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A number of exciting public and private projects are progressing throughout our community. Below is a summary of a few of these projects.

RACP Grant for Township/Police Station buildings

As I wrote in the Fall 2022 newsletter, the Township is planning to renovate the existing Township building and to construct a new police station. The new police station will be located on Township-owned property behind the existing Township building.

It is anticipated that an architectural firm will be identified by the spring of 2023. Design and permitting will likely take up to a year to complete, with construction expected to begin in 2024.

Although this project will require the Township to borrow funds, we have been working diligently to identify outside grants and are happy to report that the Township received a \$2.85 million grant from the Commonwealth toward this project. It is our hope to identify additional outside funding.

Phase I of Willow Grove Shopping Center - Amazon Fresh, Marshall's, Five Below, etc.

You may have noticed that this project has been under construction for almost two years. While there were some construction delays, it appears that Amazon has put many of its grocery store projects on hold until a number of internal and operational improvements are implemented.

As of this writing, we have been informed that the Amazon store will not open until 2024.

Phase II of Willow Grove Shopping Center - New 18,000 Square Foot Building

You may have seen construction fencing installed at the Willow Grove Shopping Center directly across the street from the library. This fencing surrounds a portion of the site for Phase II of the shopping center's three-phase redevelopment project.

Phase II consists of an 18,000 square foot building that is planned to house a restaurant anchor tenant along with three to four additional retail tenants. It is expected that construction will be completed in 2023. As of the time of this writing, the names of tenants have not been released.

Woodlawn Park Master Plan

Following almost eight months of public meetings and workshops, a draft master plan was completed and forwarded to the Board of Commissioners. The Woodlawn Steering Committee, with the assistance of Simone Collins, a landscape architectural firm specializing in park master planning, held numerous public meetings and received a significant amount of public input. This input was incorporated into the draft master plan.

The draft plan was submitted to the Board of Commissioners, a formal presentation on the proposed plan will be made to the Board at its February meeting. As of the time of this writing, the Board has not yet approved a final plan.

It is expected that this park project will be divided into development phases with the first phase beginning as early as this year (2023).

Farmstead Park Improvements

The Township recently received over \$900,000 in grants for improvements at Farmstead Park. Improvements include:

- Renovation work on the historic buildings
- New pedestrian pathway
- Stormwater management improvements
- Landscaping improvements
- New asphalt parking lot

It is expected that the first phases of this work will begin in 2023.

Warminster Rd. Bridge Replacement

The Warminster Rd. bridge that spans the Pennypack Creek will be replaced in 2023. Construction is planned to begin in April. This project will require Warminster Rd. to be closed from April to November, 2023. Of course, any unexpected impacts such as bad weather could affect this timing.

Because Warminster Rd. is a state road, PennDOT will be overseeing the project. PennDOT has developed a road closure and detour plan. Once it is finalized, the Township will send it along to residents via our Township Newsflash and Text Alert system.



Matthew Candaland
Township Manager



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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 2023 Spring 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, May 16, 2023. 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



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!

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LOCAL SERVICES

DISTRICT JUSTICES

Jay S. Friedenberg.....	215-659-6840
Paul Leo (Hatboro).....	215-957-5935
New Address: 420 S. York Rd., Bldg. CF, Hatboro, PA 19040	
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

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.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATION

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP 2023 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.

APRIL			SEPTEMBER		
Mon	3	Regular Meeting	Mon	4	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)
Mon	10	Community Development	Mon	11	Regular Meeting
Mon	17	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	18	Community Development
MAY			OCTOBER		
Mon	1	Regular Meeting	Mon	2	Regular Meeting
Mon	8	Community Development	Mon	16	Community Development
Tues	16	ELECTION DAY	Mon	23	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
Mon	22	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	NOVEMBER		
JUNE			Tues	7	ELECTION DAY
Mon	5	Regular Meeting	Mon	13	Regular Meeting
Mon	12	Community Development	Mon	20	Community Development
Mon	19	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	27	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
JULY			DECEMBER		
Tues	4	HOLIDAY (July 4)	Mon	4	Regular Meeting;
Mon	10	Regular Meeting	Special Meeting to Adopt 2023 Township Budget		
Mon	17	Community Development	Mon	11	Community Development
Mon	24	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	18	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
AUGUST					
Mon	7	Regular Meeting			
Mon	14	Community Development			
Mon	21	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety			

PROPOSED PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE

The Board of Commissioners recently received a recommendation from the Township's Environmental Advisory Council that the Board adopt an ordinance to prohibit single-use plastic bags at local retail establishments within the Township.

