

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP**  
**Committees Meeting Agenda**  
**January 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

***AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

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**Parks and Recreation Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenutti, Commissioner Nicholas O. Scull and Commissioner Benjamin W. Olszewski; Township Staff Member: Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Presentations/Announcements**
- IV. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only**
- V. Approval of Minutes** – November 25, 2024 (attachment)
- VI. Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports** (attachments):
  - A. Parks and Recreation Report
  - B. Library Board of Trustees Report
  - C. Farmstead Park Annual Update Report
- VII. Old Business:**
  - a. Draft Special Events Parks and Recreation Permit Ordinance (attachments)
- VIII. New Business:**
  - a. Montgomery County 2040 Grant Application – Powerline Trail and DCNR Trails Grant
- IX. Other Items**
- X. Commissioner Comments**
- XI. Adjournment**

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November 25, 2024 - Meeting Minutes**

**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Parks and Recreation Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Benjamin Olszewski, Commissioner Anthony Benvenutti, Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioner Benvenutti and Mrs. Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation. Absent was Commissioner Olszewski. Also present were Patrick Stasio, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcement** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – October 28, 2024:**
  - The Committee unanimously approved the minutes as amended.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports** – Mrs. Kollar reviewed the following:
    - Mrs. Kollar participated in several educational training courses related to grants, human resources, and the Township's new digital sign installed on Route 611, which is used to advertise programs and events.
    - A grant was awarded to the Department in the amount of \$102,000 from the Department of Economic and Community Development, which will benefit the Farmstead Park's spring house restoration.
    - The maintenance crew focused on leaf removal, cleanups and winterizing in the parks. The crew has also assisted in all of the Department's events and programs.
    - The annual trip to New York City was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with 50 guests to see the Broadway show, "And Juliet".
    - The annual Foul Shooting Contest was held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Middle School with approximately 100 participants.
    - There were a total of 404 participants in recreational programs for the month of October.
  - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Dave Hakes, Vice-President, reviewed the following items:
    - The Friends of The Library will host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Party fundraiser, 3:30-5:30 p.m., which offers refreshments, games, kid-friendly dance party, balloon artist and a count-down to 2025. Premier Credit Union is the main sponsor and seeking additional sponsors, and contributions of raffle basket donations.
    - Thanked the Public Works Department for installation of decorative lighting around the roof and portico for the New Year's Eve event.
    - Adult Winter Reading program will be offered January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> with prizes that are provided by Friends of The Library.
    - Gale Legal Forms and Consumer Reports are two new digital resources that will be available, starting in December. The printed issues will remain available.

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- Looking for volunteer candidates to apply for a new three-year member term starting in January. Applicants must be a resident of Upper Moreland and 18 years old. A description of the position is available on the website or stop by to pick up an application.

**VI. Old Business** – Nothing to report.

**VII. New Business:**

- A. Masons Mill Park – Security Deposit and Fee Change for Pavilion Rental – Mrs. Kollar explained the following:
  - The Parks and Recreation Advisory Council recommended changes for reserving the pavilions in all parks of Upper Moreland Township, which include an increase in pavilion fees by 25%, and a refundable security deposit to encourage park guests to adhere to policies.
  - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**VIII. Other Parks and Recreation Items:**

- A. Consider the cancellation of the December 16, 2024 Meeting:
  - The Committee unanimously agreed to cancel the December 16, 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

**IX. Visitor Comments** – Nothing to report.

**X. Commissioner Comments** – Nothing to report.

**XI. Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

To: Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners  
From: Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director  
RE: November / December 2024 Park and Recreation Report  
Date: 1/7/2025



The Department of Parks and Recreation consists of four full-time office staff and six full-time maintenance workers, as well as dozens of part-time instructors, park attendants, and seasonal maintenance workers.

The Parks Division is responsible for 19 parks and opens space areas, as well as the Township and Library Building grounds, trail-ways, and other open space areas located within Upper Moreland Township.

Our Recreation Division provides recreational opportunities to people of all ages and abilities. We strive to offer organized programs that are affordable, safe, educational, and enjoyable.

**This monthly report is a flavor of some of the activities of our department over the past month.** The list is by no means a detailed review of our activities; instead, it is meant to provide information pertaining to our monthly accomplishments as a department. The report is broken into three distinct categories, Administration, Recreation, and Park Maintenance. For your review, our Monthly Report.

