



UPPER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

1997
Community
Information
Guide

Dear Residents:

We are pleased to provide you with this handy, 1997 Community Information Guide and Map. We hope this information will provide you with a quick and useful reference and summary of Upper Pottsgrove Township.

We would like to offer our deep appreciation to the local businesses and professional community, whose support has enabled us to provide this guide without the use of local tax dollars. Their combined assistance is a clear indication of the community support which characterizes the Township and its citizens.

We hope this Guide finds a permanent place in your home and enables you to become more familiar with your local government.



Elected Officials (L to R): William F. Thornton, Helen J. Brandel, John H. Bealer, Donna Liebert - Tax Collector, William D. Drexler, Maurice E. Meeker.

Sincerely,
Board of Commissioners

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED

- New Year's Day
- Presidents' Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday following - Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

MEETINGS

- Board of Commissioners** -
Second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission** -
First Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Park and Recreation Board** -
Second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Zoning Hearing Board** -
On submission of applications

GOVERNMENT

Upper Pottsgrove Township is a First Class Township governed by a Board of Commissioners which is elected by the qualified voters of the Township. The Board of Commissioners, elected for terms of four years each, serve both legislative and executive functions. Their responsibilities include maintenance of roads, enactment of legislation covering health, fire and police protection and taxation, adoption of ordinances and rules and regulations deemed necessary for the proper management and control of the Township in order to maintain good government and protect the safety and welfare of the residents.

VOTING PLACE

Upper Pottsgrove Fire Company, 1409 Farmington Avenue. Voter registration forms and absentee balloting materials are available at the Township Office.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

COMMISSIONERS:

- William F. Thornton President
- Helen J. Brandel Vice President
- William Drexler Commissioner
- John H. Bealer Commissioner
- Maurice E. Meeker Commissioner
- Henry T. Zale, Esq. Solicitor
- LTL Consultants, Ltd. . . . Engineer/Code Enforcement
- Sandra K. Fritz Secretary/Manager

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

- Gregory Liebert 970-7893
- John McCullough, Chairperson 326-4659
- John DahDah 326-5909
- David Lurio 970-2319
- Barry Kerchner, Esq. Solicitor 327-1910



Administrative and Public Works Employees (L to R): Cynthia Saylor, Sandra Fritz, Michelle Reddick, Anthony Alessi, Frank Quinter, Larry Kuser

IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY
DIAL 911

GENERAL INFORMATION

Upper Pottsgrove Township, located in the far western corner of Montgomery County, formed as a Second Class Township in 1889 with 5,680 acres and a few hundred residents.

The first residents were the Lenni-Lenape Indian tribe, who were members of the Delaware nation. They hunted and fished the heavily wooded and rolling Schuylkill River Valley until driven away by the German and English settlers.

The local economy was supported by fishing, copper mining, grist, saw and chopping mills along the Sprogel's Run. The settlement concentration, known as the Halfway House, consisted of a small cluster of houses and an inn along the stage route between Boyertown and Pottstown. It derived its name from its location half-way between these two points. The township's population has increased gradually and the 1990 census reflects a count of 3,315 residents. In 1965 in response to an annexation movement by residents located near Pottstown, the Upper Pottsgrove electors voted to become a FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP. This change defeated the movement and maintained the township's present boundaries. The present municipal building, housing highway maintenance equipment, was constructed in 1967 with administrative offices being added in 1976.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY	911
Nonemergency or general questions	326-8446
Charles M. Maddona	Chief
Steven R. Sigoda	Patrolman
Margaret A. Tomaselli	Patrolman
John A. Verno	Patrolman
William R. Peoples	Part-time Patrolman
Adam Borz	Part-time Patrolman

The Upper Pottsgrove Police Department is served by four full-time officers and one part-time officer who provide protection and services within the Township. The Department is responsible for the enforcement of Commonwealth laws and Township Ordinances in a growing municipality of approximately 3,500.

The officers would like to remind residents that the Police Department can be most effective only if the residents assist by reporting all crime, suspicious activity, or hazardous conditions when they see them by calling 327-1441.



