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Meet our New Chief of Police, Scott Bendig

Upper Moreland Township is pleased to introduce Scott Bendig as our new Chief of Police. Chief Bendig began work for Upper Moreland in September of 2024. Chief Bendig brings a wealth of experience and looks to continue his impressive work by leading the Upper Moreland Police Department into the future.

Chief Bendig recently retired from the Montgomery Township Police Department after over 35 years of service, serving the last twelve years as Chief of Police. Chief Bendig held various other ranks with Montgomery Township, including Corporal, Sergeant, and Deputy Chief. During his career, Chief Bendig has served in multiple capacities: as a police officer, including patrol officer; DARE instructor; canine handler/unit supervisor; field training officer/unit supervisor; and criminal investigator.



Chief Bendig earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Temple University and his Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University. Chief Bendig has attended numerous law enforcement programs, including Penn State University's POSIT, POLEX, and Advanced POLEX courses. Chief Bendig is a graduate of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Program and FBI National Academy, Session 216. Chief Bendig currently serves on the Executive Board of the Chiefs of Police Association of Montgomery County.

Patrick Stasio, Township Manager, said, "Chief Bendig has only been with Upper Moreland a short time and we have already witnessed his leadership first-hand. Chief Bendig has quickly made major contributions to our Police Department and our residents. We look forward to all Chief Bendig brings to Upper Moreland Township."

Improving Our Community with Grant Funding Assistance

Upper Moreland Township continually seeks grant opportunities for funding assistance for Townshipwide projects. Township administrators, Department Heads, consultants, and our partners continually investigate grant funding opportunities to present to the Board of Commissioners for grant application approvals. Grant applications are submitted on behalf of the Township from all those noted above. These applications can be simple to complex, and staff navigates all grant requirements to submit the most competitive applications possible.

Did you know: Upper Moreland currently has over \$11,900,000 in grant awards for upcoming projects! These projects include township building renovations and expansion, trail additions, historical structure repairs, intersection improvements, infrastructure improvements, park rehabilitation, traffic signal improvements, among others. Additionally, we have recently submitted additional grant applications totaling over \$1,000,000 for additional funding.

Most of our grants, if not all, are submitted with support letters from our partners, state senators, local representatives, and others who have an interest in the project. We are most grateful for the support from our elected officials and partners.

Upper Moreland is committed to seeking external funding opportunities. These monies assist all our residents by funding necessary improvement projects that enhance our community and enrich the lives of all our residents and visitors.



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U.M. TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

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

To Our Residents,

The Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township is pleased to distribute the 2025 Spring Newsletter. We hope that you keep the NEWSLETTER in a convenient place and find the information it contains to be helpful.

This publication is meant to serve as a guidebook for the many municipal services and programs offered to residents of Upper Moreland Township. The Board of Commissioners welcomes your attendance at our public meetings. Your participation and opinions are always important to us.

Board of Commissioners, Upper Moreland Township

TOWNSHIP POLLING PLACES

Election Day is Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Polling places are listed below (as of this printing). Please be sure to contact Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280 to confirm your voting locations, registration, voting eligibility, or if you have any questions.

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



COUNTY SERVICES CENTER IN WILLOW GROVE

For your convenience, the Montgomery County Courthouse Annex at 102 York Road, phone 215-784-5400, in Willow Grove offers local residents a variety of county programs in Upper Moreland. More than a dozen county departments, such as the health department, aging and adult services, child and youth services, and MHMR services, are housed in the annex. Township residents can now apply for passports or file legal grievances without having to travel to Norristown. Be sure to take advantage of the many county services offered right here in Upper Moreland!

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WARD	COMMISSIONER	E-MAIL
1	Nicholas Scull	nscull@uppermoreland.org
2	Benjamin Olszewski	bolszewski@uppermoreland.org
3	Charles Whiting	cwhiting@uppermoreland.org
4	Demond Mullen	dmullen@uppermoreland.org
5	Clifton (Kip) McFatridge, President	kmcfatridge@uppermoreland.org
6	Anthony Benvenuti	abenvenuti@uppermoreland.org
7	Cheryl Lockard, Vice President	clockard@uppermoreland.org

STATE OFFICIALS

Governor Josh Shapiro	717-787-2500
State Senator Maria Collett	717-576-5983
State Representative Nancy Guent	215-259-5962

U.S. CONGRESS

Senator Dave McCormick	717-231-7540
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	contact.umswimclub@gmail.com
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
Neil Makhija - Chair and Jamila Winder, 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 2025 COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS LISTED ON THE CALENDAR SHALL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:00 P.M. AND SHALL BE ADJOURNED NO LATER THAN 11:00 P.M.
ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS SHALL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE APPROPRIATE MEETING THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

APRIL		
M	7	Regular Meeting
M	14	Community Development
M	21	Public Health & Safety; Fin & Adm; Parks & Rec
MAY		
M	5	Regular Meeting
M	12	Community Development, Public Health & Safety; Fin & Admin; Parks & Rec
T	20	PRIMARY ELECTION
M	26	HOLIDAY (Memorial Day)
JUNE		
M	4	Regular Meeting
M	9	Community Development
M	16	Public Health & Safety; Fin & Adm; Parks & Rec
JULY		
M	7	Regular Meeting
M	14	Community Development
M	21	Public Health & Safety; Fin & Adm; Parks & Rec
AUGUST		
M	4	Regular Meeting
M	11	Community Development
M	18	Public Health & Safety; Fin & Adm; Parks & Rec

