers
- Small appliances such as toasters, blenders, dust busters, food processors, etc.

\*All data on old electronics will be destroyed\*

Located at Parkside Place  
1 Parkside Place, North Wales, Pa 19454  
*\*parking lot adjacent to the Twp Building\**



## Environmental Advisory Council



The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) recently hosted its annual Native Tree and Shrub Giveaway. This year's event was expanded to include native shrubs and plants in addition to trees. Thank you to all the residents who supported the EAC's efforts to plant more native species throughout the township. The EAC also provided comments related to the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan which is being developed by the township and attended an all-day virtual workshop offered by *We Conserve PA* to EACs statewide. The workshop covered topics such as recycling, greening communities, deer management, climate change, and healthy yards and streams.

Save the date for the EAC's annual Rain Barrel Workshop on May 22nd. More information and registration signup will be coming soon! During Unplugged Week, the EAC will be hosting a Home Composting and Zero Waste Workshop on June 20th. The workshop will provide tips and tricks to home composting that can help you along the way to creating nutrient-dense compost from the food scraps in your own kitchen. We will also explore Zero Waste theory and practices that can be easily implemented into life choices to begin the process of reducing the volume of trash generated while emulating sustainable natural life cycles. After the composting workshop, a limited number of compost bins will be available for purchase at a discounted price.

The EAC meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Township Building. Residents are welcome to attend and participate.

### Zero Waste

#### Top 10 things you can do to start eliminating waste:

**1. Stop buying one-use items (batteries, tissues, paper towels, paper plates, plastic cutlery, straws).**

- Buy rechargeable batteries... they will save you money in the long run.
- Use hankies or buy re-usable tissues
- Use regular towels to clean up messes instead of paper towels.

**2. Always carry a grocery bag with you. Make sure your bags are washable.**

- There are bags available that roll up into a small ball so they fit in your pocket or purse
- Always have a bag of bags in your car for when you grocery shop.

**3. Buy re-usable produce bags.**

- Stop buying produce pre-wrapped in plastic.
- Shop at farms when produce is in season.
- Join a CSA.

**4. Be mindful of packaging.**

- Choose to buy items that don't require packaging.
- Be mindful with toy purchases, much of what you are buying gets tossed.
- Do not purchase items that have "mixed packaging" like "metal-lined" bags or boxes.
- Shop at stores that allow you to bring your own containers.

**5. Always choose to buy items in paper/ cardboard, glass, metal containers.**

- Paper is recyclable several times before it's not usable as high-quality paper. Then it's usually used for toilet paper.
- Glass and metal are infinitely recyclable, so always go for these!

**6. Buy the size product you need.**

- Many times we buy big because it's cheap, but then end up tossing things away.
- Buy in bulk size (if you need it) and repackage into smaller containers (think chips in lunches).

**7. Buy containers that can be re-used for lunches**

- Stop buying zip-lock bags, use small bowls.

**8. Stop buying bottled water and iced tea.**

- Most bottled water is just tap water from someplace else that may have been filtered. Get a filter for your kitchen sink to filter your own water. Set a stainless steel system so it can be recycled.
- Iced tea is super easy to make at home.

**9. Set up a recycling area in your home.**

- Set up a system to collect recyclable materials that don't accumulate quickly like scrap metal, old clothing and shoes, hazardous waste, packing peanuts/pillows/ bubble wrap, electronics, etc.



- Locate places where these items can be recycled and drop them off when you are driving by. Don't make special trips unless you have a ton of stuff.
- UPS and the Care & Share in Souderton take packing/shipping supplies to reuse.
- Goodwill takes old clothing/textiles that are not usable. They ask you mark the bags as "scrap" so they don't spend time looking through the donation. They send their scraps to be made into carpet padding.

**10. Sometimes you just have to pay to recycle something.**

- Batteries are big issue. Batteries are recyclable but there is a cost. Clean Earth in Allentown recycles regular batteries for a nominal fee. It's better recycled than in a landfill.
- Old TV and computer monitors often have a fee to recycle. It's better than finding them laying on the side of the road!
- Carpet and padding are recyclable.

Remember... EVERYTHING you put in a landfill will be there FOREVER. Decide what you what your legacy to be.



## THE GOAL OF YOUR FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Efficient municipal finance is paramount for the prosperity and well-being of the Upper Gwynedd Township community in Pennsylvania. By diligently managing its finances, the township can ensure that essential services such as public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and recreational facilities are adequately funded and efficiently provided.

This translates to safer streets, well-maintained parks, and reliable utilities, enhancing the overall quality of life for residents and fostering a sense of pride in their community.

