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A lot has been happening since my last newsletter article. The Township has been aggressively seeking outside funding for transportation projects, intently developing a master plan for a township park, and carefully planning for long-range capital projects.

Woodlawn Park

Last year the Township acquired the old Woodlawn Elementary School. This past spring, the township's contractor began demolishing the building. It is anticipated that the demolition work will be completed this summer, after which, grass seed will be applied in the fall.



Matthew Candland
Township Manager

Several months ago, the Township contracted with Simone Collins, a landscape architectural firm that specializes in park master planning, to assist the township in developing a master plan for Woodlawn Park. This master planning process is intended to be guided by extensive public input and participation.

A Steering Committee has been appointed, consisting of Woodlawn Park neighbors and other interested stakeholders, including representatives of local youth sports organizations, teens, and park neighbors. The purpose of the Steering Committee is to listen to public input, consider the characteristics of the park's features, consider the many suggestions that will be made, and make a formal recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners will approve the final master plan.

The planning process began just a few months ago with Steering Committee meetings, community meetings, and several focus group meetings. At the conclusion of the planning process, it is expected that well over a dozen meetings will have been held to help the Steering Committee develop its recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

It is anticipated that the master plan will be completed by the end of the year. Implementation of the master plan, depending upon what it includes, will likely take a few years to complete.

Willow Grove Interchange

As I wrote in our last newsletter, for many years the township has recognized that improvements were necessary at the Willow Grove interchange of the PA Turnpike. Southbound traffic (coming down from Blair Mill Rd.) experiences significant congestion during many times of the day as a result of only one southbound travel lane being available to access the turnpike. According to traffic engineers, the solution is to add an additional southbound lane and widen the off ramp to include two lanes as well.

To accomplish this, a new bridge on Easton Rd. (Rt. 611) will be constructed to include an additional lane. The cost to build a new bridge and add a travel lane on the off ramp will likely exceed \$12 million. Last fall, the Township secured a state of Pennsylvania CFA Multi Modal grant in the amount of \$1.65 million to design the new bridge and off ramp widening.

This past spring we were excited to learn that the township was awarded a \$1.3 million grant from the Penn DOT Multi Modal program. These funds will be used to construct the widening of the off ramp.

The township will continue to work closely with our state representatives Rep. Guenst and Sen. Collett to secure state funding and begin working with Congresswoman Dean to secure federal funds for construction of the new bridge.

Township Building Renovation and Police Station Expansion

The Township Building, which houses the township's administrative functions (Codes,

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To promote the best possible quality of life for the residents of Upper Moreland Township through a commitment to local government which is responsive to the health, safety, and general welfare needs of the community; and dedicated to providing municipal services which meet those needs in an efficient and caring manner.

To Our Residents,

The Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township is pleased to distribute the 2022 Fall Newsletter. We hope that you keep the NEWSLETTER in a convenient place and find the information it contains to be helpful.

This publication is meant to serve as a guidebook for the many municipal services and programs offered to residents of Upper Moreland Township. The Board of Commissioners welcomes your attendance at our public meetings. Your participation and opinions are always important to us.

*Board of Commissioners,
Upper Moreland Township*

TOWNSHIP POLLING PLACES

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Polling places are listed below (as of this printing). Please be sure to contact Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280 to confirm your voting locations, registration, voting eligibility, or if you have any questions.

WARD 1	Districts 1 and 2	Settlement Music School	318 Davisville Rd. Willow Grove
WARD 2	Districts 1 and 2	Upper Moreland High School	3000 Terwood Rd. Willow Grove
WARD 3	Districts 1 and 2	Upper Moreland High School	3000 Terwood Rd. Willow Grove
WARD 4	District 1	Upper Moreland Township Building	117 Park Ave. Willow Grove
WARD 4	District 2	Upper Moreland Township Library	109 Park Ave. Willow Grove
WARD 5	District 1	Upper Moreland High School	3000 Terwood Rd. Willow Grove
WARD 5	District 2	Fulmer Heights Home Owners Association	201 Fitch Rd. Hatboro
WARD 6	Districts 1 and 2	Willow Grove YMCA	3300 Davisville Rd. Hatboro
WARD 7	District 1	Upper Moreland Intermediate School	3990 Orangemans Rd. Hatboro
WARD 7	District 2	Upper Moreland Middle School	4000 Orangemans Rd. Hatboro



LOCAL CABLE CHANNELS

Upper Moreland Television, UMTV, began broadcasting in 2007. This public access channel is dedicated to providing residents with the news and information related to Upper Moreland Township government services and events. It is also used to publicize community events and to provide public service and emergency announcements.

In January, 2008, UMTV began broadcasting all meetings of the Board of Commissioners on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM. UMTV is available to subscribers of Comcast Cable on channel 965. In order to receive channel 965, you must have a digital cable box. If you do not currently receive digital cable service, you may arrange for it by contacting Comcast directly at 1-800-COMCAST. UMTV can also be found on the Verizon FIOS channel line-up and is available to Verizon FIOS subscribers on channel 41.

You may also view all Township Board of Commissioners Committee and Regular live meetings via Zoom. **Go to Zoom.us.** Click "Join a Meeting" Webinar ID: 917 5771 7982, Password: 182130. Please check the agenda for Zoom information as sign in information may change.

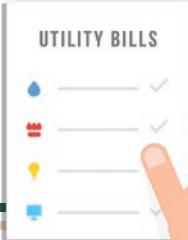
You may submit questions or comments in advance of the meetings via e-mail to: **comments@uppermoreland.org.** ****Residents requiring special accommodations, please call the Township 215-659-3100 during normal business hours****

COUNTY SERVICES CENTER IN WILLOW GROVE

For your convenience, the Montgomery County Courthouse Annex at 102 York Road, phone 215-784-5400, in Willow Grove offers local residents a variety of county programs in Upper Moreland. More than a dozen county departments, such as the health department, aging and adult services, child and youth services, and MHMR services, are housed in the annex. Township residents can now apply for passports or file legal grievances without having to travel to Norristown. Be sure to take advantage of the many county services offered right here in Upper Moreland!

STATE OFFERS HELP WITH HEATING BILLS

For information and eligibility requirements concerning Pennsylvania's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, please call the PA Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program at 1-800-692-7462 or the Montgomery County public assistance office at 610-272-1752. Please visit the state's web site at www.paenergy.state.pa.us for more information.



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Earned Income Tax (Berkheimer) 866-701-7206

Fire House (non-emergency) 215-659-7633

Police (non-emergency)..... 215-657-4700

Public Library..... 215-659-0741

Public Works (6:30A-2:15P)..... 215-659-4070

Real Estate Tax Office..... 215-659-3100

School District (administration)..... 215-830-1511

Second Alarmers (business only) 215-659-1885

Sewer Authority..... 215-659-3975

Township Building..... 215-659-3100

administration, business taxes, code enforcement, emergency services, parks & recreation, real estate taxes

**When addressing correspondence to the Township,
please direct to the appropriate department to ensure fastest possible response.**

Administration..... 215-659-3100
Board of Commissioners 215-659-3100, ext. 1057
Code Enforcement..... 215-659-3100, ext. 1032
Delaware Valley Trust 215-706-0101
Environmental Advisory Council..... 215-659-3100
Emergency Services 215-659-3100, ext. 1030
Fire Department 215-659-7633 Stations 10A & 10B
Finance..... 215-659-3100, ext. 1075
Business Tax Office 215-659-3100, ext. 1044 or 1045

Real Estate Tax Office..... 267-607-1046 or 267-607-1047
Human Resources 215-659-3100, ext. 1054
Library 215-659-0741
Parks & Recreation..... 215-659-3100, ext. 1039
Buehler 215-659-3100, ext. 1062
Masons Mill..... 215-659-3388
Police..... 215-657-4700
Public Works..... 215-659-4070

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATION

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP 2022 COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS LISTED ON THE CALENDAR SHALL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:00 P.M. AND SHALL BE ADJOURNED NO LATER THAN 11:00 P.M. ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS SHALL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE APPROPRIATE MEETING THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

SEPTEMBER			NOVEMBER		
Mon	5	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)	TUES	8	ELECTION DAY
Mon	12	Regular Meeting	Mon	14	Regular Meeting
Mon	19	Community Development	Mon	21	Community Development
Mon	26	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	28	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
OCTOBER			DECEMBER		
Mon	3	Regular Meeting	Mon	5	Regular Meeting;
Mon	17	Community Development			Special Meeting to Adopt 2023 Township Budget
Mon	24	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	12	Community Development
			Mon	19	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

The Board of Commissioners welcomes resumes and letters of interest from residents who wish to serve as volunteer members of township committees, authorities, and commissions. If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please send a letter to the attention of the Township Manager, Matthew Candland, 117 Park Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090 or email at mcandland@uppermoreland.org.