SEPTEMBER		
M	1	HOLIDAY (Labor Day)
M	8	Regular Meeting
M	15	Community Development
M	22	Public Health & Safety; Fin & Adm; Parks & Rec
OCTOBER		
M	6	Regular Meeting
Pennsylvania Municipal League Conference		
M	20	Community Development
M	27	Public Health & Safety; Fin & Adm; Parks & Rec
NOVEMBER		
TU	4	ELECTION DAY
S	8	2026 Budget Workshop
M	10	Regular Meeting
M	17	Community Development
M	24	Public Health & Safety; Fin & Adm; Parks & Rec
DECEMBER		
M	1	Regular Meeting (including the adoption of the 2026 Township Budget)
M	8	Community Development
M	25	Public Health & Safety; Fin & Adm; 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.

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

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

REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE

Your 2025 County and Township Real Estate Tax Bill was mailed in February of 2025. If you have not received it, please call our office at 267-607-1046. Please read the bill carefully. The bottom of the bill includes information that may answer your questions. Please visit the Upper Moreland Township website and go to the Real Estate Tax Information tab under Departments/Finance for additional information.

If you have moved but still own a property in Upper Moreland Township, we must have a written request to change where we send the bill. Change of address forms can be obtained by stopping at our office or by contacting us to send the form to you.

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

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



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT



Uniform Construction Code Update: Upper Moreland Township follows Act 45 of the Pa. Uniform Construction Code. The 2018 Edition of the ICC codes was adopted in February of 2022. For more information on Pa Act 45, please visit the Pa. Department of Labor & Industry website at www.dli.pa.gov/ucc/. Information on the ICC codes can be found at www.iccsafe.org/.

Construction Permits: Building codes allow us to rely on the safety of the structures around us in our everyday living. Requiring construction permits allows local code officials to administer 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 Attorney General's website at www.attorneygeneral.gov.

Property Maintenance: Upper Moreland Township adopted the 2015 ICC Property Maintenance Code, which requires that all properties and structures be kept in good repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. Please trim grass and weeds regularly, and remember that

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

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

Swimming Pools capable of holding more than 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 Electrical Code (NEC). All swimming pools must be surrounded by a permanent barrier that is at least four feet high with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Requirement handouts are available at the Code Enforcement Office.

Swimming Pool Drainage should be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Township regulations prohibit directing water discharge from swimming pools onto the property of another person **without their consent**.

Public Nuisances (noise, etc.): The Township often receives complaints from residents concerning inoperable vehicles, excessive noise, and construction work taking place before 7:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m. Residents are reminded that **all vehicles** must be operable and have a current registration and valid inspection sticker unless stored in a completely enclosed building or garage (car covers are not compliant).



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

Portable Storage Units: The Board of Commissioners adopted regulations for portable storage units, dumpsters and construction trailers placed on any parcel. In addition to the permit requirement, there is a limit on the number of units and time for which they can be placed on the parcel. No units may be placed in the street without specific authorization from the Code Enforcement Office. Please contact the Code Enforcement Office for information and permitting requirements prior to placing these units on your property.

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

Spring/Summer Home Preparation Tips:

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

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

HOUSEHOLD TRASH COLLECTION

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 cans 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** (below) 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.

EXTRA TRASH TOLER

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

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

Large items that do not fit inside the trash cart, such as tables, chairs, couches, dressers, carpeting, etc. must be scheduled for a free pickup by contacting the Public Works Department at publicworks@uppermoreland.org or 215-659-4070. **Please note: if scheduling by e-mail, please include your name, address, phone number and an exact list of the items that you are putting out.**

The Public Works Department will confirm pickup with the resident and schedule date/time for pickup.

If you do not receive confirmation, the item(s) will not be picked up. Rugs and padding must be cut to 4-foot widths, then rolled and tied securely. Each section should weigh less than 20 pounds (limit 1 room per pickup). Mattresses and box springs must be covered in plastic.



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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

BULK ITEMS (PERMIT REQUIRED)



The Public Works Department assists residents by providing 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.

SAFE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD SHARPS

Place sharp household objects in a rigid, strong, plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured cap, such as a laundry detergent bottle; or use a purchased sharps container. Reinforce the cap with heavy duty tape. Mark clearly and noticeably on the outside of the container "Do Not Recycle" and "Household Sharps." Sharps include medical needles, knitting needles, and knives, among other items.



DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD PAINT

Latex-based paint will be accepted in your regular trash. Paint must be dried. Oil-based paint must be taken to a Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

For more information on the MONTCO Hazardous Waste Collection, call 610-278-3618.

CHANGES TO 2025 TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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

Regularly Scheduled Pickup

Friday, April 18
Friday, July 4
Tuesday, November 11
Thursday, November 27
Thursday, December 25

Rescheduled Pickup

Monday, April 21
Monday, July 7
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 1
Monday, December 29

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 TOWNSHIP.**



Due to automation of recycling collection – ALL recyclables (with the exception of yard waste) must now be mixed together and placed in the 95-gallon recycling containers that are provided by the Township. This includes glass, bottles, plastics numbered 1-7, tin and aluminum cans, AND also paper and cardboard. Cardboard must be cut to fit into the can. Please do not stuff the can too full, as it will not completely empty. Break cardboard down. **You may no longer set cardboard out separately; all cardboard must be placed in the container. Containers are the property of Upper Moreland Township and must remain with the property if you move.**



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Glass, Can, Plastic, and Paper Recycling: Unbroken glass bottles, clean aluminum and tin cans, 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, and coat hangers.