Moreover, efficient municipal finance in Upper Gwynedd Township creates a stable economic environment that attracts businesses and promotes local economic growth. By responsibly allocating resources and maintaining balanced budgets, the township can support initiatives that stimulate entrepreneurship and job creation. This not only strengthens the local economy but also generate revenue streams that can be reinvested into further enhancing public services and infrastructure.

Ultimately, efficient municipal finance in Upper Gwynedd Township is not just about managing numbers; it's about building a sustainable future where residents can thrive, and businesses can flourish.

## WHAT DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR?

- Use & Occupancy: all new construction, commercial, & industrial properties
- Building Construction, Alterations, & Additions
- Swimming Pools & Hot tubs
- Sidewalk, curb, driveway ramps & street openings
- Sewage/Lateral repair, plumbing, electrical, & mechanical
- Signs, Fences, Sheds, Decks, Patios
- Demolition

If you are unsure if a permit is required, call our Zoning & Code Department at 215-699-7777.

## Public Works Department ROAD MAINTENANCE

The road maintenance done by our Public Works Department plays a vital role in ensuring the functionality, safety, and sustainability of transportation infrastructures within Upper Gwynedd Township. In this municipality, the Public Works Department maintains over 50 miles of roadways. The spring and summer offer favorable conditions for road work, allowing for efficient construction, optimal material performance and improved safety for our crew and residents on the roads. These improvements are done through the processes of "Milling and Overlaying" and "NovaChip®."

What is the difference between these two processes you may ask? **Milling and Overlay** is a cost-effective way to rehabilitate and extend the life of existing roads without the need for full reconstruction. It helps to address issues such as potholes, cracks, rutting and surface deterioration, improving the overall condition and performance of the road.

### Roadways that are scheduled to be milled and overlayed in 2024 in the Stony Creek Subdivision are:

- Stony Creek Avenue
- Whitney Place
- Beth Drive
- State Street
- Girard Avenue
- Jackson Street
- Allen Way

At this time, ADA ramps will also be installed in these areas. ADA ramps are designed to provide safe and convenient access for individuals with disabilities.

**NovaChip®** is a specialized pavement preservation technique used in road maintenance to enhance the performance and durability of asphalt surfaces. Debris is removed, cracks repaired and any surface irregularities are addressed when beginning. A bonding agent is applied to the existing surface to improve the adhesion between the existing pavement and new materials. A high quality stone or granite chip is then spread to create a strong bond and provide a durable wearing surface. A chip spreader is then used to uniform coverage of the aggregate into the emulsion layer. A compacter is then used to roll and compact the surface. It needs to cure and set before being opened to traffic. Ultimately, the NovaChip® process helps improve the longevity and performance of asphalt roads.

### Roads scheduled for NovaChip® in 2024 are:

- The rest of Sugar Valley
- Pulaski Drive
- Lafayette Road
- Twinlyn Drive
- Muhlenburg Drive
- Scott Way
- Stirling Drive
- Flintlock Drive
- McIntosh Way
- Conway Place

Upper Gwynedd Township always has a five-year plan for roadways. 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 2024 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.

### Grass Clippings in Waterways

Keeping grass clippings out of the waterways is important to protect our water quality. Please make sure to dispose of them properly. Composting grass clippings or using them as mulch in garden beds can prevent them from being washed into storm drains and waterways. Mowing grass when it is dry will prevent clumping and help to evenly distribute the clippings. By implementing these methods of responsible lawn care, you will help to prevent pollution in your area.



## Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator

We are excited to announce the re-ignition of our fire inspection program, aimed at enhancing safety and compliance across our community. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the well-being of our residents and businesses, we have developed this program to proactively address fire safety measures in all commercial properties in Upper Gwynedd. The primary goal of our fire inspection program is to prevent fires before they occur by identifying potential hazards and ensuring that appropriate safety protocols are in place. The Fire Marshal's Office will conduct thorough assessments of properties, including common areas of apartment buildings, commercial establishments, and industrial facilities, to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations.

### Key features of our fire inspection program include:

- **Comprehensive Inspections:** Our inspectors will conduct detailed inspections to assess fire hazards, emergency exits, fire suppression systems, and other critical safety measures.
- **Timely Remediation:** In cases where deficiencies are identified, we will work collaboratively with property owners to implement timely remediation measures to address any safety concerns.
- **Education and Awareness:** We will provide educational resources and guidance to property owners and occupants on fire safety best practices and regulatory requirements.
- **Continuous Monitoring:** We are committed to ongoing monitoring and follow-up inspections to ensure that properties remain in compliance with fire safety standards.