The purpose of this ordinance would be to reduce the quantity of single-use plastic bags in our community. These kinds of bags have historically been a significant contributor to trash and litter in our community, not only affecting community aesthetics but also, in some cases, adversely impacting animal and aquatic life.

The Board however, understands that there may be both potential

pros and cons that such an ordinance would present to our residents, businesses, and environment. Before it makes a decision in this regard, the Board would like to hear from residents and businesses. Please take the time to share your thoughts and comments on the concept of a plastic bag ordinance. At this point, there is not a draft ordinance to consider, just the concept.

You can send / share your comments by email to Matt Candal, Township Manager, at mcandal@uppermoreland.org or call Mr. Candal at 267-607-1056.

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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



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 view and listen to the Township Board of Commissioners' Committees and Regular Meetings live at the time and date of their meeting, via Zoom. Also, past meetings can be viewed by clicking on the "Agendas & Minutes" icon on the Township website's homepage. By clicking on this icon, you will be directed to a listing of meetings available to view. **Go to Zoom.us.** Click "Join a Meeting" Webinar ID: 917 5771 7982, Password: 182130. You may also join by phone by dialing 1-929-205-6099, Webinar ID: 917 5771 7982, Password: 182130

You may submit questions or comments in advance of, or during, the meetings via e-mail to: comments@uppermoreland.org.

Residents requiring special accommodations, please call the Township 215-659-3100 during normal business hours

UTILITY BILLS



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.

REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Your 2023 County and Township Real Estate Tax Bill was mailed in February of 2023. If you have not received it, please call our office at 267-607-1046. Take some time to read the instructions on the bottom of the bill, as that useful information 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 phone 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 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note that we do close from 12-12:30 p.m. for lunch.



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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



Uniform Construction Code Update: Upper Moreland Township follows Act 45 of the Pa. Uniform Construction Code. **The 2018 Edition of the ICC codes was adopted in February of 2022 for use under the UCC.** 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 the 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: Upper Moreland Twp. adopted the 2015 ICC Property Maintenance Code, which requires 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. Depositing or blowing

of grass or other yard waste into the public right-of-way (roadway or sidewalk) 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 must be surrounded by a permanent barrier that 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 into 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 and have a current registration and valid inspection sticker unless stored in a completely

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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE... continued

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 prohibiting 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. No units may be placed in the street without specific authorization from the Code Enforcement Office. 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.

Spring/Summer Home Preparation Tips:

- Have roof flashing, caulking, and shingles inspected in preparation for spring storms.
- Inspect caulking around windows, doors, and any openings into the home.
- Change your ceiling fan’s direction.
- Clean your dryer vents.
- Check insulation around windows and doors.
- Repair HVAC filters regularly.
- Run the bathroom exhaust fan during showers.
- Switch to LED bulbs where appropriate.
- Plant a shade tree next to your outside air conditioning unit.
- Consider installing an attic fan or vent.

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

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.



NO

CHANGES TO 2023 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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

Regularly Scheduled Pickup

- Friday, April 7
- Tuesday, July 4
- Friday, November 10
- Thursday, November 23

Rescheduled Pickup

- Monday, April 10
- Monday, July 3
- Monday, November 13
- Monday, November 27



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 #'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, meat trays, and packing peanuts), plastic films or bags, PVC pipes, CD/DVDs, coffee cup lids, straws, plastic cutlery, plastic 6-pack rings, waxed paper, waxed cardboard, and coat hangers.

Proper Placement of Recycling Cans: **in order for the recycling can to be accessible for the recycling truck, please do the following: place cans with the metal bar facing out into the street, and place cans three feet from cars, poles, trash, or other obstacles.**

YARD/BULK/MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION

DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

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.



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.

CHANGES TO 2023 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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

April 10 • May 29 • July 3 • September 4 • November 13 • November 27 • December 25

Yard waste not being picked up on the dates above will be picked up on the following Monday.



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.



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FREE COMPOST AVAILABLE!!!!

Recycling yard waste collected in Upper Moreland Township creates compost for gardens and plantings. Compost is provided at no cost. Please bring your own containers and take as much as you like. For information, please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070.