All cardboard boxes should be broken down or cut up so they can fit into the recycling container. Do not set out cardboard boxes separately. We do not pick up extra recycling.

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

YARD/BULK/MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION

DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

Leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste will be collected each Monday. Only brown, 30-gallon biodegradable yard waste bags will be accepted. Bags should weigh less than 50 pounds and be placed at the curb by 6:30 am, but not more than 12 hours beforehand. The Public Works Department **will not accept** bags that contain dirt, edgings, wood chips, mulch, and stump grindings, rocks, or household trash, as these items can cause damage to our recycling equipment and composting program. There is **no limit** to the number of bags that may be placed curbside for collection.



BRUSH and BRANCHES

In addition to bagged yard waste, brush and branches are also picked up each Monday. Brush and branches should be tied into bundles with manila rope or jute twine. Bundles should weigh less than 50 lbs. and be up to four feet in length and two feet in width. **No more than 6 bundles** should be placed curbside for pickup on each collection day.

CHANGES TO 2024 YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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

April 1 • May 26 • July 7 • September 1 • November 10 • December 1 • December 29

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

ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL

Electronics are part of the recycling program. A permit is required for the disposal of household electronics. "Electronics" include, but are not limited to, TV's up to 50", stereos, VCR's, DVD players, computers, keyboards, monitors, and microwaves. Permits can be obtained from the receptionist's office at the Township Building, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 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 am 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 am**, the permit fee will be refunded in full.*



FREE COMPOST AVAILABLE!!!!

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



UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

Additional information (dates, times, locations, and program descriptions) regarding the programs listed below can also be found on our website.

2025 SPRING PROGRAMS

Spring Program registration opened Monday, March 3, at 9am.
Visit www.uppermorelandrec.com for more information.
Program offerings include:

Preschool Programs:

Wee Kick Soccer, Wee Little Hoopers, Wee Play Mult-Sports, Wee Hit T-ball

School-Age & After School Programs:

Karate, Basketball, Multi-Sports, Field Hockey, Dramarama, Dramarama Junior, Young Rembrandts, Minds in Motion, FREE 4th & 5th Grade Intramurals

Special Event Programs:

Habitat Heroes, Earth Day/Arbor Day (hosted by the EAC)

Adult Programs:

Karate, Yoga, Citizens Police Academy (offered in partnership with UMPD), Craft Nights

Senior Programs:

UM Golden Age Club ~ Exciting trip opportunities; Free "Know Your Medicare" Seminar

2025 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration, ONLINE OR IN-PERSON, opens on Monday March 24 at 9am for our exciting summer programs.
We anticipate the following camp offerings:

Sports Camps:

Baseball/Softball Camp, Soccer Camp, Basketball Camp, Youth Multi-Sports Camp, Field Hockey Jr Camp, Field Hockey Camp

STEM Camp:

Minds in Motion Camp; CSI Camp

Performing Arts Camps:

Dramarama Theater Camps for elementary, middle school and high school, Color Guard Camp

Visual Arts Camps:

Drawing with Young Rembrandts

Specialty Camps:

Junior Police Academy

Additional summer programs are being planned. Please visit www.uppermorelandrec.com for additional information.

For all programs, rosters are finalized one week prior to program start dates. Please register early.

If a program is full, please consider placing the registrant on the waitlist.

2025 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Summer Concerts are offered at Masons Mill Park on Sundays at 6:30pm on the following dates:

6/22, 6/29, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/24. No concert is scheduled on 7/6. Concert rain date: 8/17

- Carpooling to the park is recommended
- Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating
- Concerts begin at 6:30pm, weather permitting
- Smoking/vaping, pets, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the park
- Concerts may be cancelled or delayed due to weather



Additional information will be posted at www.uppermorelandrec.com when available

OR call the Park Office at 215-659-3388 after 3pm the day of the concert.

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UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2025 Supervised Playground Program for Upper Moreland Residents Only

8-WEEK PROGRAM:

June 16 – August 8 (ends at noon) - (omit 6/19 & 7/4)

8:30am – 4:30pm

Youngsters entering Grades 1-8

Fee: \$1480

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

4-WEEK PROGRAMS:

Session 1: June 16 – July 11 (omit 6/19 & 7/4) OR

Session 2: July 14 – Aug 8 (ends at noon)

8:30am - 4:30pm

Youngsters entering Grades 1-8

Fee: \$775 per 4-week session

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

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

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

PAYMENT DEADLINE: All fees must be paid in full prior to May 23 (for the 8-week program / 1st 4-week program) or June 6 (for the 2nd 4-week program). **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THESE DATES.** No youngster will be allowed to participate in the program until ALL fees are paid in full.

Program Locations: Primary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools

ONLINE and IN PERSON WALK-IN REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MONDAY, MARCH 24, 9AM

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

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

Registration is not confirmed until residency is verified AND payment is made.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS

(cash only)

Our Parks and Recreation Department Offers discounted movie tickets.