We believe that proactive fire prevention measures are essential in safeguarding lives and properties. By implementing this fire inspection program, we aim to create a safer environment for everyone in our community. Stay tuned for more updates and information on how you can participate in and benefit from our fire inspection program. Together, we can make our community a safer place to live and work!

## From the North Wales Area Library

Program details can be found at [www.northwaleslibrary.org](http://www.northwaleslibrary.org)

### 2024 SUMMER ADVENTURE

#### Begins June 18th

Enjoy a new Scavenger Hunt, Lego Club, Storytime, Therapy Dog, Read to the Librarian and MakerSpace each week!

### BOOK CLUBS

- Third Tuesday of the Month at 7 pm
- Fourth Wednesday of the Month at 2 pm
- The Cookbook Club meets one Monday monthly September through June.

**ATTRACTION PASSES** can be checked out to visit places like museums, gardens, and zoos free of charge.

**BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAYS** – The third Thursday of each month from 1-6 pm

**SWEDSFORD GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS**  
May 13, June 10, July 8, and August 12 at 6:45 pm, *No Fee*

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

**GAME DROP IN** – Mahjong, Mexican Train Dominoes, Canasta, Pinochle

### BOOK SALE May 17, 18 • 8 am – 3 pm

Stop in for a bag of hardback and/or paperback books for all ages. *May 18 is \$5 a bag!*

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

### STORY TIME TUESDAY & THURSDAY

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

**STORY TIME AT MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP REC CENTER** – the third Wednesday at 10 am

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)

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### HRC Welcomes Two New Members

**Martha Simelaro**, a past Township Commissioner and Upper Gwynedd resident for over 30 years, was appointed to the HRC in January. She earned her Electrical Engineering degree from Drexel and her MBA in Management from DeSales. Martha is an active community volunteer. In addition to her new position on the HRC, she sits on the board of two Montgomery non-profits. Volunteering for the HRC, she states, enables her to contribute to the well-being of the community, uphold equal rights, combat discrimination and promote understanding among diverse groups, aiming for a more just and equitable society.

**Linda Bellace** brings 23 years as a Human Resources professional to the HRC. A resident of Upper Gwynedd for 22 years, she held the position of Human Resources Director for Springfield School District in Delaware County until her recent retirement. Linda fulfilled her strong desire to volunteer and give back to the community through her application for membership in the HRC. She was appointed by the UGT Board of Commissioners in February. Linda continues to work as a Human Resources consultant and looks forward to sharing her expertise with the HRC.

In January, Commissioner **Greg Moll**, who was elected in November, joined Commission President **Katherine Carter** in an advisory capacity to the HRC. If you are interested in more information about UGT HRC activities, please contact the township at [HRC@uppergwynedd.org](mailto:HRC@uppergwynedd.org).

**MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY!** See [www.northwaleslibrary.org](http://www.northwaleslibrary.org) for showings.

### COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS AVAILABLE

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





# PARKS & RECREATION

## Spring & Summer 2024

**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 special circumstances and inclement weather, please check our website or our social media sites for any changes as the event / program approaches. [www.uppergwynedd.org](http://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 2024

We will be hiring enthusiastic individuals for the following position: Park Monitors. Please check our website for more information: [www.uppergwynedd.org](http://www.uppergwynedd.org). Email Leigha at [lgetty@uppergwynedd.org](mailto: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!

### UG TOWNSHIP'S PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AN AWARD

We are delighted to announce that our community has been recognized with an esteemed award from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) for excellence in programming. This award was granted to our Annual Unplugged Week held each June. Thank you to everyone who has participated in Unplugged Week and helped make it such a success. Your enthusiasm and involvement truly show the spirit of our amazing community! WAY TO GO UG PARK AND REC!



**Unplugged Week 2024 description:** *Upper Gwynedd Township's Unplugged Week was created to help people get off their phone and look at the beautiful world again. We offer a week of FREE events to force people/families to leave their electronics behind and explore all our parks, staff, and facilities. For five days straight, we offer different events/activities, for young and old to attend while disconnecting. For 2024, the dates are June 17 – June 21, 2024*



# 2024 SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

You can register for all our special events through RecDesk: [www.ugtparks.recdesk.com](http://www.ugtparks.recdesk.com)

## Unity For Kindness Food Truck Event

**Saturday, April 27**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place: Pavilion and Amphitheater

**TIME** 11:00am–3:00pm

**FEE** FREE

This event invites residents and families to come together to help spread kindness throughout our community. Live music by *Splintered Sunlight* and indulge in an array of diverse food truck options along with water, soda, and some adult beverages. Stay and listen to our speakers who will be encouraging, educating, and promoting how we can be inclusive, celebrate diversity and kindness in Upper Gwynedd.