Advisory Planning Agency The APA makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on proposed amendments to Title 9, "Land Development and Subdivision" and Title 10, "Zoning," of the Township Code of Upper Moreland.

Environmental Advisory Council Serves to educate and inform Township residents about issues of environmental importance to the community.

Historical Commission In July of 2001, the Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners passed an Historic Preservation Ordinance to encourage preservation of sites significant to the history and development of the Township and to establish a Historical Commission chartered with administering that ordinance and developing an Inventory of Historical Properties.

Human Relations Commission Established by Ordinance #1696 at the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, commercial property and public accommodations within the Township.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Council The Board of Commissioners by resolution dated April 11, 1972, created a committee to advise and aid the Board in connection with the Parks and Recreation programs in the community.

Police and Fire Civil Service Commission The Civil Service Commission is an oversight board created by the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of overseeing the hiring and promotion process within the Township Police and Fire Departments, as required by the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code.

Transportation Impact Advisory Committee The Committee serves in an advisory capacity and develops land use assumptions, conducts roadway sufficiency analysis studies, and makes recommendations as to the development of road improvements, capital improvements, and impact fees within the Township.

Uniform Construction Code Local Appeals Board Established by the Board of Commissioners, to carry out its interests in promoting public health and safety, the Appeals Board hears appeals, requests for variances or extensions of time under the provisions of the Uniform Construction Code and authorizes other necessary action.

Zoning Hearing Board The Board of Commissioners shall appoint by resolution five residents of the Township, none of whom shall hold any other office in the Township, to serve as the Zoning Hearing Board of the Township, each member serving a term of not more than five years in length, with the terms staggered so that the term of office of one member shall expire each year.



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Parks and Recreation, Finance, Human Resources, etc.) as well as the police station, was constructed in the late 1960's. Now that the building is over fifty years old, we need to make improvements to ensure that it is fully ADA accessible, its mechanical systems are modern and efficient, security improvements are made to ensure the safety of citizens and township staff and that it is generally prepared to serve our community for another fifty years.

Late last year the township contracted with KCBA Architects to evaluate the Township Building and determine what upgrades and improvements were needed and to evaluate whether additional improvements were needed, particularly with our police station.

The Board of Commissioners is currently evaluating concept plan options. One option currently being evaluated is the renovation of the existing Township Building and the construction of a new, freestanding police station that would be located directly behind the current Township Building. The new police station would face Center Ave.

With the dramatic increases in building materials, estimated construction costs are much greater than originally anticipated. As a result, the Commissioners are not only carefully considering building options, but also trying to determine what the right timing is to undertake such a large project.

American Rescue Act - Federal Funds

As part of the Federal American Rescue Act, Upper Moreland Township received a little under \$2.5 million from the Federal Government. These funds are intended to be spent to address the negative impacts of the COVID pandemic, including the loss of local tax revenue. These funds will be distributed to the township in two disbursements, one in the summer of 2021 (which we have already received) and the other this summer.

A few months ago, the Board of Commissioners approved a budget plan for how to spend the first half of these funds. Approved expenditures include:

- Installation of floodgates on roads that are prone to flooding. This will provide for greater safety during heavy flooding.
- Funds to help the township catch up on the maintenance of its parks and downtown area. Due to hiring freezes and loss of revenue during the pandemic, park and downtown maintenance were deferred.
- Financial contribution to the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad to provide funds for the training, recruitment and retention of emergency medical technicians and paramedics.
- Funds for housing assistance to help individuals and families find affordable rental housing options.
- Funds for tutoring services for township students who were adversely impacted academically during the pandemic.
- A reserve fund to be used as matching funds to secure additional outside grants and financing.

The Board will consider how to allocate the second half of the funding this coming fall.

REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Your 2022 School Real Estate Tax Bill was mailed in July 2022. If you have not received it by mid-July, please call our office at 267-607-1046 or 267-607-1047. Take some time to read the instructions on the bottom of the bill, as it provides some useful information and may answer your questions.

If you have moved and need to have your mailing address changed, we must have a written request to do so. Be sure to include the reason you need the address changed and a contact number where you can be reached.

Your bill includes two copies. We need one copy to post your payment, and the second copy is for your records. If you would like a receipt, please present the entire bill. For those of you who wish to pay by mail and would like a receipt, enclose the entire bill and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We will mark one copy as your paid receipt and return it to you.

The Real Estate Tax office is located on the first floor

of the Township Building at 117 Park Avenue. Our office hours are 8:30 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 4:00, Monday through Friday. Please note that we do close from 12-12:30 p.m. for lunch.

The Board of School Directors for the Upper Moreland Township School District approved a property tax rebate program that will see a discount of up to \$500 for certain homeowners. The tax program is based upon the existing Pennsylvania Property Tax and Rent Rebate program. Upper Moreland homeowners must qualify for the State rebate program to qualify for any District rebate program, but the District is not offering a rent rebate program at this time. To qualify for this program, the household income must be no more than \$35,000 annually, and: be 65 years of age or older; or be a widow or widower aged 50 years of age or older; or, be permanently disabled and 18 years of age or older. Please complete Pennsylvania form, PA-1000, to start the process to see if you qualify.

Once approved by the State and your 2022 school tax is paid, the District application can be completed. The application is available on the School District's website.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



Uniform Construction Code Update: Upper Moreland Township follows Act 45 of the Pa. Uniform Construction Code. Upper Moreland Township currently follows the 2018 International Code Council Series as adopted by the state of PA. For more information on Pa Act 45 please visit the Pa. Department of Labor & Industry website at www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/. Information on the ICC codes can be found at www.iccsafe.org/.

Construction Permits: Building codes allow us to rely on the safety of the structures around us in our everyday living. The requirement of construction permits allows the local code officials to administer the provisions of the code to ensure proper construction. If you are planning any kind of home remodeling project or thinking of retaining a contractor to do work for you, please keep these regulations in mind. **Construction Permits** are needed for all repairs, additions, and alterations to properties. This includes work done to roofs, siding, windows, fences, shed, both above and in-ground pools, driveways, driveway aprons, and curbs, as well as interior projects in kitchens, bathrooms, and garages. Permits are not required for replacing gutters or windows of the same size unless a structural alteration is made. Permits are not required for painting, tree removal or pruning. If you are unsure if a permit is required, please take the time to call the Code Enforcement Department at 215-659-3100 for assistance before beginning work. **Permits will only be issued once they have been reviewed for compliance with all local and applicable state regulations.** Fines can be issued for work begun prior to the issuance of the permits required. **Permits** are also needed for work on heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems (including electrical connections to swimming pools and ornamental ponds). **A registered master plumber must do all plumbing projects**, and the plumber must apply directly for the permits required.

Registration of Contractors is required according to the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act of July 2009. All contractors performing home remodeling projects are required to be registered with PA. Attorney General's Office. A copy of state license and insurance certificate shall be submitted to UMT. Commercial contractors, new home builders, and master plumbers must still be licensed with Upper Moreland Township. Please contact the Upper Moreland Township Department of Code Enforcement for information on contractors. For additional information on the Act and to see if your contractor is registered with the state, please visit the Attorney General's website at www.attorneygeneral.gov.

Property Maintenance regulations require that all properties and structures be kept in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. Please trim grass and weeds regularly and remember that growth **in excess of twelve inches** is prohibited. Trash and debris may not be stored on properties at any time. It is also important to make sure that shrubs and trees located near streets do not obscure road signs from the view of motorists or pedestrians. Please prune landscaping to ensure that signs are clearly visible from a distance. Gutters and downspouts should be checked to ensure they are free of debris and properly secured. Please contact a professional contractor specializing in this field. Storm windows, weather stripping, and exterior doors should be

properly sealed to prevent unwanted drafts and heat loss. Please visit the U.S. Dept. of Energy's website for more information (www.energy.gov).

Home Occupations: Residents may operate a business or office from their property, subject to certain restrictions. However, only people living in the dwelling may operate the business or office. No outside storage of material related to the home occupation is permitted. If you are interested in running a business or office from your home, please contact the Code Enforcement Department first, to ensure your plans are in keeping with the Township's guidelines and to obtain the required annual use registration permit. Residences used for in-home day care must meet all Township regulations, including a maximum of six children (four infants) at any one time, and be inspected annually by the Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Marshal. All day care providers must reside in the dwelling. All home occupations, proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies and other entities operating in the Township must also register with the Township's Business Tax Office before beginning operations.

