

# UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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## Upper Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department Celebrates 75 Years of Service to Our Community



The Upper Allen Fire Department (UAFD) has a long history of responding to the needs of the community. In 2017 the company will celebrate 75 years of volunteer services to Upper Allen Township. The fire department's active firefighters respond to an average of 500 calls a year. As the pager goes off, firefighters respond to calls for fires, car accidents, medical assists, service calls (flooding, trees down), mutual aid to other fire departments, and automatic alarms. Each member gives 100% each time the pager goes off. Firefighters attend an average of 225 hours of free training each year. Fire police also are a critical part of the response team. When roads need to be closed and traffic redirected, the fire police respond to assist and provide a safe area for fire departments to work.

But there is more to the fire department than responding to calls. The social members provide the fire department with support in various areas. An administrative team assists in running the business of the fire company. Upper Allen Fire Department is also involved in fire safety education to the community. The smoke house trailer is set up at community events and helps children learn what to do in case of a fire. Members hand out smoke detectors during fire safety month. Chicken BBQ's, Open Houses, and Christmas tree sales allow the community to interact with the fire department members.

On February 4th, an Appreciation Banquet was held, and we would like to thank and recognize the following individuals who were awarded for their service.



Deputy Chief Tom Shumberger Jr. (right) presented with award for 20 years of service as Chief Officer



Rookie of Year Darren Feaser



Member of the Year Kris Kaminski

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**SPRING SAFETY TIPS:**

As spring approaches thoughts turn to cleaning up from the long winter, making repairs around the home and enjoying the outdoors. Keeping a few safety thoughts in mind will help you make your spring experience much more enjoyable.

**Inside the Home:**

- Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords
- Prepare for storm related outages (make sure your flashlights and portable radios have batteries and that other supplies, such as bottled water, are stocked and available)
- Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents

**Outside the Home:**

- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses
- Maintain a clear 'fire zone' of 10' around structures. Clean up leaves and debris and consider using stone or non-combustible mulches
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances

**UPPER ALLEN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

*Appreciation Banquet Awards continued*



Life Member and Firefighter Ken Dean receiving award for 40 Years of Active Service to Upper Allen Fire Department. (Pictured with Chief Jim Salter and President Ron Dean)



Firefighter Ryan Bosserman receiving "Chief Award" for outstanding service to Upper Allen Fire Department



Top 5 Firefighters doing the most hours of training. (Left to right) Darren Feaser, Tom Shumberger Jr., Jim Salter, Ken Kise, Ryan Kunkel.

**TOWNSHIP MEETINGS**

**April**

- 5 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
- 12 Public Safety - 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
- 13 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
- 18 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Park & Precreation - 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.

**May**

- 3 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Administration - 8:00 a.m.
- 11 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
- 11 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
- 16 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Board of Commissioners - 6:30
- 22 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.

**June**

- 7 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
- 8 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
- 20 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.

**Upper Allen  
Township  
Board of  
Commissioners**



Ken Martin, President  
(seated - right)

Paul Rigney,  
Vice President  
(seated – left)

Rick Castranio  
(standing – left)

Ginnie Anderson  
(standing – middle)

Jim Cochran  
(standing – right)

The township offices will be closed on April 14th for the Easter Holiday and May 29th for Memorial Day.

**A MESSAGE FROM  
THE  
TAX COLLECTOR**

The Mechanicsburg Area School District has announced a new property tax rebate program to supplement and enhance the tax rebate program offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

To qualify, one of the property owners must be at least 75 years of age on December 31, 2016. All other qualifications are the same as the state rebate program requirements.

The school district program effectively doubles your tax rebate. For example, if your state rebate is \$650, you can receive an additional rebate of \$650 from the school district.

For additional information and specific instructions for applying for the school district rebate, go to [www.mbgdsd.org](http://www.mbgdsd.org) and click on PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM. Information is also available at the Upper Allen Township Tax Office, or call 766-

**STORMWATER UPDATES**

**Explanation of Ordinance 762  
Adopted on January 18, 2017**

**These new regulations are established directly from DEP, and the Township must modify the ordinance regulations to stay in compliance with their permit.**

**Why Did We Make These Changes?**

The Township updated its Stormwater and Illicit Discharge Ordinances to reflect new requirements with regards to stormwater management and our MS4 permit.

