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## THE TOWNSHIP CONTINUES TO WORK HARD ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AND EXCITING PROJECTS. BELOW IS AN UPDATE ON THESE PROJECTS.

### Township/Police Station Buildings

The Township is currently working with our architect, KCBA, to complete the design for both the new police station and the renovation of the Township building. The new police station will be constructed directly behind the Township building and will face Center Ave.

It is expected that the design for the approximately 15,000 sq. ft. new building and the renovation of the Township building will be completed by the end of this calendar year. It is anticipated that the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be advertised in early 2024, with construction beginning in the spring or summer of 2024.

The RFP will list the police station as the primary project with the Township building renovation as an alternate. Thus, if we receive attractive cost estimates, we will do both projects. If the cost estimate is a bit higher than we hoped for the police station, we will begin the police station and hold off on the Township building until a later date.

As I reported in the last newsletter, although this project will require the Township to borrow funds, we have been working diligently to identify outside grants. Last fall, we were fortunate enough to receive a \$2.85 million grant from the Commonwealth toward this project. It is our hope to identify additional outside funding.

### Automated Trash Collection

The Board of Commissioners recently approved the transition to an automated trash collection for all households which is expected to be fully implemented by 2025. Beginning the week of September 18, 2023, a 95-gallon wheeled cart will be provided to each household currently receiving trash collection. All trash is to be deposited into these wheeled carts.

A more detailed article is included in this newsletter. These changes will hopefully provide a more user-friendly experience for residents, reduce the number of injuries to our workers, and create other operational efficiencies.

### Plastic Bag Ban

At a recent meeting, the Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance that would prohibit the use of single use carry out plastic bags, polystyrene food containers, and single use plastic straws by commercial establishments. A copy of the ordinance is available on the township website.

It is hoped that this new ordinance will help to reduce the amount of plastic waste in our community and environment.

### Phase I and II of the Willow Grove Shopping Center

Work continues on the Willow Grove Shopping Center. You may have wondered about the status of the building that was supposed to house the Amazon Fresh grocery store (Phase I, which also includes the work to Marshalls). While the developer has indicated that Amazon Fresh is still planning to move into this space, it has been over two years and there appears to be some uncertainty in this regard.

Phase II has also begun. This work includes the construction of a new building directly across the street from the library. This is planned to be an 18,000 sq. ft. building and will house a restaurant and three to four additional retail tenants. It is anticipated that this will building will be completed this year and will open in 2024.



Matthew Candland  
*Township Manager*

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### Woodlawn Park Master Plan

We are happy to report that the Board of Commissioners approved the master plan for Woodlawn Park. 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.

A formal presentation on the proposed plan was made to the Board earlier this year and was approved shortly thereafter. This project was divided into phases. We already have much of the funds necessary to complete Phase I and are in the process of applying for grants and other funding to fully fund Phase I.

### Farmstead Park Improvements

Work has begun on several projects at Farmstead Project. Last year, the Township received over \$900,000 in grants for these improvements, which include:

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

The Township also recently contracted with an architectural firm to evaluate the feasibility and cost to adaptively reuse the historic barn at the site for a future recreation center. This recreation center would include a new building that would house a large all-purpose court, restrooms, etc. while the barn would be renovated to house offices, classroom and other facilities. This report should be complete this fall.

This proposed recreation center was originally proposed to be constructed at Woodlawn Park. The Board decided to evaluate the Farmstead Park option as well before it makes a final decision.

### Warminster Rd. Bridge Replacement

As you are likely aware, construction is now underway to replace the bridge on Warminster Rd. that crosses the Pennypack Creek. Warminster Rd. has now been closed to through traffic for several months and is expected to remain so until the end of the calendar year. Of course, any unexpected impacts such as bad weather could change the project.

### Willow Grove Interchange – Pennsylvania Turnpike

The Township continues to work hard to identify funding for improvements to the southbound 611 off-ramp onto the PA Turnpike. Those who use this route know well that southbound 611 can become extremely congested and back up as motorists try to get onto the Turnpike.

This project is estimated to cost about \$15 million. We have secured almost \$3 million to date, so we still have a far to go. We have been meeting with state and federal officials to try to secure the necessary funding.

## U.M. TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

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 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 7, 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.

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





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State Senator Maria Collett .....	215-368-1429
State Representative Nancy Guenst.....	215-259-5962

### U.S. CONGRESS

Senator Robert Casey .....	202-224-6324
Senator John Fetterman.....	202-224-4254
Rep. Madeleine Dean.....	215-884-4300
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick.....	215-579-8102

### LOCAL SERVICES

#### DISTRICT JUSTICES

Jay S. Friedenbergs.....	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
<i>administration, business taxes, code enforcement, emergency services, parks &amp; recreation, real estate taxes</i>	

### YOUTH SPORT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Upper Moreland Hoops (basketball).....	215-264-7582
Upper Moreland Little League .....	info@uppermorelandlittleleague.org
Upper Moreland Soccer Club .....	mike.meakim@umsconline.org
Willow Grove Bears (football) .....	wgbears@gmail.com
Upper Moreland Lacrosse Club .....	uppermorelandlax@gmail.com
Upper Moreland Ice Hockey Club .....	umbearshockey@gmail.com
Upper Moreland Swim Club .....	215-675-3172
Upper Moreland Wrestling Club.....	umwrestlingclub.com
Dolphins Aquatic Association.....	www.dcaaswimming.org

