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The Township continues to work hard on numerous important, exciting projects and initiatives. Below is a brief update:

Township/Police Station buildings

As indicated last fall, the Township is in the planning stages of designing a new police station that will be situated directly behind the Township building. As of this writing, the Township's architect, KCBA, has almost completed the design for both the new police station and the renovation of the Township building.

The Township is expected to issue the bid for the approximately 15,000 sq. ft. new building and the renovation of the current Township building in March, with construction to begin in May or June of 2024.

The Request for Proposal will list the police station as the primary project, with the Township building renovation as an alternate. If we receive attractive cost estimates, we will do both projects. However, if the cost estimate is higher than anticipated for the police station, we will begin the police station and delay 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. We recently submitted applications for approximately \$4 million in additional grants. We hope to learn if these will be awarded in the next several months.

U.M.T. Fire Department

Last December the Board of Commissioners voted to decertify the Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company. The Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company had served the Upper Moreland community well for many years. More recently, however, they had not been providing a sufficient number of volunteers to adequately respond to emergency calls. By last fall, there were only about four or five active volunteers responding to calls at least 25% of the time.

This necessitated that the Township bring on more paid part-time firefighters to ensure an adequate response. Since then, the Township has provided, and continues to provide, a sufficient number of firefighters to respond to emergencies. A combined fire department with paid full-time, paid part-time, and volunteer firefighters remains a core objective for the Board of Commissioners. Thus, the Township is in the process of facilitating the creation of a new volunteer fire company.

Phase I and II of the Willow Grove Shopping Center

Work continues on the Willow Grove Shopping Center. I still receive many questions about the status of the Amazon Fresh grocery store that is supposed to go into the space that used to house the Barnes and Noble Bookstore. The latest we have heard is that Amazon Fresh is still planning to go into this space and is making additional improvements. We do not have an anticipated date for their opening.

Phase II is almost finished, and by the time this newsletter goes to print it will most likely be done. We just received word that a Dave's Hot Chicken restaurant will be one of the tenants in this new building (across Park Ave. from the library). We have not yet heard who the other three to four tenants will be but expect to hear soon.

Woodlawn Park

In the last newsletter, I reported that the Board of Commissioners approved the master plan for Woodlawn Park. After approving the plan, the Commissioners directed staff to identify the remaining funding sources needed to construct the new park.

The cost of construction is estimated to be just under \$4 million. To date, the Township is close to securing about \$1.5 million in grant funding, currently has a little over \$1 million in previously identified funds, and still needs to identify the remaining \$1 to \$1.5 million.

It is anticipated that construction will begin either in late 2024 or in 2025.

Farmstead Park Improvements

A lot of great work has been happening at Farmstead Park. Much of the area that was once engulfed in invasive species vegetation has been removed, new native trees have been planted, a new pedestrian



Matthew Candland
Township Manager

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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 2024 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, April 23, 2024. 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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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP 2024 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.

JANUARY			JULY		
TU	2	Reorganization Meeting	M	1	Regular Meeting
M	8	Regular Meeting	M	8	Community Development
M	15	HOLIDAY (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)	M	15	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec
M	22	Community Development	AUGUST		
M	29	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec	M	5	Regular Meeting
FEBRUARY			M	12	Community Development
M	5	Regular Meeting	M	19	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec
M	12	Community Development	SEPTEMBER		
M	19	HOLIDAY (Presidents' Day)	M	2	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)
M	26	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec	M	9	Regular Meeting
MARCH			M	16	Community Development
M	4	Regular Meeting	M	23	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec
M	11	Community Development	OCTOBER		
M	18	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec	M	7	Regular Meeting
APRIL			October 10-13, 2024 PSATC Conference, Scranton, PA		
M	1	Regular Meeting	M	21	Community Development
M	8	Community Development	M	28	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec
TU	23	Primary Election	NOVEMBER		
MAY			TU	5	ELECTION DAY
M	6	Regular Meeting	SA	9	2025 Budget Workshop
M	13	Community Development	M	11	HOLIDAY (Veterans Day)
M	20	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec	TU	12	Regular Meeting
JUNE			M	18	Community Development
M	3	Regular Meeting	M	25	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec
M	10	Community Development	DECEMBER		
M	17	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec	M	2	Regular Meeting (including the adoption of the 2025 Township Budget)
			M	9	Community Development
			M	16	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec

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

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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.

REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Your 2024 County and Township Real Estate Tax Bill was mailed in February of 2024. If you have not received it, please call our office at 267-607-1046. Please read the bill carefully. The bottom of the bill includes information that may answer your questions. We are setting up a web site in the spring of 2024 to provide additional information: Uppermorelandtaxcollector.com.

If you have moved and need to have your mailing address changed, we must have a written request to do so. Change of address forms can be obtained by stopping at our office or contacting us to send the form to you.

Your bill is one piece of paper with identical bills on the top and middle part of the paper. We need the top part of the bill to post your payment. Keep the bottom part of the bill for your records. If you need a receipt and are paying by mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with the **ENTIRE BILL**. We will mark the bottom of the bill as a paid receipt and return it to you. If you come into the office to pay your bill, bring the entire bill with you so we can stamp the bottom and give you a receipt.

The real estate office is located on the first floor of the Township Building, 117 Park Ave., Willow Grove.



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****



STATE OFFERS HELP WITH HEATING BILLS

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

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pathway has been constructed, and a number of stormwater management improvements have been installed.

Additionally, the historic springhouse has been brought to light: a small cottage was deconstructed to reveal the original springhouse within, which is now being restored. The historic carriage house is also undergoing much-needed exterior stabilization work, including a new roof and other exterior improvements. Most of this work is being paid for from grants that the Township received, amounting to over \$800,000.

This coming year we will also be constructing a new asphalt parking lot and making some repairs and improvements to the historic barn.

New Warminster Road Sidewalks

While Penn DOT was installing the new bridge on Warminster Rd., the Township was able to install new sidewalks along a stretch of roadway approaching the new bridge. This project will provide pedestrians with a much safer way to walk along Warminster Rd.

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The project was funded with a Montco 2040 grant that the Township received in 2022.

Willow Grove Interchange – Pennsylvania 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 has been a problem area for some time, so several years ago the Township began trying to develop a solution to this traffic problem.

The Township continues to work hard to (1) identify funding for improvements to the southbound 611 off-ramps onto the PA Turnpike and (2) have this project included on Penn DOT's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Getting the project on the TIP will greatly increase the likelihood that Penn DOT will take over the project and fund it.

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



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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 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 first contact the Code Enforcement Department 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 enclosed



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE... continued

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.
- Replace 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

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. Trash placed at the curb in any receptacle other than the one provided by the Township 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 pickup 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.**

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.

If Trash and Recycling is cancelled due to a weather event, any extra trash should be placed in bags and placed next to the trash container and will be collected on your next collection day. There is no need to schedule for an extra pick-up.

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 because you are moving, please contact the Department of Public Works at (215) 659-4070 to schedule the pickup.

EXTRA TRASH TOTER

Any resident needing a second can should contact the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070. There will be a one-time fee of \$100.00 for a 95-gallon container and \$75.00 for a 45-gallon container. This fee covers the cost of the can, delivery, and maintenance. The can will remain the property of the Township. If you do not consistently overflow your first container you probably do not need a second one.

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 or 215-659-4070. **Please note: if scheduling by e-mail, please include your name, address, phone number and an exact list of the items that you are putting out.**



The Public Works Department will confirm pickup with the resident 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.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

BULK ITEMS (PERMIT REQUIRED)



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.*

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.

CHANGES TO 2024 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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

Regularly Scheduled Pickup

Friday, March 29
Thursday, July 4
Thursday, November 28
Wednesday, December 25

Rescheduled Pickup

Monday, April 1
Monday, July 8
Monday, December 2
Monday, December 23

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.**

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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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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 2024 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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

April 1 • May 27 • July 8 • September 7 • November 11 • December 2 • December 23

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

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.



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.



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, 4/15 – 5/13

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.

WEE LITTLE HOOPERS WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 Tuesdays, 4/16 – 5/14

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, 4/18 – 5/16

Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Ages: 3-5 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, 4/19 – 5/17

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

EARTH DAY FAIR

Saturday, April 20 (Earth Day)

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Site: Masons Mill Park

Fee: Free

Come celebrate Earth Day in Upper Moreland Township! Join us for a variety of activities, programs, and demonstrations for the whole family!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING

Tuesday, April 23 (Election Day)

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Ages: 11-15 years

Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Clubhouse

Fee: \$70 R / \$105 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.

FARMSTEAD ALLIANCE EVENTS

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

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Rosters are finalized and sent to the school one week prior to their beginning. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have registered them for an after-school program.