Upper Allen Township voted to amend §213-5.B (1) Prohibition of illegal discharges and §214-38.A (6) Prohibited discharges on January 18, 2017. The washing of vehicles with cleaning agents and discharge of non-chlorinated pool water will no longer be permitted to enter into stormwater facilities.

For both swimming pool water and residential car wash discharges, the issue is primarily one of scale. Any single uncontrolled swimming pool draining or a resident’s car wash activity might be considered minor with respect to its contribution of pollutant loading to the Storm Sewer System and downstream surface waters. However, if you were to apply these to the scale of an entire urbanized area, pollutant loadings can be significant.

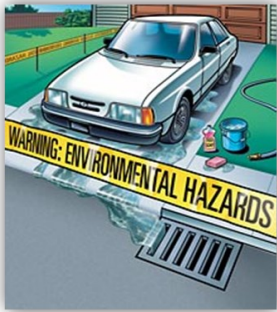
Upper Allen Township is permitted through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Program referred to as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This program issues permits to municipalities for the discharge of stormwater into the creeks, streams, rivers and ultimately the already polluted Chesapeake Bay.

**At this time, updating the ordinance, publicizing the ordinance update and providing consistent education to the public is all that is expected.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**DEP DOES NOT EXPECT TOWNSHIPS TO “POLICE” RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS TO ASSURE THAT RESIDENTIAL CAR WASH WATER CONTAINING CLEANING AGENTS AND NON-CHLORINATED POOL WATER IS NOT FLOWING INTO STORM SEWERS.**



**RESIDENTIAL CAR WASHING: WHAT HAS CHANGED?**



Ordinance 762 authorizes the discharge of water resulting from residential (not commercial) car washing to the MS4 *only* when cleaning agents are not utilized. The definition of “*cleaning agent*” is listed as “*any product, substance or chemical other than water that is used to clean the exterior surface of vehicles.*”

**What Does This Mean?**

Consequently, residential vehicle washing with cleaning agents is acceptable where the wash water would not flow into storm sewers. Residential vehicle washing without cleaning agents is also acceptable, even if the wash water enters storm sewers.

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO WASH YOUR CAR AT HOME, HERE ARE A FEW TIPS:**

1. Wash on grass or gravel, not on a paved driveway or street.
2. Minimize the amount of water you use by using a hose nozzle with a trigger.
3. Reduce the amount of soap you use.
4. Do not rinse sponges and wash rags onto the ground but into buckets, then pour the buckets of soapy water down the sink or on grass when done.

**POOL WATER DISCHARGES: WHAT HAS CHANGED?**

Ordinance 762 also removed dechlorinated swimming pool discharges from the list of authorized non-stormwater discharges.



**What Does This Mean?**

Discharges of non-chlorinated swimming pool water directly to the storm sewer system, and ultimately to local streams, are no longer authorized by the ordinance.

***If the water cannot be disposed of by draining in your yard, you may need to hire a contractor to pump your pool into a water truck and dispose of it properly offsite.*** Check the yellow pages or internet for pool companies or septic disposal companies for this service.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**DISCHARGING CHLORINATED SWIMMING POOL WATER IS NOT PERMITTED PER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 214, ADOPTED IN 2011.**

**IF POOL WATER CANNOT BE HAULED AWAY AND YOU MUST DRAIN YOUR POOL, FOLLOW THE TIPS LISTED BELOW:**

1. Prior to draining, shut off the chlorination system or do not add any chlorine.
2. Hold the water in the pool or hot tub for two weeks to reduce chlorine level.
3. Drain water onto a landscaped area of your property away from your storm drains.
4. When draining be considerate of your neighbor by keeping all water on your property.
5. Use sand bags or berms, if necessary, to keep water from leaving your property.
6. Do not drain if there has been recent application of herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers on your lawn.

## HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS

We would like to remind residents that it is unlawful for grass and weeds to be in excess of ten (10) inches in height on all premises and exterior property.

**Section 302.4 of the Property Maintenance Code** states that all premises and exterior property within any districts shall be maintained free from weeds or weed growth in excess of 10 inches. All noxious plants shall be prohibited.

“Weeds” shall be defined as all grasses and vegetation, other than trees, shrubs or vegetation that is edible, provided, however, this term shall not include farm fields, cultivated flowers and gardens. The provisions of this section shall be applicable to land that is located 200 feet or less from any building or structure available for use for human occupancy.