### UTILITY PHONE NUMBERS

P.E.C.O.....	800-494-4000
Aqua Emergency.....	877-987-2782

### COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Montgomery County (main #) .....	610-278-3000
County Commissioners.....	610-278-3020
Kenneth Lawrence, Jr. Chairman – Joseph C. Gale – Jamila H. Winder	
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.....	610-278-3618

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

Administration.....	215-659-3100	Real Estate Tax Office.....	267-607-1046 or 267-607-1047
Board of Commissioners .....	215-659-3100, ext. 1057	Human Resources .....	215-659-3100, ext. 1054
Code Enforcement.....	215-659-3100, ext. 1032	Library .....	215-659-0741
Delaware Valley Trust .....	215-706-0101	Parks & Recreation.....	215-659-3100, ext. 1039
Environmental Advisory Council.....	215-659-3100	Buehler .....	215-659-3100, ext. 1062
Emergency Services .....	215-659-3100, ext. 1030	Masons Mill.....	215-659-3388
Fire Department .....	215-659-7633 Stations 10A & 10B	Police.....	215-657-4700
Finance.....	215-659-3100, ext. 1075	Public Works.....	215-659-4070
Business Tax Office .....	215-659-3100, ext. 1044 or 1045		

### 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!



## 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.*

SEPTEMBER			NOVEMBER		
Mon	4	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)	Tues	7	ELECTION DAY
Mon	11	Regular Meeting	Mon	13	Regular Meeting
Mon	18	Community Development	Mon	20	Community Development
Mon	25	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	27	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety
OCTOBER			DECEMBER		
Mon	2	Regular Meeting	Mon	4	Regular Meeting;
Mon	16	Community Development	Special Meeting to Adopt 2023 Township Budget		
Mon	23	Fin. & Admin; Parks & Rec.; Pub. Health & Safety	Mon	11	Community Development
			Mon	18	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](mailto: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.



## LOCAL CABLE CHANNELS

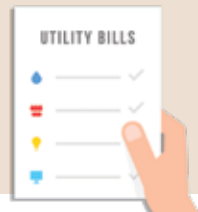
Upper Moreland Television, UMTV, began broadcasting in 2007. This public access channel is dedicated to providing residents with the news and information related to Upper Moreland Township government services and events. It is also used to publicize community events and to provide public service and 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](mailto:comments@uppermoreland.org).

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



## 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](http://www.paenergy.state.pa.us) for more information.*

## REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Your 2023 School Real Estate Tax Bill was mailed in July 2023. If you have not received it by mid-July, please call our office at 267-607-1047. Take some time to read the instructions on the bottom of the bill, as they provide 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. You may obtain an application to change your address by sending an email to [alevy@uppermoreland.org](mailto:alevy@uppermoreland.org) or by stopping at our office.

**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 may close for lunch from 12-12:30 p.m.

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 the State program, the household income must be no more than \$35,000 annually; and the homeowner must be 65 years of age or older, be a widow or widower age 50 years or older, or be permanently disabled and age 18 years or older. Please complete Pennsylvania form PA-1000 to start the process to see if you qualify.

Once approved by the State and your 2023 school tax is paid, the District application can be completed. The application is available on the School District's website.

We do not accept payment by credit cards. However, if you use a bill-pay function through your bank, you may use that service to pay your taxes. Please be careful to allow at least several weeks for processing and delivery when using this service. This is very important if you are paying close to a deadline, when the tax amount will change. We process payments received through the mail based on their US postmark. If the payment is received after the deadline and the envelope does not have a US postmark of the deadline date or before, we will return the payment and the taxes will remain unpaid.



## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



**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/](http://www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/). Information on the ICC codes can be found at [www.iccsafe.org/](http://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](http://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](http://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 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 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

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## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE... continued

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

Upper Moreland Township is moving to an automated trash collection system for all households in early 2025. This system will initially function by utilizing automated tippers on the back of the sanitation trucks. The trash container will be picked up manually and loaded onto the automated tipper.

Beginning the week of September 18, 2023, every household in the Township currently receiving trash and recycling services will receive a new, 95-gallon, wheeled cart to replace existing trash bins. If you currently have a 45-gallon recycling container, you will receive a 45-gallon trash container. If you would like the larger container, please contact the Public Works Department for the container to be exchanged. Beginning the week of September 25, 2023, only solid waste that has been placed inside the bin will be collected. Trash placed at the curb in any other receptacle and/or placed outside of the container will not be collected. Also, these cans are not permitted to be used for the Monday Yard Waste Collection. ***These containers are the property of Upper Moreland Township and must remain with the property if you move.***



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 and recycling carts should be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your collection day, but not more than 12 hours beforehand.** Empty carts must be removed within 12 hours of collection. All trash should be bagged before being placed in the cart. The lid to the cart must close tightly, and no material should be sticking out of the cart. Trash and recycling carts should be placed at the curb approximately (3) feet apart from each other, and at least (3) feet from obstacles such as mailboxes, telephone poles, and any overhead obstructions. Cart handles and wheels should be facing the house and the lid opening should face the street. No other trash can will be accepted. We will not accept trash that is placed outside of the bin, including large items such as furniture, mattresses, etc. Please see **Disposal of Large Items for instructions on how to schedule a pick-up of those items.** **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 their own arrangements for the disposal of these items.**

Your new trash cart can accommodate as much volume as 3 to 4 standard-sized trash cans. We expect these carts to be sufficient for your household. If you have a one-time overflow of trash from a party, event, or household move, please contact the Department of Public Works at (215) 659-4070 to schedule the pickup.