Regal Cinema - \$10 per ticket

Penn Cinema - \$11 per ticket

Amusement Parks: (typically available mid-May)

Big Kahuna

Morey's Pier

Adventure Aquarium

Knoebels

Dutch Wonderland

Clementon Park

Tree Trails



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 - 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. For further information, please call the Department of Parks and Recreation and request a copy of our Golden Reporter.



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UPPER MORELAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DID YOU KNOW?

Upper Moreland Township has nineteen parks in our park system! Some parks are classified as community parks, some are neighborhood parks, and some are parklets. With nineteen parks in our system, all residents are able to take a short walk to visit one of our parks. For a complete listing of our parks and all park amenities, please visit uppermorelandrec.com. Our largest and most popular park is Masons Mill Park. Masons Mill Park offers something for everyone! Pavilions, Safety Town, and the Gazebo are available for rental.

MASONS MILL PARK RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

PICNIC PAVILIONS (3) host 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 daily:**

DAILY RENTAL TIMES	10am-2pm	or	3pm-7pm	or	10am-7pm
Pavilion 1 (capacity 64)	\$75R; \$150N		\$75R; \$150N		\$150R; \$300N
Pavilion 2 (capacity 100)	\$120R; \$240N		\$120R; \$240N		\$240R; \$480N
Pavilion 3 (capacity 64)	\$75R; \$150N		\$75R; \$150N		\$150R; \$300N

(R) Resident (N) Non-resident

- **Resident Group** rates apply only if at least 75% of the group lives in Upper Moreland Township AND the permit applicant lives in Upper Moreland Township. The Township reserves the right to verify "resident group" qualifications.
- Otherwise, **Non-Resident Group** rates apply.
- In addition to pavilion rental fees noted above, security deposits are required for pavilion rentals.

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.



Freedom Steps 5k for our Troops

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, Freedom Steps will host their annual 5k walk/run for the troops. The event will take place at Masons Mill Park with registration beginning at 8am and the race starting at 9am. Freedom Steps continues to raise awareness and support for our deployed troops. Even during the pandemic, when we had to postpone our race, we continued to ship boxes around the world to our deployed troops. Our care packages have been sent to Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and even to those deployed at sea. If you know of anyone deployed, please contact us so we can send them a package. Please visit our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/FreedomSteps or Pretzel City Sports (<https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/>) for event details, registration form, or online registration. Or for more details or questions call 215-657-3992 or email FreedomSteps5k@gmail.com.

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



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Upper Moreland Fire Department is working hard at providing excellent fire and emergency services to the community. In 2024, we responded to 1161 calls for service. Our department and the Township Commissioners recognized several members for saving the life of a resident with CPR at a Commissioners meeting in 2024.

Our 24/7/365 response staffing model, supported by additional volunteers when needed, has allowed our members to respond to incidents quickly and arrive in the shortest possible time to bring positive outcomes to many life-threatening situations.

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

The Emergency Management staff continues to monitor all threats to our community and update emergency plans as required. A 12-foot inflatable rescue boat has been added to our list of resources to help our responders operate safely in any type of water incident.

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

As we enter the spring and summer seasons, please remember that outside burning is not permitted in Upper Moreland Township. Also, **PLEASE** respect the flood gates that are installed throughout the community. They are positioned to keep our residents safe from flood waters entering the roadway.

The Upper Moreland Volunteer Fire Company is always looking for community residents interested in volunteering for the department and community. Simply stop at the station and speak with any member. For additional information, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions below and visit uppermorelandfire.org.

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Frequently Asked Questions

IS THERE AN AGE REQUIREMENT?

Firefighters must be at least 18 years old. Family members of all ages are included in fire company events. There is no upper age limit.

IS THIS A PAID POSITION?

This is an unpaid, volunteer position. The skills you learn can help you to succeed in many careers.

HOW OFTEN DO I HAVE TO VOLUNTEER?

No one can attend every training session or respond to every call. We appreciate the time you are able to dedicate to serving our community! (Drills are really fun, though. You'll want to be here!)

ARE TRAINING AND GEAR PROVIDED?

YES! We provide all the training you need at no cost to you. Gear is also free for volunteers. You do not need prior experience, only the will to learn and to help your community!

WHAT MAKES FIREFIGHTING IN UPPER MORELAND SO INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING?

Upper Moreland Township has so much variety in its land uses and housing types – from single-family and multi-story apartment buildings in dense neighborhoods to natural areas, large commercial stretches, schools, medical facilities, and senior housing options. A vast transportation network, including the Pennsylvania Turnpike and SEPTA rail lines, ties it all together. These varied emergency situations require emergency responses that are tailored to match. You'll never be bored, and, thanks to free training and gear, you'll always be prepared.

AM I EXPECTED TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE DEPARTMENT?

NO! Upper Moreland Township Fire Department is FULLY FUNDED by Upper Moreland Township! Our firefighters are not burdened with fundraising responsibilities and can focus on training and emergency response.



UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

UMPD Hires Two!

In September 2024, Upper Moreland Police Department welcomed two new members, Chief J. Scott Bendig and Officer Joseph Halbherr.

On September 23, 2024, Joseph Halbherr was sworn in as a police officer for Upper Moreland Township. Joseph Halbherr comes to UMPD after serving as a Philadelphia Police Officer for the past five years. Prior to becoming a police officer, he attended Cabrini College, where he played soccer and earned his bachelor's degree in criminology.