If you suspect a property is in violation of this statute, contact the Community Development Department.



## SPRING BRUSH PICKUP

Brush pickup in Upper Allen Township will only be conducted one time this year. This is due to increased Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations, lack of storage space and the high cost of Worker's Compensation claims resulting from work related injuries. Brush can be placed out with weekly trash as long as it is cut to 5 foot lengths, wrapped with twine and can be handled by one person (75 lbs. limit). Each bundle counts towards weekly 6 trash can limit, but can be placed out every week.

Spring brush pickup begins on April 3rd and will continue through May 12th. Guidelines for brush pickup are as follows:

- Please have all brush out at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning. We cannot guarantee a specific day that we will pick up brush in any given area.
- Brush will not be picked up if mixed with yard clippings, thorns, vines, sawdust, etc. Yard waste clogs the chipper, resulting in delays in pickup.
- We can only pick up tree trimmings that measure 4" or less in diameter. Residents must remove branches from tree trunks. (For brush larger than 4" in diameter, residents should contract with a tree service for removal.)
- Please avoid placing short pieces of heavy wood, such as fire wood, for pickup. Wood of this size will jam the chipping equipment.
- Put small items such as hedge trimmings, vines, long grasses, yard debris, and fence posts in your garbage container and place it out for your weekly Republic Services trash pickup.
- We are not able to grind wood with any metal attached to it. (Example: wire, nails, etc.)
- The longer the branch, the better it is for workers to handle and place into the chipper.
- Please stack branches neatly at the curbside with cut ends facing toward the road.
- Do not make your brush pile higher than three (3) feet or place branches in a pile wider than ten (10) feet. The limit is one (1) pile per house.
- We will not pick up contractors' brush piles. This service is for residents of the Township only.
- We will not take whole trees. If you cut down a tree or have one cut down, it is your responsibility to contract with a tree removal service for disposal.
- If it appears that the brush did not come from the residence it is piled in front of, then it will not be picked up. We do not pick up community piles. Please do not allow your friends or relatives to bring their tree limbs to your house for pickup.
- We cannot drive onto private roads, driveways, or yards due to liability issues.
- If we go through your neighborhood and do not pick up your branches, we will leave you a note explaining why brush was not picked up. Additionally, we will not collect garbage bags or empty trash cans full of debris.

## ***BRUSH PICK UP SCHEDULE***

The breakouts of the Township's zones are as follows:

**Zone 1:** Gettysburg Pike between Township line near Rosegarden and Fisher Road, W. Lisburn Road between Rt. 15 and Monroe Township line, Grantham Road between Gettysburg Pike and Monroe Township line; Rosegarden; Ashcombe Farms; Ashcombe Farms North; Creekstone; Center Square; Center Square Manor; Country Square; Canterbury Estates (**Collection will begin on April 3**)

**Zone 2:** S. Market Street between Rt. 15 and Simpson Park, W. Lisburn Road between Rt. 15 and S. Market Street; Grantham Road; Mill Road; Grantham Area (Woodbine Street, Laurel Street, Cedar Street, High Street, Yorkview Drive, Low Street); Edgewood (Sholly Drive, Woodside Drive); Spacious Acres; Park Ridge; Bumble Bee Hollow Road; Bumble Bee Hollow Development; Bowman's Village; Bowman's Hill; Bowmansdale between S. Market St. and Bumble Bee Hollow Road (**Collection will begin on April 10**)

**Zone 3:** Williams Grove Road between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; Peachtree Village; Trindle Station; Diehl Road; Old Grove Road; Sinclair Road; Miller's Crest; Miller's Acres; S. York Street between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; S. Market Street between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; Sunnyland; Webercroft; Georgetown; Allendale Road; Stonehedge; Meadowood; Ridge Court; Geneva Drive; Nanroc Drive; Cedar Ridge; Ariel Court; Deerhaven; Wilson Lane; Heritage Acres; Fair Oaks (**Collection will begin on April 17**)

**Zone 4:** E. Lisburn Road between Mt. Allen underpass and Lower Allen Township line; Hertzler Road from the railroad underpass to Arcona Road; Klinedinst Road; E. Winding Hill Road between Arcona Road and railroad tracks; Arcona Road; Arcona Estates; Raven Hills; Apache Trail; Pima Circle; Ford Farm; Allen Glen; McCormick Road; Bishop Road (**Collection will begin on April 24**)