AFTER-SCHOOL DRAWING: YOUNG REMBRANDTS

9 Wednesdays, 4/3– 5/29

Time: 2:50pm – 3:50pm

Ages: Grades K - 5

Site: UM Intermediate Art Room

Fee: \$170 R / \$255 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 ~ BRIDGES & SKYSCRAPERS (3-5)

6 Mondays 4/8-5/13

Time: 2:50pm – 3:50pm

Ages: Grades 3 - 5

Site: UM Intermediate Science Room

Fee: \$135 R / \$202 NR

Come bring out the architect side of you as you enter the fascinating world of structural engineering and explore the magic of STEM!

AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE WITH MINDS IN MOTION ~ X IN 1 RENEWABLE ENERGY KIT (K-2)

6 Tuesdays, 4/9 – 5/21 (omit 4/23)

Time: 2:50pm – 3:50pm

Ages: Grades K - 2

Site: UM Intermediate Science Room

Fee: \$135 R / \$202 NR

Assemble up to five different vehicles, three different dinosaurs, and two windmills as you work on and take home your very own Renewable Energy Kit!

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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2024 Supervised Playground Program For Upper Moreland Residents Only

8-WEEK PROGRAM:

June 17 – August 9 (ends at noon) - (omit 6/19, 7/4 & 7/5)
 8:30am – 4:30pm
 Youngsters entering Grades 1-8
 Fee: \$1,480

\$500 Deposit is due at the time of registration for 8-week program

4-WEEK PROGRAMS:

Session 1: June 17 – July 12 (omit 6/19, 7/4 & 7/5) OR
 Session 2: July 15 – Aug 9 (ends at noon)
 8:30am - 4:30pm
 Youngsters entering Grades 1-8
 Fee: \$775 per 4-week session

\$300 Deposit is due at the time of registration for 4-week program

EXTENDED SUPERVISION PROGRAM: 7:30–8:30am AND 4:30–5:30pm daily (excluding Aug. 9 pm hours). If registering for this option, your child may attend the program from 7:30am – 5:30pm. Fee: \$200 for the 8-week extended session OR \$100 for either 4-week extended session. You may add extended care at any time after your initial program registration.

MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT: 8-week program. \$50 PER CHILD; \$20 PER CHILD for 4-week program. Must be same household.

PAYMENT DEADLINE: All fees must be paid in full prior to May 24 (for the 8-week program / 1st 4-week program) or June 7 (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.

Program Locations: Primary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools

ONLINE and WALK-IN REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 9AM

YOU MAY ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE, OR CREATE AN ACCOUNT, AT WWW.UPPERMORELANDREC.COM

There is a 2.99% convenience fee for online registration/credit card processing. This fee goes directly to the credit card company and is not retained by UM Township; therefore, it is non-refundable.

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

2023 UPPER MORELAND TEEN TREX CAMP

Dates:

Session 1: June 10 – June 13 **Session 2:** July 8 – July 11
Session 3: July 29 – August 1 **Session 4:** August 5 – August 8

Time:

8:30am – 4:30pm

Age:

Entering Grades 7 - 10

Location:

Pileggi Park Soccer Clubhouse

Fees:

\$250 R / \$375 NR per session

We offer a fun and safe place for your teenagers to join their friends, travel, and hang out together. Exciting trip destinations are sure to keep these teens happy and busy. Popular trips include Hershey Park, paintball, water parks, Great Adventure, and More!

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UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WEE KICK SOCCER WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 weeks, Mondays July 8 – August 5
 Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm (ages 3-4)
 Time: 5:00pm – 5:45pm (ages 4-5)
 Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Field #1
 Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

WEE LITTLE HOOPERS WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 weeks, Tuesdays, July 9 – August 6
 Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm
 Ages: 3-5 years
 Site: Mill Creek Park
 Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

WEE PLAY MULTI-SPORTS WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 weeks, Tuesdays, July 9 – August 6
 Time: 5:00pm – 5:45pm
 Ages: 3-5 years
 Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Field #1
 Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

WEE HIT T-BALL WITH DOLTON SPORTS

5 weeks, Wednesdays, July 10 – August 7
 Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm
 Ages: 3-4 years
 Time: 5:00pm – 5:45pm
 Ages: 4-5 years
 Site: Masons Mill Softball Field
 Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

SPECIALTY CAMPS

UPPER MORELAND PD JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

Dates: Wednesday, July 24 and Thursday, July 25
 Time: 8:00am – 4:00pm
 Ages: 8-13 years
 Site: Pileggi Park
 Fee: \$40 R / \$60 NR

The Junior Police Academy is a two-day program. Cadets should be able to attend both days. Participants learn about the many different functions performed by police officers. They experience classes on various police subjects, such as patrol operations, K-9, SWAT, and criminal investigations, as well as physical activities. At the conclusion of the second day, there will be a graduation ceremony where cadets will be awarded certificates of completion for the Academy. The registration fee includes an Academy T-shirt for each cadet, along with lunch and a snack each day.