Swimming Pools capable of holding in excess of 24 inches of water require a permit from the Code Enforcement Department. All filter and circulation equipment must be wired in accordance with the 2017 National Electric Code (N.E.C.). All swimming pools requiring a permit must also have a permanent barrier surrounding the pool which is at least four feet high with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Requirement hand-outs are available at the Code Enforcement Office.

Swimming Pool Drainage should be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Water may be drained indirectly to the storm water system if it has first been de-chlorinated. Township regulations prohibit directing water discharge from swimming pools onto the property of another person without their consent.

Public Nuisances (noise, etc.): The Township often receives complaints from residents concerning inoperable vehicles, excessive noise, and construction work taking place before 7:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m. Residents are reminded that **all vehicles** must be operable, have current registration, and a valid inspection sticker unless stored in a completely enclosed building or garage (car covers are not compliant). These are but a few examples of **"public nuisance"** actions that interfere with the repose, health, safety, or life of others. Upper Moreland has adopted regulations to prohibit nuisances such as these, which affect our residents' quality of life.

Portable Storage Units: The Board of Commissioners adopted regulations for portable storage units, dumpsters, and construction trailers placed on any parcel. In addition to the permit requirement, there is a limit on the number of units and time for which they can be placed on the parcel. Please contact the Code Enforcement Office for information and permitting requirements prior to placing these units on your property.

Recreation Vehicles longer than twenty feet must have an annual permit from the Code Enforcement Department if stored on your property for more than two weeks.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

HOUSEHOLD TRASH COLLECTION

Regular household trash is collected once each week. Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070, Monday through Friday between 6:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., if you are unsure of your pickup day. **Trash containers should be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day, but not more than 12 hours beforehand.** Empty cans must be removed within 12 hours of collection. **All trashcans must be covered, weigh less than 50 pounds when full, and be no larger than 50 gallons in capacity. Lids must completely detach, not just pivot open** and should have house numbers. Trash placed in boxes or drums will not be collected. If you are placing trash bags curbside, bags must not be more than 20 pounds when full. Garbage must be drained and bagged to delay decomposition. **The Public Works Department does not collect materials related to the demolition, repair, or construction of buildings. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, concrete, plaster, wood, drywall, dirt, fencing, and landscape ties. Homeowners must make arrangements for the disposal of these items.** If you are planning on moving and have a lot of trash, extra volume must be spread out over several pickups. Bedding: box springs and mattresses must be either wrapped in plastic or put into a mattress bag.

If your trash and/or recycling collection is cancelled due to inclement weather, Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 or log onto the Township Web site (www.uppermoreland.org) to find out when your next pickup will occur.



YES



NO

Many residents have trash cans unacceptable for curbside collection. Regulations limit the size of trash cans to 50-gallon capacity and 50-pound weight limit. Lids must completely detach, not just pivot open. These regulations are in place to protect service personnel from injury and thereby make the best use of tax dollars.

CHANGES TO 2022 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Please note the following changes to the regular trash and recycling pickup schedule:

Regularly Scheduled Pickup

Friday, November 11
Thursday, November 24
Friday, April 7

Rescheduled Pickup

Monday, November 14
Monday, November 28
Monday, April 10

YARD/BULK/MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION

DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

With the exception of scheduling changes due to holidays, bagged leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste will be collected each Monday. Only brown, 30-gallon biodegradable yard waste bags will be accepted. Bags should weigh less than 50 pounds and be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m., but not more than 12 hours beforehand. The Public Works Department will not accept bags that contain dirt, edgings, wood chips, mulch, stump grindings, rocks, or household trash, as these items can cause damage to our recycling equipment and composting program. There is no limit to the number of bags that may be placed curbside for collection.



CHANGES TO 2022/23 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Due to holiday scheduling changes, there will be **NO** yard waste collections on the following Mondays in 2022/23:

September 5 • November 14 • November 28 • December 26
January 2 • January 16 • February 20 • April 10

Please note: This does not affect the leaf vacuum schedule.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

GLASS, CAN, PLASTIC, AND PAPER RECYCLING

RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Recyclable materials are collected the same day as your regular household trash. Glass bottles, aluminum and tin cans, #'s 1 through 7 plastics, paper goods, cardboard boxes, and yard waste are included in Upper Moreland Township's recycling program. **RECYCLING OF THESE MATERIALS IS MANDATORY IN UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP.**



Due to automation of recycling collection – ALL recyclables (with the exception of yard waste) must now be mixed together and placed in the 95 gallon recycling containers that are provided by the Township. This includes glass, bottles, plastics numbered 1-7, tin and aluminum cans, AND also paper and cardboard. Cardboard must be cut to fit into the can. **Please do not stuff the can too full as it will not completely empty. Break cardboard boxes down. You can no longer set out cardboard boxes separately; all cardboard must go into the recycling container. **THESE CONTAINERS ARE THE PROPERTY OF UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP AND MUST REMAIN WITH THE PROPERTY IF YOU MOVE.****

Glass, Can, Plastic, and Paper Recycling: Unbroken glass bottles, clean aluminum and tin cans and number's 1 through 7 plastics, newspapers, computer paper, brown bags, magazines, junk mail, office paper, phone books, paperboard cartons or boxes (not wax lined), including those from beverages, six packs, and those used to hold pizza or other fast food items may be mixed together and placed curbside in the recycling containers that are provided by the Township. **NO OTHER CONTAINERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** No trash, cigarettes, or food/drink residue should be in bottles. No plate glass, light bulbs, mirrors, or broken glass is included in recycling (put in regular trash). Cans that contained paint, fuel, aerosol spray, oil or other hazardous materials cannot be collected. **EXCLUDED:** Styrofoam (includes egg cartons, clamshell containers, plates, cups and meat trays, packing peanuts), plastic films or bags, PVC pipes, CD/DVDs, coffee cup lids, straws, plastic cutlery, plastic 6-pack rings, waxed paper, waxed cardboard, coat hangers.

PROPER PLACEMENT OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS: In order for the recycling container to be accessible to the recycling truck, please place containers with metal bar facing out; they should be placed 3' from cars, poles, and trash bags/cans.

BRUSH AND BRANCHES

In addition to bagged yard waste, brush and branches are also picked up each Monday. Brush and branches should be tied into bundles with manila rope or jute twine. Bundles should weigh less than 50 lbs. and be up to four feet in length and two feet in width. **No more than 6 bundles** should be placed curbside for pickup on each collection day.



LEAVES RAKED TO THE CURB

Leaf vacuum machines will collect leaves raked to the curb on, **or shortly after**, the dates listed on the vacuum leaf map for each area of the Township. The Township map, found in this Newsletter, shows each collection by area. **Please DO NOT** rake leaves into the street and **DO NOT** blow or rake sticks, branches, rocks or stones into the piles of leaves to be vacuumed by the Township's machines to ensure the collection equipment is not damaged. The Public Works Department will make every effort to stay on schedule. If you are unsure of your collection area or have any questions concerning the schedule, please call the Public Works Department, Monday thru Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., at 215-659-4070, for assistance.

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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL

Electronics are part of the recycling program. A permit is required for the disposal of household electronics. "Electronics" include but are not limited to TVs up to 50", Stereos, VCRs, DVD players, computers, keyboards, monitors and microwaves. Permits can be obtained from the receptionist's office at the Township Building, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Permit fees range from \$1.00 to \$20.00. **Please note: Televisions over 50" are the owner's responsibility.** Once a permit is obtained, if the item(s) have "disappeared" from in front of your home **before** 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled pickup date, call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 to cancel the pickup. If the pickup is cancelled **by 6:30 a.m.**, the permit fee will be refunded in full.



DISPOSAL OF CARPETING

Rugs and padding will be picked up on your regular trash day. Rugs and padding must be cut to 4 foot widths, then rolled and tied securely. Each section should weigh less than 20 pounds (**limit 1 room per pickup**).

SAFE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SHARPS

Place sharp household objects in a rigid, strong plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured cap, such as a laundry detergent bottle; or use a purchased sharps container. Reinforce the cap with heavy-duty tape. Mark clearly and noticeably on the outside of the container **"Do Not Recycle"** and **"Household Sharps."** Sharps include medical needles, knitting needles, and knives, among other items.



DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD PAINT

Latex-based paint will be accepted in your regular trash. Paint must be dried and **the lid must be removed**. Place paint cans next to your trash cans. Oil-based paints must be taken to a Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Collection site. For more information on the MONTCO Hazardous Waste Collection, call 610-278-3618.

ARE YOU MOVING?

To better serve The Township, the Public Works Department requests that residents who are moving, and have a large volume of trash, spread it out over a period of time. Please try to get rid of all trash prior to your settlement date. Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 if you are unsure of what items can be placed curbside.



BULK ITEMS



The Public Works Department assists residents by providing a special service to remove **metal** items such as appliances, grills, lawn mowers, exercise equipment, etc. A pickup for these items can be scheduled by obtaining a **bulk pickup permit** from the receptionist's office at the Township Building. The minimum fee for a bulk pickup permit is \$15.00; the final cost will depend on the type, size, and number of items to be picked up. Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070 if you are unsure if an item requires a permit. *Please remember that once a permit is issued, a collection date is scheduled. If you find that the item(s) have "disappeared" from in front of your home **before** 6:00 am on the scheduled pick up date, please call the Public Works Department by **6:30 am** to cancel the collection. If the pickup is cancelled by **6:30 am**, the permit fee will be refunded in full.*



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees up to eight feet in height may be placed at the curb for collection on Mondays in January and February. Trees will not be collected on Monday, December 26, Monday, January 2, Monday, January 16, and Monday, February 20 due to holiday scheduling changes.



SNOW PLOWING/SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION:

The Township's Public Works Department is responsible for plowing and salting the roads in Upper Moreland Township. Salting and cinders begin on primary highways as soon as snow or freezing rain starts to fall. **Plowing begins after 3-4 inches of snow accumulation. After primary routes are clear, plows/salt trucks proceed to dedicated secondary routes.**

Wherever possible, please move your vehicles out of the street and onto private driveways so that plowing and salting operations can be done safely and efficiently. If you cannot move your vehicles to off-street parking spots, please follow the following guidelines to help ensure that plowing and salting covers as much of your street as possible. Unless your street permits parking on one side only, park vehicles on the "even" and "odd" numbered side of the street depending on the year. For example, in 2022 park cars on the EVEN numbered side; and in 2023 park cars on the ODD numbered side.



To avoid having to shovel out your driveway more than once after a storm, follow these tips:

- Wait until after your street has been plowed to shovel the end of your driveway closest to the street.
- When clearing the entrance to your driveway, shovel snow into a pile to the right of the driveway when facing the street and create a small, clear pocket to the left of the driveway for crews to leave snow during plowing.
- Sidewalks must be cleared within 48 hours after the snow, sleet or freezing rain has stopped falling.

It is unlawful to shovel, plow or deposit snow or ice from any driveway, sidewalk, or parking area onto any public street or sidewalk, per Township Ordinance 1569, Article 290-3.

If a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles must be removed from snow emergency routes until the emergency is lifted. Snow Emergencies are announced on Comcast Channel 965 and Verizon Channel 41, and the Township web site: www.uppermoreland.org. Streets signs are posted on those roads designated as snow emergency routes. When a snow emergency is declared, it is done with your safety in mind. In order to make sure emergency vehicles can reach people in need, the snow emergency routes must be cleared of parked cars, and vehicles on the roadways need snow tires or chains. In order to prevent the need for people to walk in the street, sidewalks need to be shoveled quickly.

POTHOLE REPORTING

Call PennDot to report Pothole Repair needs for state roads: 1-800-349-7623.

State Roads:

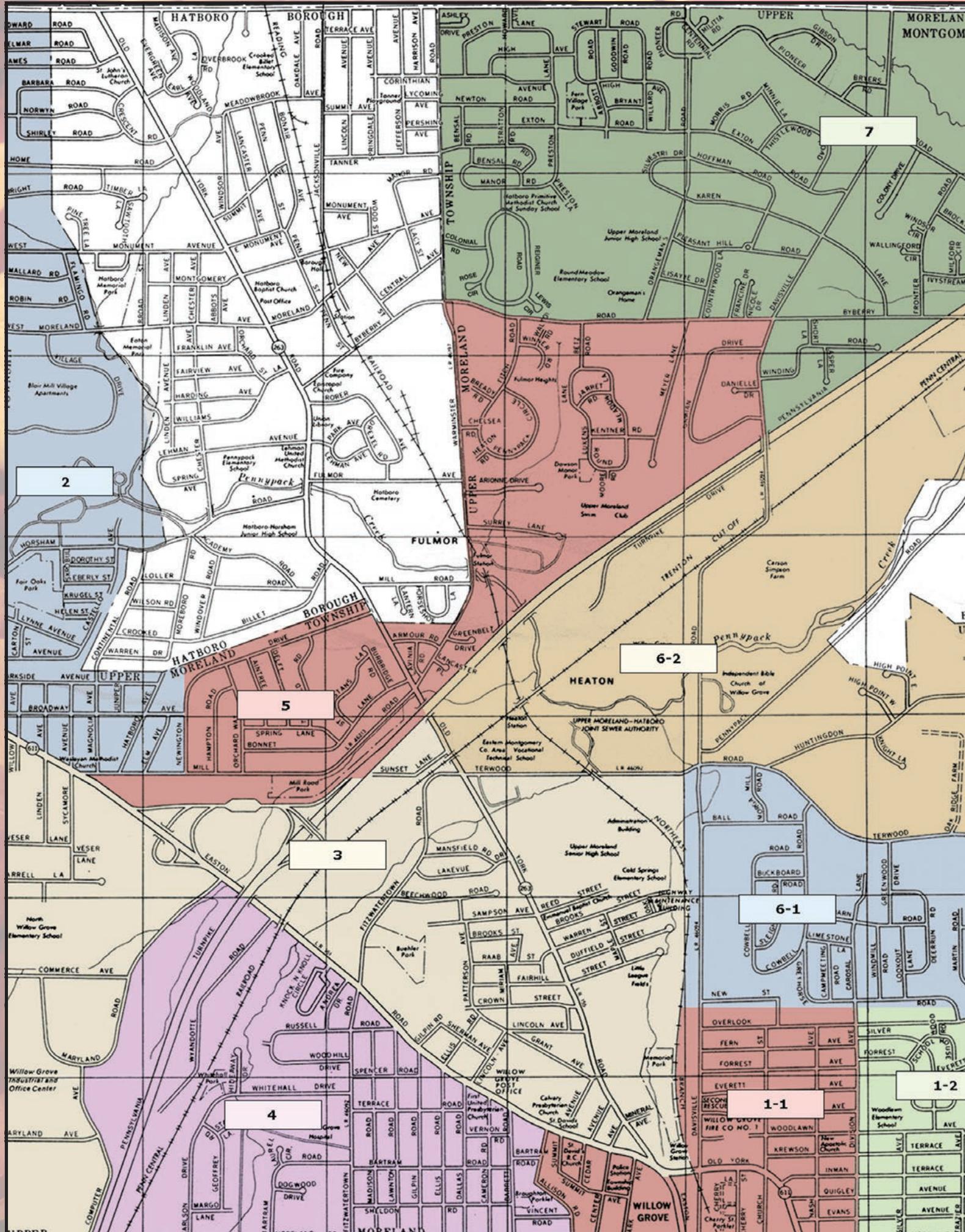
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<i>Terwood Road</i>	<i>Blair Mill Road</i>	<i>Easton Road</i>	<i>Byberry Road</i>	<i>Mill Road</i>
<i>County Line Road</i>	<i>Warminster Road (from Byberry Road to York Road)</i>			

