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Historical Site Found at Masons Mill Park

By Ray Stahl UMHA V.P., Treasurer



Just the name Masons Mill reveals what occupied the property prior to 1960, when Upper Moreland Township purchased the land for the park that we know and love today. When a sinkhole recently opened up on the park property, it led to a boon for the township and those interested in local history.



This photo of Masons Mill, taken in the 1950's, shows the old Mill and behind it is the farmhouse. (Photo from UMHA Archives)

Members of the Upper Moreland Historical Association, Township Historical Commission, as well as the Department of Parks and Recreation visited the site in April. With the help of strong lights, we were able to see a large stone room deep underground with a formation that looked like a roof.

The room measures 12 feet by 9 feet, has an arched stone ceiling, and was mostly empty except for some stone and dirt that had fallen through the entryway.

Because the room is quite close to where the old farmhouse stood, we believe this was a root cellar.

Root cellars are generally built fully or partially underground; they maintain a consistent temperature and humidity level to allow long-term storage of food crops including root vegetables.

Experts from Montgomery County Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites and Peter Wentz Farmhouse went along for a second visit to the site in May. While there, we took more photos and measurements of the cellar. We also collected several artifacts, including two bottles, wood that may have been part of the cellar door, and other items for further study. We intend to display these items in the township building soon.

We think this root cellar was constructed sometime after 1787, when the mill was built. The root cellar was probably used until the 1920s or 1930s when refrigerators became widely popular. What an exciting thing to find under our very own Masons Mill Park!



Revealed by the sink hole, this is the hole to the ground as we first saw it upon our first site visit. (Photo provided by R. Stahl)

Interested in great local history content like this? Become a member of UMHA and get our Moreland Memories publication four times a year. Scan the QR code or visit www.umha.com for membership details. **Want to visit UMHA in person?** The Archives are open Thursdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. To make an appointment, please call the Upper Moreland Free Public Library at 215-659-0741. Library staff will forward your request, and someone from UMHA will contact you.



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

To Our Residents,

The Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township is pleased to distribute the 2024 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 5, 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!



6907 Easton Road Suite C Pipersville, PA 18947 215-766-4822

*1st Annual Bucks County
RC & Local Business Swap Meet!*
DATE: 10/06/2024 TIME: 9AM-1PM

Hours:
Mon: Closed
Tue: 11AM-8PM
Wed: 11AM-8PM
Thu: 11AM-8PM
Fri: 11AM-9PM
Sat: 10AM-9PM
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State Senator Maria Collett	717-576-5983
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 JUSTICE

Thomas P. Murt	215-659-6840
2727 Philmont Avenue #100, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006	
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 & 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
Jamila H. Winder, Chair – Neil Makhija, Vice Chair	
Thomas DiBello, Commissioner	
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
Board of Commissioners	215-659-3100, ext. 1057
Code Enforcement	215-659-3100, ext. 1032
Delaware Valley Trust	215-706-0101
Environmental Advisory Council	215-659-3100
Emergency Services	215-659-3100, ext. 1030
Fire Department	215-659-7633 Stations 10A & 10B
Finance	215-659-3100, ext. 1075
Business Tax Office	215-659-3100, ext. 1044 or 1045

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

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

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

Advisory Planning Agency the APA makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on proposed amendments to Chapter 300, "Land Development and Subdivision" and Chapter 350, "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.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATION

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.

SEPTEMBER

M	2	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)
M	9	Regular Meeting
M	16	Community Development
M	23	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec

OCTOBER

M	7	Regular Meeting
October 10-13, 2024 PSATC Conference		
M	21	Community Development
M	28	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec

NOVEMBER

TU 5 ELECTION DAY

M	11	HOLIDAY (Veterans Day)
TU	12	Regular Meeting
M	18	Community Development
M	25	Fin. & Admin; Public Health & Safety; Parks & Rec

DECEMBER

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

impact fees within the Township.

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

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

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REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Your 2024 School Real Estate Tax Bill was mailed in July, 2024. If you have not received it by mid-July, please call our office at 267-607-1046. 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 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 result in a discount 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 (note that the District is not offering a rent rebate—only a property tax rebate—program at this time). Please complete Pennsylvania form PA-1000 to start the process to see if you qualify. Once approved by the State and your 2024 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 FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Upper Moreland Fire Department is working hard to provide excellent fire and emergency services to the community. Our 24/7/365 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 times average 3 minutes and 40 seconds to arrive at your emergency. This is a dramatic improvement for our agency. Many of our members have completed training classes that will allow us to better serve our community. Recently, our members were recognized for saving a resident with quickly initiated CPR. This was not the first CPR save, yet it fully supports our mission of arriving quickly and providing quality emergency services.

