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Commissioner's Comments

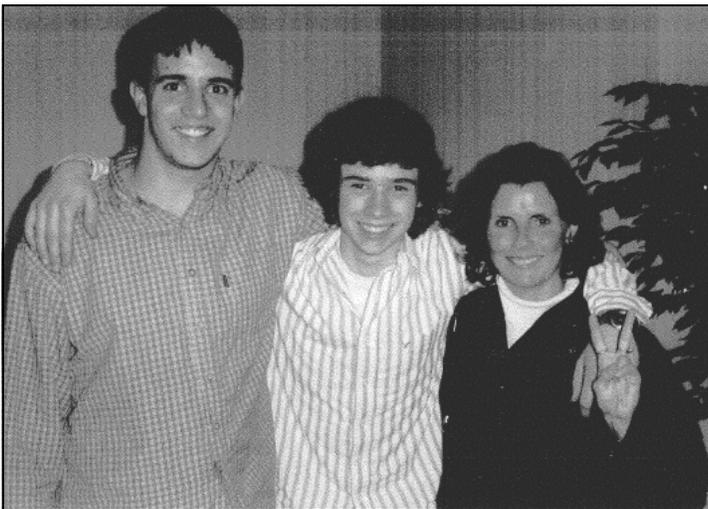
As the newest member of the Board of Commissioners and as a resident of Upper Pottsgrove, I have made it a point to address the concerns of the community. I want to bring back a renewal of honesty and respect for the community that I have resided in for almost 50 years. My involvement with the community extends further back than the last 8 months.

I have been involved with the Fire Committee for the past 3 years and had an integral part in getting our fire company back up and running. I am very proud of our fire company and all its members. I am also a large part of our emergency management team. As part of this team for the past couple of years, I feel we are readily prepared for any disaster whether it be related to weather, nuclear activity, fire, police, etc.

I have been and will continue to work with the elderly and include them as an integral part of the whole community. For the most part, our township has been developed by a core set of older people. These are the community members that have been through most of the changes in Upper Pottsgrove. Often-times the older citizens cannot attend our meetings. The success of our community has been from the generation of those people who have lived, raised their families and retired in this community. My fulltime job has me even more involved with the community. I am the school-age childcare director for the Pottstown Branch of the Freedom Valley YMCA. I oversee several school districts in 3 counties. This puts me in touch with many communities.

However, my best achievement is having my 2 sons. Kirby, my oldest, is 20 and attends Richard Stockton College in New Jersey. He is studying Marine Biology which has always been one of his passions. My other son Tyler is 18 and went to college this year to study Automotive Technology at Montgomery County Community College. He opted out of his senior year in high school to attend college. I have shown my children that if you want to truly do something ...just go for it. I have always been interested in politics and was surprised at the turnout during the last election.

I will continue to do my best as your commissioner. With the tough economy looming, I have made it a point to keep an eye on checks and balances to determine appropriate and frugal allocation of monies. I have only just gotten started.



Renee Spaide and her two sons, Kirby and Tyler

ILLEGAL SEWER CONNECTIONS ARE COSTLY TO YOU AND THE ENVIRONMENT

If your home is connected to the Township's public sanitary sewer system, there are some things you should avoid that will help keep the system operating efficiently AND AT LESS COST. It is important that no volatile chemicals enter your drains. Also, be sure to comply with all use regulations as mandated by Chapter 18, Section 104. Specifically, do not connect any RAIN GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS, FLOOR DRAINS, or SUMP PUMPS to the sewer system. These illegal connections add a substantial burden to our conveyance and treatment facilities and DRIVE UP COSTS since 'clean' water must then be needlessly treated along with the sewage. Treating any additional clear water is unnecessary, expensive, and detrimental to our precious environment. Please control your sewer flows to save the environment - and your money!