#### **Projects:**

1. **Woodlawn Park** – Continuing to collaborate with Simone Collins to finalize plans and prepare them for the engineers to develop a project bid packet.
2. **PECO Power Line Trail** – Possible Montco 2040 grant for engineering
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park (SEPTA)** –waiting on SEPTA to move forward
4. **Farmstead Spring House Restoration** – UMT was notified that we were awarded a PA DCED grant in the amount of \$102,000 for the restoration of the spring house

#### **Committees / Meetings:**

1. **Shade Tree** – 2025 kick off meeting 1/14/25
2. **PRAC** – meeting scheduled for 1/14/25
3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – 2025 is the 39<sup>th</sup> year, currently coordinating 2025
4. **PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee** – no meeting this month

#### **Seasonal Employees:**

1. Park Attendants - Updated 2025 seasonal information pamphlet; will contact last year's staff members to see if they will be returning before opening up applications
2. Seasonal Maintenance – Updated 2025 seasonal information pamphlet; will contact last year's staff members to see if they will be returning before opening up applications

### **Parks Maintenance:**

Our team keeps our facilities safe and enjoyable. We inspect basins, monitor storm water activities and clear waterways before / after rains. Our Maintenance Crew is heavily involved in our parks projects and respond quickly to assignments.

In addition to leaf clean up, fall vegetation maintenance, limb/tree trimming and trash pickup and vehicle maintenance/cleaning, our Maintenance team responds to resident concerns. Notable events for the Parks & Recreation Maintenance team for November / December include:

- Masons Mill Park – maintained the park during the winter months; monitored facilities; pruned vegetation and replanted trees in place of dying/dead trees; mended fencing / archery targets
- Pileggi Park – changed air filter, monitored alarm system, installed bathroom locks, annual cleaning of the clubhouse
- Farmstead Park – Tended to the new plantings; contracted with Advanced Electric to rewire and reconnect electricity to all three buildings. Met with Victor alarm company to update and upgrade security system.
- UMPR Maintenance team attended a forestry workshop on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>
- UMPR Maintenance team clear emergency service buildings, township sidewalks and municipal / library parking lots during snow events
- Veterans Park – maintained downtown plaza for Christmas Tree
- Buehler Park - inventoried equipment, winterized our vehicles, cleaned our storage area.

November / December concerns listed below:

11/1/2024	Dangerous cement at Broughton Park	11/2/24 - UMPR Park Staff went out and reoved the cement
11/1/2024	Timer is not working to turn the lights on the courts	11/11 - timer was replaced by UMPW
11/4/2024	Pileggi Park - lights on the back field are burnt out and timer is not working	11/15 - all of the work was completed. Carr & Duff repaired the lights, UMPW replaced timer
11/18/2024	Broughton Park - play equipment repairs needed	11/19 - both swings repaired, climber was re-concreted and slide was reattached / siliconed
11/19/2024	Masons Mill - tree down in archery range	11/19 - PA cut up the fallen tree and safely removed it from the archery range
11/20/2024	Dead deer near the trail to Pileggi Park	11/20 - KK called PA game commission to have the deer removed
11/19/2024	Dawson Manor - Dead Tree location	11/20 - JR met with FH staff to determine the tree is not on UMT property
11/21/2024	Her house backs up to Farmstead Park and "the drain is clogged with leaves which is backing up"	11/21 - JR confirmed this issue was taken care of ("debris removed - all clear") same day
12/2/2024	Access Road at 611/Maryland - needs to be cleared so engineers can access the gibion baskets	12/4 - UMPR team mowed and trimmed the trail for proper access
12/6/2024	Suggestions for the archery range: 1 - re-orient the stands so they face the targets, 2 - move the 20 yard to 25 yard; 3 - cages attract wasps	12/10 - MM maintenance staff considered the suggestions

### Special Events:

1. **Broadway Trip to NYC** ~ Nov. 2 (@ Juliette) ~ 50 registrants
2. **Farmstead Holiday Photos** ~ Nov. 16, 10am – 2pm @ Farmstead Park (FA Event) ~ 25 families
  - a. UM Maintenance Team prepared the location and quickly made a natural bench out of tree stumps and wood
3. **Basketball 'Fowl' Shooting** ~ Nov. 22, 7pm – 8:30pm @ UM Middle School ~66 confirmed participants
4. **Calls from Santa** ~ Dec. 10 – 5:30pm - 7pm @ UMT (PRAC event) – 72 families called (107 individual children on the calls with Santa)