MINDS IN MOTION SCIENCE CAMP: HANDS-ON HYDROPOWER

Dates: July 15 – Friday, July 19
 Time: 9:00 am – Noon
 Ages: 6-12 years
 Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Clubhouse
 Fee: \$160 R / \$240 NR

MINDS IN MOTION SCIENCE CAMP: YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Monday, August 5 – Friday, August 9
 Time: 9:00 am – Noon
 Ages: 6-12 years
 Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Clubhouse
 Fee: \$160 R / \$240 NR

COLOR GUARD CAMP

Monday, June 10 – Friday, June 14
 Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
 Ages: Entering Grades 4-6

Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Clubhouse

Fee: \$125 R / \$187 NR

Come dip your toes into the exciting world of Color Guard. We will learn flag basics and body movement and put together a routine to show off our skills!

DRAMARAMA-KIDS' THEATER WORKSHOPS

Come join the fun! Children spend the week learning about all aspects of theater. Our theatrical instructors lead an educational and enjoyable program where participants learn about the world of acting in a relaxed atmosphere. Each day begins with physical and vocal warm-ups followed by a mix of theatre games, improvisation, acting activities, dancing, and singing. Students also learn make-up, costuming, and basic backstage techniques. They will get to show off their skills in a small performance at the end of the week. For full day programs Ssnack, lunchtime, and free play will be outside each day as weather permits.

INTRO TO DRAMARAMA

Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Ages: Entering Grades 3-5

Site: Upper Moreland High School Theater

Fee: \$125 R / \$187 NR

Join us to learn basic theater principles, simple acting games, engage in theatre games, and gain confidence in public speaking while having fun. There will be NO FINAL PERFORMANCE for this camp.

DRAMARAMA- JUNIOR

Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28

Time: 9:00am – Noon

Ages: Entering Grades K-2

Site: Upper Moreland High School Theater

Fee: \$125 R / \$187 NR

PERFORMANCE IS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28 at 11am

DRAMARAMA

Monday, July 15 – Friday, July 19

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Ages: Entering Grades 3-5

Site: Upper Moreland High School Theater

Fee: \$185 R / \$277 NR

PERFORMANCE IS ON FRIDAY, JULY 19 at 2pm

DRAMARAMA – SENIOR

Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Ages: Entering Grades 6-10

Site: Upper Moreland High School Theater

Fee: \$185 R / \$277 NR

PERFORMANCE IS IN ON FRIDAY, JULY 26 AT 2PM

YOUNG REMBRANDTS DRAWING WORKSHOP:

HOUSEHOLD PETS

Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 21

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Ages: 5-12 years

Site: Pileggi Park, Soccer Clubhouse

Fee: \$230 R / \$345 NR

Our students will be elated as we celebrate our cuddly friends in the new Household Pets workshop. We'll get feet wet on the first day of class as we draw a stylized aquarium graphic. The second day of class will be a colorful one as we learn to draw a detailed birdcage. The following day, we will explore the playful side of our animal friend in amusing cartoon images. The fourth day of class will see more realistic renderings of various household pets. And on the last day of class, we will create a wonderful pet-inspired, pastel illustration. Enroll today!



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

YOUNG REMBRANDTS AT SEA

Monday, July 15 – Friday, July 19

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Ages: 5-12 years

Site: Pileggi Park, Soccer Clubhouse

Fee: \$230 R / \$345 NR

Grab your goggles and your sense of adventure – Young Rembrandts is taking you on a colorful, seafaring voyage! Students will begin this workshop by drawing a tropical fish graphic. We'll give our scene pop and dimension using fundamental patterning techniques and bold color choices. Then bring your giggles as we learn to cartoon! We'll learn to add expression and movement to bring our sea characters to life in the multi-drawing session. Then we'll tap into our new skills as we use pastels to draw a bigger-than-life graphic cruise ship. Buy a frame for this one – you'll be showing it off for years to come! Please wear an old shirt or smock on the last day.