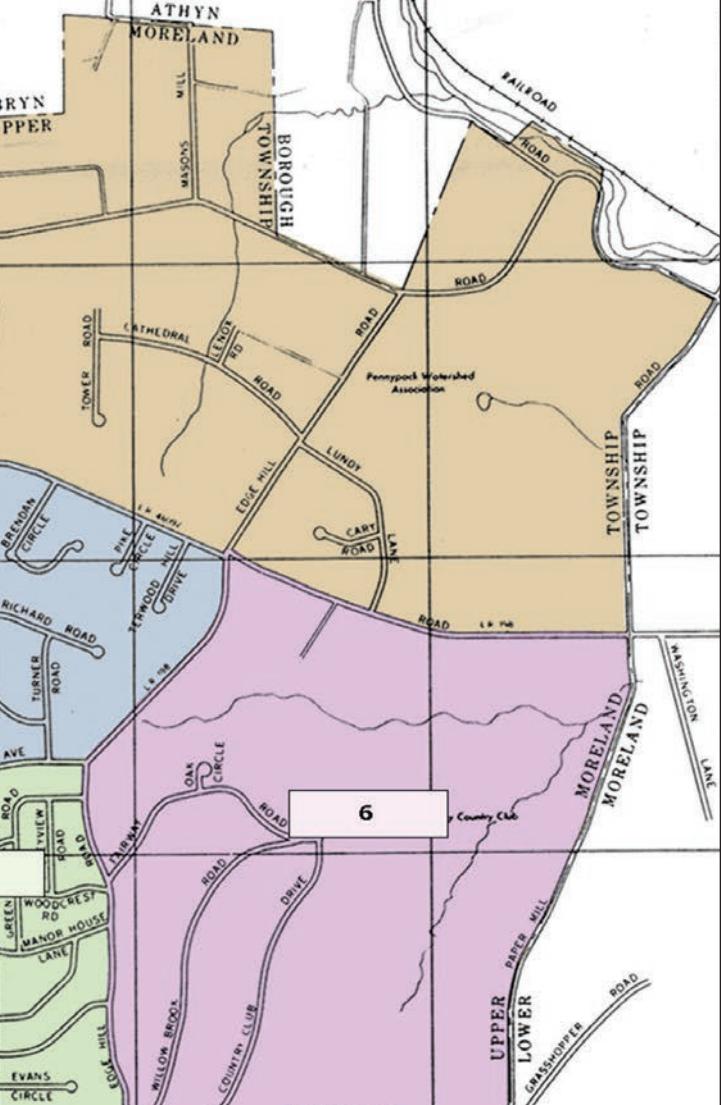
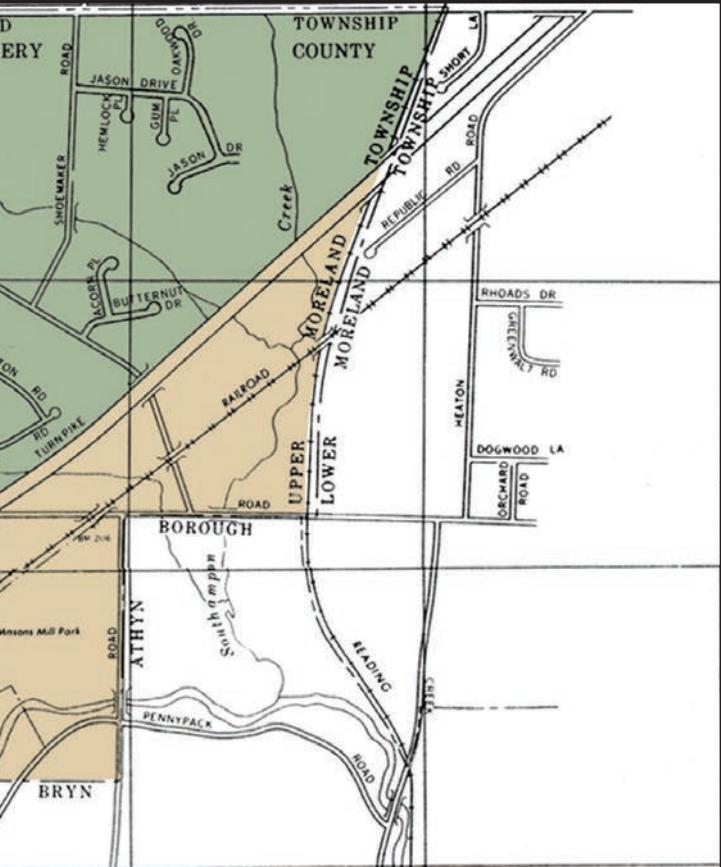
To report potholes on roads maintained by **Montgomery County**, call the County at (610) 292-5022.

County Roads: Horsham Road (from 611 to Continental)

To report potholes or other conditions, and with other questions on local area roads, call the Upper Moreland Township Public Works Department at (215) 659-4070.







2022 LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE

***Vacuums will pass ON or
SHORTLY AFTER listed dates***

AREA	DATES
1-1	Oct. 10; Oct. 31; Nov. 21
1-2	Oct. 17; Nov. 7; Nov. 28
2	Oct. 17; Nov. 7; Nov. 28
3	Oct. 12; Nov. 2; Nov. 23
4	Oct. 24; Nov. 14; Dec. 5
5	Oct. 10; Oct. 31; Nov. 21
6	Oct. 26; Nov. 16; Dec. 7
6-1	Oct. 17; Nov. 7; Nov. 28
6-2	Oct. 24; Nov. 14; Dec. 5
7	Oct. 10; Oct. 31; Nov. 21

SEE MAP FOR LOCATION OF EACH AREA

Please do not rake leaves into the street and do not blow or rake sticks, branches, rocks, or stones into the piles of leaves to be vacuumed by the Township's machines to ensure collection equipment is not damaged.

Please remove vehicles from the vicinity of the piles until your street has been vacuumed. The Public Works Department will make every effort to stay on schedule.

If you are unsure of your collection area or have any questions concerning the schedule, please call Public Works for assistance at **(215) 659-4070**, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**For Recreation Program Opportunities, Please Visit UpperMorelandRec.com
U.M.P.R. Helping Build a Strong Community**

**Fall Intramurals will be offered; however, as of this printing the schedule has not been set.
Please visit uppermorelandrec.com or call us at 215-659-3100 x 1039 for information**

2022 Fall Programs: Session 1 & Session 2

WEE Class Discount - Register for multiple WEE classes and receive a \$4 discount per class (must be same child OR same family)

WEE KICK SOCCER WITH DOLTON SPORTS

- 5 Mondays, 9/12-10/17 (omit 9/26)
- Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm
- Ages: 3-4 years (caregiver must attend)
- Time: 5:00pm – 5:45pm
- Ages: 4-5 years (caregiver must attend)
- Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Field 1
- Fee: \$55 R / \$82 NR
- Let the fantastic coaches at Dolton Sports introduce your children to soccer "fun"amentals. Bring water, cleats/sneakers, shin guards, and dress for the weather.

WEE HIT T-BALL WITH DOLTON SPORTS

- 5 Fridays, 9/16 – 10/14
- Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm
- Ages: 3-4 yrs. (caregiver must attend)
- Time: 5:00pm – 5:45pm
- Ages: 4-5 yrs. (caregiver must attend)
- Site: Masons Mill Park
- Fee: \$55 R / \$82 NR
- Coach Zach and Dolton Sports staff teach the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and base running; then players apply what they have learned in fun, non-competitive games.

WEE PLAY SPORTS WITH DOLTON SPORTS

- 5 Thursdays, 9/15-10/13
- Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm
- Ages: 3-4 yrs. (caregiver must attend)
- Time: 5:00pm – 5:45pm
- Ages: 4-5 yrs. (caregiver must attend)
- Site: Pileggi Park
- Fee: \$55 R / \$82 NR
- Players learn the basics of a variety of sports through drills and live play. Our experienced instructors create a positive and encouraging environment focused on fun and building teamwork principles.

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

YOUTH BASKETBALL WITH DOLTON SPORTS

- 6 Tuesdays 9/13-10/18
- Time: 4:30pm-5:45pm
- Ages: Grades 1-6
- Site: Mill Creek Park Basketball Courts
- Fee: \$65 R / \$97 NR
- Players are taught basic fundamental skills with an emphasis on individual instruction. Participate in various individual, small groups, and team competitions. All instructors challenge and instruct youngsters in a positive, encouraging manner. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

AFTER-SCHOOL THEATER PROGRAM: DRAMARAMA

Tuesdays, 9/13 – 11/29
(omit 11/8, 11/22 class will be held at WG Firehouse)
11 Sessions PLUS you MUST be available for the Dress Rehearsal (12/2) AND Performance (12/3)
Time: 3:10pm – 5:00pm
Ages: Grades 3-5
Site: Upper Moreland Intermediate School 4th Grade Pod
Fee: \$195 R / \$292 NR
This workshop allows youngsters to go through the process of being involved in a real musical production. A dress rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, December 2 followed by the performance Saturday, December 3, allowing your child to shine in front of friends and family. **MUST REGISTER ONE WEEK PRIOR**