### Recreation:

1. **Trips and Tickets:** Penn Cinema and Regal Movie ticket sales were very steady throughout the Holiday season.
2. **Golden Age Club (246 members for 2024):** Started taking registrations for 2025 trips. Held the Executive Board meeting as well as the General Meeting (with Turkey Bingo) in November. In December, the GAC offered a Christmas luncheon at the Manor House at Commonwealth, 77 members attended.
3. **Fall Programs** – Fall programming finished up and final details on Winter programs were coordinated. Communicated with instructors / contractors and the school district. Cancelled programs as needed and coordinated locations / equipment / rosters / other items as needed.

Adult Craft Programs - Christmas Tree Porch Sign 11/06/2024 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	16
Adult Craft Programs - Kremp's Florist - Winter Greenery & Floral Centerpiece 12/04/2024 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM	24
Adult Craft Programs - Christmas Tree Porch Sign 11/13/2024 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	20
Adult Fitness Programs - Karate, Adult Class Fall Session 09/16/2024 - 11/13/2024 MULTI	6
Adult Fitness Programs - Yoga, Adult Class Fall Session - Tuesdays 09/17/2024 - 11/12/2024 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	13
Event: Santa Calls - Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 5:30pm - Santa Call 12/10/2024 05:30 PM - 06:00 PM	32
Event: Santa Calls - Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 6pm - Santa Call 12/10/2024 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	34
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GAC - Christmas Luncheon - GAC - Christmas Luncheon 2024 12/04/2024 11:00 AM - 02:00 PM	77
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - Hunterdon Hills - Christmas at the Playhouse 11/14/2024 09:30 AM - 05:30 PM	41
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - American Music Theater - Christmas Show 12/11/2024 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM	56

New York Broadway Show Trip - NY Broadway Show Trip - "& Juliet" 11/02/2024 08:00 AM - 07:00 PM	51
School Age : Dramarama - Dramarama Junior: Theater for Grades K- 2nd 10/22/2024 - 12/03/2024 02:50 PM - 05:00 PM	21
School Age : Dramarama - Dramarama: Theater for Grades 3rd-5th 09/18/2024 - 12/04/2024 02:50 PM - 05:00 PM	51
School Age : Drawing with Young Rembrandts - After School Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Grades K - 2 09/18/2024 - 11/20/2024 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	19
School Age : Drawing with Young Rembrandts - After School Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Grades 3 - 5 09/18/2024 - 11/20/2024 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	12
School Age : School's Out Day - School's Out: With Dolton Sports - December 23rd 12/23/2024 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	15
School Age 4th - 5th Grade :Free Intramural Program: 2025 - Thursday: Pickleball 09/26/2024 - 11/07/2024 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	13
School Age: K - 12th Grade: Karate - Karate, Youth Fall 09/16/2024 - 11/11/2024 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	23
School Age: Minds in Motion: Science Program - After School Science Program Minds in Motion (3-5); Electricity and Magnetmania 10/14/2024 - 11/18/2024 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	15
School Age: Minds in Motion: Science Program - After School Science Program Minds in Motion (K-2); CSI Crime Scene Investigation 10/15/2024 - 12/03/2024 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	17
Teen - American Red Cross Babysitting - American Red Cross Babysitting 11/05/2024 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	19

**Total = 616**



Upper Moreland Free Public Library  
The 667<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 13, 2024  
\*\*\*Meeting held at 7 PM in the Community Room\*\*\*

## Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Moureen Wenik (president), Dave Hakes (vice president), Tony Giannetti (secretary), Jay Silverman (treasurer), Diane Walton, Marianne Watson, Megan Friedmann, and Cathy Gilmore-Clough (UMFPL executive director), Marion Mee, guest