Find out how your community service organization can participate: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/UFKFoodtruck](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UFKFoodtruck)

Nominate someone for our annual Kindness Award: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/UFKaward](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UFKaward)

## Montgomery County Senior Games 2024

**Monday, May 6 – Friday, May 10**

The Montgomery County Senior Games (MCSG) combine sports and recreation with fellowship among everyone involved. 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](http://www.montcoseniorgames.com)



## Unplugged Week 2024

**Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 21**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park

**FEE** FREE for all activities

Join Upper Gwynedd Township for a week of NO phones, NO TV, NO video games, and “unplug” with us! Unplugged Week is the perfect way to kick-off the summer with your family and friends! This week will be filled with FREE pop-up activities and events including a princess meet and greet, family kickball, coffee with a cop, kids basketball, family yoga, dancing and desserts and much more! Go to our website, [www.uppergwynedd.org/parks-recreation](http://www.uppergwynedd.org/parks-recreation), for a full calendar of events / activities.

## Night Sky Campout

**Friday, July 19 (6:00pm start) – Saturday, July 20 (9:00am)**

**LOCATION** UG Community Park

**FEE** \$6 per family (and a donation of a non-perishable food item requested.)

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT by July 12.** To register and for more info, go to: [ugtparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home](http://ugtparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home)

Bring your tent and camp out under the stars with your family and friends. Families will have the opportunity to camp in Parkside Place Complex for the night. *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, in addition to a family craft and family “movie under the stars.” Dinner will be served and we will have an ice cream dessert for your sweet tooth. The next morning, there will be a continental breakfast free for all campers.

## Movies in the Park

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Complex DeBarth Amphitheater

**TIME** Beginning at dusk (approx. 8:30–8:45pm)

Grab your blanket, low lying chairs, family, friends and come see some great family movies! We will have amazing desserts, so you can purchase something to snack on!

**June 21: Grease**, Littles North Wales snacks

**July 19: The Super Mario Brothers Movie**, Campout Movie

**August 2: The Little Mermaid**, Kindness Cookies

**August 16: Trolls**, Philly Waffle Cabin

## Concerts in the Park

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Complex DeBarth Amphitheater

**TIME** 7:00–8:30pm (unless noted below)

Grab your blanket, low lying chairs, family, friends and come see some fantastic bands! We will have a different food truck on hand, for some dinner!

**June 19: Cool Beans** (Kids concert in conjunction with our Unplugged week. Band starts at 5:30pm) Kono Pizza Food Truck

**July 10: The Early Beatles Tribute: Studio Two**

Scratch Kitchen Food Truck

**July 24: The Large Flowerheads** (Early 60's and 70's rock)

Red Stone Food Truck

**August 7: Greaseband** (Classic rock, pop)

Molto Bene Food Truck

**September 18: Philly Funk Authority** (Funk, soul)

Wrap N Roll Food Truck



## ADULT FITNESS / WELLNESS

### Sculpt & Define

#### Summer Session:

**Mondays, June 3 – July 15**

*(NO class the week of July 4)*

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center

**TIME** 6:15–7:15pm

**FEE** \$45

**AGES** 18+

Whether you want to get in shape 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

#### Summer Session:

**Wednesdays, June 5 – July 17**

*(NO class the week of July 4)*

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center

**TIME** 6:15–7:15pm

**FEE** \$45

**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 and space is limited. Only thing you need to bring is your mat and an open mind to a fitter, healthier you!



### Adult Advanced Beginner Tennis Lessons with Kristina Alling

**Summer Session 1: June 5 – July 10**

*(NO class July 3rd, Make-up date is July 18)*

**Summer Session 2: July 24 – August 21**

*(Make-up date is August 28)*

**LOCATION** Parkside Place:  
Tennis Courts

**TIME** 7:00–8:00pm

**FEE** \$75

**AGES** 18+

### Pickleball Lessons with Jerry Tozzi

#### Beginner & Beginner II Lessons

Enjoyed by players of all ages & skill levels. Beginners will be taught all facets of the game including mechanics, shot selection, strategies & keeping score.

**Summer Session 1: Mondays, June 3 – June 24**

**Summer Session 2: Mondays, July 8 – July 29**

**Summer Session 3: Mondays, August 5 – August 26**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park: Pickleball Courts

**TIME** Beginner: 9:00–10:00am

**FEE** \$45 per person

**AGE** 15+

Beginner II: 10:00–11:00am

#### Intermediate Lessons

Players must be proficient in groundstrokes, volleys, and serves. Intermediate players will be taught strategies, drills, and tips to enhance their game to the next level. Skill level suggested 3.0. For level criteria, search USA pickleball definitions of player skill ratings. [usapickleball.org/tournaments/tournament-player-ratings/player-skill-rating-definitions/](http://usapickleball.org/tournaments/tournament-player-ratings/player-skill-rating-definitions/).