(L to R): Charles Maddona, Margaret Tomaselli, Steven Sigoda, William Peoples

OTHER IMPORTANT PERSONNEL IN THE TOWNSHIP

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Donna Liebert 970-9917

PLANNING COMMISSION

Richard Geiger, Chairman 327-2383

Elwood Taylor 326-3820

Aaron Katz 326-0453

Alan Bingham 323-4986

Herbert Miller 323-8675

HIGHWAY ROADMASTER

Frank Quinter 323-8675

PARK AND RECREATION

William Drexler, Chairman 970-1004

Todd Kuhlwind, Vice Chairman 327-4504

Linda Bean 326-6409

David DeLong 323-6926

Jay Mathias 970-0777

AUDITORS

Paul Hughes, Chairman 326-5353

Donna Swavely 323-7698

Jean Hollenbach 323-4336

CIVIL DEFENSE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Christopher Wilcox 323-1513

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Rhonda Heckman, Chairman 970-5571

Robert Lewis, Vice Chairman 323-4892

Richard Repko, Secretary 323-5323

DISTRICT JUSTICE

Thomas J. Palladino 326-9458

CONSTABLES

Russell Trainer 326-1162

Jack Heckman 970-5571

STATE AND TOWNSHIP ROADS

State roads within the Township are Route 100, Maugers Mill Road, Gilbertsville Road, State Street, and Levenood Road. All maintenance of these roads is the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in Norristown at 272-0136 or 275-2368. All other streets are the responsibility of the Township Highway Department and complaints concerning street conditions should be directed to the Township Office at 323-8675. The Township maintains 22.09 miles of road.

ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL/WELLS

A permit is required for the installation or repair of any on-site sewage system or residential well. Contact the Montgomery County Health Department at 970-5040.

BUILDING PERMITS

Permits are required by the Township for, but not limited to, new construction, additions and structural alterations, storage sheds, signs, temporary uses, swimming pools and structures. Information regarding permits may be secured from the Zoning Officer at 987-9290. Certain setbacks and constraints would apply. The cost of the permit is nominal and it could avoid significant costs that may be incurred if ordinances are ignored. In addition, penalty provisions apply to all construction which proceeds without the proper permit (s) and inspection. We urge everyone to comply with the zoning regulations for the welfare of the entire community.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

The Township has an ordinance regulating the subdivision of land, adjustment of lot lines and the development of lots, multifamily or non-residential uses. Plans are subject to review by the Montgomery County Planning Commission and the Upper Pottsgrove Township Planning Commission and approval by the Board of Commissioners. This is in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code ACT 247 of 1968, as amended. A copy of the ordinance may be reviewed or purchased at the Municipal Building. Information regarding subdivision or land development may be obtained at the Municipal Building.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

Upper Pottsgrove Township has adopted an evacuation plan to be implemented in the event of an incident at the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant or some other emergency. Plans for these emergencies must address the special needs of individuals with disabilities or without transportation. Forms to be completed may be obtained at the Township Building. Those who should complete the form are individuals and families with special needs. This information will be used for emergency management personnel to update emergency plans for fires, floods, weather emergencies and disasters. Please remember we can help you only if we know who and where you are. This information is confidential.

CURFEW

Ordinance 162 prohibits the presence of children under the age of 18 on the streets or in public places between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian or unless there exists a reasonable excuse. Information regarding this ordinance may be obtained through the Police Department.(327-1441).

SNOW

1. Wait until the snowplows have made two or three passes before clearing the snow from the end of your driveway.
2. Shovel the snow to the right side of your driveway (when facing the street) this will keep the snow you have already shoveled from being pushed back into the driveway area when the plow passes.
3. Remove all vehicles from the street to allow for proper plowing, cindering and to avoid having your vehicle towed.
4. Stay off the roads during a Snow Emergency.
5. For your safety and to avoid legal penalties, stay off the roads with snowmobiles and ATV's.

WEEDS

Township Ordinance 118 states every person, owning or occupying any land within the Township shall cut or remove all grass or weeds in excess of six inches in height on or before June 1 and August 1 of each and every year.

OPEN BURNING

Open burning is permitted. All open burning must be approved by the Fire Marshal. Burn barrels must be approved. For a copy of the burn ordinance contact the Fire Marshal at 323-7589 or the township office at 323-8675. Township ordinances prohibit the burning of paper, wood, cardboard, garbage or other refuse and the burning of any dangerous or inflammable material including automobiles or their parts. No burning is allowed on any township or state roads.