**Absent:** Ben Olaszweski, Anthony Bivenutti

- I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Moureen Wenik at 7:03 pm
- II. **Business of Visitors**
  - Friends of UMFPL (Thom Almerini)
    - The Friends are seeking sponsorships for their annual New Year's Eve Fundraiser
    - The Friends annual meeting takes place at 7pm November 19 for election of officers and entertainment provided by Michael Locati of
  - Prospective Board Member Marion Mee was introduced
- III. **President's Remarks** (Moureen Wenik)
  - Dave Hakes has volunteered to represent the library board at the Monday, November 25 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting
- IV. **Consensus Agenda** (Moureen Wenik) **[Motion #1]** a Jay Silverman / Tony Giannetti motion was unanimously approved to accept the following consensus agenda as presented:
  - Approve the October 9, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
  - Accept the Director's Report for November 2024
  - Approve the October 2024 Financial Statements
- V. **Treasurer's Report** (Jay Silverman) **Motion #2]** Payment of October 2024 bills in the amount of \$45,399.18 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman /Dave Hakes motion
- VI. **Director's Report Highlights** (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)
  - Report from the Nov. 9 UMT Budget Workshop
  - October 9, 2024 incident was reported to police
  - 2025 increase in health insurance costs
- VII. **Committee Actions**
  - Advocacy Committee Discussion (*Marianne Watson*)\*
    - No meeting held or scheduled
  - Board Development Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)
    - Proposed slate of 2025 officers to be voted on at the December meeting:
      - President: Moureen Wenik
      - Vice President: Megan Friedman

- Treasurer: Jay Silverman
- Secretary: Tony Giannetti
- The 2024 Board of Trustees Self-Assessment Survey is available online at the link in the meeting packet

Facility Committee (*Jay Silverman*)

- No meeting held or scheduled

Finance Committee (*Dave Hakes*)

- Work on the library's Form 990 has been completed and distributed to the Trustees for review and comment
- The form will be submitted by GBB & Co, on behalf of the library, by the November 15 deadline

Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Megan Friedman*)

- The Patron Account Charges policy was reviewed without need for revision.
- The Patron Conduct Rules were revised to incorporate suggested additions from the township solicitor and for clarification **[Motion #3] To approve the revisions to the UMFPL Patron Conduct Rules as recommended by the Policy Committee was seconded by Dave Hakes and unanimously approved**
- Next meeting scheduled for November 19 at 4:30pm to discuss Patron Record Confidentiality Policy

Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Diane Walton*)

- No meeting held. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

**X. Adjournment:** With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

\*All trustees are encouraged to participate  
Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tony Giannetti / cgc  
*Approved by Board of Trustees December 11, 2024*





## NEW HOURS

Starting January 2nd, 2025 the Library will open on the following regular schedule:

Mondays 10 AM – 8 PM  
Tuesdays 10 – 8 PM  
Wednesdays 10 AM – 8PM  
Thursday 10 AM – 8 PM  
Fridays 10 AM – 5 PM  
Saturdays 10 AM – 5 PM  
Sundays 1 – 5 PM

## For Adults

State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

Monday, Dec. 9th, 10:30am-12:30pm

State Rep. Nancy Guenst's Office Services:

Friday, Dec. 20, 10:30am-12:30pm

Stop by for notary service, PennDOT support, or assistance with other state-related issues.

**Adult Craft Kits: Chocolate Spoons**

Available Monday, Dec. 2nd

Pick up a free craft supply kit at the library (*while supplies last*).

**Silent Book Club**

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2pm

Bring your own book or pick one out for our 1st Silent Book Club meeting. Experience the joy of reading silently with fellow book-lovers!

**Tech Help Drop-In Hour**

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2pm

Drop by with your tech questions to talk with our librarian!

**Senior Social Hour**

Friday, Dec. 13, 3pm

Seniors are invited to gather for conversation, story sharing and games. No registration needed.

### AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) Club

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2pm

Are you an Adult Fan of Lego? Then you're in luck! Join us and fellow fans to build some fun Lego sets.  
[uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)

### Evening Book Discussion:

"When All is Said" by Anne Griffin

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7pm

Join us in person or on Zoom. Register at  
[uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)

Romance Book Club: "Romantic Comedy" by [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#)  
[\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#)

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 11am

This book club takes place in person at the library and is open to all adults. Registration required.

### Writers Group

Saturday, Dec. 28, 11am

Drop in to join amateur and experienced writers for discussion.  
[\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#)

## 2025 ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

The challenge: Read or listen to at least [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) between Jan. 1 - March 31. (Pre-registration required)

Sign up here: [umfpl.beanstack.org](http://umfpl.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack app to create an account.

How to play: Track progress, rate [\[link\]](#) [\[link\]](#) and great prizes by logging your reads in Beanstack!