**Summer Session 1: Thursdays, June 6 – June 27**

**Summer Session 2: Thursdays, July 11 – August 1**

**Summer Session 3: Thursdays, August 8 – August 29**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park: Pickleball Courts

**TIME** 9:00–10:00am

**FEE** \$45 per person

**AGE** 18+

### Pickleball Meet-Up

**April 1 – October 31**

**LOCATION** UGT Pickleball Courts

**TIME** Tuesday, 5:30–8:00pm

Wednesday, 5:30–8:00pm

Thursday, 5:30–8:00pm

Friday, 9:00am–12:00pm

Saturday, 9:00am–12:00pm

**FEE** Resident: \$30 / Non-Resident: \$50

**REGISTER** [www.uppergwynedd.org](http://www.uppergwynedd.org)

To control crowds at our four pickleball courts, we have created a “Meet Up” group to help players organize themselves from April – October 2024. Please register and pay at: [ugt-parks.recdesk.com/Community/Home](http://ugt-parks.recdesk.com/Community/Home).

#### BEFORE JOINING THIS GROUP, you MUST:

1. Register and pay at: [ugt-parks.recdesk.com/Community/Home](http://ugt-parks.recdesk.com/Community/Home)
2. Once paid, request to join the Meet-Up group here: [www.meetup.com/2024-uppergwynedd-township-pickleball-meet-up](http://www.meetup.com/2024-uppergwynedd-township-pickleball-meet-up). Please make a profile on the meet-up site that includes your first and last name and a photo of yourself. Requests will be approved within 48 hours. **NOTE:** Players who have not joined the meet-up will be asked to vacate the courts during meet-up time. Registered meet-up members must sign up to play and are asked to remove their RSVP if plans change to allow other members to sign up. You will not be added until both steps are taken.

### Know Your Medicare Options

**Thursday, August 15**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place: Main Meeting Room

**TIME** 6:30–8:00pm

**FEE** Free–You MUST register for this event

**AGE** Adult

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



## YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

**Camp Parkside & Minis Camp****Camp Parkside & AM Minis Camp:**

Week 1: June 24 – June 28

Week 2: July 1 – July 5 (NO camp July 4)

Week 3: July 8 – July 12

Week 4: July 15 – July 19

Week 5: July 22 – July 26

Week 6: July 29 – August 2

AM MINI  
SOLD  
OUT!**PM Minis Camp:**

Week 1: July 1 – July 5

(NO camp July 4)

Week 2: July 8 – July 12

Week 3: July 15 – July 19

Week 4: July 22 – July 26

LOCATION UG  
Community Center  
& PavilionTIME Camp Parkside & AM Minis  
Camp: 9:00am–12:00pm  
PM Minis Camp:  
1:00pm–4:00pmFEE \$85 per week  
(\$68 for week of July 4)AGE Day Camp: 6–12yrs  
Minis Camp: 3–5yrsCamp Parkside & PM Minis Pick-up: Pavilion  
AM Minis Pick-up: Community Center

This fun camp is a chance for your child to hang out with other 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! *Space is limited!*

**i9 Sports Cheerleading Camp**

Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 21

LOCATION Parkside Place: Fields

TIME 9:00am–12:00pm

FEE \$175 per person

AGE 5–12yrs

REGISTER www.i9sports.com

i9 Cheerleading Camp focuses on promoting fitness and creating self-confidence. Participants will learn the fundamentals, a mix of age appropriate Cheers, Chants, and Stunts. We will perform for the participant's families on the last day of camp.

**i9 Sports Basketball Camp**

Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 21

LOCATION Parkside Place: Fields

TIME 9:00am–12:00pm

FEE \$175 per person

AGE 5–12yrs

REGISTER www.i9sports.com

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.

**Mad Science: Jr. Physicians Academy**

Monday, June 17 – Friday June 21

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center

TIME 9:00am–12:00pm

FEE \$200 per person

AGE 6–12yrs

Explore all of the cells, organs, muscles, and bones that make up YOU! Put yourself together from the inside out, while learning about all the systems that make your body tick! Get microscopic while making a model cell and inflatable lungs, and then get a little sticky while making Mad Mucus and a mashed potato brain!