The Township has approved the Upper Moreland Volunteer Fire Department to operate as a part of the Township Fire Department and we are always seeking people who want to respond to emergencies. For information, please visit the fire station located at 227 Davisville Road and speak with any of our members.

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 are happy to assist you in keeping your family safe. The best escape plan is supported by early warning of a fire. Please spend some time with your family planning for an emergency in your house. Identify exits and secondary exits, and plan a meeting place outside your home 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; we would be happy to help you plan for an emergency.

The Emergency Management staff continues to work closely with our partners in law enforcement to keep the community safe from all types of incidents. We are part of the Safe Schools Security Initiative and meet regularly with school administration and security personnel. Recently, our staff, along with county, state, and federal partners, facilitated a visit from the First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden. This was an excellent opportunity to work with our partners and exercise our emergency plans.

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

If you need any information on fire safety, membership, or emergency management, please contact us at 215-659-7633.



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

Construction Permits: Building codes allow us to rely on the safety of the structures around us in our everyday living. The requirement of construction permits allows the local code officials to administer the provisions of the code to ensure proper construction. If you are planning any kind of home remodeling project, or thinking of retaining a contractor to do work for you, please keep these regulations in mind.

Construction Permits are needed for all repairs, additions, and alterations to properties. This includes work done to roofs, siding, windows, fences, sheds, 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 AG's website at www.attorneygeneral.gov.

Property Maintenance: regulations require that all properties and structures be kept in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. Please trim grass and weeds regularly and remember that growth **in excess** of twelve inches is prohibited. Trash and debris may not

be stored on properties at any time. It is also important to make sure that shrubs and trees located near streets do not obscure road signs from the view of motorists or pedestrians. Please prune landscaping to ensure that signs are clearly visible from a distance. Gutters and downspouts should be checked to ensure they are free of debris and properly secured. Please contact a professional contractor specializing in this field. Storm windows, weather stripping, and exterior doors should be properly sealed to prevent unwanted drafts and heat loss. Please visit the U.S. Dept. of Energy's website for more information (www.energy.gov).

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

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

Swimming Pool Drainage should be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Water may be drained indirectly into the storm sewer 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 current registration and a valid inspection sticker unless stored in a completely enclosed building or garage (car covers are not compliant).

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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE... continued

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 that prohibit nuisances such as these, which affect our residents' quality of life.

Portable Storage Units: The Board of Commissioners adopted regulations for portable storage units, dumpsters, and construction trailers placed on any parcel. In addition

to the permit requirement, there is a limit on the number of units and time for which they can be placed on the parcel. Please contact the Code Enforcement Office for information and permitting requirements prior to placing these units on your property.

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

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

HOUSEHOLD TRASH COLLECTION

Regular household trash is collected once each week. Please call the Public Works Department at 215-659-4070, Monday through Friday, between 6:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., if you are unsure of your pickup day. **Trash 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.**



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.

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.

CHANGES TO 2024/25 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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

Regularly Scheduled Pickup

Thursday, November 28
Wednesday, December 25
Wednesday, January 01
Friday, April 18

Rescheduled Pickup

Monday, December 02
Monday, December 23
Monday, December 30
Monday, April 21

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. 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.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



BULK ITEMS (PERMIT REQUIRED)

The Public Works Department provides 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 pickup 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" includes, but is 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 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: 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.



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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, January 20, and Monday, February 17, due to holiday scheduling changes.



CHANGES TO 2024/25 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Due to holiday scheduling changes, there will be **NO** yard waste collections on the following Mondays in 2024/25:

September 2
December 30

November 11
January 20

December 02
February 17

December 23
April 21

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.**

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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 2024 park cars on the EVEN numbered side; in 2025 park cars on the ODD numbered side.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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. 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, or for other questions on local area roads, call the Upper Moreland Township Public Works Department at 215-659-4070.