RECYCLING

Recycling is an important effort you can make to help preserve the environment. Materials which can be recycled include glass bottles and jars (clear and colored), metal and aluminum cans, most plastics (stamped with the recycling emblem) and newspapers. All recyclables should be placed in the green recycling bins provided by the Township. Contact the Township Office (323-8675) for information regarding trash removal.

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

A community is only as strong as its citizens. The ability of the Township to cope with the current problems, as well as future needs, depends on the quality of citizen involvement. If you are interested in participating in the local government of your community, please call the Township Office at 323-8675. The Township has numerous commissions, boards and authorities in need of concerned citizens.

PENNSYLVANIA DOG LAWS

Pennsylvania has strict laws concerning dogs. Owning a dog is a major responsibility and a privilege. State laws require that you must always have your dog under control. It is unlawful for any person to permit any animal to run at large unless accompanied by the owner or keeper. You are responsible for any damage caused by your pet and for proper care of it. All complaints concerning stray animals should be directed to the Police Department at 327-1441. All dogs and cats three months of age or older must have proper rabies vaccinations. All dogs six months of age and over must be licensed. Dog License Applications are available at the Township Building and the County Courthouse.

WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLAR GOES



Township
19 mills
Fire
3 mills

School
337 mills

County
40.6 mills

Real Estate Transfer Tax	1% shared with School District
Occupational Privilege Tax	\$10.00 shared with School District
Earned Income Tax	1% shared with School District
Township Per Capita	\$ 5.00
School Per Capita	\$10.00

POTTSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upper Pottsgrove Township residents are entitled to free membership at the Pottstown Public Library located at 500 High Street in Pottstown. ACCESS PA, the state-wide library card system, enables members to use more than 600 libraries throughout the Commonwealth. Call 970-6551 for more information about ACCESS PA and the special programs offered by the Children's Department.

POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Philip G. Keough, Jr., President	Robert Lindgren
Frederick Stein, Jr., Vice President	Charles B. Manula, Jr.
Katherine D. Lehman, Secretary	Dr. Philip Matilsky
Timothy A. Saylor, Treasurer	Robert Nolan
Louise L. Greene	

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Pottsgrove High School Building	327-2277
Superintendent of Schools: Sharon N. Richardson	
Transportation: CMD Corporation	323-5020
High School (9-12)	326-5105
1345 Kauffman Road, Pottstown, PA 19464	
Intermediate School (6-8)	326-8243
1329 Buchert Road, Pottstown, PA 19464	
Lower Pottsgrove Elementary (K-5)	323-7510
699 N. Pleasantview Road, Sanatoga, PA 19464	
Ringling Rocks Elementary (K-5)	323-0903
1401 Kauffman Road, Pottstown, PA 19464	
West Pottsgrove Elementary (K-5)	323-6510
25 Grosstown Road, Stowe, PA 19464	



FIRE SERVICE

Upper Pottsgrove Fire Company
 1409 Farmington Avenue
Emergency 9-1-1 or 323-2385
 Nonemergency 323-2424
 Social Room 327-3194
CHIEF — Robert Leightcap

POTTSGROVE JOINT RECREATION BOARD

This Board is the central recreational organization and is funded by the three Pottsgroves and Pottsgrove School District. Its purpose is to provide recreation for the residents of the Pottsgroves. Popular programs consist of women's exercise, volleyball league, summer playgrounds, ice skating parties, free summer family movies. Information about these and other programs is mailed with school tax notices in July. Current information may be obtained by contacting Eugene Swann, Director of Recreation, at Pottsgrove High School (326-5105).

POTTSGROVE YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Don Wirt, President
 327-0529
 Boys and Girls Teams
 Ages 6 to 18 years

STATE OFFICIALS

State Senator (44th District):
 James Gerlach (610) 458-8010
 State Representative (146th District):
 Robert D. Reber, Jr. (610) 326-9563
 State Governor:
 Thomas Ridge (717) 787-2500
 Correspondence to state officials should be addressed to: The Honorable (Name), (Title), Harrisburg, PA 17120

FEDERAL OFFICIALS

United States Senators:
 Rick Santorum 865-7752
 Arlen Specter (215) 597-7200
 United States Representative (6th District):
 Timothy Holden 371-9931
 Correspondence should be addressed to: The Honorable (Name), (Title), Washington, DC 20515

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

HEATHER PLACE PARK - Owned and maintained by the Township for all residents. Facilities geared to younger children with tot lot apparatus, picnic tables, pavilion, and basketball court. Future plans include tennis and volleyball courts and walking trail.
HILLSIDE AQUATIC CLUB - This facility is a private club located on Moyer Road between Route 100 and Gilbertsville Road. A wading pool, five-lane swimming pool with a diving well, snack bar, volleyball and basketball courts comprise the grounds. Free swimming lessons are available along with competitive swimming team. The pool is open between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Information on membership may be obtained by calling 326-7723 or 323-7803.