**Pottery Camp**

Monday, July 1 – Friday, July 5

(NO camp July 4)

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center

TIME 12:00–3:00pm

FEE \$200 per person

AGE 5+

Each day begins with a new lesson on hand building, followed by a guided project incorporating the new technique taught. We will also be dabbling with modeling clay (oil based polymer.) All terracotta projects will be glazed by the participants and then taken back to INDI studios at the end of the week to be fired. All pieces will be available for pick-up within 10 days from the last day of camp. For more information, go to [www.InDistudio.org](http://www.InDistudio.org). *Please bring a light snack and drink.*

**Science Explorers Camp**

Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center

TIME 12:00–3:30pm

FEE \$300 per person

AGE 7–11yrs

Fizz, Bang, Boom! What do you get when you take the physics of motion, add in some electrifying experiments, and mix it up with some chemistry? Everyone has a blast! In our half day camp, you'll create your own battery-powered invention, experiment with light and flight, make your own kaleidoscope and experiment with giant floating bubbles.

**Chess Wizards Summer Camp**

Monday, July 15 – Friday July 19

LOCATION Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center

TIME 12:00–3:30pm

FEE \$250 per person

AGE 6–12yrs

Join us this summer for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games, and cool prizes. You'll improve your chess skills, meet new friends, and work out your most powerful muscle—your brain! Our camps include fun team chess games (like Corner Chess), recess time (of course), snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each camper receives a T-shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. Unleash your brain power and spend part of your vacation with Chess Wizards! *We include all the materials necessary for your child to participate.*





**YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS cont.**

**Young Rembrandts  
Enchanted Academy Drawing  
Workshop Camp**

**Monday, July 22 – Friday July 26**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center  
**TIME** 12:00–2:00pm  
**FEE** \$200 per person  
**AGE** 5–12yrs

Be prepared to be whisked away to an enchanted academy where nothing is as it seems. Experience the majesty of the great dining hall as our students illustrate a beautiful graphic. Amuse yourself in the not-so-ordinary life of the academy with a plethora of cartoon drawings. From drawing an enchanted forest to a day at the races with dragons, it's nothing but fun in our classroom. The final of day of the Enchanted Academy Workshop will introduce our students to pastel chalks as they create a whimsical drawing of a phoenix. *Please wear an old shirt or smock to the final day of class.*

**Adventures in STEM  
with LEGO® Materials**

**Monday, July 29 – Friday, August 2**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center  
**TIME** 12:00–3:00pm  
**FEE** \$166 per person  
**AGE** 5–10yrs

Build engineer-designed projects and use special pieces to create your own unique designs! Projects are rotated seasonally to ensure that both new and returning students can explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system.

**i9 Sports Flag Football**

**Monday, August 5 – Friday, August 9**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place: Fields  
**TIME** 9:00am–12:00pm  
**FEE** \$175 per person  
**AGE** 5–12yrs  
**REGISTER** [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com)

All athletes, regardless of skill level, will learn Flag Football skills along with the Offense, Defense, Game Strategy and Teamwork in a fun, positive environment by i9 Sports Certified Staff.

**Creative Kids Camp**

**Monday, August 5 – Friday, August 9**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place: Community  
Center & Pavilion  
**TIME** 9:00am–12:00pm  
**FEE** \$180 per person  
**AGE** 3–6yrs

Unleash your child's artistic spirit as they dive into a world of colorful papers, glue, and endless possibilities. From DIY masterpieces to foam fiestas to imaginative interactive storytelling, their creativity knows no bounds! *Please bring a smock or extra t-shirt, bathing suit, labeled water bottle, and a snack.*

**Mad Science Full Day Camp: NASA  
Journey to Outer Space & NASA  
STEM Explorers**

**Monday, August 12 – Friday August 16**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center  
**TIME** 9:00am–3:30pm  
**FEE** \$375 per person  
**AGES** 6–12yrs

Take a voyage of discovery into the atmosphere and beyond as we explore planets, moons, and other space phenomena. Create a comet and build your own Mad Science rocket and participate in a real NASA style rocket launch! Campers will take home additional NASA activities to complete at home! 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.

**USA Sports Group Multi-Sport Camp**

**Monday, August 19 – Friday, August 23**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park: Fields (Next to the pavilion)  
**TIME** 9:00am–12:00pm **FEE** \$257 per person **AGE** 5–11yrs

Our flagship Multi-Sports Camp gives players the opportunity to experience over 10 different sports across a fun-filled week of camp. Every camp is coached by our professional and energetic coaches who are trained to encourage maximum participation, good sportsmanship, and above all—FUN! This camp is must for children who are either new to playing sports and want to experience many different forms, or for the sports enthusiast who just can't get enough!