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Fire Company Thank You

The members of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Company would sincerely like to thank all of the township residents that supported their efforts to make the transformation of Engine 3 from "North End Yellow" to "Upper Pottsgrove Red!" They would also like to thank D & D Collision for painting the truck, and Fisher Designs for lettering the truck.

There will be upcoming fund-raisers and events throughout the rest of the year, ranging from a Flea Market to a Used Book Sale, and our Annual Fund Drive! We hope to see you and we appreciate your support!

Thank you again from the members of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Company!

MEETING DATES & TIMES

Board of Commissioners-1st & 3rd Mon., 7 PM

Planning Commission-2nd Mon., 6 PM

Parks & Recreation Board-2nd Wed., 7 PM

Sewer & Water Committee-4th Mon., 7 PM

Open Space Committee-2nd Tues., 7 PM

Fire Committee-3rd Thurs., 7 PM

Zoning & Hearing Board-Meets on Demand

Library Update

Summer is one of the busiest seasons at the Pottstown Public Library with activities for people of all ages.

Catch the Reading Bug! Little Peoples Theater, Popcorn Theater, Brown Bag Book Talks, Science in the Summer, Eric Carle Project, Young Gardeners, Video Game Tournaments, and six special Wednesday Performances supplemented the normal story times and reading support activities of the Children's Department. A variety of small and larger prizes encouraged younger members to read as well as attend programs. Children who have qualified by reading regularly on their level attended a Wrap Party on August 4 featuring **BRAINWASH**, a live game show for kids. This program was by **Invitation Only!** Story times will resume in the fall.

Events for **Metamorphosis**, the Summer Program for Teens, varied from creative [Cartoon Workshop, Twisted Tees, and Busted Books] to beauty [Nail Art Party, Henna Tattoo Party] to information [Science on Patrol and Teen Book Talks] to just plain fun [Buggy Fear Factor, Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest, Video Game Tourney, Double Dutch Tournament, Paper Airplane contents, and movies. **The last Metamorphosis events are the teen movie August 5 @ 6 PM, Busted Books on August 6th, Science on Patrol, August 12th.**

In the fall, the Teens will continue with on-going events organized with the Teen Council, now called TSL. Chess, more movies, discussions, a Job Preparedness Workshop, bake sales to coordinate with Friends of the Library book sales are only a few of the activities TSL is planning.

What's left for adults in the library? Lots!!! Weekly Tai Chi instruction [mostly Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM], Mystery Reader's Club on the 4th Tuesday @ month at 10:00 AM, Tuesday Evening Book Club the last Tuesday @ month at 7:00 PM, Craft Clubs the 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 1:00 PM and the 2nd Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm, and special programs on varied themes supplement the traditional hardback and paperback books, large type books, magazines, newspaper, and online information resources.

There is still time for anyone to contribute who wants to help the Library qualify for new public access Internet computers on the Gates Foundation Grant. Computer use continues to grow as our computers age.

We hope each member of your family has his or her library card close at hand for use. Keep checking our web-page for library activities, access to information, including digital downloadable audio books, and oh yes, to reserve those books you want to curl up and read as the leaves start to fall! <http://ppl.mclinc.org>

Carolyn Wiker, Interim Director



Emergency Coordinator Jack Layne and Commissioner Renee Spaide using inter-relational crisis management software.

Upper Pottsgrove Participates in Hostile Action Emergency Drill

In conjunction with our on-going emergency preparedness activities, on May 20th the Township was part of a coordinated, interactive Hostile Action Drill at the Limerick Nuclear Generating Station conducted by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety. This was the first time such an exercise used inter-relational crisis management software that the Regional Task Force recently rolled out. It will be in use in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) during future activations. It is known as "Knowledge Center" and our Emergency Coordinator Jack Layne and Board Member Renee Spaide are shown using it here. Also on site were Robert Sloss-Radiological Team and Reginald Leister-R.A.C.E.S. (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service).