**Zone 5:** Fisher Road; Southview Drive cul-de-sac off of Fisher Road; Gettysburg Pike between Giant Foods and Fisher Road; Country Estates; Williams Grove Road between Fisher Road and PA Turnpike; W. Winding Hill Road; E. Winding Hill Road, between S. Market Street and Gettysburg Pike; S. York Street between PA Turnpike and Gettysburg Pike; Shepherdstown; Meadowview Estates; Arborfield; S. Market Street between Rt. 15 and PA Turnpike; Lindenwood; Arlington Hills; Gray Drive; Whitebrier (Wineberry Drive, Dewberry Court); Winding Hill Heights; Cumberland Parkway; Old Schoolhouse Lane; Reynolds Street (**Collection will begin on May 1**)

**Zone 6:** Winding Hills Development; Hertzler Road from Mt. Allen Drive to the railroad underpass; Allenvue; Bowmansdale east of S. Market Street; E. Lisburn Road between S. Market Street and Mt. Allen underpass; Witney Ridge; Spring Run Manor; Spring Run Acres; Mt. Allen Heights; Reservoir Hill; Kimberly Meadows; Park Hills Drive Area; Wayne Drive; Breezewood Hill (Midland Road, Breezewood Drive); Sleepy Hollow Farms (Lavina Drive, Hilda Court); Flintlock Ridge (**Collection will begin on May 8**)



### **POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DONATION**

On Wednesday, March 1st, Ronald Smith of West Shore Elks Lodge #2257 presented Chief Adams of the Upper Allen Township Police Department with a check for \$1000 which will go toward purchasing an additional AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for one of the Department's patrol cars.

The benevolence of the West Shore Elks and their efforts at keeping our Police departments equipped is very much appreciated. This further demonstrates that the bonds between our local community and those dedicated to protecting them is strong.



# A FASHION AFFAIR!



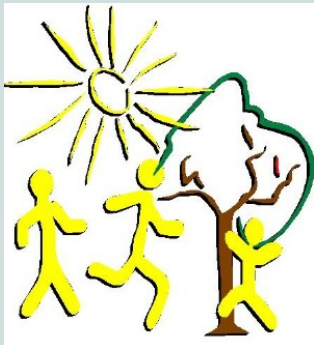
## UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP WOMAN’S CLUB

The Upper Allen Township Woman’s Club will be hosting a luncheon and fashion show entitled “A Fashion Affair” on Sunday, April 23, 2017, at the West Shore Country Club, 100 Brentwater Road, Camp Hill, PA.

There will be a cash bar and silent auction at 12:30 p.m., with a luncheon at 1:15 p.m.

Models will be wearing fashions from *White House/Black Market* and *Taylored by You Bridal Boutique*. Music will be performed by *Seasons*.

Tickets are \$37.00 per adult and \$13.00 per child (12 and under). For ticket information, please contact [BPRigney2@gmail.com](mailto:BPRigney2@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.upperallenwomansclub.org](http://www.upperallenwomansclub.org). Proceeds from this event benefit community organizations.



### Mechanicsburg Area Recreation

1751 S. York Street, Mechanicsburg

691-4572

[www.mbgdsd.org](http://www.mbgdsd.org), Parks & Recreation

#### Summer Playground 2017 – Community Park

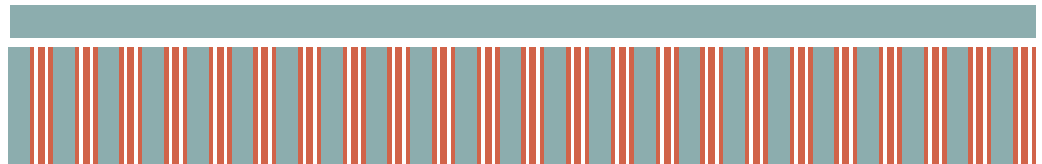
The playground program is open to any child ages 6-12 who resides in the Mechanicsburg School District FREE of charge. This program will be held on Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Community (Fisher) Park. The playground leaders will plan and organize games, team sports, table games, contests, tournaments, arts and crafts. Parents should understand that this program is not to be used as a full-time babysitting service. If your child walks or rides their bike to the park, be advised that the playground leaders cannot make that child stay at the park. The supervisors are not responsible for the child once they leave the park property. Parents are encouraged to introduce themselves to the leaders and to make them aware of any special concerns or problems with their child. (NO CLASS June 15 or July 4.) To register, please go to our website: [www.mbgdsd.org](http://www.mbgdsd.org) Parks & Recreation, Register Online.