AFTER-SCHOOL THEATER PROGRAM: DRAMARAMA JUNIOR

Wednesdays 10/12-11/30 (omit 11/23)
7 sessions PLUS you MUST be available for the Dress Rehearsal (12/2) AND Performance (12/3)
Time: 3:10pm – 5:00pm
Ages: Grades K-2
Site: Upper Moreland Primary School: LL45/46
Fee: \$110 R / \$160 NR
Our junior program for the same program noted above as it is in the regular theater program; all participants will be ensemble members of the final performance. A dress rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, December 2 followed by the performance Saturday, December 3, allowing your child to shine in front of friends and family. **MUST REGISTER ONE WEEK PRIOR**

AFTER-SCHOOL DRAWING: YOUNG REMBRANDTS

10 Wednesdays, 9/14 – 11/30 (omit 10/5, 11/23)
Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Ages: Grades K - 5
Site: Intermediate Art Room
Fee: \$175 R / \$260 NR
In addition to expanding students' young image vocabularies, our curriculum helps develop fine motor skills and learning skills essential to future classroom success. **MUST REGISTER ONE WEEK PRIOR**

YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY LEAGUE

6 Wednesdays, 9/14-10/26 (omit 10/5)
Time: 5:45pm – 7:00pm
Ages: Grades 1-6
Site: Masons Mill Park Softball Field #2
Fee: \$65 R / \$97 NR
Coaches Cohen and Coutts develop participants' field hockey skills with age-appropriate drills and fun small games. Please bring stick, eyewear, shin guards, and mouth guard.



UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PUMPKINS ON PARADE EVENT

Saturday, October 15, 2022, Masons Mill Park 6:00 – 9:00pm (Rain Date Sunday, October 16th)

***Upper Moreland residents may skip the line by pre-registering for this event at the Parks and Recreation office beginning Friday, Oct. 7 to receive your tickets prior to the event. No refunds.**

Children (12 and under) \$10 for all activities if pre-registered; \$15 night of event

All activities are "while supplies last" and there are no refunds once tickets are purchased. Get there early to enjoy all we have to offer!

"FOWL" SHOOTING CONTEST

Win Thanksgiving dinner for your entire family, just by sinking some "fowl" shots! \$1 per 10 shots. Age groups range from Pre-K to 50+...fun for everyone in your family! Basketball hoops will be adjusted for age levels. Join us at the Upper Moreland Middle School Gym on Friday, November 18, to test your skills. You may leave with a turkey!!! Contest runs from 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

CALLS FROM SANTA

As you know, Santa is very busy at this time of the year, and, at times, he cannot take all the phone calls from the many youngsters. We made arrangements with the North Pole for Santa to call your youngster, aged 2-8. Parents are asked to call between December 1 and December 9, 8:30am-4:30pm or email using the form provided at www.uppermorelandrec.com, and provide some simple information. Santa will return a call to on Tuesday, December 13 between 6-8pm. Send emails to recreation@uppermoreland.org.

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

The Parks and Recreation Department offers the following adult leagues: Men's, Coed & Women's Slow Pitch Softball. Call 215-659-3100 x1039 or visit www.uppermorelandrec.com

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MASONS MILL PARK RENTALS

PICNICS AT MASONS MILL PARK

Masons Mill Park plays host to numerous events and picnics each year. Park pavilions may be reserved for church groups, family outings, parties, weddings, or company picnics. Though park facilities are available if not reserved, it is in your best interest to call and reserve a picnic pavilion. Three pavilions are available for rental. It is not unusual for all pavilions to be completely booked on all weekends by May.

SAFETY TOWN: "A Kids' Big-Wheel Village"

Safety Town is a "child-sized village" at Masons Mill Park designed to teach preschoolers traffic safety using big-wheels and tricycles. The town opened in 1978 with the support of the Kiwanis Club of Old York Road, U.M. Police Dept., and local businesses. It is available for individual use at no cost during posted times and when not rented. For the safety of all users, bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, roller skates, and scooters are not permitted in Safety Town. Youngsters may not climb on the buildings, light fixtures, or fencing in and around Safety Town. Safety Town building and traffic signals were completely repainted thanks to some young artists, and other volunteers, from Upper Moreland and surrounding communities.

The three picnic pavilions and Safety Town may be reserved by **RESIDENT** groups beginning the first business day in January. **NON-RESIDENT** groups may make reservations beginning the first business day in March. For information concerning the reservation procedure, please call the Parks and Recreation Dept., 215-659-3100 x 1039. Pets, smoking, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Reservation season: April 1 – October 15.



Free Child Car Seat Safety Checks

Appointments available Monday - Friday
8am-2pm

Upper Moreland Police Department

117 Park Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090

FOR APPOINTMENT

Email pcordura@uppermoreland.org

SAFETY FIRST





UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Upper Moreland Police Department is proud to announce the hiring of Officer Sidney Schwartz to fill a vacancy within the department. Officer Schwartz was hired from a list of candidates created through an extensive process guided by Civil Service Rules. Candidates were administered a written examination as part of the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities in February of 2022. Following the written examination, candidates scoring within the guidelines of the Civil Service Rules were required to complete and pass a physical training assessment examination. The candidates who passed the physical assessment were then invited to participate in the oral interview process. Candidates were interviewed in March 2022, by a board of sworn officers and a member of the community. Following the oral boards, the scores were tabulated to create an eligibility list for potential employment with the Upper Moreland Township Police Department. The eligibility list was certified by the Civil Service Commission, and candidates were then subjected to an extensive background investigation. The background investigation is conducted by the police department's detective bureau. The background investigation includes, but is not limited to, the candidate's personal and employment history, integrity, honesty, accountability, professionalism, as well as moral and ethical standards. The candidate also undergoes a polygraph examination to determine their honesty, integrity, moral and ethical practices. Once the background investigation is completed, a recommendation to consider the candidate for employment is forwarded to the Board of Commissioners, who then meet with each candidate. The



candidates considered for hiring are provided a conditional offer of employment. The conditional offer is contingent upon the candidate's successfully completing a physical examination and psychological examination. Only when these two examinations are successfully completed is a candidate sworn in as an Upper Moreland Township Police Officer. Officers begin their career in a Field Training Program. The initial phase is a two-week orientation, lasting 80 hours, that is designed to familiarize the new officers with the operation of the Upper Moreland Police Department. This includes introduction to rules and regulations, Use of Force Policies, defensive tactics, and qualification on weapons and the records management system of the department. Following the two-week in-house training phase, the new officer begins the second phase of the Field Training Program, in which the new officer is assigned to a Field Training Officer. During this time the officer is partnered with a Field Training Officer who directly oversees the trainee. Daily evaluations are completed and the trainee receives feedback on performance. In total the FTO Program consists of a total of 584 hours of training.

Officer Sidney Schwartz grew up in Abington, PA, where he graduated from Abington Senior High School in 2015. He furthered his education by attending The Pennsylvania State University, Abington College and graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. He began his policing career as an Abington Township Park Ranger and police dispatcher with both Abington and Upper Dublin Police Departments. Officer Schwartz was most recently employed by the City of Philadelphia as a police officer in the 24th District. Officer Schwartz began his Field Training Program in June 2022. We welcome Officer Schwartz to the Upper Moreland Police Department.



Check out our new user friendly webpage and be sure to subscribe for updates!

www.uppermorelandpd.org

DID YOU KNOW... Our new website includes arrests, news stories, community resources, weekly safety tips, crime reports and more.

Upper Moreland residents can also register their alarm or camera systems; let us know about a special needs loved one; request police reports, vacation home checks, or a child car seat installation; tell us about a traffic concern and schedule criminal or non-criminal finger printing.

Subscribe for alerts to be the first to know about road closures and critical incident updates. You can also "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@UMorelandPD).





UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

We are working on some exciting speaking events for our 2022-2023 season. Expect to see a mixture of our traditional speakers, along with new speakers and subjects.

Topics we are working on will be Philadelphia's role in WWI on September 27, by Michael S. Jesberger; A City in the Park Lynn Mille and James McClelland Formation of Fairmount Park on October 25, a talk from a Lenape Native American, and a visit from a genealogist.

The speaker events will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday of the month from September to May, excluding December. The presentations will be held in the Upper Moreland Library Community Room, and also will be available via Zoom. The library doors will be open at 7:15 p.m. with the presentation starting at 7:30 p.m.



Mrs. Doris Hardcastle

At our May public meeting, we presented our annual Honorary Membership Award to Mrs. Doris Hardcastle. We, as a board, nominated Doris for this award in early 2020, and unanimously voted that it was well overdue. Unfortunately, the pandemic hit, delaying this much deserved recognition.