**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](http://www.uppermoreland.org)) to find out when your next pickup will occur.**

### CHANGES TO 2023/24 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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

#### **Regularly Scheduled Pickup**

Friday, November 10

Thursday, November 23

Friday, March 29

#### **Rescheduled Pickup**

Monday, November 13

Monday, November 27

Monday, April 1





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### DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS (sofas, mattresses, carpeting, other furniture)

Large items that do not fit inside the trash cart such as tables, chairs, couches, dressers, carpeting, etc., must be scheduled for a free pickup by contacting the Public Works department at [publicworks@uppermoreland.org](mailto:publicworks@uppermoreland.org) or 215-659-4070. The Public Works Department will confirm pickup with you and schedule date/time for pickup. If you do not receive confirmation, the item(s) will not be picked up. 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). Mattresses and box springs must be covered in plastic.



### BULK ITEMS (PERMIT REQUIRED)

The Public Works Department assists residents by provide a special service to remove items such as appliances, grills, lawn mowers, exercise equipment, sofa beds, 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.



### 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 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 others.

### DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD PAINT

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

### 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, numbers 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!**

Due to the automation of recycling collection, **ALL** recyclables (with the exception of yard waste) must now be mixed together **and placed in the new 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 numbers 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

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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, 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 containers.

### 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.



#### 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.

#### 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 25, Monday, January 1, Monday, January 15, and Monday, February 19 due to holiday scheduling changes.



#### CHANGES TO 2023/24 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Due to holiday scheduling changes, there will be NO yard waste collections on the following Mondays in 2023/24:

September 4	November 13	November 27	December 25
January 1	January 15	February 19	April 1

Yard waste not being picked up on the dates above will be picked up on the following Monday. Please note: **This does not affect the leaf vacuum schedule.**

### 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 cindering begins 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 use 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 2023 park cars on the ODD numbered side; and in 2024 park cars on the EVEN numbered side.



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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, Verizon Channel 41, and the Township website: [www.uppermoreland.org](http://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 Penn Dot 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.

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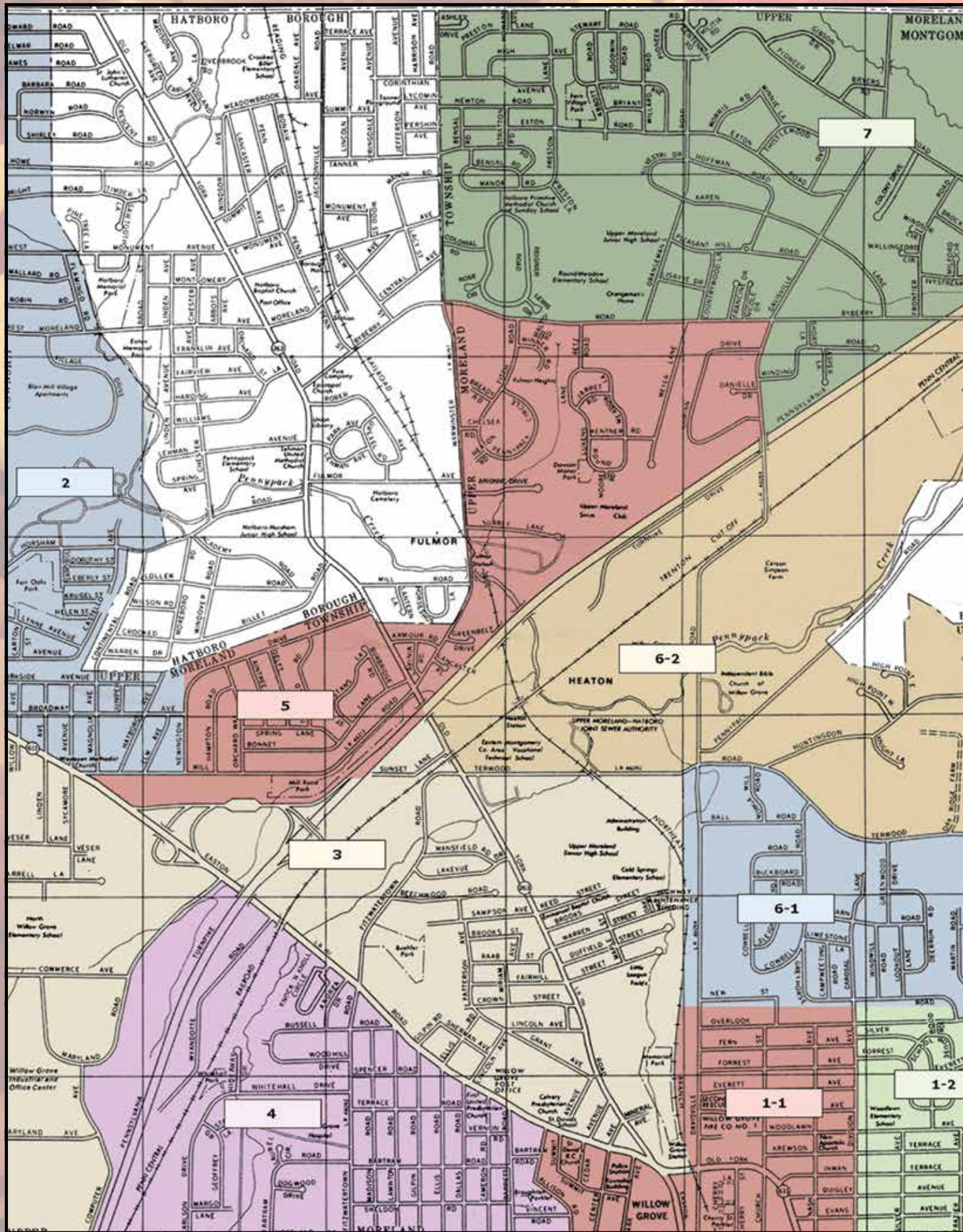
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The map displays the Pennypack Creek watershed area, which is divided into several administrative regions. The northern part of the map is green and includes Township County and Township. The central part is orange and includes Borough, Athyn, Bryn, and Moreland. The southern part is purple and includes Township, Township, and Moreland. The Lehigh River is shown flowing through the eastern part of the map. Various roads are labeled, including Lehigh Road, Lehigh Valley Road, and Lehigh Valley Road. The map also shows the locations of several towns and boroughs, including Athyn, Bryn, and Moreland. A small inset map in the bottom right corner shows the location of the watershed area within the larger context of the Lehigh Valley region.

