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## Great PA Cleanup



*Our volunteers – we appreciate each and every one of them. Thanks for keeping our Township spiffy.*

Nineteen Upper Pottsgrove residents joined together to help clean up various areas of their community. Volunteers of all ages met at the township building in the morning of April 24. They donned their gloves and vests and carried large trash bags and went off to pick up bottles, bags, cans, newspapers and other debris that littered the streets of Upper Pottsgrove.

This group collected many bags of trash that thoughtless people threw out on the street. Bottles and cans seemed to be the biggest culprit.

These volunteers, concerned by the amount of litter found on the streets, frequently complete “pick-ups” on their own in their own neighborhoods. They have also agreed to have a 2nd clean-up in the fall.

Anyone who wishes to help keep our neighborhood beautiful can contact the Upper Pottsgrove Township Office and leave their names and email addresses. They will be notified when the fall clean-up is scheduled.

Many thanks to the volunteers and thanks to those who have already offered to help in the future.

## News from the Open Space and Recreation Board

Has everyone seen the park sign at 1401 North Charlotte Street just across from the closed Dairy Queen? It’s our most recent open space acquisition which has been named Sunset Park. Upon completion, it will be the southern entrance to the Sprogels Run Trail. As we go to print, the parking lot has been completed along with two handicap spaces. Moreover, a hiking trail is under construction from the parking lot to an existing trail loop around the beautiful pond that can be seen in the wintertime from Maugers Mill Road.

We need to remove the clinging vines from the beautiful Emerald Green Arborvitae and we welcome volunteers to step forward to help. Wouldn’t it be great to drive by and remark, “I’ve helped create this great park”!

We would like to welcome our recent Open Space & Recreation Board member, Ralph Freed. Ralph has proven to be committed to the improvement of many of our park projects. He is ambitious and a key motivator. As of this date, he has volunteers, Greg Churach to help with the electric needs, and John West to help with the carpentry work. We can always use volunteers, so if you have a couple of hours every now and then, please come forward with your talents as we can sure use you.

At Heather Place Park, we have a Community Day planned for Saturday, October 2nd. (The rain date is Saturday, October 9th.) We have already arranged for Mike from Makin’ Music Rockin’ Rhythms to have interactive musical entertainment for children. Our Ladies Auxiliary from the firehouse will have delectable delights for sale. Pat will be selling his refreshing Kona Ice again. As usual, we will have games and crafts for children. If you would like to participate as a vendor, or to volunteer to help out, call or email Upper Pottsgrove Township.

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## You Can Help!

Yard sale signs are permitted. Please remove them within 24 hours of completion of the sale.

## Board of Commissioners

- Elwood Taylor, President
- Reneé Spaide, Vice President
- Peter Dolan
- Herbert C. Miller, Jr.
- Russell Noll

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**MEETING DATES & TIMES**

Board of Commissioners-1st & 3rd Mon., 7 PM  
 Planning Commission-2nd Mon., 6 PM  
 Open Space & Recreation Board-2nd Wed., Odd Mos.,  
 7 PM  
 Sewer & Water Committee-4th Mon., Odd Mos., 5 PM  
 Fire Committee-3rd Thurs., 7 PM  
 Zoning & Hearing Board-Meets on Demand  
 Web Link to Calendar:  
<http://upperpottsgrovetownship.org/index.html#>

**National Preparedness Month is Observed**



The month of September is National Preparedness Month. It is a time that we ALL as individuals should focus on OUR personal responsibilities to **Be Ready** for any emergency. Upper Pottsgrove Township joins a national coalition of like-minded, disaster-preparedness communities to keep its residents informed and will issue an official Proclamation at the August General Meeting. Fact sheets and brochures, including Activity Books aimed at children from ages 4-7 & 8-11, will be available at the Township offices while supplies last during the month. Please stop in.

The first place we need to be prepared is in our home. One of the first things we need to do is determine our potential threats. These will vary depending on where we live locally: hurricanes, high winds and snow, plus occasional tornadoes and extended power outages. Each family needs to know what the common threats are in their area and to a certain extent determine their preparedness actions in response to them.

On a general level, families need to take the steps we advise all to take. Considering that first responders may not be able to get to your home for at least 72 hours and that utility services may be down for many days, we need to provide ourselves with the means to survive. Have a pantry well stocked with canned goods and other easily prepared foods. Having an adequate supply of drinking water is vital. Prescription meds should be kept current. A first aid kit to treat injuries, a battery operated radio and, of course, several flash lights should be kept on hand. Be sure to check the batteries in your flash lights periodically to make sure they are working. Better yet, remove those batteries until needed to avoid leakage damage. Use Ziplock® bags. An additional precaution might be to keep extra bottles of propane available so that you can cook on the grill (outside) should the need arise.

In some disasters, you may not be at home but caught away at

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**His Legacy Lives On**

Upper Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners and staff were saddened to learn of the passing of Donald Hoffman. About a year ago the Township purchased open space land from the Hoffmans adjacent to the ball fields on Moyer and Gilbertsville Roads. The field was named in Mr. Hoffman's honor.

A long time resident of the Township and pioneer of Twin Ponds Golf Club, Mr. Hoffman's legacy lives on.

**Position Available**

The **Upper Pottsgrove Township Civil Service Commission** currently has an opening for the position of **ALTERNATE**. Candidate must be a registered voter residing in the township and willing to take training. Alternates must be available for occasional evening meetings, hearings, hiring procedures and otherwise assume all the responsibilities of a regular Commissioner. Volunteer Committee Applications are available (under **Forms**) online at:

<http://www.upperpottsgrovetownship.org/FormsAndPermits.html> or at the Township Office.