POTHOLE REPORTING

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

State Roads:

York Road

Fitzwatertown Road

Moreland Road

Davisville Road

Edgehill Road

Terwood Road

Blair Mill Road

Easton Road

Byberry Road

Mill Road

County Line Road

Warminster Road (from Byberry Road to York Road)

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.



ROAD-KILL REPORTING

To report a road kill on a township road, residents should call the PA Game Commission, 610-926-3136, to request collection. The PA Game Commission should pick up the road kill within 24 hours of being dispatched.

If the road kill is on a state road, residents should call PennDOT, 800-349-7623, or visit <https://www.penndot.gov> and click "Submit a Road Way Concerns."

Residents may also call the Upper Moreland Township Public Works Department, 215-659-4070, for assistance.

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UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

For Recreation Program Opportunities, Please Visit <http://www.UpperMorelandRec.com>
 and create an account for you and your family • U.M.P.R. Helping Build a Strong Community
 We encourage you to visit our website above and register your family account, if you have not already done so.

For all programs, rosters are finalized one-week prior to the start date. Please register early. If a program is full, please consider placing the registrant on the waitlist.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

WEE Class Discount - Register for multiple WEE classes and receive a \$5 discount per class (must be same child OR same family)

WEE KICK SOCCER WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Mondays, 4/17 – 5/15

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: \$60 R / \$90 NR

Our fantastic coaches introduce your children to soccer "fun"amentals.

Bring water, cleats/sneakers, and shin guards; and dress for the weather.

NEW! LITTLE HOOPERS WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Tuesdays, 4/18 – 5/16

Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Ages: 3-5 yrs. (caregiver must attend)

Site: Mill Creek Basketball Courts

Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

Coach Zach and Dolton Sports staff teach the basics of basketball in this fun, informative, and high-energy environment. Little Hoopers learn and then apply what they have learned in fun, non-competitive games.

WEE PLAY SPORTS WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Thursdays, 4/20 – 5/18

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: \$60 R / \$90 NR

Players learn the basics of a variety of sports through drills and live play. Our experienced instructors will create a positive and encouraging environment focused on fun and teamwork building principles.

WEE HIT T-BALL WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Fridays, 4/21 – 5/19

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: \$60 R / \$90 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.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY EVENTS

FARMSTEAD ALLIANCE EVENTS Look for exciting family events being offered at Farmstead Park this Spring! Check our website at www.uppermorelandrec.com

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day)

Time: 10:00am-1:30pm

Site: Masons Mill Park

Fee: Free

Join the Environmental Advisory Council as we celebrate Earth Day in Upper Moreland Township! Enjoy a variety of activities, programs, and demonstrations for the whole family!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING

Tuesday, May 16 (Election Day)

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Ages: 11-15 years

Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Clubhouse

Fee: \$65 R / \$95 NR

This certification course provides teens with the confidence and skills to care for youngsters. Prospective employers often prefer hiring babysitters who have acquired this official recognition. Upon completion of the course, you will know important child-care concepts and receive an ARC Certification Card. You must attend the entire course, pass the evaluations, and show the maturity to properly care for children. Please bring a lunch, pencil, and snack.

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have registered for an after-school program.

AFTER-SCHOOL DRAWING: YOUNG REMBRANDTS

9 Wednesdays, 3/29–5/31 (omit 4/5)

Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Ages: Grades K - 5

Site: UM Intermediate Art Room

Fee: \$160 R / \$240 NR

In addition to expanding students' young image vocabularies, our curriculum helps develop fine motor skills and learning skills that are essential to future classroom success.

AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE WITH MINDS IN MOTION ~ ELECTRICITY & MAGNETMANIA

7 weeks, Mondays 4/3-5/22 (omit 4/10)

Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Ages: Grades 1 - 5

Site: UM Intermediate Science Room

Fee: \$140 R / \$210 NR

Learn all about electronics, magnetism, and more!



UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2023 SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Open to Upper Moreland Residents Only ~ youngsters entering Grades 1-8.

Dates: June 20 - August 11 (omit July 3 and 4) ~ 8-week program OR (1) June 20 - July 14 (omit July 3 and 4) ~ 1st 4-week program OR

(2) July 17 - Aug. 11 (Aug. 11 ends at Noon) ~ 2nd 4-week program

Days: Monday-Friday

Times: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Extended care: 7:30-8:00am and 5-5:30pm (additional fee)

Site: Upper Moreland Primary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools

Fees: \$1,325 for 8-week session OR \$725 for either 4-week session **RESIDENTS ONLY**

Extended care: \$150 for the 8-week session OR \$75 for either 4-week session

Ages: Upper Moreland youngsters entering Grades 1-8, based on the child's Fall 2023 entering grade

You are encouraged to log into your account at HYPERLINK "http://www.uppermorelandrec.com" http://www.uppermorelandrec.com to ensure your account information is accurate. If you do not have an account, please create one as soon as possible, this will assist you when registration opens for our summer programs.