**Total Soccer Camp  
Full Day & Half Day**

**Monday, August 12 – Friday, August 16**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park: Fields  
(Next to the pavilion)  
**TIME** 9:00am–12:00pm *OR*  
9:00am–3:00pm  
**FEE** \$188 for Half Day  
\$375 for Full Day  
**AGE** 6–12yrs for Half Day  
7–12yrs for Full Day

The focus of day camps is age appropriate instruction based on our own C.O.R.E. Curriculum. Coaches use fun games/activities, functional training and competitions that incorporate skill development, and live game play to improve the technical, tactical, and cerebral aspects of the game for each player.

**Theatre Horizon Summer  
Drama Camp**

**Monday, August 19 – Friday August 23**

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park:  
Community Center  
**TIME** 9:00am–3:00pm  
**FEE** \$213 per person  
**AGE** 7–12yrs

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.



## TEEN CAMPS

**Teen Trip Camp**

Upper Gwynedd Township Park and Recreation is bringing back our 3 Week Teen Trip. 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 below is RAIN OR SHINE and is TENTATIVE as trips are subject to change. All tickets and bus fees included. *Teens will need a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch.* Grab a friend and sign-up today!

SOLD OUT!

<b>TIME</b>	Monday–Thursday, approximately 8:30am–6:00pm (times will be slightly different depending on each trip)
<b>FEE</b>	\$310 per week
<b>AGE</b>	12–15yrs

*Please note, trips are subject to change.*

**Week 1: June 17 – June 20**

Monday, June 17 – Point Pleasant Beach  
 Tuesday, June 18 – Hershey Park  
 Wednesday, June 19 – Phillies Game (Phillies vs. San Diego Padres)  
 Thursday, June 20 – White Water Rafting

**Week 2: July 15 – July 18**

Monday, July 15 – Point Pleasant Beach  
 Tuesday, July 16 – United Sports  
 Wednesday, July 17 – Camelbeach Outdoor Waterpark  
 Thursday, July 18 – Six Flags Great Adventure Amusement Park

**Week 3: August 5 – August 8**

Monday, August 5 – Point Pleasant Beach  
 Tuesday, August 6 – Dorney Park  
 Wednesday, August 7 – Urban Air & Rock Climbing  
 Thursday, August 8 – White Water Rafting

**CSI: How STEM is Used to Solve Crimes Camp**

**Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28**

<b>LOCATION</b>	Parkside Place Park: Community Center	<b>TIME</b>	1:00–4:00pm
<b>FEE</b>	\$225 per person	<b>AGE</b>	10–17yrs

STEM concepts relating to Forensics and solving Crime Scenes are explored. 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 retired Detectives teach this class.

**JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Did you know Upper Gwynedd Township Park and Recreation offers 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 as well as senior, adult, child, and preschool programs? Do you know we are replacing the REXDALE Playground Equipment in 2024? Join us on Facebook, X, Instagram and our newest venture Tik Tok to hear the latest news about Upper Gwynedd Township Parks and Rec!

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## YOUTH / TEEN PROGRAM

**Herbiznet Kids Multi-Art/  
Craft Workshop**

**Saturdays, June 29 – July 27**

<b>LOCATION</b>	Parkside Place Park: Community Center
<b>TIME</b>	10:00am–12:00pm
<b>FEE</b>	\$188 per person
<b>AGE</b>	7–15yrs

**June 29 – String Art** or Pin and Thread art, is characterized by an arrangement of colored thread strung between points to form geometric patterns or representational design. Thread or string is wound around a grid of nails hammered into a wooden board or foam board. Though straight lines are formed by the string, the slightly different angles and metric positions at which strings intersect gives the appearance.

**July 6 – Pebble Art** or Rock Art is a form of objective art where pebbles are used to be painted on and / or combined to create a picture together with other art forms (painting, drawing etc.) Garden animals, scenes in nature are most common painted in Pebble art.

**July 13 – Pot Painting** is a super pretty and interesting art form. As the name suggests, it is a hobby in which we decorate clay pots and vases in various ways. Most commonly done with acrylic colors to create interesting designs and make them look vibrant with primary colors and basic designs found in nature.

**July 20 – Paper Quilling** is the art of rolled paper! It's a fascinating and delicate art form that involves rolling and shaping narrow strips of paper into various shapes and designs. These shapes are then arranged to create intricate and beautiful designs, often used for cards, frames, and other decorative items.

**July 27 – Fabric Jewelry Marking** is a great way to add a soft, textile touch to your accessories. Fabric jewelry making involves using fabric as the primary material to create unique and colorful pieces, like bracelets, necklaces, or earrings.