On September 24, 2024, J. Scott Bendig was sworn in as Police Chief for Upper Moreland Township. Chief Bendig recently retired from the Montgomery Township Police Department after over 35 years of service, serving the last twelve years as Chief of Police. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Temple University and his Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University.

We wish both gentlemen well in their careers with Upper Moreland Township.



UMPD Traffic Safety Unit

In addition to addressing citizens' traffic concerns and conducting traffic and engineering studies, the Upper Moreland Traffic Unit responds to, and investigates, serious and fatal crashes. Operator and vehicle violations across the Township are a top priority for this unit. If you have a concern about driving behaviors in your neighborhood, please contact the traffic unit at traffic@uppermoreland.org.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to contact us and assist us in making your neighborhood a safer place.

UMPD Presents... The Citizens Police Academy!

The Upper Moreland Police Department Citizens Police Academy is back for its third year. The CPA is open to anyone 18 years of age and older who is interested in getting to know their local first responders and the jobs they do. Learn about Patrol, SWAT, K9, Detectives, Traffic Safety and more! If you've joined us before, join us again for new topics. Classes are guaranteed to be interactive, informative and fun!

The Citizens Police Academy is a 7-week program beginning March 19. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm at the Upper Moreland Library meeting room with one off-site field trip.

To register, please visit www.uppermorelandrec.com. Any questions, please contact Sgt. Pam Cordura at pcordura@uppermoreland.org.

UPPER MORELAND POLICE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Get to know your local first responders and the job they do for the Upper Moreland community! Learn about our Patrol Division, SWAT, Detectives, K-9, Traffic Safety and much more. If you've joined us before, join us again for new topics! Classes are guaranteed to be interactive, informative and fun!



Car Seat Checks

If you would like your child's car seat checked or installed by a certified child safety seat technician at no cost, please contact Sgt. Pam Cordura. Appointments are available Monday through Friday between 8am and 2pm at the Upper Moreland Police Department located at 117 Park Avenue Willow Grove, PA 19090.

For an appointment, please email: pcordura@uppermoreland.org



Pedestrian Safety Tips



Drug Take Back and Pack the Police Car Event – October 26th



The department is proud to share that 86 pounds of expired and unused medication was collected for safe disposal during Drug Take Back Day on October 26. A reminder that over-the-counter and prescription medications are collected year-round at the police department for safe disposal. Be on the lookout for our next drug take back event, scheduled for April 2025!

UMPD hosted a Pack the Police Car event on October 26th. This food drive was held to benefit Willow Grove Baptist's food pantry.

With help from our community, eight (8) police cars were filled with donations that were delivered to the pantry!



Become an Upper Moreland Police Officer!

As part of the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities, UMPD participated in written examination for Police Officer on Saturday, February 15, 2025. The next written examination for the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities is planned for August 2025. For more information visit: www.montcopolicetest.com.

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter!



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Facebook: Montgomery County Police Consortium Exam

Twitter: @montcopolice

CrimeWatch



Join Us! CRIMEWATCH®: <https://montgomery.crimewatchpa.com/uppermorelandpd/6406>

Welcome to the Upper Moreland Police Department's portal to the Crime Watch web site. The Upper Moreland Police Department is committed to providing law enforcement services to our community with a caring and compassionate professional law enforcement team. Please use this web portal to stay informed about your community. We will strive to provide the community with up-to-date information, crime trends, useful tips, and facts of interest. Welcome aboard.





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

New Library Hours:

Monday	10am – 8pm
Tuesday	10am – 8pm
Wednesday	10am – 8pm
Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 5pm
Saturday	10am – 5pm
Sunday	1pm – 5pm

SPRING & SUMMER CLOSURES:

April 20 (Easter)
May 26 (Memorial Day)
July 4 (Independence Day)
September 1 (Labor Day)

CHILDREN SERVICES & PROGRAMS

There is 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!

Geocaching:

Find the library's geocache! Create an account at geocaching.com then come to the library to find our cache. Fun for the entire family!

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 May. Registration required.

Scan here for all kids events



Getting a library card is easy!

If you reside, work or pay property taxes in Upper Moreland Township, you can register for a UMFPL card without charge. Stop in and fill out a registration form and get a card same day or go to our website, fill out and email back to us the form in the online section, and we will mail the card directly to your home address! uppermorelandlibrary.org/getacard

SPRING and SUMMER 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Check our website for more details about the events below. Our monthly "Happenings" flyer is available on our website and in print at UMFPL.

UMFPL Summerquest – Color our World Join us June 19 for our SummerQuest Kick-off celebration at our "Toast Your Rainbow" party where we'll make Rainbow Toast and have a colorful dance party! Join us for more fun and exciting events throughout the summer! See our events calendar for dates and times.

Regularly Scheduled Events For dates or to find other events, check the calendar on our website or stop in for a Monthly Happenings Flyer.