PROGRAM: Our Supervised Playground Program offers Township youngsters entering Grades 1-8 a wide variety of activities including playground activities, sports and games, water play, movies, special events and local trips. Our goal is to provide supervised summer playgrounds that are safe, moderately structured, and enjoyable for all. LOCAL TRIPS may include bowling, laser tag, ice skating, mini golf and more. Theme Park Trips are optional and will require an additional fee.

Upper Moreland residents may register ONLINE or WALK-IN beginning Monday, March 27 at 9:00am. Walk-in registration is held at the Upper Moreland Township Building. **Proof of residency is required at time of registration.** Enrollment is limited at each site, and the Department reserves the right to cancel a site pending insufficient enrollments. **IMPORTANT: MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S GRADE IS CORRECT.**

Registration is not be confirmed for on-line registration until residency is verified, AND payment / deposit is made.

\$500 Deposit is due at the time of registration for the 8-week program.
\$250 deposit due at registration for 4-week sessions.

MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT: 8-week program: 1st child is regular price, 2nd child is \$1,275, 3rd + child is \$1,225. 4-week programs: 1st child is regular price, 2nd child is \$700, 3rd + child is \$675. All must live in the same household to receive the discount.

EXTENDED SUPERVISION PROGRAM: 7:30-8:00am AND 5:00-5:30pm daily (excluding Aug. 11 pm hours). If registering for this option, your child may attend the program from 7:30am - 5:30pm. Fee: \$150 for the 8-week extended session OR \$75 for either 4-week extended session. You may add extended care at any time after your initial program registration.

PAYMENT DEADLINE: All fees must be paid in full prior to May 26 (for the 8-week program / 1st 4-week program) or June 9 (for the 2nd 4-week program). **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THESE DATES.** No youngster will be allowed to participate in the program until ALL fees are paid in full.

To promote a safe environment, this program will allow a maximum of participants at each site.

We are scheduling on-site activities; such as, swimming, entertainment, and local trips. **Optional Theme Park Trips require an additional fee.**

Youngsters are divided by the grade in which they are entering for the Fall of 2023. Red Group (1st Grade); Green Group (2nd & 3rd Grade); Gold Group (4th & 5th Grade); Blue Group (6th-8th Grade)

LOG INTO OR CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY AT WWW.UPPERMORELANDREC.COM

Online registration will open on Monday, March 27, at 9:00am. There is a 2.79% convenience fee for online registration/credit card processing. This fee goes directly to the credit card processor and is not retained by UM Township; therefore, it is non-refundable.

Registrations are not transferable among sites or participants. **Fees are not prorated based on attendance.**

Registration will not be completed until residency is confirmed AND payment is received.

FREEDOM STEPS 5K FOR OUR TROOPS

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, Freedom Steps will host their annual 5k walk run for the troops. In addition, we will be celebrating the organization's 15th anniversary. The race and celebration will take place at or normal location, Masons Mill Park, with registration beginning at 8am and the race starting at 9:30am. Freedom Steps continues to raise awareness and support for our deployed troops. Even during the pandemic when we had to postpone our race, we continued to ship boxes around the world to our deployed troops. Our care packages have been sent to Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and even those deployed at sea. If you know of anyone deployed, please contact us so we can send them a package. Please visit our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com FreedomSteps or the website www.freedomsteps5k.com for event details and a registration form. Or for more details or questions call 215-657-3992 or email FreedomSteps5k@gmail.com.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2023 UPPER MORELAND TEEN TREX CAMP

PLEASE ALL FOR INFORMATION

(Entering Grades 7-10)

The Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer our Teen Trex Camp. We provide a fun and safe place for your teenagers to join their friends and have some summer fun. Exciting trip destinations will be sure to keep your teen happy and busy.

All registrations are accepted at the UM Parks and Recreation Office, located in the UM Twp. Building, 117 Park Avenue, Willow Grove, or register on line at www.uppermorelandrec.com. Registration begins on **Monday, March 27, 9:00am**. All fees must be paid in full at time of registration. We will have session schedules completed by mid-March.