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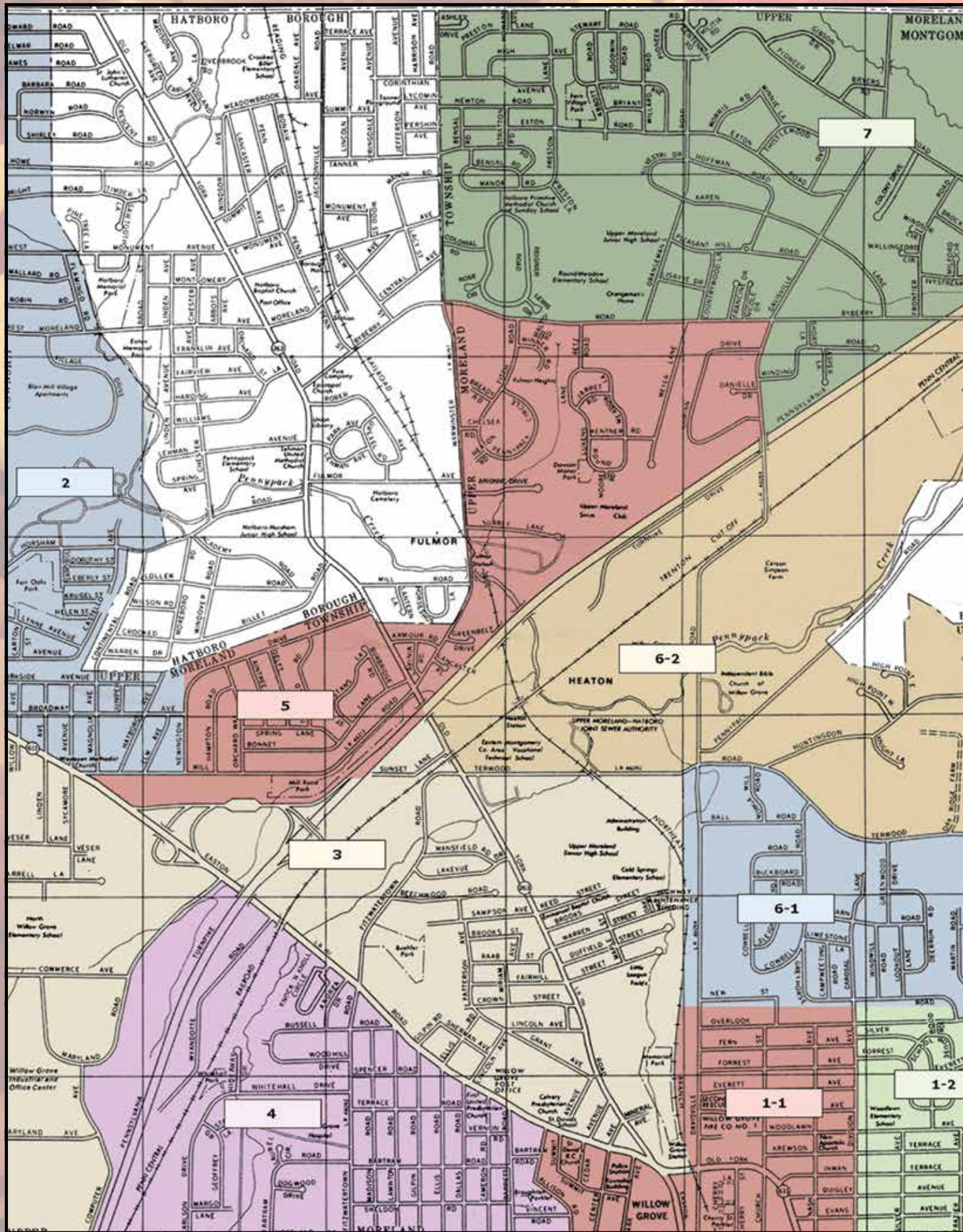
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The map displays the following geographical and administrative details:

- Administrative Divisions:**
 - Township County:** Located at the top.
 - Township:** Includes Athyn Township (green), Moreland Township (orange), and Township (purple).
 - Borough:** Includes Athyn Borough (orange) and Borough (orange).
- Waterways:** Pennypack Creek flows through the center. Other water features include Willow Run and a stream labeled "Creek".
- Roads:**
 - Major roads: Highway 100, Jason Drive, Oak Circle, Willow Road, and County Road.
 - Other roads: Turner Road, Lundy Road, and various residential streets like "Hemlock" and "Maple".
- Landmarks and Features:**
 - Pennypack Watershed:** A specific area within the watershed is highlighted.
 - Country Club:** Located in the lower right.
 - Upper/Lower:** Labels for "Upper" and "Lower" sections are present in several areas.
- Map Label:** A white box with the number "6" is positioned in the lower central part of the map.