### Virtual Author Talk Series

Register: [libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary](http://libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary)

◆ **Jeffrey E. Post**— The scandals, mysteries, and human stories behind the world's greatest gems.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2pm

◆ **Laura Dave**— Soulful suspense and emotional drama. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2pm

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## Meeting Minutes

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**Absent:** Marianne Watson, Commissioner Ben Olszewski, Commissioner Anthony Benvenutti

- I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Moureen Wenik at 7:00 pm
- II. Business of Visitors**
  - Friends of UMFPL (Thom Almerini)
    - The 2024 Jewelry Sale fundraiser raised \$962.92
    - New Year's Eve Fundraiser has received \$3,800.00 in sponsorships as of December 10
- III. President's Remarks (Moureen Wenik)**
  - The December 16 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting has been cancelled
  - Moureen Wenik has volunteered for the January 27, 2025 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting
  - Reminder that the Board of Trustees meeting time has been changed to 6:30pm starting with the Wednesday, January 8 meeting
  - The board recognizes Dave Hakes for his valuable service to the library board during his two terms between 2019-2024
- IV. Consensus Agenda (Moureen Wenik) [Motion #1] a Jay Silverman / Dave Hakes motion was unanimously approved to accept the following consensus agenda as presented:**
  - Approve the November 13, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
  - Accept the Director's Report for December 2024
  - Approve the November 2024 Financial Statements
- V. Treasurer's Report (Jay Silverman) [Motion #2] Payment of November 2024 bills in the amount of \$35,934.28 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman / Dave Hakes motion**
- VI. Director's Report Highlights (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)**
  - Two new databases purchased: Gale Legal Forms and Consumer Reports
  - A part time Assistant Librarian resigned effective November 29. We have completed eight phone interviews, and held two in-person interviews on Monday. We expect to have the position filled within the next couple of weeks
  - A part time office assistant has been hired
  - The online schedule for the 2025 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meetings is now available for board members to sign up
- VII. Committee Actions**

Advocacy Committee Discussion (*Moureen Wenik*)\*

- No meeting held or scheduled

Board Development Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)

- Reminder to complete the Board Self-Assessment Survey so results can be presented at the January meeting
- **[Motion #3] to approve the following 2025 Slate of Officers was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Jay Silverman motion:**
  - Moureen Wenik, president
  - Megan Friedman, vice-president
  - Jay Silverman, treasurer
  - Tony Giannetti, secretary

Facility Committee (*Jay Silverman*)

- No meeting held or scheduled

Finance Committee (*Dave Hakes*)

- **[Motion #4] to approve 2025 UMFPL Budget was unanimously approved by a Dave Hakes / Jay Silverman motion**

Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Megan Friedman*)

- Patron Account Charges policy was reviewed without the need for changes
- **[Motion #5] to approve revisions to the Patron Record Confidentiality policy as recommended by the Policy Committee was seconded by Tony Giannetti and unanimously approved**

Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Diane Walton*)

- Committee met December 10 at 6:30pm to review progress on strategic objectives since July 2024, and draft a year-end report to be presented at the January board meeting

**VIII. Old Business**

**IX. New Business**

- **[Motion #6] to appoint Marian Mee as a trustee for a 2025-2027 term was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Moureen Wenik motion.**

**X. Adjournment:** With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

\*All trustees are encouraged to participate

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tony Giannetti / cgc

*Approved by Board of Trustees January 8, 2025*



# Library Happenings

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## Little Tykes

### Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29, **10am**

Join Ms. Amanda for fun books, rhymes and songs. Geared to ages 1 to 4, siblings are welcome.

### Baby Story Time

Fridays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, and 31, **10am**

Come for stories, rhymes, songs and fun movement. For newborns to 18 months, siblings are welcome.

### Pre-K Take and Learn Kits

Available starting Thursday, Jan. 2

Each kit has a different educational theme and can feature learning activities, outdoor activities and crafts.

## School-Age Kids

### Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, Jan. 25, **10:30am**

Join Ms. Dena for a fun story and craft. Geared to ages 4-10, but all ages are welcome.

### Reading with Fuzzy Friends

Saturday, Jan. 11, **10:30—11:30am**

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend.