#### Save the Date:

Dive-in Movie – June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Mechanicsburg Area Community Pool  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri4Kids – July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Memorial Park

#### MISSION OF MECHANICSBURG AREA RECREATION:

To strive to provide a wide variety of programs in recreation and leisure for individuals of all ages and abilities. The department contributes to the community by developing and maintaining parks and other recreational facilities that beautify and serve the Mechanicsburg area.





## OPERATION WILDCAT

Operation Wildcat continues to work to pool the Mechanicsburg Area School District community resources to help local families in need on an on-going basis.

### Project Bikes

Thankfully spring is not too far away! We currently have a nice selection of all sizes of bikes that are ready to be given to MASD kids. **Parents:** If your child is in need of a bike, please contact his/her guidance counselor to make a request through Project Bikes. Then the kids will be ready to get outside and enjoy the sport of biking when the warmer weather arrives! Look for us at the Mechanicsburg Earth Day Festival April 22<sup>nd</sup>!

### Project Cinderella Open House for Prom, March 9<sup>th</sup> & April 5<sup>th</sup>: Your First Stop Before You Shop!

Are you looking for a dress for Prom 2017? Come to Project Cinderella's Open House on March 9<sup>th</sup> or April 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at MMS to find that special dress! Dresses are free! Open to any MASD student! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mariani at [jmariani@mbgsd.org](mailto:jmariani@mbgsd.org), Ms. Kochenderfer at [bkochenderfer@mbgsd.org](mailto:bkochenderfer@mbgsd.org), or Ms. Zdanowicz at [dzdanowicz@mbgsd.org](mailto:dzdanowicz@mbgsd.org).

### Project Yard Sales, April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

When: Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 a.m. until noon, at Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church, 1050 S. York Street, Mechanicsburg PA 17055

## MECHANICSBURG MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

### Museum Exhibit - "Wide World of Glass"

A colorful exhibit featuring many different types of glassware including cut glass, carnival glass, depression glass, etc. This exhibit runs February 25<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> and will be open and free to the public Wednesdays thru Saturdays from noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Freight Station, 3 West Allen Street, Mechanicsburg.

### Antiques Appraisal

On Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Passenger Station, the public is welcome to meet with Richard Murry, auctioneer, from Elmer Murry Auctions of Mechanicsburg, who will appraise 2 items per person at \$5.00 per item.

### Lifetime Enrichment Program - "The Great War Call at Home-Local National Guardsmen Mobilize for World War II"

This program will be presented by John Maietta, historian, on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free. \$5 for non-members.

For more information about events being hosted by the Mechanicsburg Museum Association, please visit their website at [www.mechanicsburgmuseum.org](http://www.mechanicsburgmuseum.org).



### Operation Wildcat

Meeting the needs of all Students in our District.

### General Information

If you have a child in MASD, and need help or assistance, please contact your child's school counselor or nurse. All requests are kept confidential.

For more information on or to get involved in Operation Wildcat, please visit us on the MASD website [www.mbgsd.org](http://www.mbgsd.org) (under Community & Alumni), on Facebook or contact Leslie Collins 795-7372, [operationwildcatmasd@gmail.com](mailto:operationwildcatmasd@gmail.com)

The best feeling of  
HAPPINESS  
is when you're happy  
because you've made  
somebody else happy.

***FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS***

**Chicken BBQ Dates for 2017  
Serving Begins at 11:00 AM!**

**May 6** - At Country and Town Baptist Church (Market Street & Gettysburg Pike)

**June 3** - At Country and Town Baptist Church (Market Street & Gettysburg Pike)

**August 5** - At Country and Town Baptist Church (Market Street & Gettysburg Pike)

**October 7** - At Country and Town Baptist Church (Market Street & Gettysburg Pike)



*People ask me,  
"Where's the best  
barbecue?" I tell  
them, "the best  
barbecue is any  
place that I am."*

**The Annual Craft  
Fair will be held  
on April 1st from  
9:00 a.m. until  
3:00 p.m. at the  
Fire Station.**

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