## YOUTH / PRE-K PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

### PSCTA Tennis Lessons

#### Summer Session 1:

Thursdays, June 6 – July 11  
(NO class July 4, Make-up date on July 18)

#### Summer Session 2:

Thursdays, July 25 – August 22  
(Make-up date is August 29)

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park:  
Tennis Courts  
**TIME** Ages 5/6: 5:15–6:00pm  
Ages 7/8: 6:00–6:45pm  
Ages 9/10: 6:45–7:45pm  
**FEE** \$75  
**AGE** 5–10yrs

**NEW!** **Tiny Tutus: Ballet Dance Class**

Tuesdays, July 2 – July 23

**LOCATION** Main Meeting Room  
**TIME** 4:30–5:15pm  
**FEE** \$70 per session  
**AGE** 4–6yrs

The program encourages students to develop a love for dance while learning ballet technique. Through playful exercises, creative games, and modern



ballet music, dancers will embark on a delightful journey of discovery and exploration while building confidence, strength, and flexibility.

### Leaps & Beats: Dance Class

When: Thursdays, July 11-August 8

**LOCATION** Main Meeting Room  
**TIME** 4:30–5:15pm  
**FEE** \$80 per session  
**AGE** 3–5yrs

The program encourages students to develop a love for dance while learning ballet, jazz, and hip-hop style dance. In addition, dancers will be encouraged to use their imagination and create their own unique style to the dance floor while incorporating props, dancing to upbeat music, and enjoying fun games!

### Jump Start Sports

#### Summer T-Ball

Thursdays, June 13-July 25

**LOCATION** West Point Park  
**TIME** 5:30–6:30pm  
**FEE** \$120  
**AGE** 3–4yrs

Jump Start Sports will provide an exciting and educational experience for young boys and girls interested in baseball and softball. Our structured instructional leagues focus on age-appropriate skill development and teamwork. Each weekly session includes engaging skill stations and a game to reinforce the lessons learned. Our experienced coaches are trained to work with children of varying abilities, ensuring a positive and inclusive environment.

#### Rookie League Baseball

Thursdays, June 13 – July 25

**LOCATION** West Point Park  
**TIME** 6:30–7:30pm  
**FEE** \$120  
**AGE** 5–6yrs



#### Hummingbirds Soccer: 3–4yrs

Sundays, June 9 – July 14

**LOCATION** West Point Park  
**TIME** 10:00–10:45am  
**FEE** \$120  
**AGE** 3–4yrs

The Hummingbirds Soccer program is designed for boys and girls ages 3-6 and focuses on teaching the basics of soccer, including dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, and positioning. Each session consists of instruction and low-key, non-competitive soccer games, providing children with a fun and supportive environment to learn and grow.

#### Hummingbirds Soccer: 5–6yrs

Sundays, June 9 – July 14

**LOCATION** West Point Park  
**TIME** 11:00–11:50am  
**FEE** \$120  
**AGE** 5–6yrs



**REGISTER FOR JUMP START SPORTS:**

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/JumpStartSportsPhiladelphia>

**NEW!** **Summer Saturday Mini Moovers & Groovers**

Saturdays, June 15 – July 6

**LOCATION** Parkside Place Park: Community Center  
**TIME** 9:00–9:45am  
**FEE** \$45 per person (4-week session)  
**AGES** 18 months–5yrs

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



## UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP



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### Tax Collector

215-699-6689, Erica Koebert

## UPCOMING MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

5/1/2024	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
5/6/2024	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
5/8/2024	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm <i>New Time</i>
5/13/2024	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
5/15/2024	Police Pension Board	1:00 pm
5/20/2024	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
5/27/2024	<b>HOLIDAY: Memorial Day</b>	<b>Offices Closed</b>
5/28/2024	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
6/3/2024	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
6/5/2024	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
6/10/2024	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
6/12/2024	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm <i>New Time</i>
6/25/2024	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
7/4/2024	<b>HOLIDAY: Independence Day</b>	<b>Offices Closed</b>
7/8/2024	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
7/10/2024	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm <i>New Time</i>
7/15/2024	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
7/18/2024	Human Relations Commission Meeting	6:00 pm <i>New Time</i>
7/23/2024	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
8/5/2024	Board of Commissioners Work Session	7:00 pm
8/7/2024	Environmental Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 pm
8/12/2024	Board of Commissioners Business Meeting	7:00 pm
8/14/2024	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm <i>New Time</i>
8/19/2024	Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting	7:00 pm
8/21/2024	Police Pension Board	1:00 pm
8/27/2024	Zoning Hearing Board	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](http://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.