Upper Moreland Historical Association is grateful to have Doris Hardcastle as a member. Doris' roots here run deep, having lived much of her life here in Upper Moreland. Her grandfather had one of the first automobiles in Willow Grove, a 1911 Brush. Doris grew up in a brand-new home on Cherry Street in the early 1930s, and she attended the Davisville Road School. In 1938, she and her family moved to Easton Road.

In high school, she was a plane spotter and spent hours at the American Legion post 305, here in town, watching the skies during World War II to protect our community; though, luckily, she only ever saw friendly aircraft! She also played basketball for Upper Moreland High School and graduated in 1943. For many years, Doris and friends from the class of 1943 met for lunch once a month, maintaining local ties and welcoming any who might be home visiting from out of town.

Doris can recall the days when Mineral Springs Hotel still stood, although it was closed by that time. She enjoyed spending time at Willow Grove Park, which was within walking distance from her house. She fondly recalls corporate picnics with organized games, Wednesday night fireworks, enjoying the rides in the summer, and ice skating on the lakes during the winter. She even forwent new school shoes one year to use her ration card for new ice skates.

Doris has been a devoted congregant of the Willow Grove United Methodist Church since her youth and talks of it with pride in her voice as one of the oldest churches in Willow Grove.

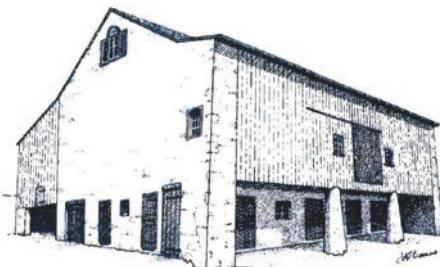
Doris knew her husband, Sam, throughout her school years, as he was a few classes ahead of her. After his time in the service, he went one day into Miller's Drug Store, a popular hangout spot in downtown Willow Grove. Doris was there, working her second job, for 25 cents an hour. He walked her home that day and their relationship grew. Together they lived in various places in the area, but eventually settled back in Doris' childhood home on Easton Road.

She has been a member of UMHA since its founding and it has been our pleasure to see her at nearly every public meeting since we began hosting them. She has donated over 50 objects to our archives, including a thorough oral history that enables us to get a glimpse of what small town Willow Grove used to be.

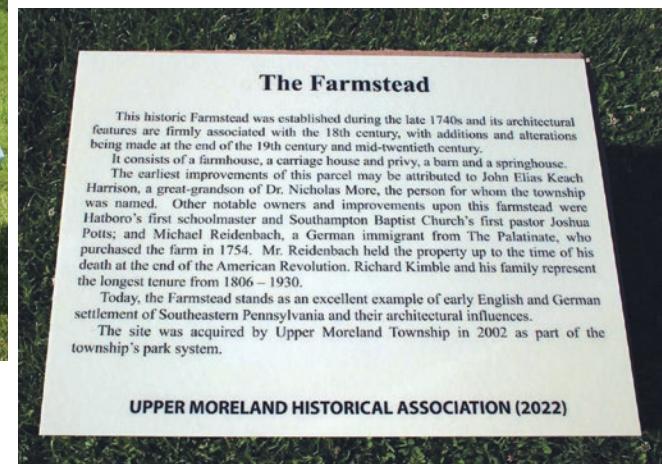
In her oral history, Doris says, "Whatever road is put before you, you have to make the best of it." The road Doris has traveled is rich in experiences – a living history of our area. It is UMHA's mission to preserve the history of Upper Moreland, and Doris epitomizes this, leading by example as to how important it is to remember the past, and share it for the future. Her dedicated participation in UMHA over many years deserves our recognition.

We were happy to finally present our Honorary Lifetime Membership Award to Mrs. Doris Hardcastle, with our thanks for her commitment to our organization and preserving the history of Upper Moreland.

Farmstead Park



The park is located at 2668 Byberry Road outside of Hatboro!





UPPER MORELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Keep it "messy" for wildlife! As we move into fall, it's important to help wildlife survive through the winter by leaving flower seed heads until spring so birds have a winter food source. Don't rake up leaves! Salamanders, other amphibians and many beneficial insects hibernate under these leaves. We have had a tradition of "cleaning up" our lawns and gardens in the fall but nature doesn't do this. No one rakes leaves in a forest! You can save yourself lots of time by leaving most of the leaves on your lawn until late spring, then just mow them into the lawn with a mulching mower. This will add nutrients to the lawn and help it retain moisture. Not mowing until late spring is also a great way to help native bees and other pollinators. Learn more about this No Mow May concept at beecityusa.org. The Xerces Society also has information on the importance of insects, www.xerces.org. The PA Fish and Boat Commission has a lot of information concerning the wildlife of PA. Please visit [https://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Pages/Salamanders.aspx](http://www.fishandboat.com/Resource/Pages/Salamanders.aspx)

We hope you were able to attend our fourth annual Earth Day Fair in April. Lots of people enjoyed a wild animal presentation, electric cars, information on how to support monarch butterflies, birds, and much more! We hope to see you next spring at our fifth annual fair.



UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mysteries of Upper Moreland: Inside the Ehrenpfort Building by Jacqueline Cherepinsky

Ever since I watched the film *National Treasure*, starring Nicolas Cage, I have been (not so secretly) wishing to find something, as Benjamin Gates would describe, of "historic and intrinsic value." So, when I was invited to explore the unoccupied second floor of the Ehrenpfort building, I jumped at the opportunity. What I discovered during this visit was that the second floor of the Ehrenpfort building was once home to the Old York Road Jewish Community Center (now Temple-Beth Am in Abington) and that the building has been around since the late nineteenth century.

The mission of this visit was to see if there was any structural evidence of the Jewish Community Center left in the building. Since the second floor was occupied by offices for several decades, most of the building received renovations and left no proof of religious worship or community gathering. There appeared to be markings on a doorframe that could have been the location where a mezuzah was once placed but overall, the visit seemed unfruitful.

When all hope seemed lost, I saw an original door inside the building. It had nothing to do with Judaism, but it caught my eye because it was old and sealed with shelves blocking it. I could not figure out what was beyond that door. The only glimpse I could get was through an old keyhole. This was the kind of keyhole authors write about in fantasy or scary stories, where the door leads to something magical or something dark and sinister. I tried to use my camera to take photos through the keyhole, and while they confirmed another room, I could not figure out what I was looking at. I tried to pull off the shelves so I could get to the door but to no avail. Most normal people would think, "maybe this door is sealed for a reason, and I should not tamper with it." It was

at that moment that I realized if I were in a horror film, I would be the first to die.

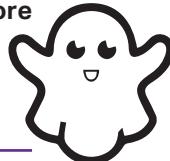
Finally, walking through a maze of rooms, I found the other side. Unfortunately, it was just a room with old office equipment. The door was sealed at some point to split up the space for various businesses. While that outcome was disappointing, I look back and think to myself, "what a thrill." This made me realize that although I did not find any relics or treasures, our community is filled with such a rich history. There are adventures out there in Upper Moreland, and we just need to find them.

SPECIAL EVENT: October 22 (tentatively scheduled)

The Upper Moreland Historical Commission is providing guided walking ghost tours of downtown Willow Grove. Please keep an eye out for more information on our social media pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/umhistorical>

Instagram: um.historic.commission



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FALL & WINTER LIBRARY NEWS

What's New at UMFPL!

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 Wednesday 10 a.m.– 9 p.m.
 Thursday 1 – 9 p.m.
 Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

Fall & Winter Closings:

Sept. 5 (Labor Day)
 Nov. 8 (Election Day)
 Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Eve)- library closes at 5pm
 Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving)
 Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)
 Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)
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www.umfpl.org/about/friends



FRIENDS OF UMFPL FUNDRAISER: ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE RETURNS

Saturday, October 8 from 10-3

Purchase new-to-you jewelry at our popular annual sale. Do you have jewelry you'd like to donate? The library welcomes your donations on an ongoing basis!
 (by David and Jennifer Solot)



UMFPL is looking for input on the types of programs you would like to see at the library & in our community!

Scan the QR Code (or visit UpperMorelandLibrary.org/survey) to take part in this all-ages survey to assist in bringing the community dynamic, educational, and fun-filled library programs!

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR KIDS

Digital Story Time – Tune into our Digital Story Time on our YouTube channel @ uppermorelandlibrary on the first and third Friday of every month for our special read aloud videos of your favorite stories!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten – Help your child develop a lifelong love of reading, and set a goal to read 1,000 books before your child enters kindergarten. Keep track of all the books you read in the Beanstack tracker app, and earn prizes along the way.

