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FIGHTING LITTER



There have been reports that newspapers and plastic bottles have been blowing out of recyclable containers and onto neighbors' yards. Please place recyclables in a plastic bag and place in your container. If you have only newspapers, please either tie or place a heavy item on top to keep from blowing onto other yards. Thank you.

FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY

Upper Pottsgrove Auxiliary / Fire Company Easter Flower Sale

The Auxiliary & Fire Company will again be selling Easter Flowers at the firehouse. The dates are **Friday, April 6th & Saturday, April 7th** from 9 am to 7 pm. Shop early for the best selection. Some of the flowers we will be featuring are hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, azaleas, and mums. We appreciate your support in helping us to raise funds to purchase some of the necessary equipment to help save lives in our community.

Spring Community Hoagie Sale

The Auxiliary is planning another Hoagie Sale for May 2012. Details of the event will be displayed on the sign in front of the fire house. Thank you to all who purchased from our last hoagie sale!

Membership Drive 2012

The Auxiliary is looking for new members to join our committee! Please stop at the fire house any Thursday night for details.

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION



Residents are urged to do these things to offset negative stormwater impacts and to save tax dollars that would otherwise be spent on remediation.

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash or wash it on your lawn instead of washing it in the driveway
Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

May 8, 2012 is the date to vote. Please mark your calendar so that you remember to come out and vote at the Township Administration Office, 1409 Farmington Avenue, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

APPRECIATION



Helen Brandel receives plaque from Board President Elwood Taylor upon her retirement from the Civil Service Commission where she served from 2002 to 2012. She was also recognized for her service as a former Township Commissioner from 1994 to 2001.

Board of Commissioners

- Elwood Taylor, President - etaylor@upperpottsgrovetownship.org
- Reneé Spaide, Vice President
- Peter Dolan - peter@610law.com
- Herbert C. Miller, Jr.
- Russell Noll

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MEETING DATES & TIMES

Board of Commissioners-3rd Mon., 7 PM
 Planning Commission-2nd Mon., 7 PM
 Open Space & Recreation Board-2nd Wed., Odd Mos.,
 7 PM
 Sewer & Water Committee-4th Mon., Odd Mos., 5 PM
 Fire Committee-3rd Thurs., 7:00 PM
 Zoning & Hearing Board-Meets on Demand
 Web Link to Calendar:
<http://upperpottsgrovetownship.org/index.html#>

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 ALTERNATE**

The Township currently has 2 openings for the position of **ALTERNATE**.
 Candidates must be a registered voter residing in the township and willing to take training and 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, 1409 Farmington Ave. during regular business hours.

IS IT TIME TO RETIRE YOUR AMERICAN FLAG?



The Upper Pottsgrove Township Administration Building, 1409 Farmington Avenue, will once again be the collection center for tattered and soiled American Flags of any size until **Friday, May 25th** during normal business hours. These Flags will then be delivered to the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial, in Pottstown's Memorial Park where the Veterans and Boy Scouts will retire the Flags at a very impressive patriotic ceremony on **Sunday, June 3rd** starting at **1 PM**. The public is encouraged to attend and participate, especially the school-aged members of our community. Bring your cameras & favorite lawn chair. Rain or shine.

Anti-Texting Law While Driving in Effect

Pennsylvania's new law prohibiting text-based communication while driving took effect at 12:01 am March 8, 2012. A primary offense will carry a \$50 fine. "Your most important job when behind the wheel is to focus only on driving."
 The new law specifically makes it a primary offense to use an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read or write a text-based message.
 Learn more online at www.dot.state.pa.us and choose "Anti-Texting Law."

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DOG BARKING ORDINANCE



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“No dog shall be permitted to bark, whine or howl continuously to the extent that it is perceptible beyond the property of the owner, keeper or custodian for a period of more than fifteen (15) minutes.

Please be considerate of your neighbors.

Hopewell Community Church

1130 Commerce Drive

Vision Statement

To be transformed by the renewing of your mind for His Glory “Romans 12:2”

We invite you to join our services here at Hopewell Community Church. It is our purpose to express our adoration to God as we worship Him together. We join our hearts to extol the greatness of His love, for mercy and grace has been extended to us through Jesus Christ.

SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday AM Service 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Children’s Church 11:15 – 12:00 PM

Junior & Senior High Youth

2nd & 4th Sat. 6:00 to 9:00 pm

VBS July 30 / Aug. 3, 2012



2012 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECYCLING HOTLINE 610.278.3618 OR VISIT (www.montgomerycountyrecycles.org)

**North Penn High School
Saturday, April 7, 2012**

1340 Valley Forge Rd.
Lansdale, PA 19446
Towamencin Township
9AM - 3PM

**Upper Merion Middle School
Saturday, May 12, 2012**

Enter near 435 Crossfield Rd.
King Of Prussia, PA 19406
Upper Merion Township
9AM - 3PM

**Temple University – Ambler Campus
Saturday, June 23, 2012**

Enter near 1431 E. Butler Pike
Ambler, PA 19002
Upper Dublin Township
9AM - 3PM

**Abington Junior High School
Friday, August 17, 2012**

Enter via Tyler Rd.
970 Highland Ave.
Abington, PA 19001
Abington Township
9AM - 3PM

**Lower Merion Public Works
Saturday, October 20, 2012**

1300 N. Woodbine Ave.
Penn Valley, PA 19072
Lower Merion Township
9AM - 3PM



State & Federal Legislators



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<p>Trash pick-up is every Wednesday. If you see litter in the vicinity of your property, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. Beginning April 1 through December 15, 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.</p>	
	

<p>Heather Place Park Pavilion</p> <p>Need a place for a party or a special get-together?</p> <p>Please consider making a reservation for the pavilion</p> <p>@ Heather Place Park, 1420 Heather Place. The fees are \$30.00 for residents and \$50.00 for non-residents. Contact the township office @ 610-323-8675 to reserve.</p>