## AREA

1-1	Oct. 9; Oct. 30; Nov. 20
1-2	Oct. 16; Nov. 6; Nov. 27
2	Oct. 16; Nov. 6; Nov. 27
3	Oct. 11; Nov. 1; Nov. 22
4	Oct. 23; Nov. 13; Dec. 4
5	Oct. 9; Oct. 30; Nov. 20
6	Oct. 25; Nov. 15; Dec. 6
6-1	Oct. 16; Nov. 6; Nov. 27
6-2	Oct. 23; Nov. 13; Dec. 4
7	Oct. 9; Oct. 30; Nov. 20

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***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.

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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.**

## 2023 Fall Programs: Session 1 & Session 2

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

### WEE KICK SOCCER WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Mondays, 9/18-10/16  
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 Soccer Field 1  
Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

### WEE LITTLE HOOPERS BASKETBALL WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Tuesdays, 9/19-10/17  
Time: 4:00pm - 4:45pm  
Ages: 3-5 yrs. (caregiver must attend)  
Site: Mill Creek Park  
Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

### WEE PLAY SPORTS WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Thursdays, 9/21-10/19  
Time: 4:00pm - 4:45pm  
Ages: 3-5 yrs. (caregiver must attend)  
Site: Pileggi Park  
Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

### WEE HIT T-BALL WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Fridays, 9/22-10/20  
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: \$60 R / \$90 NR

## SPECIAL ONE-DAY EVENTS

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING

Tuesday, November 7 (Election Day)  
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Ages: 11-15 yrs.  
Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Clubhouse  
Fee: \$70 R / \$100 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

### AFTER-SCHOOL DRAWING: YOUNG REMBRANDTS

9 Wednesdays, 9/20-11/15  
Time: 2:50pm - 3:50pm  
Ages: Grades K - 5  
Site: Intermediate School  
Fee: \$170 R / \$255 NR

### AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE WITH MINDS IN MOTION: 6-in-1 Space Fleet Robot

6 Mondays, 10/9-11/13  
Time: 2:50pm - 3:50pm  
Ages: Grades 1-5  
Site: UM Intermediate Science Room  
Fee: \$135 R / \$202 NR

### YOUTH BASKETBALL WITH DOLTON SPORTS

6 Tuesdays, 9/19-10/24  
Time: 5pm - 6:15pm  
Ages: Grades 1-6  
Site: Mill Creek Park Basketball Courts  
Fee: \$65 R / \$97 NR

### YOUTH MULTISPORTS WITH DOLTON SPORTS

6 Thursdays, 9/21-10/26  
Time: 5pm - 6:15pm  
Ages: Grades 1-6  
Site: Pileggi Park  
Fee: \$65 R / \$97 NR

### YOUTH KARATE

8 Mondays, 9/18-11/13 (omit 9/25)  
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Ages: 6-17 yrs.  
Site: UMMS Cafeteria  
\*FREE CLASS 9/11 7:00pm-8:00pm  
Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR (1 FREE Class + 7 classes)  
Discipline, humility, and desire to achieve will be acquired in this fun and interesting class. Our Sensei, Mr. Mike Hern, is ready to teach you the fundamentals of Shotokan Karate, while also helping you improve focusing skills and self-confidence.