AREA

DATES

1-1	Oct. 14; Nov. 4; Nov. 25
1-2	Oct. 21; Nov. 11; Dec. 2
2	Oct. 21; Nov. 11; Dec. 2
3	Oct. 16; Nov. 6; Nov. 27
4	Oct. 28; Nov. 18; Dec. 9
5	Oct. 14; Nov. 4; Nov. 25
6	Oct. 30; Nov. 20; Dec. 11
6-1	Oct. 21; Nov. 11; Dec. 2
6-2	Oct. 28; Nov. 18; Dec. 9
7	Oct. 14; Nov. 4; Nov. 25

**SEE MAP FOR LOCATION OF
EACH AREA**

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

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

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

UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A detailed listing of all our Fall Programs including dates, locations, and times can be found at uppermorelandrec.com or by clicking the QR code below.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FALL FROLIC TWEEN DANCE

Friday, September 20 @ Willow Grove Firehouse

A DJ dance party for **grades 4-5 only!** Come dance the night away with friends!! Refreshments will be served.

FAMILY FALL EVENT ~ PUMPKINS ON PARADE

Saturday, October 26 @ Masons Mill Park

Pumpkin Carving Contest, Face Painting, Bouncy House, Scarecrow Making, Smores, and MORE!!!

FAMILY FUN ~ FOWL SHOOTING CONTEST

Friday, November 22 @ Upper Moreland Middle School Gym

Win Thanksgiving dinner for your entire family, just by sinking some foul shots! Age groups range from Pre-K to 50+... fun for the whole family!

For more information on these events and much more, please visit us at uppermorelandrec.com or scan the QR Code below:



Fall Recreation Program Activities open for enrollment on August 1!

DISCOUNTED REGAL CINEMA & PENN CINEMA MOVIE TICKETS

Our Parks and Recreation Department offers discounted movie tickets.

Regal Cinema - \$10 per ticket

Penn Cinema - \$11 per ticket



PICNIC PAVILIONS at MASONS MILL PARK

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

Three rental periods are available each day:

DAILY RENTAL TIMES (9A-1P; 2-7P; or 9A-7P)

PAVILION 1 (capacity 64, water)

PAVILION 2 (capacity 100, water, electricity)

PAVILION 3 (capacity 64)

SAFETY TOWN

Safety Town is a "child-sized big-wheel 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 Department, 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, roller skates, skateboards, and scooters are not permitted in Safety Town. Youngsters may not climb on the buildings, light fixtures, or fencing in and around Safety Town.



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 Erzgebirge (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 \$20.00 annually.



The Carriage House Roofing & Restoration Project

In 1949, a honeymoon suite was built in the Carriage House loft. Decades of water damage led to a failing roof and the decision to remove the efficiency apartment and return the carriage house back to its 18th century splendor. The Carriage House and its Privy are scheduled for completion by June 2025.

1940s



2019



2024

Thank you!

This project is supported by a grant from the **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's** Keystone historic preservation Grant program, a program funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and also supported by a grant from the **MontCo 2040 Implementation Grant Program**.

Additional support from **Upper Moreland Township** and private donations from supporters like you have made this project a true success! Thank you.



For more info about this and other projects please visit:

www.farmsteadalliance.org





UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

UMPD SERGEANT GRADUATES FROM PRESTIGIOUS NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF POLICE STAFF AND COMMAND

In February 2024, Sergeant James Robb (center of photo on the right) graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

The intense 10-week program is designed to prepare law enforcement professionals for success in senior-level command positions within the police department. Areas of focus include budgeting, media relations, organizational behavior, community policing, and more.

Congratulations Sergeant Robb on this outstanding achievement!



UMPD SERGEANT COMPLETES RIGOROUS DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT SCHOOL



In addition, UMPD is proud to announce that Sgt. James Robb recently graduated from Pennsylvania Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) School #32, which was held in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in April / May 2024. As a certified DRE, Sgt. Robb has the ability to recognize when an individual has been driving under the influence of drugs and to identify the category of drug(s) causing the impairment.

DRE School is a demanding and rigorous training program composed of a mixture of classroom instruction and hands-on practice, including a weeklong field certification phase where students apply their newly learned skills to identify drug impairment. The student also must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination, which takes approximately 8 to 12 hours to complete, and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors to receive IACP credentials as a certified DRE. In order to maintain certification, DREs must complete a prescribed number of evaluations, attend continuing education trainings, and instruct DUI-related courses to other Officers/Troopers.

Sergeant Robb has consistently led UMPD in DUI-related arrests for the past several years and represents the department on the Eastern Montgomery County DUI Task Force. We are grateful to Sergeant Robb for his dedication in keeping our roads and residents safe. Please join us in congratulating Sergeant Robb for this outstanding accomplishments!

PLEASE REPORT SCAMS

If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or TTY 1-866-653-4261. Go online: ftc.gov/complaint

Your report can help protect other people. By reporting fraud, you can help the FTC's investigators identify the scammers and stop them before they can get someone's hard-earned money. It really makes a difference. Want to know more? Sign up for consumer alerts at ftc.gov/subscribe.



PERSONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

With the recent uptick of armed robberies and carjackings in the Delaware Valley region, the Upper Moreland Police Department offers the following safety tips for residents and visitors to avoid becoming a victim of these crimes:

ALWAYS CONCEAL: All valuables should be concealed at all times. Cash, cell phones, and purses are highly desirable items for thieves. They see it, they want it. In order to be safe, treat your cell phone and any other valuable item like cash: don't let anyone know you have it.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS: Call 9-1-1 to report suspicious persons. The police want to hear from you, and you could prevent a crime! When calling, provide as much information as possible, including the time you noticed the person, the clothing worn, the shoes worn, and the manner in which the person walked, or if they are using a vehicle.

THE STREET: Always be aware of your surroundings, paying particular attention to individuals near and around you. If someone looks suspicious or makes you feel uneasy, avoid that person. Go inside a store or business if necessary. If you must make a call while you are walking, go to a safe, public place, like a store. Make your call, then conceal your phone the way you would conceal your cash before going back to the street.

YOUR VEHICLE: When leaving your vehicle, lock it and close the windows. Take your key. Don't leave items inside the vehicle, even if you think they look like trash. The items may still look attractive to a thief. When you get in the vehicle, close and lock the doors immediately. Keep the doors locked and the windows rolled up. Avoid making cell phone calls while driving. If you must make a call, pull over at a populated location, convenience store, shopping center, and keep an eye on who is near your vehicle.

WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME: When you are exiting or unloading your vehicle, when walking from your vehicle to your home, or when spending time in your front yard, follow these precautions:

- Be cautious of anyone on the street who makes you feel uneasy.
- If you view such a person and are in the front yard, quickly go inside and lock the doors.
- If you are in a vehicle, stay in the vehicle with locked doors and windows.
- Use a cell phone to call someone to escort you inside, or drive away and call 9-1-1.
- Never, ever open your door to anyone you do not know.

THE ATM: Use ATMs in well-lighted, populated areas. Store and bank ATMs during the day are recommended. Scan the area before using the ATM. If you see a person loitering in the area for no apparent reason, go to another location. If you see something strange during your transaction, push cancel, take your card, and leave the area. During and after the transaction, be alert. You'll have cash in hand making you a possible target. Scan the area. Leave immediately. If you suspect danger, promptly enter the nearest building and call 9-1-1.

OVERALL PERSONAL SAFETY GENERAL TIPS:

- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas closest to the establishment or store that you are patronizing.
- Always keep your cell phone readily accessible to call 9-1-1.
- Never stop for stranded motorists or pedestrians. Note the location and call 9-1-1 for the police department to respond and investigate.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel that something is wrong, leave the area and call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not rationalize the incident!

Whenever in doubt call 9-1-1, so we may investigate your observations and concerns!

FREE CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS

Appointments available Monday - Friday 8am-2pm

Upper Moreland Police Department 117 Park Avenue Willow Grove, PA 19090

FOR APPOINTMENT, Email: pcordura@uppermoreland.org





UPPER MORELAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

knowledge and adventure beyond words!

We Are Here to Help!

Library staff are available seven days a week 354 days a year!

Library Hours:

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

Fall & Winter Closings:

September 2 (Labor Day)
November 27 (Thanksgiving eve) -
Library closes at 5pm
November 28 (Thanksgiving)
December 24 (Christmas Eve)
December 25 (Christmas Day)
December 31 (New Year's Eve)
January 1 (New Year's Day)
January 20 (MLK Day)
February 17 (Presidents' Day)

FUN ITEMS TO CHECK-OUT

Board Games • Puzzles
Museum Passes & Memberships
Loanable Tec • Book Clubs in a Bag
AHA! Kits (Library of Things)

CHILDREN SERVICES & PROGRAMS

There's always a place at UMFPL for kids. Visit our Children's Room for toys, iPads loaded with educational games, story times, take and makes, and more!

Reading with Fuzzy Friends:

Do you have a reader aged 5-12? On the 2nd Saturday of the month, at 10:30am, therapy dogs are ready to listen and provide comfort. Their calming presence helps reduce anxiety, adding positivity and fun to a task that can be difficult and overwhelming. Registration advised.

Learn & Play: Kids 18-36 months and their caregivers learn through play and meet child development experts during our play-based workshops. 10am on Tuesdays in October. Registration required.



Scan for more events
for families & kids

FALL and WINTER 2024 EVENT SAMPLING

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS. OUR MONTHLY "HAPPENINGS" FLYER IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND IN PRINT AT UMFPL.

Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest Can you write a spooky tale in just two sentences? Submit your best work via the library website, starting October 1. Open to all ages.

The Friends Annual Meeting Tuesday, November 19, from 7-8:30PM. Learn about volunteer opportunities and how the Friends support UMFPL, plus enjoy a live Antiques & Collectibles appraisal event during the meeting. Bring a cherished object and have the chance for a professional appraisal * (must be a Friends member to participate, including any new members signed up at the event.) *a limited number of items will be selected by lottery for appraisal.

Friends' Annual Jewelry Sale Saturday, November 30, from 10am-3pm. Last year over \$840 was raised to support library programs! Please consider donating your unwanted jewelry items to our sale; drop off donations at the Front Desk year-round.

New Year's Eve FUN-raiser with the Friends of UMFPL Tuesday, December 31, 3:30 – 5:30pm. Ring in the New Year early with family and friends! Enjoy dancing, trivia, raffles and the annual "Light Up the Library" to close the event.

Adult Winter Reading Challenge Starts January 1. Track your progress, rate titles, and earn badges & prizes by logging your reads in Beanstack.

Iditarod Kids Winter Reading Challenge Starts February 15. Follow the annual sled dog race and match your reading minutes to the miles. Earn incentives along the way!

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Princh (Mobile Printing) When you need to print (forms, boarding passes, invitations, patterns from Creative Bug, or something else) and can't print at home or on the go, send your print jobs to the library using our mobile printing service, Princh. Upload or email your documents via our website, and use the library's "Print Release Station" within 3 days to pay for and print your documents. uppermorelandlibrary.org/mobile-printing

ParentTV On-demand video resources that support parents, schools, childcare centers, etc. ParentTV contains hundreds of short videos by the world's leading parenting educators, designed to help navigate the challenging parts of parenthood. Enter your library card number and password to access this new resource library. parenttv.com/library/familypalace

Silent Book Club 2nd Sunday of every month, from 2-4pm. This book club offers the perfect retreat for dedicated silent reading. Immerse yourself in the world of books alongside other enthusiasts. Enjoy a peaceful setting, personalized book recommendations, and the opportunity to take home hidden gems from our collection.

Book Club for Grades 3-6 Kids meet every 6 weeks to talk about their favorite books. Suggested titles are provided, but reading the book is not required. Check our families & kids event calendar for dates.

Library Help in your own language Thanks to UMFPL's new ILA Pro we can answer questions at our information desk in more than 200 languages! Simply choose your language/dialect from the touch-screen device and start communicating. Connect online for a translated conversation at 123ila.com with room code **UMFPL**. Speak, spell out loud, or type and results are immediately displayed and/or voiced to both people in their native language.

TEEN ZONE UPDATES

Thanks to our Teen Advisory Group (TAG) for selecting beanbag chairs, new low seating, wallpaper, and signage, to make our Teen Zone more inviting. These enhancements were made possible by financial support from the Friends of UMFPL. Come on by and check out our refreshed space!





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Visit us online at WWW.UMFPL.ORG for information on programs and events throughout the year.

BACK TO SCHOOL ...FOR ADULTS

For life-long learners, fall is a great time to flex your brain. Our library offers a number of ways to pick up a new skill or learn something new from the comfort of home! The resources below are accessible to Upper Moreland cardholders only; visit our website to get started - uppermorelandlibrary.org/digital-resources/

Learn It Live connects learners with health and wellness experts worldwide. Over 20,000 classes are available on demand and live classes are held daily. Captions are available for live & recorded classes by changing settings on your electronic device. Classes include Pilates, yoga, stress reduction, cooking and career development.

Creative Bug Find your creative bliss! Stream thousands of arts & crafts classes in HD with new content added daily. Take one-off classes or participate in "Learning Journeys" a curated experience of several classes designed to help you master new skills (e.g. Book making, crochet, Intro to Cricut). Classes cover the gamut: paper crafts, jewelry making, party planning, crochet and sewing, and are tablet & mobile friendly.

Honorable Mentions to just a few of the many other online resources found in our digital library – **Hoopla**, **Law Depot**, and **Delaware Valley Consumer Checkbook**, where you can find the best-rated auto shops, plumbers, banks and more!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Would you like to become involved in your community? UMFPL has a three-year Board of Trustee term starting January 2025.

Board President, Maureen Wenik, shares what attracted her to volunteering for UMFPL,

"I believe that the library is a lifeline for all members of the community. The programs and resources available are beyond the 'books on the shelf' and offer something for everyone, of every age. I serve because I want to be sure that everyone continues to have access to this free and much needed resource."

Learn more about the role of the Board, and how to apply, on our website: uppermorelandlibrary.org/board or stop by the library for a paper application packet.