Days: Monday – Thursday

Times: 8:30am – 4:30pm (pickup time may vary depending on trip destinations)

Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Clubhouse

Dates: 1. June 20 - June 23 (**Tue. - Fri**) 4. July 17 – July 20

2. June 26 – June 29 5. July 24 – July 27

Holiday Week – no program offered 6. July 31 – August 3

3. July 10 – July 13 7. August 7 – August 10

Fees: \$280 R / \$350 NR per session



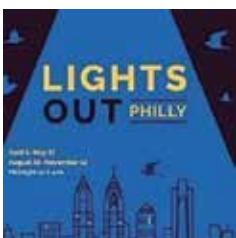
UPPER MORELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



We hope you can join us for our fourth annual Earth Day Fair on April 22, 2023, in Masons Mill Park. The Fair will run from 10 am to 1:30 pm. There will be a live animal presentation by Briar Bush Nature Center at 10:30 am. We will also have electric cars, information on birds from the Audubon Society, monarch butterfly information, crafts for kids, and food. Learn about native plants and trees, watersheds, rain gardens, the problems with plastics, and much, much more!

Upper Moreland now has a Shade Tree Commission. They will help people learn about the importance of trees and help protect trees in our public parks.

Upper Moreland will celebrate Arbor Day this year at the Earth Day Fair. The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit that works to increase the number of trees in the U.S. Arbor Day celebrates trees and all their benefits!



Lights out for Birds! Did you know that migrating birds use the stars to navigate? Man-made lights can confuse birds and cause them to become exhausted from flying and calling too long. They are also more likely to crash into things. It's not just from tall buildings that affect the birds, but also from monument lighting, landscape lighting, outdoor house lights, etc.; so homeowners can also help protect birds. The temperatures, day length, food availability, and how far a particular species needs to migrate all affect just when birds start their migration. During migration seasons you can see where the greatest number of birds are at any one time at <https://birdcast.info> to see when you should turn out your outdoor lights. Generally in our area, spring migration runs from about March to May, and fall migration from late August to the end of November. Philadelphia is doing its part to help birds by being part of the Lights out for Birds, which is a national program sponsored by the National Audubon Society (www.audubon.org). The Philadelphia program is called Bird Safe Philly and most of the building owners in Philadelphia are taking part.

One of the goals of the Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law in 2022, is to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases. As a result, there are a number of tax credits that the average person might be able to take advantage of. If you do some energy efficiency updates on your house, the improvements may qualify for tax credits or rebates. Examples include certain types of new furnaces, switching to an electric stove or water heater, having an energy efficiency assessment done, and others. Information can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/taxpros/fs-2022-40.pdf>.

Buying an electric car might also earn a tax credit, provided the materials and assembly occurred in North America and one owes taxes in that year. You can only get credit up to a certain limit, and that amount will reduce the amount of tax you actually owe. If you are due a refund that year, then you receive nothing. If you are seriously considering the purchase of an electric car, then you might want to consider reducing the amount of taxes withheld from your paycheck in that year. This is a rather complicated program, so you might want to consult with a tax preparer. You can also find more information at <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/plug-in-electric-vehicle-credit-irc-30-and-irc-30d>.

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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Upper Moreland Police Department is proud to announce the hiring of Officer Mark Woltemate to fill a vacancy within the department. Officer Woltemate 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 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 board interviews, 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, and 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 Officer 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, control tactics, qualification on weapons and the records management system of the police department. Following the two-week in-house training phase, the new officer begins the second phase of the Field Training Program, which includes assignment to a Field Training Officer who directly oversees the new officer. 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 Mark Woltemate grew up in Northeast Philadelphia, PA. Officer Woltemate attended and graduated from Father Judge High School in 2010. He furthered his education by attending Chestnut Hill College, graduating in 2014, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Corporate Communications. Mark played Division II Baseball while attending Chestnut Hill College. While playing for Chestnut Hill Mark's teammates elected him team captain.

Officer Woltemate began his law enforcement career in 2016, when he enlisted with the Philadelphia Police Department. Officer Woltemate attended the Philadelphia Police Academy and, upon graduation, was assigned as a patrol officer in the 14th District, which serves the Germantown section of Philadelphia. Officer Woltemate was sworn in as an Upper Moreland Township Police Officer on August 1, 2022. He began his Field Training Program immediately and successfully completed the program in November of 2022. We welcome Officer Woltemate to the Upper Moreland Police Department!