SPORT CAMPS

COED MULTI-SPORT WITH DOLTON SPORTS

Monday, June 10 – Friday, June 14

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Ages: Entering Grades 1-6

Site: UM Intermediate School

Fee: \$200 R / \$300 NR

PAW PRINTS FIELD HOCKEY

Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 21

Time: 9:30am – 2:30pm

Ages: Entering Grades 3-9

Site: UMHS Turf

Fee: \$175 R / \$260 NR

PAW PRINTS JUNIOR FIELD HOCKEY

Monday, June 17 – Thursday, June 20

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Ages: Entering Grades 1-2

Site: UMHS Turf

Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

COED SOCCER CAMP WITH DOLTON SPORTS

Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28

Time: 9:00am – Noon

Ages: Entering Grades 1-6

Site: Pileggi Park Soccer Field #1 and Clubhouse

Fee: \$150 R / \$225 NR

PAW PRINTS GIRLS LACROSSE

Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26

Time: 9:30am – 2:30pm

Ages: Entering Grades 3-9

Site: UMHS Turf

Fee: \$175 R / \$260 NR

PAW PRINTS JUNIOR GIRL LACROSSE

Monday, July 22 – Thursday, July 25

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Ages: Entering Grades 1-2

Site: UMHS Turf

Fee: \$60 R / \$90 NR

COED BASEBALL / SOFTBALL WITH DOLTON SPORTS

Monday, July 29 – Friday, Aug 2

Time: 9:00am – Noon

Ages: Entering Grades 1-6

Site: Masons Mill

Fee: \$150 R / \$225 NR

BASKETBALL CAMP WITH DOLTON SPORTS

Dates: Monday, August 12 – Thursday, August 15 (Makeup Day 8/16)

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Ages: Entering Grades 3-10

Site: Mill Creek Park (behind the In & Out)

Fee: \$175 R / \$250 NR

Dolton Basketball Camp teaches girls and boys the fundamentals of basketball in a positive and fun atmosphere. Our emphasis is on teaching all youngsters good sportsmanship, team play, and the importance of making good decisions both on and off the court. The staff takes pride in providing excellent individual instruction as well as allowing children to learn and improve their skills and knowledge of basketball in a safe, positive, and fun environment.

MASONS MILL PARK 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SUNDAY EVENINGS at 6:30PM

The Department of Parks and Recreation offers FREE summer concerts at the Masons Mill Park Concert Gazebo, 3500 Masons Mill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA. We are currently scheduling a variety of bands for your enjoyment. Please call us or visit the website for a summer concert series flyer (available in April).

- Carpooling to the park is recommended.
- Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.
- Smoking, pets, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the park.
- Concerts begin at 6:30 pm, weather permitting.

In case of rain, concerts may be cancelled; check the announcement section at www.uppermorelandrec.com OR call the Park Office at 215-659-3388 after 3:00 pm on the day of the concert.

2024 Dates: 6/23, 6/30, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11.

Make-up date is 8/18.



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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Upper Moreland Township Fire Department is working hard to provide excellent fire and emergency services to the community. Our members are on duty 24/7/365 to respond quickly to all types of emergencies in the community.

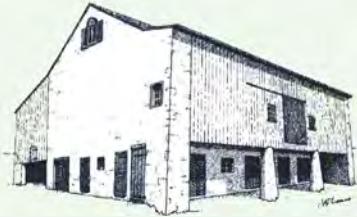
Our updated response staffing model has allowed our members to respond to incidents quickly and arrive in the shortest possible time to bring positive outcomes to many life-threatening calls.

We continue to also work on Community Risk Reduction efforts and encourage everyone to maintain a working smoke detector on all levels of their properties as well as 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 in keeping your family safe.

The Emergency Management team has installed several flood-gates at various locations throughout the Township. PLEASE DO NOT go around the gates if they are down. These gates are designed to warn the motoring public of flood waters on the roadway.

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. 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 any help, please contact the fire station and we would be happy to 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. Also, please be extra careful with children in and near swimming pools and bodies of water.



Farmstead Park

Did you know ... ?

- about **16,000 tons** of fieldstone was used to build the **4** farm buildings
- the farm once produced barley, wheat, flax, rye, honey, cider, mead, & liquor
- the park represents **1/25th** of the farm's 18th-century size of **250 acres**
- a white squirrel is living in Farmstead Park ... **1 chance in 100,000**



(left to right: new trail, white squirrel, springhouse, chipping paint)

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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 22, 2023, the Upper Moreland Township Police Department became an accredited law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This initial accreditation status is awarded by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. The standards for achieving accredited status are established by The Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) as a commission with the PA. Chiefs of Police Association.



James Adams, PLEAC Coordinator, presents the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners and The Upper Moreland Township Police Department with the Certificate of Accreditation.