Friends of the Library are dedicated volunteers who raise funds to improve and strengthen library services. The Friends are seeking volunteers interested in helping the Friends grow their fundraising capacity, to serve on the Friends executive committee. Meetings are currently held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm September-June (except November) at the library. For more information, email: thefriendsofumfpl@gmail.com

Adult Tutoring UMFPL partners with the Literacy Council of Norristown for our Adult Tutoring Program. Sign up for upcoming training classes at lcnlit.org/apply.

Skilled Volunteers We are also looking to find volunteers with special skill sets (e.g. finance, grant writing, marketing and advocacy) interested in sharing their expertise for the betterment of the library. Fill out the volunteer application on our website and tell us more about your interest in supporting UMFPL.

Jewelry Sale UMFPL is looking for volunteers to process incoming donations for the Friends annual Jewelry sale in November. Volunteers will assess donations, complete minor repairs as able & battery test watches. Watch & jewelry repair and cleaning supplies are provided. Work must be completed at the Library during business hours but a flexible schedule can be arranged.

THE FRIENDS OF UMFPL: GRATITUDE FOR FRIENDS LIKE THESE

UMFPL is fortunate to have an active and hardworking group of individuals who believe in the importance of a first-rate library! Last year's annual campaign raised \$13,000 – that supported the purchase of language assistance technology, shelving for the growing puzzle and board game collections, new seating, incentives and prizes for reading challenges, and the fabulous G.O.A.L. (Grade One at the Library) program for 1st graders. There is still time to support the 2024 Annual Fund and say THANK YOU Friends of UMFPL! uppermorelandlibrary.org/donate.



TEEN SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Whether you're catching up on homework, getting your volunteer hours in, or hanging out with friends, we're a place for teens!

Teen Advisory Group: Join us once a month on Thursdays at 3:30pm to help us plan events, make book recommendations and so much more!

Teen events: Black Out Poetry, Hunger Games Trivia, Create a Flower Bookmark & MORE!

Check our website for dates and more events.



Or scan here for all teen events

ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

A place to work, study, relax, learn, connect, and explore. Make UMFPL your place!

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

Tech Help Drop-In Sessions: Stop by on the 2nd Tuesday at 2pm monthly to ask a librarian your tech questions. Sessions are themed (email help, eBooks, etc.) but other tech topics welcome!



Scan for adults event calendar!

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Monthly Happenings

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UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Historical Homes and Haunted Houses: Past and Future Events

by Jacqueline Cherepinsky

As I drive through our township, I am reminded each day that we are fortunate to have many historical homes that have survived and thrived throughout the years. One of the houses, which is the first house on the historic inventory, is Tall Timbers Farm. Many of you might recall this house as the one with the barn ruins that look like they might hold secrets that can only be found through a National Treasure film. In May, Upper Moreland Historical property owners and members of the Upper Moreland Historical Association joined the Commission at Tall Timbers Farm for a spring social happy hour. The groups connected and were able to learn more about the property's beautiful structures.

The Upper Moreland Historical Commission is planning additional networking opportunities in the future for historical homeowners. If you feel as though your home may qualify for this status, or if you would like to share with the Commission the history of your property, please reach out to the President of the Commission Susan Worth LaManna at psyworth@aol.com.



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As we step away from the warmer seasons, we officially enter spooky season and our focus shifts to the sixth property on our historic inventory, the Farmstead. Standing for over three centuries in our township, I wonder, if the walls of the Farmstead could talk, what would they say? But more importantly, what would the ghosts say? You may not know what goes on at night at the Farmstead, but I do. I've "courageously" spent the night at the Farmstead with a paranormal group, and connected with those that now roam through the halls as permanent tenants, becoming one with the house they once lived in.

Do you dare to visit the home of the spirits of the Farmstead? I welcome you to join the Upper Moreland Historical Commission's 3rd Annual Historical Haunts at the Farmstead on Sunday, October 27, during the thinning of the

veil, when the spirits are most likely to cross over into our world.

During this free event, we will share ghost stories of our township and the Farmstead. And if you're feeling brave enough, we will open the house for self-guided tours of the haunted establishment.