Families & Kids

Toddler Story Time *Wednesdays 10am*
Baby Story Time *Fridays 10am*
Kids LEGO Club
Second & Fourth Friday 3:30pm
Reading with Fuzzy Friends
Second Saturday 10:30am
Kids Craft Night
Third Wednesday 6:30pm
Story Time & a Craft
Fourth Saturday 10:30am
Book Club for Grades 3-6
Fourth Sunday 1:30pm

Teens

Chess Club *Mondays 4pm*
Teen Writers Club
Fourth Wednesday 3:30pm

Adults

Cook Your Way Through Book Club
First Tuesday 6:30pm
Senior Social Hour *Second Friday 3pm*
Silent Book Club *Second Sunday 2pm*
Tech Help Drop-in Hour
Second Tuesday 2pm
Adult Fans of LEGOs
Second Sunday 2pm
Writers Group *Fourth Saturday 11am*
Book Discussion
Last Wednesday 6:30pm
True Crime Tales Book Club
Fourth Tuesday, every other month 6:30pm

Community Connections Film Series Film screenings on compelling topics, followed by a facilitated discussion. Join us for any or all films!

April 6, 1:30 pm – Free for All: Inside the Public Library (*contemporary issues*)

April 27, 1:30 pm – Instant Family (*adoption and foster care*)

June 1, 1:30 pm – Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's (*health and aging*)

VOLUNTEER WITH THE LIBRARY

Library Board of Trustees Are you an Upper Moreland Resident interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees? For more information, see the job description and application located on our webpage: uppermorelandlibrary.org/board-applications

Friends of the Library are vitally important volunteers who raise funds to improve and expand library services. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday at 6:45pm. For more information, email: thefriendsofumfpl@gmail.com

Adult Tutoring UMFPL partners with the Literacy Council of Norristown for our Adult Tutoring Program. No experience necessary, LCN will train you to tutor! Apply here lcnlit.org/apply





FOR YOU AT THE LIBRARY

NEW! Consumer Reports Online Standing in the store trying to decide which item is better? Use Consumer reports for free. All you need is your UMFPL library card.

NEW! Gale LegalForms From premarital agreements to wills, LegalForms has state-specific, customizable legal forms for most legal procedures.

Ask Here PA Your library has joined Pennsylvania Power Library's "Chat with a Librarian." Have a question? Click on "Ask Here PA" on our website to talk to a librarian. We are available 24/7.

Self-checkout in the Children's Room To make it easier for parents, we've added a self-checkout machine in the kids' room. Check out your books while the kids are still occupied in the room and avoid checking out at the busy front desk!

PA MEDI Medicare Counseling PA MEDI is a Pennsylvania State Health Insurance program that works to make Medicare easier to understand when you are first eligible and every year thereafter. Call the library or stop in to make an appointment with one of the counselors.

BookPage - New Book Releases Have you checked out our online version of BookPage, the monthly magazine that provides information about upcoming new books? Here are a few their most anticipated books of 2025:

Adult: Fiction – Forever Beach by Carl Hiaasen, 5/13

Non-fiction – Mark Twain by Ron Chernow, 5/13

Teen: Fiction #1 – Sunrise in the Reaping by Suzanne Collins, 3/18

Fiction #2 – Fateless by Julie Kagawa, 7/15

Kids: Fiction #1 – Tree Table Book by Lois Lowry, 4/23

Fiction #2 – The Cartoonist Club by Raina Telgemeier & Scott Cloud, 4/1

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Two Sentence Horror Story Winners:

Adult: *She awoke to the feel of cold metal beneath her, and the sterile scent of the room filling her lungs. As the scalpel hovered inches from her skin, she realized the coroner was still convinced she was dead.* by **Laura D.**

Teen: *Laughing, splashing, swimming, playing. Shouting, screaming, choking, drowning.* by **Parker T.**

Kids: *I asked the tooth fairy what she did with all the teeth. "I add them to the collection," she said, opening her mouth to reveal rows upon rows upon rows of teeth.* by **Gregory V.**

BookPage's Best Books of 2024 (see our website for more from BookPage!)

Adult: Fiction – *All Fours* by Miranda July

Non-fiction – *The Age of Magical Overthinking* by Amanda Montell

Teen: Fiction – *Into the Sunken City* by Dinesh Thiru

Non-fiction – *Poemhood*, edited by Amber McBride, Erica Martin & Taylor Byas

Kids: Fiction – *The Night Librarian* by Christopher Lynch

Non-fiction – *Black Girl You Are Atlas* by Renee Watson

TEEN SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Whether you are catching up on homework, getting your volunteer hours in, or hanging out with friends, we are 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: UMFPL is bringing Life Skills for Students, life-size Monopoly, teen crafts, & more this year!

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):

We get the coolest Lego sets for our fans to build. Hogwarts Castle and Grounds, and coming soon, Tuxedo Cat!

Silent Book Club: Join us for dedicated silent reading time in our community room with fellow book lovers! Get book recommendations and bring home some books from our collection! Bring snacks & drinks and read with friends.

Scan for Adults event calendar!



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Monthly Happenings

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ONLINE RESOURCES - AVAILABLE 24/7 AT UMFPL.ORG/DIGITAL-LIBRARY

Arts, Entertainment, Books & Reading

Author Talks: LIVE virtual author events, bestselling authors through the Library Speakers Consortium!

Libby/Overdrive: Downloadable eBooks, digital magazines, & audiobooks.

hoopla: Download eBooks, movies, music, & more!

Kanopy: On-Demand streaming video with over 30,000 films to choose from!

Freading: eBooks with no holds or waitlists

TumbleBooks: eBooks for kids! Picture books with animation, sound, music and narration

BookPage: Discover this month's most exciting new books in the current issue of BookPage

UMPFL Recommends: Our staff would love to give you some recommendations!