The Upper Moreland Township Police Department has diligently worked to become an accredited law enforcement agency. The Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners and Township Manager, Matt Candal, have overwhelmingly supported the accreditation process. Upper Moreland Police Chief Andrew J. Block assigned Upper Moreland Police Lieutenant Kelly Ruddell as the accreditation manager for the PLEAC certification. Lieutenant Ruddell was responsible for policy development and implementation with assistance from our law enforcement consultant, Aspirant Consulting Group, LLC. PLEAC publishes 125 professional law enforcement standards that are achieved through a policy process. With the completion of the policies, proofs are obtained to support the policy and provide standardization within the police department. Upon collecting and completing the appropriate proofs, a PLEAC assessment team conducted an on-site evaluation for policy compliance as well as a facility inspection.

This PLEAC assessment occurred on June 21 and 22, 2023. As a result of this evaluation, the assessment team highly recommended accreditation status for the Upper Moreland Township Police Department.

The accreditation status was approved at the July 25, 2023, PLEAC Board Meeting. The Upper Moreland Township Police Department is now one of 160 accredited law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Upper Moreland Township Police Department is proud to announce the hire of a new police officer. Kaeli H. White was hired as a police cadet on July 5, 2023. Cadet White was enrolled at the Montgomery County Police Academy in Blue Bell, Pa. She attended the police academy from July 5, 2023, through December 12, 2023. Cadet White graduated from the police academy on December 13, 2023, receiving her Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission certification as a municipal police officer.

Officer Kaeli White is 27 years old and was raised in Perkasie, Pennsylvania, where she attended Pennridge High School. Upon graduating from Pennridge, she was accepted to Moravian College where she played collegiate basketball her freshman year. Officer White transferred to West Chester University her sophomore year. While attending WCU, she was accepted as a member of the Phi Epsilon Kappa and Alpha Eta national honor societies.

In 2019, Officer White graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in exercise science with a concentration in pre-physical therapy. After beginning her career in physical therapy, Officer White decided to follow her father, Bryan White, into the law enforcement profession. Officer White's father is currently employed as a police sergeant with the Falls Township Police Department in Bucks County. Officer White's hobbies include being active and outdoors, as she has taken up surfing, snowboarding, and running. Officer White has also recently started training in Jiu Jitsu.

Officer White was hired to fill a vacancy that was created by Officer John J. Magovern, who retired in July 2023 after 29 years of faithful service to the residents and citizens of Upper Moreland Township.

Officer White is currently assigned to our field training officer (FTO) program. This 504-hour program provides orientation training for newly hired officers where they ride with a senior training officer. Officer White is scheduled to complete the FTO program in April of 2024. Upon successful completion, she will be assigned to a patrol squad as a solo officer.

We wish Officer White a very safe and rewarding career with the Upper Moreland Township Police Department.



Officer White receives her Oath of Office from District Judge Thomas Murt at the January 8, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Officer White's sister, Jessica, holds the Bible during the administration of the Oath of Office.

FREEDOM STEPS 5K FOR OUR TROOPS



On Sunday, May 5, 2024, Freedom Steps will host their annual 5k walk/run for the troops. The event will take place at Masons Mill Park with registration beginning at 8am and the race starting at 9am. Freedom Steps Formatted: Font: Bold

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 to 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 Pretzel City Sports (<https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/>) for event details, registration form, or online registration. Or for more details or questions call 215-657-3992 or email FreedomSteps5k@gmail.com.





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 Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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Get together this summer with your friends, families, and neighbors for our annual SummerQuest! The library will offer educational and fun activities for all ages, great Take and make projects, and community-built art projects to be displayed at the library, plus our annual Beanstack SummerQuest Challenge with incentives and prizes.

UMFPL BLOG

Want to know more about what's going on at UMFPL? We've started a blog, Adventure Beyond Words, on our website. We will be introducing staff and discussing upcoming events, what's new at the library, and so much more. See you there!

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

- * Info about library events for adults, teens, and kids
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CHECK IT OUT...

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

AHA! Kits

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



Board Games

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

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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 the Guggenheim for your trips to the Big Apple.

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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.



The library offers many opportunities to explore hobbies or learn something new at a variety of free events.

Visit uppermorelandlibrary.org/events for dates and details.

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SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Learn and Play Together– Kids 18-36 months and their caregivers can explore and meet child development experts during our play-based workshops at **10am** on Tuesdays in May. Registration required. uppermorelandlibrary.org/register.

Toddler Story Time – Join Amanda at **10am** 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!