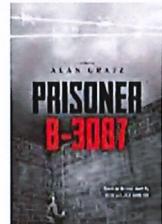
Reservations recommended:

[uppermorelandlibrary.org/register](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/register)

### Book Club for Grades 3-6

Sunday, Jan. 26, **1:30pm**

Discuss your favorite books and pick future books to read together. You do not need to read the current book to participate in the fun. Book suggestions: "Dear Mothman" by Robin Gow, "Prisoner B-3087" by Alan Gratz, or "The Secret Library" by Kekla Magoon. Pick one or read your own.



### Young Artists: Watercolor Winter Hat

Available starting Monday, Jan. 6

The artists Take and Makes are available the first Monday of every month (while supplies last).

### Elementary Experimenters: Jet Balloon

Available starting Wednesday, Jan. 15

STEM Take and Makes for school-age children (*while supplies last*).

### Lego Club - NEW DAY!

Fridays, Jan. 10 and 24, **3:30-4:30pm**

Join Ms. Eden for fun projects with LEGO bricks.



## Teens

### Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, **4pm**

Test your chess skills against new opponents, and meet fellow chess enthusiasts.

### Finances 101: Budgeting, Saving, and Debt

Thursday, Jan. 16, **7pm**

Learn from a financial adviser and have your questions answered. Register at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)

### Cashflow Board Game Night

Thursday, Jan. 30, **6:30pm**

Try out a fun board game while building financial literacy skills. Game designed by investor and businessman Robert Kiyosaki.

### NEW—Teen Writers Club

Every 4th Wednesday starting Jan. 22, **3:30pm**

Come eat snacks, brainstorm with friends, and share your work! Register at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/event](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/event)



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### Adult Craft Kits: Pinecone Owls

Available Monday, Jan. 6

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### Cook Your Way Through:

“Feed These People” by Jen Hatmaker

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7pm

Takes place virtually on Zoom. Free copies of the title available to registered participants while supplies last.

### Senior Social Hour

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### True Crime Tales: “The Haunting of Alma Fielding”

by Kate Summerscale

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:30pm

Join us to read and discuss the latest true crime (and true crime adjacent fiction) titles on Zoom.

### Writers Group

Saturday, Jan. 25, 11am

Drop in to join amateur and experienced writers for discussion, writing prompts and critiques. Open to all adults.

### Book Discussion: “Hello Beautiful” by Ann Napolitano

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6:30pm

This story of four sisters and the events tearing them apart has echoes of “Little Women.” Join in person or by Zoom for a discussion. [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)

## 2025 ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Read or listen to at least five books between Jan. 1 - March 31.

Create a Beanstack account to track progress, rate titles, earn badges and great prizes. Register at: [www.umfpl.beanstack.org/](http://www.umfpl.beanstack.org/)

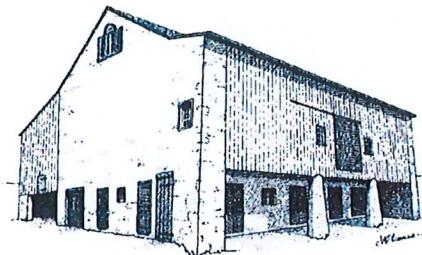
### Virtual Author Talk Series

Register: [libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary](http://libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary)

- ◆ **TJ Klune** – author of the “Cerulean Chronicles”, and newest in the series, “Somewhere Beyond the Sea.”  
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7pm
- ◆ **Amanda Montell** – A delicious blend of cultural criticism and personal narrative. Thursday, Jan. 23, 2pm
- ◆ **Seth Fishman** – On working with an agent and the beginning stages of the publishing process. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1pm

# Farmstead Alliance

## REPORT



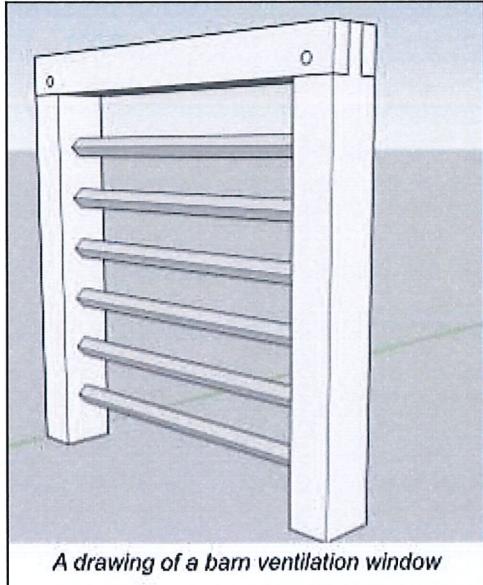
### In 2024 ...

work was conducted on all four historic structures: completed the **Carriage House** roof and restoration project<sup>1</sup> in May; restored the granary window in the **Barn**; continued research for the German Hearth in the **Farmhouse**; and worked with the township to secure a grant for the **Springhouse** restoration.