Career & Consumer Information

NEW! Consumer Reports: Product comparisons anytime, anywhere, with your library card and phone.

NEW! LegalForms: From premarital agreements to wills, LegalForms has state specific, customizable legal forms for most legal procedures.

BrainFuse JobNow: Live online help & online resources to guide you through the necessary tasks to get a job.

Delaware Valley Consumer Checkbook: Find the best-rated plumbers, dentists, cleaners, and more.

Data Axle Reference Solutions: Databases on nationwide business and residential listings.

Children, Parents & Teachers

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UPPER MORELAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Upper Moreland Historical Commission Updates and News

by Jacqueline Cherepinsky

It has come to my attention that people see the name of the organization, Upper Moreland Historical Commission, but have no idea who we are and what we do. Hi —my name is Jacqueline Cherepinsky, and I am a member-at-large of the UMHC; I have been happily writing in the Township's Newsletters for the past few years.

The UMHC works with the Township in promoting, protecting and facilitating preservation of buildings, sites, objects, and districts of historical significance and value in our beautiful community. That's the generic mission of our commission, but there are many cool things that go on behind the scenes. In our endeavors to help identify and preserve the historical places in Upper Moreland, we also get to explore them. We often go on adventures to locations and learn more about their histories and secrets.

Our Township is full of interesting stories, some well-known and others more hidden. For example, one home was built by a couple, but the wife had her husband committed to a mental institution because she had an affair with his business partner and wanted to live in the newly constructed building with her lover. The public gets to see these beautiful buildings, but we get to learn what hides behind the facade (physically and metaphorically). It's pretty cool if you ask me, but I'm also a self-identified history nerd and therefore biased. I have spent time in buildings with sealed off doors, skeleton keyholes, and hidden locations in walls (just like in the movie National Treasure). I have also spent some nights in a haunted building with different paranormal investigation groups (and yes, the building has ghostly inhabitants).

When we're not exploring, we're planning events to connect the community with history. For the past three years we've hosted the Historical Haunts at the Farmstead, where we've shared local lore and legends around bonfires outside the haunted house. We've also hosted events that include helping people learn about the stories of their homes and connecting historical homeowners.

In addition to event planning, we work together in creating signs that appear in front of historical locations. There's satisfaction in helping preserve the history of the place that we call "home." All research and investigation lead to preservation. So many of us on the commission go by the apt maxim "in order to know where you're going, you need to know where you came from."

When I first started writing articles for the Township, I mentioned that I believe that there are secrets only waiting to be found. I am convinced that this is true, but we can only find them if we dive deep into the past. If you're interested in being a part of what we do and helping uncover the secrets that lurk in Upper Moreland, please join us in our meetings.

Our meetings are every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Council Room of the Administration Building and are open to the public.

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

The Outdoor Environmental Education Center, being developed behind the Upper Moreland Free Public Library, has had fencing, planters, and some native plantings installed. To keep birds from hitting the large nearby window, the EAC, Parks & Rec Dept., and the Library installed Feather Friendly dots on the outside of the window. At least 900 million birds are killed by colliding with windows each year in the U.S. alone and many of those collisions occur with homes and other buildings of only 3 to 4 stories. Unless you hear or see a bird hit your windows, you may never know it happened since dead birds are often carried away by cats, foxes, or other predators. Other birds may fly away but die out of sight, such as under shrubs. Find out how you can help save birds from hitting your windows at abcbirds.org/glass-collisions or use this QR code.



We hope you can join us this spring for our annual Earth Day Fair at Masons Mill Park on April 26th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be music, food, honeybees, electric cars, tree and plant giveaways, and lots of information about native plants, butterflies, climate change, composting, and much more! There will also be a live animal presentation by Briar Bush Nature Center starting at 11:00 am.



We want to remind people that nothing should be put down storm drains since these run directly into the nearest stream. No grass clippings, used motor oil, antifreeze, or any other substance should ever be disposed of down a storm drain as these will pollute our streams.

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PENNYPACK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION TRUST

Improving Habitat on the June Fete Fairgrounds by Chris Mendel

Most people think of the June Fete as a fair, but it's also a place. After all, the fair has occurred on that spot since it was given to Abington Hospital in 1956. And while the fair still has its horse rings and outbuildings, most people don't think about the 14 acres behind it as part of the fairgrounds. These rolling hills, sandwiched between Huntingdon Road and Cathedral Road, are typically used as overflow parking for the fair, and it's where the fireworks are staged on the Fete's Friday night.

To us at the Pennypack Trust, these 14 acres are our first opportunity to improve habitat and water quality. You wouldn't know it by looking, but those soils host a wide array of grasses and flowers, some native, some not. As soon as we took ownership last summer, we stopped mowing so that we could see what the seedbank held. We gave the plants time to show their flowers and set seed heads. The taller grasses topped out around knee-high and served as excellent forage and shelter for songbirds, mice, and voles; therefore, making better hunting grounds for foxes, hawks, and owls.

Those rolling hills shed water to little streams that are the beginnings of Mitchell Run, a high-quality tributary to the Pennypack Creek. For decades, the fair has let a sliver of shrubs and trees run along those streams, but they became over-run by vines and were used as a place to tuck away woody debris. This past fall, over 50 volunteers helped us clear away vines. In January, the Trust brought heavy equipment over frozen ground to clear out woody debris and set even ground for planting. This coming fall, we will plant over 500 new trees and shrubs all along the two streams to shade them and provide entirely native forage and cover for our local wildlife.