### AFTER-SCHOOL THEATER PROGRAM: DRAMARAMA

10 Wednesdays, 9/20 - 11/29 (omit 11/22)  
PLUS you MUST be available for the Dress Rehearsal (12/1) AND Performance (12/2), times TBA  
Time: 3:10pm - 8:00pm  
Ages: Grades 3-5  
Site: Upper Moreland Intermediate School  
Fee: \$225 R / \$337 NR  
This 10-week workshop allows youngsters to

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go through the process of being involved in a real musical production. A dress rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, December 1 followed by the performance Saturday, December 2, allowing your child to shine in front of friends and family.

### AFTER-SCHOOL THEATER

#### PROGRAM: DRAMARAMA JUNIOR

5 Tuesdays, 10/10-11/28 (omit 10/31, 11/7, 11/21)

PLUS you MUST be available for the Dress Rehearsal (12/1) AND Performance (12/2), times TBA

Time: 3:10pm - 5:00pm

Ages: Grades K-5

Site: Upper Moreland Intermediate School

Fee: \$105 R / \$187 NR

Our junior program is the same program noted above; all participants will be ensemble members of the final performance.

### FREE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

U.M. Township resident students in grades 4 and 5 are offered a FREE after-school sports program (no equipment required). Intramurals are open to all public, private, and parochial students. They are held at the UM Intermediate School. Fall Session sports include touch football and pickleball beginning the week of September 20. Check out our website, [www.uppermorelandrec.com](http://www.uppermorelandrec.com), for more information and to register your child for this program.

### ADULT OFFERINGS

#### WREATH-MAKING CLASS

\$30 R / \$45 NR

3 Wednesday sessions (each session requires a separate registration)

Session #1 - 9/13 Make a Halloween Wreath

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Site: Main Meeting Room, Township Bldg.

Session #2-10/11 Make a Thanksgiving Wreath

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Site: Main Meeting Room, Township Bldg.

Session #3-11/15 Make a Holiday Wreath

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Site: Main Meeting Room, Township Bldg.

Join us for fun classes and learn how to make beautiful wreaths! During this class you will learn the technique and will be given all the materials and tools to create your own 16" wreath! **Please bring sharp scissors.**

#### ADULT KARATE

17 Sessions

Classes meet on Mondays & Wednesdays

Mondays, 9/18-11/13 (omit 9/25) 8pm-9pm

Wednesdays, 9/13-11/15 7:30pm-9pm

Ages: 18+

Site: UMMS Cafeteria

Fee: \$60 R / \$78 NR (17 classes)

Discipline, humility, and the desire to achieve will be acquired through Shotokan Karate in this fun and interesting class.

### UPPER MORELAND GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Open to area adults aged 55+, the G.A.C. provides opportunities for adults to attend monthly meetings, socialize, and attend trips to various destinations. The club meets each month (September through May) at Vereinigung Erzebirge (The German Club), located on Davisville Road. Scheduled getaways include casinos, dinner theaters, a mystery trip, music theaters, and other great trips to various sites! Membership is \$10.00 annually. For further information, call Parks and Recreation and request a copy of our Golden Reporter.

### FREE Know Your Medicare Options Seminar

Back by popular demand, we are offering a FREE "Know Your Medicare Options" Seminar at the Upper Moreland Township Building, Main Meeting Room, on Thursday, October 26, from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Please register at [www.uppermorelandrec.com](http://www.uppermorelandrec.com).

Registration is required one week prior to the program start date for all programs



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### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### FALL FROLIC DANCE

Date: Friday, September 15

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Ages: Grades 3-5

Site: Pennypack Elementary School

Fee: \$15 (pre-register) or

\$20 (at the door - as space allows)

#### A DJ dance party for grades 3-5 only!!!

Refreshments will be served. Skip the lines and save money by pre-registering online (\$1.50 convenience fee will apply) or at the Parks and Recreation office. Register now!

#### PUMPKINS ON PARADE EVENT

Saturday, October 21, 2023,

Masons Mill Park

6:00 pm – 8:00pm

(Rain Date Sunday, October 22th)

\*Upper Moreland residents may skip the line by pre-registering for this event at the Parks and Recreation office, beginning October 1. 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 will be 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 foul 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. Come out to the Upper Moreland Middle School Gym on Friday, November 17, 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 Dec. 1 and Dec. 8, 8:30am-4:30pm or email Santa using the form provided at [www.uppermorelandrec.com](http://www.uppermorelandrec.com), and provide some simple information. Santa will return calls on Tuesday, December 12, between 6-8pm. Send emails to [recreation@uppermoreland.org](mailto:recreation@uppermoreland.org).

### DISCOUNTED REGAL CINEMA AND PENN CINEMA MOVIE TICKETS

Regal Cinema - \$10 per ticket

Penn Cinema - \$11 per ticket

### PARKS

#### 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 215-659-3100 ext. 1039, 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 the beginning of 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.

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. Pavilions are reservable from April 1 through October 14. 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.

## FARMSTEAD ALLIANCE

Stay tuned  
for events  
at the  
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## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

On April 3, 2023, The Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners approved a Conditional Offer of Employment for Paul M. Narrigan. This Conditional Offer is for the position of Probationary Patrol Officer due to one vacancy in the police department. Due to the vacancy, the Upper Moreland Civil Service Commission authorized entry-level testing for the position of Probationary Patrol Officer. On January 5 and 7, 2023, The Montgomery County Consortium of Communities administered an entry-level written examination. Candidates who passed the written exam attended the Physical Agility Testing (PAT) on February 4, and candidates who passed the PAT were interviewed by police and community representatives the week of February 6. Upon calculation of all scores, an eligibility list was created and certified by the Upper Moreland Civil Service Commission on March 8, 2023.