Baby Story Time – Join Amanda at **10am** on Fridays in the UMFPL Children's Room for stories, rhymes, songs, and fun movement. For newborns to age 1, but siblings are welcome.

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.

Kids Idita-read – Come race with us! Starting March 1st, kids in grades 3-8 can track their reading in Beanstack. Complete 1000 minutes of reading and be entered into a drawing for a great Idita-read prize.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TEENS

TAG! Teen Advisory Group

Earn community service hours and improve library services for teens while having fun. Sign up at 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

NEW! Adult Fan of LEGO (AFOL) – Join us on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm to build fantastic Lego sets.

NEW! Tech Help Drop-In Sessions – Stop by each month on the 2nd Tuesday at 2pm to ask a librarian all your tech questions. Each session is themed (email help, eBooks, etc.) but other tech topics welcome!

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

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.

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, 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

Writers Group – Stop by the library on the fourth Saturday of each month to discuss the writing process and 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..

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UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Upper Moreland Historical Commission Updates and News
by Jacqueline Cherepinsky



Upper Moreland Township is filled with a rich history, and the Commission has been hard at work ensuring that the history is well-documented. We're excited to announce the construction of three new signs, coming soon. While we most likely don't have hidden items of intrinsic value concealed under one of our churches (although I can't say for sure that we do or don't - but please don't go looking), we do have signs being built that include the history of the oldest church in Upper Moreland, information on another establishment that was the first in the area to serve pizzas and was rumored to once have been home to a burlesque house, and the location of the first house in our township. These signs are a part of a bigger endeavor – to become a part of a walking tour in downtown Willow Grove.

The Historical Commission is also working on planning more town events, including the 3rd Annual Historical Haunts at the Farmstead, which is tentatively scheduled for October 2024. This past year, our spooky event was a great success as we welcomed over 150 people from all over the area to hear local ghost stories, as well as (my personal experience) spending half the night with a paranormal investigation group at the Farmstead house. Attendees were then able to walk themselves through the haunted establishment. Did they see ghosts while they were there? Quite possibly. We encourage you to come out for the next event and find out for yourself. The Commission is proud to serve the township and the people, and we can't wait for you to see what we're working on next. (Photos taken by David DeBalko from DeBalko Photography)



UPPER MORELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (E.A.C.)



We hope you can join us for our annual Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Masons Mill Park. There will be electric cars, food, music, information on bird- and monarch-friendly plants, information on watersheds, free giveaways, and more. Enjoy the live animal presentation by Briar Bush Nature Center at 10:30 am.

Would you like to help birds, butterflies, and bees? You can, by planting native plants in your own yard. Some excellent plants include any of the



native milkweeds such as butterfly weed (*Asclepius tuberosa*), which grows to a height of 2 feet and produces bright orange spring flowers. Plant these in a sunny spot.



Common milkweed (*Asclepius syriaca*) and swamp milkweed (*Asclepius incarnata*) also like a sunny spot but can grow to a height of 3-5 feet with pinkish summer flowers. Monarch caterpillars can only survive on milkweed plants, so it is important to have them in your yard. Bees and butterflies also eat their nectar. Coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea*) are another important summer plant for your garden. They produce pollen and nectar for bees and birds. The seeds are eaten by birds in the fall and winter, so be sure to leave the seedheads until spring. Coneflowers grow 3 to 4 feet tall with pinkish to purple flowers and like a sunny spot too. Native goldenrods are another important group of plants that supply pollen and nectar for birds and bees, as well as nesting sites and winter seeds for birds. Rough-stem goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa*) is an example of a plant in this group. They like sunny moist spots, grow to a height of 3-4 feet and produce many small showy yellow autumn flowers. Be sure to visit Pileggi Park and see some of the native plants that have been put in to create habitat for birds.



PENNPACK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION TRUST (P.E.R.T.)

FOREST AND WETLANDS CONSERVED, NOT CONSUMED

The donation of 38 acres of heavily forested land in Huntingdon Valley to a local conservation nonprofit marks a significant step in preserving and restoring vital natural resources.



A parcel of land harboring old-growth oaks and beeches, a wetland and a pristine tributary to Pennypack Creek is now under the permanent protection of the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust.

According to Gilbert High, Jr., the Trust's Board president, the Trust took ownership of the parcel on June 27, marking the successful culmination of months of constructive negotiations with representatives of the property's former owners.

"We are just delighted to protect these great woods and wetlands from development, and keep them as the vital water and air filters that they are," said Mr. High after a signing meeting last Tuesday.