FREE COMMUNITY INFORMATION GUIDE AND MAP



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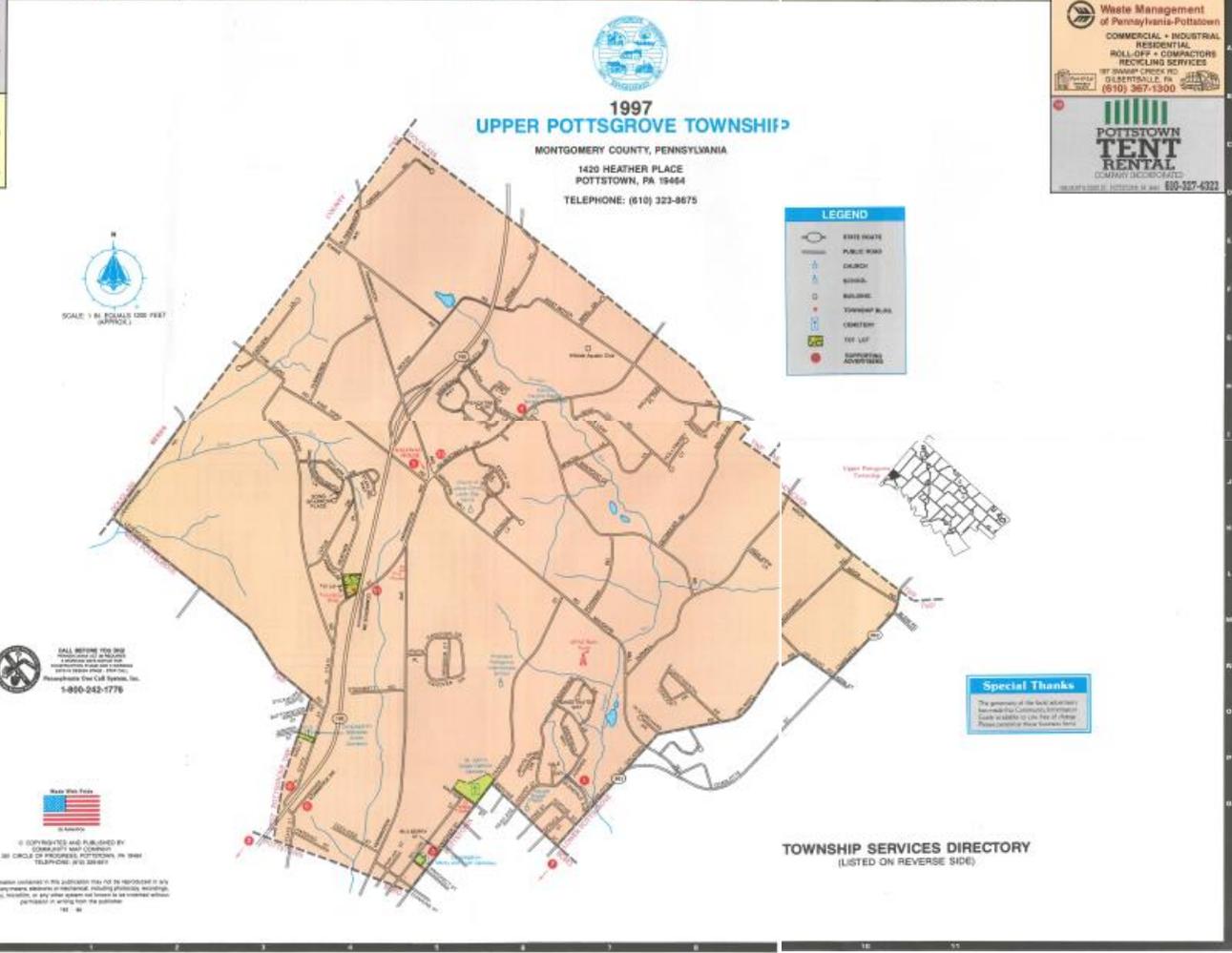
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