These subtle moves (reduced mowing, taking out invasive plants, broadening protection for drainageways), make a big difference to the health of our natural areas while still protecting the function of the fair. Preserving the character of small-scale farming that was the story for generations of Upper Moreland families is also not lost on us.

Want to help? We are not a county or township park. We are a private non-profit land trust. Join the Pennypack Trust on our website. There you can also learn more about our nature education programs, ways to volunteer, and get in-depth information on our 956-acres of protected natural lands in Huntingdon Valley.



Farmstead Alliance

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2024, the Farmstead Alliance has made remarkable progress in preserving and restoring the historic structures of Farmstead Park. Through the dedication of volunteers, community partnerships, and strategic grants, we've been able to safeguard the heritage of our park for future generations.

Completed Projects

Carriage House: we completed the restoration of the roof, ensuring its structural integrity for years to come.

Granary Window: The historic window in the Barn was fully restored.

Farmhouse: Research continued on the German Hearth project, which promises to reveal more about the park's rich cultural history.

Springhouse: Partnering with the township, we secured a grant to fund future restoration efforts for this important building.



Ongoing & Planned Projects

Six **Barn** Ventilated Windows will be restored by April, with materials funded by a grant from the Pennypack & PA State Questers and labor provided by our dedicated volunteers.

Carriage House exterior restoration efforts will continue throughout the year, including repairs to the stucco, lime coating, and window and door restorations.

Farmhouse: We're planning to restore the west stucco wall, convert the former kitchen doorway into a window, and continue the German Hearth project.

Springhouse Restoration: We look forward to a collaborative restoration effort with the Township in 2025-2026.

Partnership Funding

The success of our preservation efforts has been made possible by generous funding from MontCo 2040, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, Pennypack Questers, Damian House Questers, and the PA State Questers and community support. Notable funding highlights include projects totaling nearly \$500,000:

- Carriage House Restoration • Springhouse Restoration
- Window and Door Restoration
- Farmhouse Heating/Ventilation

Community Engagement & Events

In 2025, Farmstead Alliance will bring back Farmstead on Tap, a fundraising event showcasing local brews, food, and entertainment. We are planning both summer and fall events. In addition, ongoing volunteer opportunities—including park cleanups, restoration workshops, and Farmhouse tours—allow community members to actively participate in our preservation efforts.

As We Look Ahead ...

The Farmstead Alliance remains deeply committed to preserving the history and beauty of Farmstead Park. We'll continue to collaborate with our partners and volunteers to ensure the park remains a vibrant and cherished community treasure for generations to come.



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



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 HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Digitizing Upper Moreland School District Yearbooks

By Gretchen Wright (Library Technician at UMFPL)

Yearbooks offer an important cultural resource as a student-authored history of a particular moment in place and time. As documents of traditions, as well as a tradition in their own right, yearbooks offer instant passage to the past through pictorial archives of fashion and hairstyles, evolving club interests, career aspirations, dramas staged, and athletic endurance. Through advertising sections, yearbooks can provide a record of area businesses and changes to the physical school buildings and the overall community. Now, because of local digitization efforts, some Upper Moreland High School yearbooks are available to peruse online.

In partnership with UMHA, the Upper Moreland Free Public Library is digitizing the Upper Moreland High School yearbooks in its Local History Collection. The physical yearbook collection includes 56 printed editions from 1930 to 2008. During these almost eight decades, the yearbook title changed from *Epitome* in 1930 to *Memoria* by 1953. In 1930, the Upper Moreland School District had an active library club as well as a model airplane club. Area businesses, meanwhile, were advertising coal delivery, Marcel waves, and Nash and Pierce Arrow cars. The five-and-ten G.C. Murphy took out full-page ads starting in 1954 using the story of "Betty" to recruit new employees. The first boys' tennis team shows up in 1955, a new school building in 1958, and the first boys' soccer team in 1965. The end of the 1979 volume includes a blueprint for changes at the high school to accommodate school district restructuring.

Look closely for the senior pictures of some notable folks including our former first lady, Jill Biden (née Jacobs, 1969), state Sen. Stewart Greenleaf (1957), and San Francisco 49er Scott Hilton (1972).

Using a book scanner allows library staff to gently and easily digitize the books. The scanner has a smart dual-page feature that captures both pages of a spread with just one

click. Digitizers utilize the built-in laser-guided page-curvature correction feature to automatically flatten the images. From a preservation perspective, not having to flatten the book is quite important so that older and more fragile books are not damaged during the digitization process.

Once all the yearbook pages are scanned, the images are saved in multiple file types. Those files, with relevant metadata (think of metadata as a card catalog entry for each digital object), are uploaded to the *Pennsylvania Photos & Documents* database where anyone can "explore thousands of digitized documents and photographs from unique collections in libraries across Pennsylvania" (powerlibrary.org/collections).

Head on over to the PaPD to find Upper Moreland yearbooks; the archive is easy to use and provides an abundance of information and entertainment. While you're there, explore some of the other great collections available from libraries, museums, historical associations, and societies.

Want to explore digital collections beyond Pennsylvania? The Digital Public Library of America (dp.la) is your point of access to collections gathered from hubs across the country -- an amazing wealth of knowledge for all to enjoy.

(Abridged article from Moreland Memories Winter, 2024)

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