### This Year ...

we will restore six **Barn** ventilated windows<sup>2</sup> to be completed by the end of Q1; the grant covers materials with volunteer labor from

Farmstead Alliance.



Work will continue on the **Carriage House** exterior for the remainder of the year, including stucco repairs, lime coating, and the restoration of six windows<sup>3</sup>, four doors, painting, and returning electricity back to the building.

Farmstead Alliance will apply for a PHMC keystone construction grant in March to restore the

**Farmhouse**'s west stucco frame wall and convert

<sup>1</sup> Funds raised by FA/TWP that included FED, STATE, COUNTY grants from PHMC, MONTCO2040

<sup>2</sup> Funded by Pennypack Questers and the Pennsylvania State Questers (Farmstead Alliance)

<sup>3</sup> Funded in part by a grant from the Quaker Bonnet Questers (Farmstead Alliance)

the former kitchen doorway into a window. The German hearth project<sup>4</sup> will continue throughout the year with an anticipated completion date of early 2026. And we are eager to participate in the township's project<sup>5</sup> to restore the **Springhouse** soon.



*Carriage House with a new roof, gable and shed*

### **Partnership Funding Impacts**

Farmstead Alliance recognizes that successful projects<sup>6</sup> at Farmstead Park rely on strong partnerships and granting agencies who choose to invest in this historic property and see it as a valuable asset to the community. Here are some highlights of recent and pending projects as a result of

these partnerships that will positively impact the community:

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Carriage House Roof & Restoration (2024)	\$297,000
Springhouse Restoration (2025 - 26)	\$102,000
Restoration of 36 windows and 3 doors (2020 - 25)	\$25,000
Farmhouse Heating/Ventilation (2020)	\$22,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$446,000</b>

<sup>4</sup> Funded by the Pennsylvania State Questers (Farmstead Alliance)

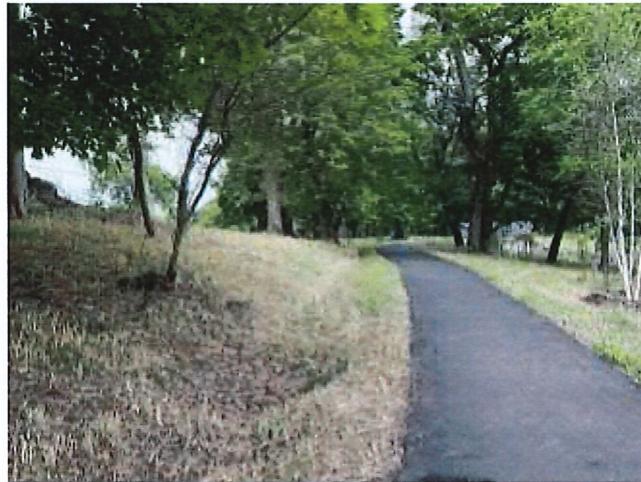
<sup>5</sup> Funded by DCED LSA Grant Award for 2024 (Township)

<sup>6</sup> Major projects since January 2020

Farmstead Alliance volunteers took part in the environmental conservation project led by the Township and the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust during the 2023-2024 phase. Our contributions were key to improving rainwater management flowing into Pennypack Creek, as well as enhancing the beauty of the park surrounding the Farmstead buildings.

### **Events and Activities**

In 2025, Farmstead Alliance is excited to bring back *Farmstead on Tap*—one day in the summer and one day in the fall—celebrating the ongoing progress of Farmstead Park. These events will be our “fund/friend”raising efforts along with showcasing local brews, food, and entertainment.