Officer Narrigan being administered his Oath of Office by Judge Paul Leo while his father holds the Bible.

Paul Narrigan placed number one on the eligibility list. Paul is 32 years old and was raised in Delaware County, PA. Paul is a 2009 graduate of Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, PA, and has attended Penn State University and Rosemont College, pursuing a bachelor's degree. Paul has taken great interest in serving his country: on September 11, 2010, at the age of 20, Paul enlisted into the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, on the 9th anniversary of "9/11." He has served as a Cavalry Scout for over 12 years within the 1-104th Cavalry Regiment, based in Philadelphia. Paul deployed to Kuwait in 2012-2013, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. More recently he deployed to Sinai, Egypt, in 2021-2022, in support of the Multinational Force & Observers mission. He is now a Staff Sergeant and continues his service as a reservist.

Paul has been a police officer for six years. He enlisted with the Philadelphia Police Department in June 2017. After graduating from the Philadelphia Police Academy, he was assigned to Philadelphia's 39th District, located in Nicetown-Tioga. While assigned to the 39th District, Paul served as a member of the 39th District's Bicycle Patrol Team. His time spent with the Bike Team has given him a unique understanding of how community-related policing works: specifically, how it can improve trust with the community as well as deter violent crime. The Upper Moreland Police Department welcomes Officer Narrigan as our newest Probationary Police Officer. We wish him a very safe and successful career with the Upper Moreland Township Police Department.

## UPPER MORELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



We held our fourth annual Earth Day Fair in April with lots of displays, live animals, give-a-ways, food, electric cars, and even a scary plastic bag man. We hope you can join us for our fifth annual fair in April 2024.

In June and July, we removed non-native invasive plants from the dog park wetland, and from the trees and streambank at Veterans Memorial Park. Non-native invasive plants are ones that have been brought to our area, but don't belong here. Since they are from other countries, they don't have natural pests and can grow out of control. They can overrun an entire area, choking out native trees, shrubs and

other plants that birds, butterflies, bees and other important insects and wildlife need. You can find a list and information about plant invaders at the PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/InvasivePlants/Pages/>. If you see any of these invaders pull them out right away.



You can make your property a haven for wildlife by planting native trees, shrubs and flowers. Ideally, you would have something in bloom throughout the seasons. Many plants can also provide seeds as food for birds in the winter, but you must leave your garden "messy" over the winter season. Don't cut or remove dead stems or seedheads. Don't rake leaves. Salamanders, the insects birds need to feed their young, and other important tiny creatures spend the winter under leaves. So, wait until spring to do the garden cleanup. The weather will be nicer then anyway! You can find out more about good plants for birds and other wildlife at <https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds/>. Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, on Edgehill Road, is a local source for native plants you can buy for your yard to start creating your own wildlife haven.



## UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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 to our agency and the residents.

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. Our response and arrival times are some of the best in the region.

We continue to also 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 to keep your family safe.



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 Marshall'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)
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- Auxiliary: Non-emergency volunteers that support operations and community outreach events

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**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911 for FIRE, POLICE and EMS**

The Emergency Management staff continues to work closely with our partners in public safety and other organizations to keep the community safe during emergencies. This coordination includes meeting and planning with Upper Moreland schools.

Please spend some time with your family, planning for an 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.

As we enter into the fall and winter seasons, please remember that outside burning is not permitted in the township. Also, be vigilant of keeping all fireplace chimneys and exhaust flue pipes clear of creosote and debris.

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





## UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

by Jacqueline Cherepinsky

It's finally Fall, and do you know what that means? Cooler weather, pretty foliage, and back to school. But the arrival of autumn also means two interesting and very different upcoming events from the Upper Moreland Historical Commission that are both free and open to the public.

I am admittedly a huge history nerd, but have YOU ever wanted to learn more about the history of your home? Could there be some fascinating story about your house? Our township is full of captivating narratives and people just waiting to be uncovered, perhaps even by you. The Upper Moreland Historical Commission and the Upper Moreland Historical Association are excited to invite the people of our township to a presentation on deed researching on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in the Upper Moreland Free Public Library Community Room, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This free presentation will be conducted by the office of the Recorder of Deeds. If you are interested in learning more about your home, or if you have any questions, please forward all inquiries in advance to Susan Worth-LaManna at [psyworth@aol.com](mailto:psyworth@aol.com). All home and deed queries will be answered during the night of the presentation on the September 12.

Our other thrilling event falls during the time of the year when the veil between the living world and the spiritual plane is at its thinnest, and it is said that during this time we are most able to connect with ghosts. Do we dare to try to reach the spirits of Upper Moreland? As a lover of all spooky things, I say yes. It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us for our 2nd Annual Historical Haunts at Farmstead Park on Saturday, October 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Last year at our event, we found out that the Farmstead is haunted, and not by one ghost, but by several. This year, we will share more Farmstead stories of those that have inhabited it in the past (and perhaps still do in the present). We will also share some haunted histories about the spirits of the departed in other historical homes in our township.