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**Volunteerism**

Recently mentioned in U.S.A. Today, we see how many hours people volunteer on average per week:

1 or less	50.3%
Between 1 and 2	15.7%
Between 2 and 5	17.3%
More than 5	11.7%
Not reported	5.0%

In Upper Pottsgrove Township, we could sure use volunteers. Call Linda Coleman at the Township building and we will give you options where we can use your talents.

**2010-2011 Pottsgrove Recreation Board**



The Pottsgrove Recreation Board is the central recreational organization of the Pottsgroves. Its purpose is to provide recreation for the residents of the various Pottsgrove communities. Funding is provided by the three townships and the school district.

Pottsgrove Recreation website:

<http://www.pottsgroverec.com>

484-300-9637

## National Preparedness Month is Observed (Continued from Page 2)

work. For that reason it is a good idea to keep an emergency kit at your office or in the car with a change of clothes, a radio and, most importantly, a plan of where your family will gather in case of an emergency evacuation. Speaking of potential evacuations, it is imperative that a plan be developed for the family so that everyone's location is known and, if necessary or desirable, a pre-planned meeting place defined and known by everyone. Remember that phones, particularly cell phones, will usually be inoperative during these stressed periods.

For just such a possibility, always try to keep a half full tank of gas in the car so that you can evacuate in case of an emergency. An emergency travel kit should also be pre-assembled for use in an evacuation situation and it would be wise to conduct training exercises.

The real key to successful citizen preparedness is to keep it relevant and simple. That is why the Ready program is so important. To further help individuals to prepare themselves for emergency situations, go to: <http://www.ready.gov/america>. In the end, we are relying on people to be self-reliant, particularly in those disasters which overwhelm local emergency personnel and can delay assistance to you for 72 to 96 hours.

## Elder Abuse Website

This site has info on different types of elder abuse such as scams directed at that segment of the population, crime targeting, health abuse issues, etc.

<http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/seniors.aspx?id=296>

If you have any reason to suspect that an elderly person may be victimized in any way, call our Pennsylvania toll free, Elder Abuse Hotline at **1-866-623-2137**, email us at [elderabuse@attorneygeneral.gov](mailto:elderabuse@attorneygeneral.gov) or fill out an [Elderly Abuse Complaint Form](#).

## Leaves and Grass Clippings

Remember, by ordinance, the blowing or sweeping of leaves and grass clippings into streets or gutters is prohibited, as they block storm water drains and ditches, promote growth along curbs and can create hazardous driving conditions.



## Upper Pottsgrove Resources

In times of emergency, it is important to know what resources are available to a community. It is also important to realize that your municipality does not have an unending supply of common resources that are necessary during times of emergency. These resources can range from all terrain vehicles to portable generators, but could also include chainsaws and four wheel drive vehicles. To properly prepare ourselves, it is wise to have a list of these available resources on hand that you as a citizen might have and be willing to share in a time of crisis.

If you have any of this equipment available and would be willing to offer it in times of emergency, please take the time to provide a list of the resources with your contact information to the Upper Pottsgrove Township Office. Additionally, you can also register for Montgomery County's ReadyNotify emergency text alerting system at [montco.alertpa.org](http://montco.alertpa.org). During the registration process, you will be asked to provide information concerning available resources.

## News from the Open Space and Recreation Board (Cont'd. from Page 1)

We like to wish everyone a healthy, happy remainder of the summer. Please take the time to visit our parks. We do have the pavilion at Heather Place Park available to rent should you need a place for your summer or early fall picnics, or to take the family out for a cookout and fun. There are Dogi Pot Stations available for your pet waste, so please use them. We welcome any suggestions or comments you wish to convey about our parks. You can email chairperson, Susan Thompson, at [Suzq608@comcast.net](mailto:Suzq608@comcast.net).

*Susan Thompson, Chair Open Space & Recreation Board*

## Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECYCLING HOTLINE @ (610) 278-3618 OR VISIT [www.montgomerycountyclecyles.org](http://www.montgomerycountyclecyles.org).

You can dispose of your household hazardous waste items and computers from **9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.** on the following upcoming dates and locations:

**Spring-Ford Flex School-August 21, 2010**

Royersford, PA 19468

**Lower Merion Twp Public Works-October 23, 2010**

Penn Valley, PA 19072

- This program is a community service to the residents of Montgomery County and the 4 Southeastern Pennsylvania County Region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Philadelphia) ONLY and is NOT open to businesses, institutions or industry.
- All collection events will accept HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) and Electronics.



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**Beginning April 1, 2010 through December 15, 2010, Township Trash Hauler, J. P. MASCARO, will include weekly curbside collection of yard waste, grass and leaves in an unlimited amount. Yard waste may be placed in compostable bags, open containers or bundled, but in no event larger than 3 feet by 3 feet.**



## ***Community Day***

Our 2010 Upper Pottsgrove Community Day plans are underway!!!

The date is Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 11am to 4pm.

(The rain date is October 9, 2010.)

This is a wonderful opportunity to have your business get exposure in our Upper Pottsgrove Community!

Are you a local artisan, crafter, tradesman, professional service, retail business?

Do you have a local club such as volleyball, table tennis, soccer, baseball, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts?

Are you a food vendor and wish to set up your "stand" at this event?

Call the Township office at: 610.323.8675 to reserve your space at our next Community Day.