Officer Woltemate's father, Ed, pinning his badge upon completion of his Oath of Office.

Upper Moreland Police Department Promotion of James Kelly to Lieutenant of Police

Detective Sergeant James Kelly was promoted to Lieutenant of Police on July 17, 2022. On August 1, Lieutenant Kelly received his Oath of Office administered by Judge Paul Leo. Lieutenant Kelly has proudly and faithfully served the residents of Upper Moreland Township as a police officer for 25 years with a very distinguished career.

Lieutenant Kelly was promoted after completing an in-depth written examination and oral evaluation that was certified by the Upper Moreland Township Civil Service Commission.

Prior to starting his career with the Upper Moreland Police Department, Lieutenant Kelly served with the Avalon, NJ, Police Department from 1990-1991 and the Newtown Borough Police Department in Bucks County from 1995-1996.



Lieutenant Kelly enlisted with the Upper Moreland Township Police Department on September 23, 1996 and was assigned to the patrol division as a patrol officer.

On July 31, 2000, he was promoted to Detective and assigned to the CID/Detective Bureau.

On April 2, 2007, then Detective Kelly was promoted to Sergeant of Police and assigned to the patrol division. On May 1, 2009, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant where, through his expertise, he diligently supervised our CID/Detective Bureau for the past 14 years.

Lieutenant Kelly holds a Bachelor's Degree from West Chester University and a Master's Degree from Villanova University. In 2010, Lieutenant Kelly attended and graduated from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.

In addition to his general assigned duties, for the past 24 years, he has served as the department coordinator for the Montgomery County Drug Task Force and has worked thousands of cases, with a multitude of agencies, to aggressively pursue violators and protect this community.

Since 2002, Lieutenant Kelly has been a member of the Eastern Montgomery County SWAT Team, originally as an entry team operator, and now serving as one of our lead crisis negotiators.

For the past twenty years, Lieutenant Kelly has been an instructor with the Temple University Municipal Police Academy.

Upon his promotion, Lieutenant Kelly has been assigned as the commanding officer for the patrol division and detective bureau/CID.

Bus Patrol Program - Steer Clear of a Serious Violation

It's no secret - the safety of the children in Upper Moreland Township is a primary concern for the community.

That's why the Upper Moreland Police Department puts such a strong emphasis on meeting with our younger population, educating them on ways to keep themselves safe, and enforcing laws that are intended to keep them out of harm's way. On a daily basis, you will see our officers enforcing speed limits in school zones, conducting safety presentations in and out of the classroom, walking through the school buildings, properly installing car seats, interacting with young people at any one of our many township parks, and more. However, a growing trend has caused the Upper Moreland School District, as well as many other school districts in our area and across the state, to enroll in the Bus Patrol program.

The Upper Moreland Police Department and the Upper Moreland School District have received countless complaints from parents and concerned citizens about the number of motorists who pass our school buses while they are loading and unloading children. In the past, the Upper Moreland Police Department would follow these buses or sit at specific bus stops to observe these violations and cite the motorists responsible. Not only is this violation extremely dangerous, especially for the children who must cross the street from their residence to get on or off the bus, but PennDOT also issues some of its harshest penalties for this violation. A violation of passing a school bus occurs when the school bus is at a complete stop **and has activated its red flashing lights on the body of the bus not the red stop sign of and by itself**. This includes when driving on a four-lane roadway that is not a **divided roadway**. **If a police officer witnesses you violating this section of the vehicle code and pulls you over directly on sight, if found guilty, you will be subject to:**

- **Total Fines and Cost is \$447.50**
- **Five points on your driving record**
- **Mandatory 60-day license suspension**

The Upper Moreland Police Department will still take an active role in following buses that are experiencing a high number of violations. However, to better utilize our resources and to more adequately address the magnitude of the problem, the police department, in partnership with the school district, enrolled in the Bus Patrol program. Bus Patrol outfits every school bus in the district with cameras and technology that capture videos and images of violating vehicles and their license plates. More details on this can be found at: <https://montgomery.crimewatchpa.com/uppermorelandpd/6406/post/bus-patrol-what-it-and-how-can-you-steer-clear-serious-violation>.