Reading with Fuzzy Friends – Our popular reading-to-dogs program is BACK on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 for readers ages 6-12.

Pop-Up Story Time – Join us outside in your neighborhood this fall as we take our regular story times to pop-up locations across Township parks. Wednesdays at 10:30, Sept. 7-Oct. 26, visit UpperMorelandLibrary.org/kids for the full schedule!

Babies & Books – Geared towards children from birth through 18-months-old with their caregiver. We'll enjoy singing, a short book or two, rhymes, movement, and fun! Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-K Kits – Each PreK Kit has an educational theme with learning activities, book lists, outdoor activities, crafts and challenges. New kits will be available the on the first of the month, September through May.

Young Artists (Take and Make) – School-age kids can unleash their creativity with a variety of art media in these kits that provide everything needed for a fabulous art project! New kits available monthly.

***NEW* Elementary Experimenters (Take and Make)** – Sharpen your scientific & observational skills with our new STEM kits. Available the 15th of every month!

Follow the Library on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter for regular updates and library news!



CHECK IT OUT...

(Amazing things that you can check out at the library!)

AHA! Kits

Trying new things is an adventure. Check out an At Home Adventure kit today to explore hiking, yard games, learning an instrument, crafts, ghost hunting, and more.

Board Games

From Arboretum to Wingspan, UMFPL offers more than 60 board games to check out for a week of fun with your family or friends.

Museum Passes (Free Family Admission)

Explore the region's attractions when you check out the library's membership passes to dozens of area museums, gardens, zoos, and much more!

Seed Library

Established for our community to borrow, share, and grow seeds, items "borrowed" from the seed library are yours to keep. But we welcome your donation of seeds!

Loanable Tech

Borrow pre-loaded eReaders (with popular titles); Connect Kits for virtual meetings; Wi-Fi hotspots; Roku sticks for streaming to your compatible TV, and more!



SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADULTS

• Book Clubs -

Evening Book Club: Literary fiction/non-fiction, monthly on Wednesdays.

True Crime Tales: Can't get enough true crime? Join us for this virtual book club to discuss popular nonfiction true crime books. Meets quarterly.

Cook Your Way Through: Experiment with recipes from our selected cookbook and meet monthly to discuss what worked -- and what didn't. We'll choose a new cookbook three times a year for our cookbook club.

• **Knit A Bit** – Our knitting group is back! Join fellow knitters' in-person at the library on Monday nights from 7-8pm.

• **Senior Social Hour** – Seniors are invited to gather for conversation, story sharing, and the occasional presentation on library programs & services! Meets on the 2nd Friday of the month @ 3pm.

The library offers many more opportunities to build skills and explore hobbies via a variety of free events. Visit uppermorelandlibrary.org/events for dates and details.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TEENS

Every month we have new special events and kits for teens!

Arts & Crafts | STEAM | Fandoms | Trivia | Gaming | more!

Teen Volunteers Teens ages 13-17 can volunteer at UMFPL! Scan QR code to get started and learn more about volunteer projects & opportunities.

Teen Reading Challenge Read 100 books before graduating. Log your reading in Beanstack and earn prizes along the way. Invite friends, see reading leaderboards, and share book recommendations.

Your Digital Library

Access these resources with your UMFPL Library Card.

Available 24/7 @ www.uppermorelandlibrary.org

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Choose from more than 500 self-paced online courses, many eligible for continuing-education credits. Self-directed learning in the library or from any device with an Internet connection.

YouTube

Check out UMFPL's YouTube channel for new videos every month, including read-alouds, recommended resources, and how-to videos for library resources.



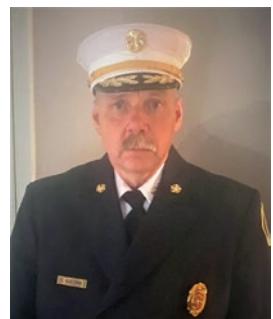
UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Upper Moreland and Willow Grove Fire Department is made up of career and volunteer staff that responded to nearly 2000 calls for service in 2021. At the beginning of this year, the township commissioners hired our first-ever career fire chief, to bring both components of the agency together and provide an improved level of service to our community.

As of April 4, 2022, the department now maintains firefighters on duty 24 hours per day, 5 days per week, in the station ready to respond instantly to many various types of emergencies in the community. The goal of this transition is to arrive at any emergency, as fast as possible, to provide any needed lifesaving measures that will make Upper Moreland one of the safest communities in the state of Pennsylvania.

The members of the Willow Grove Fire Company also provide full coverage on weekends and additional support during the week.

The department consists of a Chief, two Battalion Chiefs, one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Administrative Assistant, and many Firefighters, both career and volunteer. Our organization is considered a combination department because we utilize both career and volunteer personnel to deliver our services in the most cost-efficient manner.



Edward R. Glassman

Fire Chief

Upper Moreland Fire Service

Upper Moreland Fire Department

Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Co.

Upper Moreland Township is served by a combination of Career and Volunteer Firefighters. Career Firefighters are on duty Monday thru Friday 6:00 A.M thru 6:00 P.M. Volunteer Firefighters cover weeknights, weekends and holidays. This combination service provides public safety education and emergency response to the residents, businesses and visitors of the Township.

There are two municipal fire stations located within the township. The main station is located at 227 Davisville Road and a second station is located at 4355 Davisville Road.

Smoke Alarms



Smoke Alarms are a key part of your fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. Test your alarms and change your batteries regularly.

Cooking



Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Always stay in the kitchen while cooking food.

Open Burning



Open burning is restricted within the Township. Contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 267-607-1030 for specific requirements. A Fire Official is authorized to order the extinguishment of open burning at any time.



Volunteers Needed

You can make a difference!

Consider Volunteering Today.

Join The Team / The Willow Grove Fire Company has three membership categories:

- Firefighter: Responds to fires, rescues and other emergency incidents (Reserve Firefighter / Jr. Firefighter)
- Fire Police: Provides traffic and crowd control at emergency incidents
- Auxiliary: Non-emergency volunteers that support operations and community outreach events

If Interested in becoming a Volunteer, visit us on the Web:

Go to: becomeamember@wgvfc.org

Click on PDF Link, Print Application, Fill Out and drop off at Firehouse

Questions or Inquiries, send us a message on Facebook

Visit us on Facebook & Instagram

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911 for FIRE, POLICE and EMS

The Fire Department is also responsible for fire inspections in the township that are completed by the on-duty personnel. Members also gain information about the occupancies in the community, in case there is ever an incident at one of the locations that were inspected.

The Willow Grove Fire Department is always seeking any community resident interested in volunteering for the department and community. Simply stop at the station and speak with any member.

Last, but surely not least, the department is privileged to have Mary Schrophe as our Administrative Assistant, to service both the Fire Department and office of the Fire Marshal. Mary does great work with the residents, businesses', and our department.

As winter approaches, please take some time to clean and inspect your fireplace chimney and any heating appliances to make sure they are operating properly and safely as recommended by the manufacturer.

Burning of loose leaves, yard trimmings, garbage, or household trash is illegal in Upper Moreland Township. In addition to the concern about the fire extending to a structure or an ember igniting a fire, health concerns relative to smoke inhalation can also be serious. If you should see this burning occurring, please call 9-1-1, give the address, and report the condition.

Hot ashes from wood stoves or fireplaces must be placed in a metal container and stored 10 ft. away from any nearby building.





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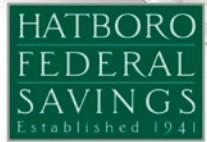
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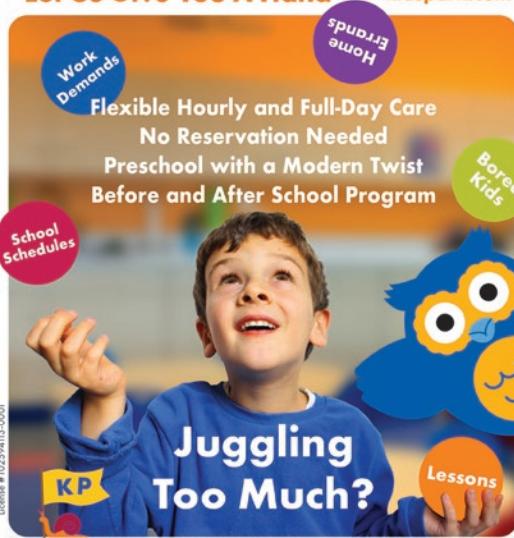
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