Our Citizen Emergency Response Team is still in need of additional volunteers to support our community in time of disaster to assist in the coordination of relief activities. Many clerical functions are still needed to be filled. Contact the Township Administration Offices for more information: 610-323-8675.

Upper Pottsgrove Community Day

It's that time of year folks, for the Upper Pottsgrove Community Day. On Saturday, October 4th, 2008, at Heather Place Park (just next to the Police department in sight of Rt. 100) we will have our Community Day. Come and join the fun with the park rides, entertainment, refreshments, local vendors and shows. We hope to make this year bigger and better than last year. This is a chance for the kids to come play with all of the other neighborhood kids, and for you to enjoy all of the members of your community. We even ordered perfect weather again (we will have to see if that works). The list of guests and vendors is still being worked out, so keep an eye on the township website <http://www.upperpottsgrovetownship.org/> for a list of activities and entertainment.

We'll see you there!

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We are still actively signing up vendors for community day. There is no better way to get in front of your local customers at so little expense at Upper Pottsgrove Community Day. Contact Sue Thompson at 610-608-2426 or Jill Ludy at 484-744-9929 or the Upper Pottsgrove township office 610-323-8675 for more information.




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Sadie Mae

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ELECTION DAY
November 4, 2008
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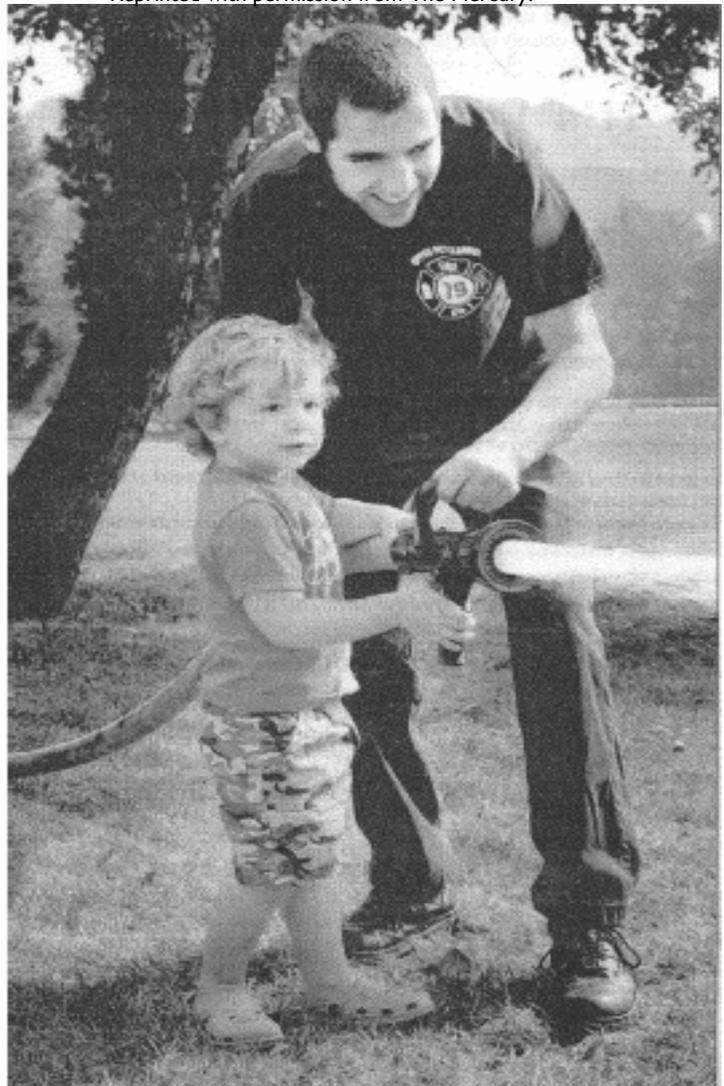


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Upper Pottsgrove held its Community Day at Heather Place Park on October 6, 2007. Firefighter Joel Tamburro helps 3-year-old Michael Mancini spray a fire hose.



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