With this acquisition, the Pennypack Trust now maintains 900 acres of forests, streams and grasslands that are populated with native plants and wildlife ranging from bald eagles, to beavers, mink, fox and other animals.

During the signing, the property was further protected by a conservation easement under the watch of Natural *continued on next page*



PENNPACK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION TRUST (P.E.R.T.) *continued from page 20*

Lands. "We were thrilled to help insure protection of nearly 40 acres of mature woodlands and headwater streams so close to urban Philadelphia," said Todd Sampsell, Natural Lands' Vice President of Conservation. "We were able to work with the estate, commonwealth courts, and our partners at Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust to ensure the wildlife habitats were permanently protected and, under PERT's ownership, they will be restored and improved. Future generations will benefit from this protected natural space and outdoor classroom."

Access to what will soon be known as the Margaret MacPhee Wildlife Sanctuary will be limited. That's in accordance with the will of the late Margaret MacPhee, an ardent nature lover who left specific instructions as to how the land should be preserved and used. Ms. MacPhee was a descendant of Andrew Vinton Brown, the owner of a Philadelphia lens grinding business, who purchased the property in 1905 to establish a country estate. With the land now secured,

the Pennypack Trust's staff now face an extensive planning and site preparation process before restoring the parcel to a more self-sustaining natural state. That planning must take into account the remnants of gardens, ponds, and the ruins of outbuildings still visible on the property.



The Trust's Executive Director Chris Mendel, who in addition to his position with the Trust, is a trained landscape architect, said that acres of invasive species will need to be managed and native trees and shrubs planted by the hundreds to make the land more ecologically sound.

"Each change that prior landowners made has an almost indelible mark in the soils and plants of the property. This gives us multiple starting points around the site that we need to bring together into one restoration goal" Mendel said.

WEAVING A WIDER RESTORATION WEB

By Kevin Roth, Director of Education & Volunteer Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust

Recent improvements benefiting the Pennypack Creek watershed offer clear, inspiring proof that cooperation between public and private sectors can yield formidable results. Since partnering with the Pennypack Trust in 2019, projects in Upper Moreland Township now capture and infiltrate more than 2.5 million gallons of stormwater per year that previously were eroding the edges of a tributary to the Pennypack Creek and degrading water quality downstream.

In the space of just two years, grants totaling more than \$1 million have been garnered through the combined efforts of the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, Upper Moreland Township, Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation, and the Fulmor Heights Home Ownership Association. Grant funding

came from The William Penn Foundation, the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), and Tree Vitalize (a consortium of PECO, Aqua PA, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, DCNR, and Growing Greener).

When combined, these projects avert more than 8,000 pounds of sediment loss per year, and have over 700 new trees, mostly within 100' from the tributary. This is a significant effort headed by the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust and its partners, and a major win for the residents of the Pennypack Watershed. But there is still much more work to be done; the Pennypack Trust is here to help.

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UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

TIME: 1 pm - 5 pm

RSVP: Tuesday, April 11

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

COST: \$40.00 per person

Reservation form & check **must be received by Tuesday, April 2**

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Calling fans of *Antiques Roadshow!* Tom Wakely of Stephenson's Auctions will join us to evaluate and appraise your treasures. Bring a cherished object or something you'd like more information about to find out if it has potential value. You may be surprised what it's worth - or not! Further details will be shared closer to the date of the luncheon.

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Sit-down Luncheon includes:

Soup & salad. Entrees served with two vegetables, rolls, and butter. Coffee, tea, and dessert.

*** Make check out to UMHA & mail with this reservation form to: UMHA c/o
Ray Stahl, 609 Lakevue Drive, Willow Grove, PA 19090**

JOIN US FOR OTHER GREAT UMHA PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS:

• **March 26, 2024: Enemy Submarines Off Our Coast** (7:30pm in the Council Room) Retired Master Chief James McKay will speak about often-untold WWI & WWII submarine conflicts that took place off the New Jersey Shore. Learn about one submarine that sank 6 ships in one day by nearby Cape May and Operation Paukenschlag, the costliest US Naval battle of WWII, happening right in our back yard. This local carnage is rarely talked about in our history books.*

• **May 28, 2024: Early Colonial Militia to Today's National Guard** (7:30pm in the Council Room) John Shepard will talk about the formation, roles, and responsibilities of militia through American history. He will also explain how the Militia evolved into today's National Guard. The Second Amendment was written, in part, due to the activities of the local Militia and the British.

Schedule for UMHA Programs & Presentations: Fourth Tuesdays, at 7:30pm in the Council Room in January, February, March, May, September, October, and November.



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