This family event is free and open to the public, and we welcome all ages. Costumes are always encouraged, for both kids and adults. Light refreshments will be served, so please bring your own chairs or blankets to enjoy yourselves around a bonfire. Registration is not required, but strongly recommended. October 27, 5pm to 7pm, Farmstead Park 2668 Byberry Road, Hatboro, PA 19040



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



Fall bird migration is underway as many bird species head south for the winter. Fall migration can start as soon as late August, but last through mid-November as different species leave at different times. Waterfowl, such as ducks and geese, actually migrate to Pennsylvania from summer breeding grounds farther north. Since all these birds use the moon and stars to navigate, darkness is very important. So, turn off outside lights at night from late August to the middle of November. If security seems like an issue, get motion sensing lights. More information on bird migration in Pennsylvania can be found at www.dcnr.pa.gov. Live bird migration maps are available online at <https://birdcast.info> and show where the greatest density of birds is expected each night during migration seasons.

Hopefully, you've planted some native shrubs that offer berries for local and migrating birds in the fall. Many suggestions can be found at <https://birdtownpa.org/buds-for-birds-be-a-buddy-to-birds-plant-native/>. Some examples include winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*) and American holly (*Ilex opaca*) which have bright red berries in fall and winter. The inkberry holly (*Ilex glabra*) has dark, almost black berries. All the hollies need at least one male of the same species nearby in order for the female plants to produce berries. Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), and gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*) are other examples of shrubs that provide fall berries as well as nectar in the spring and nesting sites. All these shrubs not only support birds but other wildlife as well.

Leave the leaves! Many caterpillars and other insect larvae, including fireflies, spend the winter under fallen leaves. Salamanders also need those leaves to sleep under in the winter. So, save yourself lots of work and wait until after the grass needs its first mowing in the spring. Then mow on the highest setting to turn the leaves into nutritious mulch for your lawn.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP APPOINTS NEW TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Upper Moreland Township is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Stasio as Township Manager, effective, June 3, 2024. Pat has been employed by Upper Moreland Township for over 30 years. Many residents, businesses, civic organizations, and other groups may be familiar with Pat and the work he has done for the Township within the Department of Parks and Recreation. Pat's career began as an intern with the Parks and Recreation Department in the summer of 1988, while a student at Lock Haven University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Management. In December 1988, Pat accepted the position of Recreation Program Coordinator with the Department of Parks and Recreation. The next step in his career occurred in January 1995, when Pat accepted a position to become the first Parks and Recreation Director in Medford Township, Medford NJ. Pat returned to Upper Moreland Township in July 1997, accepting the position of Director of Parks and Recreation. Pat has a Master's in Education degree from Temple University.



During Pat's tenure as Director of Parks and Recreation, the department acquired additional open space, expanded the many programs offered to our residents, and upgraded all of our 19 parks and playgrounds. Pat has acquired well over a million dollars in grant funding to assist the Township and department to make park improvements. Pat's focus during his time as Director of Parks and Recreation was on safe parks, accessibility for all, environmental improvements, innovative recreational programs, and helping to build a strong community. Pat noted, "it is my honor to continue to serve the residents, businesses, and the community, both in my past roles and now as the Township Manager". "I look forward to the challenge of improving the quality of life for all our residents", Stasio said.

Commission Lockard said, "Congratulations to Pat on a well-deserved promotion, and I thank him for his long and continuing service. He has operated quality parks and programs, with strong dedication, initiative, and fiscal responsibility. The Board and UMT residents are fortunate to have a trusted and proven employee assume the role of our Township Manager."

Pat and his wife Eleanor, a 1984 graduate of Upper Moreland School District, have one son, Patrick.

TOWNSHIP PROMOTES A NEW PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Kate Kollar, a proud graduate of Temple University, holds a bachelor's degree in Sport and Recreation Management. A student athlete at Temple, Kate participated in the women's soccer program, which ignited her passion for youth sports and community recreation. Kate began her career with Upper Moreland Township in 2005, as the Recreation Program Coordinator. Her dedication and vision led her to become the first Assistant Director, and Kate now serves as the Department Director.

Throughout her tenure with Upper Moreland, Kate has been recognized for her exceptional contributions to the field. She has earned her Park and Recreation Professional certification, received the Outstanding New Professional Award from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS), and has been honored with several P.R.P.S. Presidential Citations. Kate also created the 'WEE' preschool series, introduced the tween dances, manages the summer supervised playground program, commissions the adult sports leagues, oversees the Upper Moreland Golden Age Club, and all recreational offerings, showcasing her commitment to providing inclusive and engaging activities for all ages and abilities.



Kate noted, "I am excited for this new opportunity and look forward to upholding the high standards that have been established within the Parks and Recreation Department and the Township." Kate is committed to continuing the legacy of excellence in our parks system by exploring innovative ways to offer recreational opportunities to all; and maintaining parks that are safe and accessible.

Residing in Hatboro for 20 years, Kate shares her life with her husband, Kory, and their three children, reflecting her deep roots and strong connection to the area she serves.



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