This event is free and open to the public and all ages are invited (this is a kid-friendly event). For more information and to register for the Historical Haunts at the Farmstead, please check out our website: <https://uppermorelandhistory.org/>

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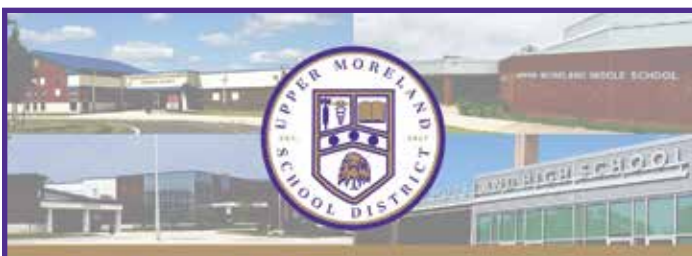
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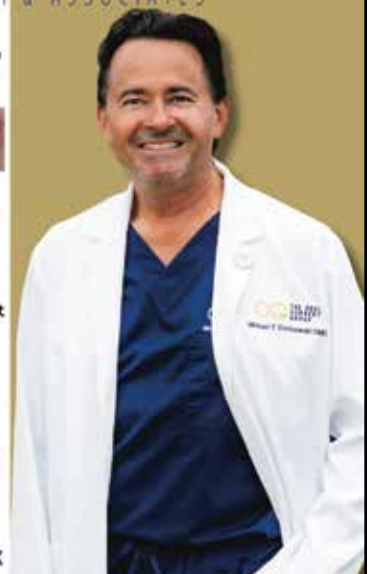
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 Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
 Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

#### 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)  
 Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)- library closes at 1pm  
 Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)  
 Jan. 16 (MLK Day)  
 Feb. 20 (Presidents' Day)

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#### Join our Friends Group!

The Friends of UMFPL is a chapter of PA Citizens for Better Libraries.

Learn more about getting involved with the Friends of UMFPL at:

[www.umfpl.org/about/friends](http://www.umfpl.org/about/friends)



#### JEWELRY SALE | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 10AM-3PM

Join the Friends of UMFPL for their 11th annual Jewelry Sale, and go home with some new-to-you treasures!

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 7-8PM

Learn more about volunteer opportunities and how the Friends support UMFPL at the friends' annual membership meeting.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE "FUNRAISER" | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 | 3:30-5:30PM

Ring in an (early) New Year at our family-friendly celebration with fun, games and more.



#### Check out our social media!

Follow UMFPL on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube, for:

- \* Info about library events for adults, teens, and kids
- \* Excellent book recommendations from library staff members
- \* Bookish memes
- \* Virtual Storytimes

#### CHECK IT OUT...

**AHA! Kits** – Trying new things is an adventure. Check out an At Home Adventure kit today to explore hiking, yard games, playing an instrument, crafts, ghost hunting and more. Have an AHA moment!



**Board Games** – From Arboretum to Wingspan, UMFPL offers more than 60 board games to check out and enjoy the fun with your family or friends.

**Museum Passes and Memberships** – Explore attractions throughout the region when you check out membership passes. Enjoy free admission to dozens of area museums, gardens, zoos and other sites of interest. The collection includes passes to NYC's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and Guggenheim for your trips to the Big Apple.

**Loanable Tech** – Borrow pre-loaded eReaders (with popular titles), Wi-Fi hotspots, and even Rokus for streaming to your compatible TV.

**Virtual Author Talks** – UMFPL hosts virtual author talks with best-selling and notable authors. Coming up this fall: Amor Towles, Rick Steves and John Irving. Learn more at [libraryc.org/uppermorlandlibrary](http://libraryc.org/uppermorlandlibrary).

**Wowbrary** – Are you too busy to stay on top of all the new releases you'd like to read, watch and listen to? Sign up for Wowbrary and get weekly emails listing new additions to UMFPL collections.



UMFPL Board of Trustees is seeking community input for strategic planning purposes. Learn more about the many ways to share your opinions at [uppermorlandlibrary.org/survey](http://uppermorlandlibrary.org/survey).

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





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Visit us online at [WWW.UMFPL.ORG](http://WWW.UMFPL.ORG) for information on programs and events throughout the year.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

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

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

**Learn and Play Together** - Kids 18-36 months and their caregivers can explore and meet child development experts during our play-based workshops. 10am on Tuesdays in October. Registration required: [uppermorelandlibrary.org/register](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/register)

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

**Pre-K Story Time** - Join Amanda at 11am on Wednesdays in the UMFPL Children's Room for stories and crafts geared to kids ages 3-5 years.

**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.

**Take and Makes** - Throughout the school year, we provide Take and Make packets for kids of all ages. We have Preschoolers' Kindergarten Readiness with our Pre-K packets. For school-age kids, we have Young Artists and Elementary Experimenters packets. New kits are available monthly, while supplies last.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TEENS

### TAG! Teen Advisory Group

Earn community service/volunteer hours and improve library services for teens at our monthly events while exploring your interests in making, gaming and learning.

Sign up at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/register](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/register) for news and reminders.

### 100 Books Before Graduation

No stuffy list of "must-read" titles here. Read what you want, when you want. Audiobooks and graphic novels count. Log your reading in Beanstack, and earn prizes along the way. Invite friends and share book recommendations.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Evening Book Discussion:** Literary fiction/nonfiction on the last Wednesday of each month.