*The new walking path view near the southside of the farmhouse facing the Springhouse*

Volunteer opportunities will continue throughout the year, with events focused on park cleanups, restoration workshops, and Farmhouse tours. These hands-on activities allow the public to directly contribute to the preservation of Farmstead Park while learning about its history and ongoing restoration efforts.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alan Sentman

President

**Farmstead Alliance**

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## Agenda Summary

### Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – January 27, 2025

#### Agenda Item:

#### Draft Parks and Recreation Special Events Permit Ordinance

#### Prepared By:

Pat Stasio, Township Manager

#### Attachments:

#### Draft Ordinance No. XXXX

#### Background/Analysis:

This ordinance is the companion ordinance to the special events permit ordinance that was passed at the December 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. This ordinance assigns the authority to apply the special event permit review and issuance regulations of Chapter 280 of the Township Code to the Parks and Recreation Department Director for special events to be held on Township park property. If the Committee recommends this item to the Board of Commissioners February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting to approve for advertisement, then the Board of Commissioners will consider approval of the ordinance at the March 3, 2025, Regular Meeting.

#### Fiscal Impact/Source:

Permit fees to cover administrative review and processing of applications.

#### Alternatives:

Do not approve proposed ordinance and continue with the Parks and Recreation Large Event Policy.

#### Recommend Action:

The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners at the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting approve advertisement of Ordinance No. XXXX.

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**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. XXXX**

**AN ORDINANCE OF UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART II: GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 231 "PARKS AND RECREATION" OF THE UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 231-7 ENTITLED "SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT" FOR THE REGULATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS TO BE HELD ON TOWNSHIP PARK PROPERTY, REQUIRING PERMITS FOR NON-EXEMPT EVENTS, IMPOSING FEES FOR NON-EXEMPT EVENTS AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter "the Township") is a Township of the First Class, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code (the "Code"), 53 Pa. C.S. § 1502(1), grants the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township the authority to enact certain regulations relating to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the community of Upper Moreland Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners find that the public interest, convenience, and necessity require the adoption of an ordinance regulating the conduct of special events such as, assemblies, fairs, concerts, etc., in and upon the Township's Parks and Recreation areas and facilities to provide procedures for the issuance of permits for special events, to provide exemptions for certain special events from the permit requirements, to provide for administrative fees and reimbursement of Township expenses, where applicable, and to provide penalties in the event of violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners desires to prevent any unauthorized events that obstruct, delay, or interfere with the normal use of the Township's Parks and Recreational areas and facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** as follows:

**SECTION 1: AMENDMENT OF THE CODE**

Part II: General Legislation, Chapter 231: Parks and Recreation of the Upper Moreland Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add a new Subsection 231-7 titled "Special Event Permits" and shall be entitled, numbered and read as follows:

## **§ 231-7 Special Event Permits.**

**A.** Any person or organization intending to conduct or sponsor a special event in or upon the Township's Parks and Recreational areas and facilities shall apply to the Township Parks and Recreation Director (herein "the Director") for a special event permit at least ninety (90) days in advance of the date of the proposed event. For events that involve the provision or sale of alcohol, the application must be sent to the Township Manager.

**B.** Any person or organization intending to conduct or sponsor a special event in or upon the Township's Parks and Recreational areas and facilities shall fully adhere to the applicable rules, regulations and procedures governing Special Event Permits as codified by the Township in the Upper Moreland Township Code of Ordinances, Part II: General Legislation, Chapter 280 Special Events Permit.

## **SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.**

The terms, conditions, and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and, should any portion, part, or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision in this Ordinance.

## **SECTION 3: REPEALER.**

Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

## **SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

**ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 3rd day of March, 2025.

**Attest:**

**Upper Moreland Township  
Board of Commissioners**

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Patrick Stasio, Township Secretary

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## Agenda Summary Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting - January 27, 2025

**Agenda Item:**

1. Montco 2040 Grant for PECO Trail Engineering, \$200,000
2. DCNR Trails Grant, \$200,000

**Prepared by:**

Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Attachments:**

N/A

**Background / Analysis:**

Upper Moreland Township was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2.45 Million for the construction of the PECO powerline trail from Blair Mill Road to Maryland Road at the Jamestown Village Apartments. These funds cannot be used for engineering. Our traffic engineer submitted a quote for engineering services of the trail in the amount of \$615,000.

**Fiscal Impact / Sources:** Montco 2040 Grant and DCNR Trails Grant for \$200,000 from each organization; balance of engineering to be paid by township funds and/or additional grant opportunities if applicable**Alternatives:**

Fund the project or balance of the project pending grant approvals, with township funds

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting resolutions authorizing submission of applications to the Montco 2040 Grant and to the DCNR Trails Grant.

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