Violations are vetted by Bus Patrol and the police department; a **civil citation** is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. This violation does **NOT** carry the same penalties that are listed above. This **civil citation** is a \$300 fine to the vehicle owner, which does not carry points or affect your driver's license.



Lieutenant James Kelly receiving his Oath of Office from Judge Leo with Lieutenant Kelly's Wife and Father in attendance.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

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IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911 for FIRE, POLICE and EMS

emergency in your house. Identify exits and secondary exits and discuss a meeting place on the exterior if an emergency occurs. Practice for emergencies and maintain a list of important information that can be accessible if you are not able to gain access to your residence after an emergency. Consider completing a home Fire Safety Survey to make sure you are doing all you can do to keep your family safe. If you need assistance please contact the fire station and we would happily help you plan for an emergency.

As we enter into the spring and summer seasons, please remember that outside burning is not permitted in the township.

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

The Upper Moreland and Willow Grove Fire Departments are working very hard at providing excellent fire and emergency services to the community. Many of our members have completed several training classes in the last year that will bring expertise in the areas of fire investigation, swift water incidents, and hazardous materials response.

Our overnight response staffing model has allowed our members to respond to incidents quickly and arrive in the shortest possible time to bring positive outcomes to many life-threatening calls.

We also continue to work on Community Risk Reduction efforts and encourage everyone to maintain a working smoke detector on all levels of their properties and a working carbon monoxide detector. If any resident requires assistance with smoke detectors please call the fire station at 215-659-7633 and schedule an appointment. We would be happy to assist you keep your family safe.

The Emergency Management staff has completed Incident Command training along with Emergency Operations Center training and completed a Tabletop exercise to make sure all emergency plans in place are exercised and complete. The Commissioners also recently approved an updated Basic Emergency Management Plan for the township.

Please spend some time with your family planning for an

emergency on the exterior if an emergency occurs. Practice for emergencies and maintain a list of important information that can be accessible if you are not able to gain access to your residence after an emergency. Consider completing a home Fire Safety Survey to make sure you are doing all you can do to keep your family safe. If you need assistance please contact the fire station and we would happily help you plan for an emergency.



UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Two Hills; Two Curses; One Township

by Jacqueline Cherepinsky

Upper Moreland is an average suburban town. Or is it? What do we really know about the history of this place we call home? Hidden in broad daylight, Upper Moreland has its own deep and dark secrets, like being cursed... twice.

Long ago, there was a violent winter storm that plagued this land. The snow fell so hard that there was a complete whiteout. An American Indian found himself unfortunate, as he wandered through the blizzard. Finally, he came across a cabin. He knocked and begged for shelter, but was immediately turned away. He then came across another cabin, owned by the settler Sampson Davis. Davis also offered no compassion and slammed the door.

Two weeks later, people found his frozen body in a location near what is now York Road and Sampson Avenue. After they found his body, people began reporting seeing a white specter walking around the place he died. To punish those in the area, he put a curse on the land. Sometimes, during harsh storms, people can still hear his wailing and shrieking. From time to time, people would see snow piles in front of their homes in shapes of snow-covered bodies. Others have said they have seen apparitions of coffins, corpses, and graves.

Our cursed history does not stop at the Legend of Sampson's Hill. It is said that a malediction was once placed on Upper Moreland by an American Indian chief, who had not been pleased with the land deal made with William Penn. The curse said that no good should ever come to any white man

who wished to become rich off this land, until the chief's spirit was satisfied. About the same time, there were stories shared that there were silver mines in an area called Huckleberry Hill – which is today's Huntingdon Road. One man went looking for these silver mines. He grabbed some tools and walked across a field toward the Pennypack woods. The man went missing for two days before a search party was sent out. They found his body buried in the earth, with only his head and arm sticking out of the ground. He survived, but he never recovered.

Later, some men were raccoon hunting, and one of the hunters, saw something shiny in the ground. After dusting it off, he realized he had found some solid silver. As soon as he picked it up, he saw the ghost of the American Indian chief who had cursed the land. In one hand, the chief held a tomahawk, while the other, motioned for the treasure. The man ran but wherever he went, the angry specter followed. Finally, the man dropped the treasure; and once he did, the chief disappeared.

If the trees in Upper Moreland could talk, what would they say? Has the chief's spirit ever been appeased? How many ominous stories exist that we don't even know about? What secrets lurk in the shadows? As a cautionary tale, I can assure you that we should be kinder to each other; and if you come across any silver on Huckleberry Hill, leave it be: your life may depend on it.