**True Crime Tales:** Zoom meeting every other month on Tuesday evenings to discuss nonfiction crime and true crime-adjacent fiction books.

**Cook Your Way Through:** Experiment with recipes from our selected cookbook, and meet monthly to discuss what worked – and what didn't.

**Adult Craft Kits** – Try out a new craft each month. Supplies and instructions are included, and kits are available for pickup on the first Monday of the month, while supplies last.

**Spice Up Your Life** - Enjoy sampling spices from around the world. Each kit includes a serving of spices along with recipes. Kits are available starting the

15th of each month, while supplies last.

**Senior Social Hour** – Seniors meet on the second Friday of each month to join in activities, conversation, and the occasional presentation on library programs and services.

**Virtual Author Talks** – UMFPL now hosts virtual author talks with best-selling and notable authors through the Library Speakers Consortium. To learn more and check out the schedule, visit: [libraryc.org/uppermorelandlibrary](http://libraryc.org/uppermorelandlibrary).

**Writers Group** – Stop by the library on the first Saturday of each month to discuss the writing process and the craft, while taking advantage of practice exercises and prompts to generate ideas. We support each other's writing through healthy, positive feedback and sharing ideas/techniques.

## Your Digital Library

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*The library offers many opportunities to build skills and explore hobbies through a variety of free events. Visit [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events) for dates and details.*



## UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

### *presents Jerry's Barber Shop with Historical Preservation Award*

*By Frank Delaurentis, UMHA Business & Industry Chairperson*

In a world where trends come and go, it's comforting to know that some things stay the same. Take Jerry's Barber Shop, for instance. Nestled in the heart of Willow Grove at 1114 Easton Road, this quaint barbershop has been a staple of the community since it opened its doors in January of 1964.

Now, almost 60 years later, Jerry's Barber Shop is still going strong. It's a place where men can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life, unwind and catch up on the latest news and gossip. With its soft, comfortable barber chairs, old-school cash register and two excellent and seasoned barbers, the barbershop is a throwback to a simpler time when things were less complicated.

But what really sets Jerry's Barber Shop apart are the people who work there. For decades, master barbers Jerry Spadaro, (Concetto), Vince Spadaro and Phil Shapiro have dedicated their lives to perfecting their craft and providing top-notch haircuts and grooming services to generations of loyal customers.

Jerry, in particular, was a larger-than-life figure who had an answer for everything, whether you asked him about politics, religion or relationships. He even had his own bomb shelter, which he successfully obtained a permit for through Upper Moreland Zoning in 1983. And yet, despite his strong opinions, Jerry was always kind and welcoming to everyone who walked through his door.



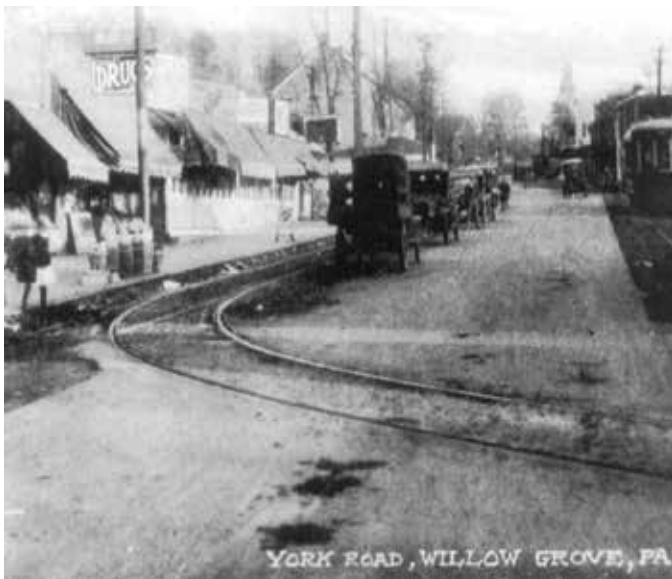
*Phil Shapiro and Vince Spadaro accepting the Historical Preservation Award, presented by Frank Delaurentis*



*Jerry's Barber Shop, established in 1964.*

Today, Vince and Phil carry on Jerry's legacy, upholding the time-honored traditions of the barbershop while putting their own spin on things. They're not just barbers, but also confidants, therapists and friends to their customers. They create a warm and welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels at home, regardless of their age or background.

It's no wonder, then, that Jerry's Barber Shop has been recognized with the 2023 Upper Moreland Historical Association's Historical Preservation Award. The award recognizes the shop's role in preserving the community's history and traditions, as well as its continued dedication to providing excellent service and a welcoming atmosphere. In an age where everything seems to be changing at lightning speed, it's comforting to know that there are still places like Jerry's Barber Shop that remain constant. It's a place where time seems to stand still, where the art of conversation is still valued, and where the simple pleasures of life are cherished. For that, we should all be grateful.



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*This early 1900s photo shows Old York Road, looking south from Easton Road. On the right, a southbound trolley can be seen leaving the waiting room area and approaching the railroad crossing at Davisville Road. Note the trolley tracks going northbound turn across York Road to enter the waiting room area and car barn. (Photo UMHA Archives, included in Moreland Memories Spring 2011)*







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