Source: Thomas, Joe. *A Synopsis of the History of Upper Moreland and Willow Grove*. Willow Grove: Upper Moreland Historical Association, 2005.

U.H.H.C. MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Jacqueline Cherepinsky, member of the Upper Moreland Historical Commission, was honored in November by the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center, at their Annual Gala and Silent Auction, for her research on Babi Yar, as well as her service to Holocaust education and fundraising for the Museum.

Located in Elkins Park, the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center educates students and adults in the Montgomery County area and throughout the world, personalizing the Holocaust so that they learn the consequences of racism, ethnic cleansing, and intolerance.

Jacqueline was born and raised in Philadelphia to parents from the former Soviet Union. She graduated in the 262nd class from Central High School and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in History from the Pennsylvania State University. After being inspired by a college professor, Jacqueline went on to receive her Master of the Arts degree in Holocaust and Genocide Studies from West Chester University. Her area of focus is primarily on the Soviet theatre of the Holocaust, more specifically the Babi Yar massacre and its aftermath in post-World War II USSR. She has presented her research at the 31st Annual Conference on the Holocaust and

Genocide at Millersville University. Jacqueline's presentation was then published by Cambridge Scholars in the anthology *The Holocaust: Memories and History*.

Jacqueline served as a teacher and peer leader advisor for Jewish Family and Children's Services in Mercer County for nearly a decade. For several years, she worked as the Program Associate for the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. Jacqueline continues to serve as an educational consultant, as well as a member of the Special Events Committee. During her time at the Museum, Jacqueline worked on helping raise funds through event planning, as well as help coordinate and raise finances for the Legacy Library. She also partnered with KleinLife in orchestrating a Russian outreach program, wherein teens were paired with survivors from the former Soviet Union and wrote their legacies down in the form of essays. Jacqueline edited the compilation in a published anthology, *Generation to Generation: Witnesses to History*. Alongside the Vice President of the museum, Don Wittenberg, Jacqueline presented research at the Remembrance and Legacy of Babi Yar event. She also organized the virtual event for the 80th anniversary of Babi Yar.

Currently, Jacqueline is also serving on the Upper Moreland Historical Commission. She plans to transform her research into a documentary and expand the research into her own book. In a slight turn from her life's work, Jacqueline also began acting and starred as one of the leads in a film that was submitted to the Indie Shorts Cannes Film Festival.





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Study & Group Study space available at UMFPL

With the buzz of activity at the library it can be hard to find a quiet space to study! Our Silent Space (located in the back right corner of the library) has individual tables and a no noise requirement for those needing a space with fewer distractions! Our Small Group Meeting Room can be used by up to 8 individuals working together on projects. Plug into our big-screen monitor to share your computer screen with the entire group. Ask at the information desk for more information.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR KIDS

Bright By Text – UMFPL has partnered with Bright by Text, a national parenting effort to put expert tips, games and child development information into the hands of parents and caregivers. Text FAMILYPLACE to 274448 to sign up.

Toddler Story Time – Join Amanda at 10:15am on Wednesdays for stories, rhymes and fun in the UMFPL Children's Room. Activities are geared to ages 18 months to 3 years, but siblings of any age are welcome to join in!

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.

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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. Follow along with instructional videos or make your own creation. New kits available monthly.

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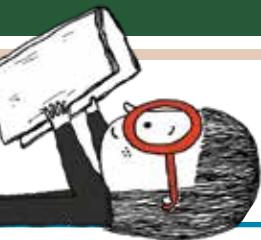
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(Amazing things that you can check out at the library!)

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• Book Clubs -

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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.

• Adult Craft Kits – Try a new craft. Supplies and instructions are included, and kits are available for pickup each month while supplies last.

• Senior Social Hour – Monthly meetings for seniors to gather for activities, conversation, and the occasional presentation on library programs & services!

• Virtual Author Talks – UMFPL now hosts virtual author talks with bestselling and notable authors. Learn more at libraryc.org/uppermorelandlibrary.

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UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

You are cordially invited to the Upper Moreland Historical Association's 2023 Luncheon Celebrating our 27th anniversary

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

TIME: 1 pm - 5 pm

RSVP: Tuesday, April 11

PLACE: V.E. German Club, 130 Davisville Road, Warminster, PA 18974

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Sit-down Luncheon includes:

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*** Make check out to UMHA & mail with this reservation form to: UMHA c/o
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