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2013 SPRING ROAD CLEANUP



On April 13, 2013, residents swept through 4 square miles of township roads & parks picking up an estimated 112 ton of litter as part of this year's Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful campaign.



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

May 21, 2013 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.

Upper Pottsgrove Twp. Fire Co. #1

The Upper Pottsgrove Fire Company would like to thank the residents that contributed to our 2012 fund drive. We look forward to serving you in 2013! We would also like to announce that through the efforts of our members, we have obtained a grant from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$13,116.00, which will be used to pay down the debt on the 2009 pumper that is currently serving the township. Residents can also check on upcoming events and information about the fire company by visiting our new website at www.upperpottsgrovetownship.org.



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#>

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 24th** 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 2nd** 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.

UPPER POTTSGROVE TOWNSHIP CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

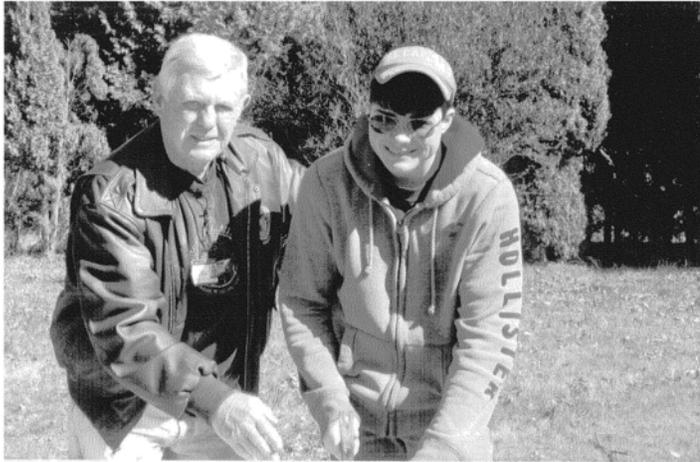
The Township currently has one opening for the position of **ALTERNATE**. Candidates must be a registered voter residing in the township and willing to take training and be available for occasional evening meetings, hearings, hiring procedures and otherwise assume all the responsibilities of a regular 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.

Board of Commissioners

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

Please support our Newsletter sponsors and all businesses in the Township, both new and existing.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT @ SUNSET PARK



An Eagle Scout project by Jay Young, a resident of Upper Pottsgrove Township, puts the finishing touch on the picnic table. This is one of three projects completed by Mr. Young at Sunset Park. Checking on Jay's carpentry skills is Commissioner Herb Miller, Jr., liaison for open space, parks and recreation for the township.



It took an entire weekend of scouts and scout fathers to assist Jay Young in his endeavors to reach EAGLE SCOUT. The Board of Commissioners of Upper Pottsgrove wishes the best for Jay and we thank him for his contribution to our beautiful park.

Heather Place Park Pavilion

Need a place for a party or a special get-together? Please consider making a reservation for the pavilion @ 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.

CALL THE COPS!!!

Once again we are in the season where everyone wants to fix up their homes after a cold and destructive winter. It is also that season where the scammers are spouting up faster than the daffodils.

Invariably, we receive calls from residents who have become victims of pavers, roofers, chimney sweeps and just about any other persons offering household services which prove to be scams or outright rip-offs. We have some real horror stories from victims.

They offer to re-do your driveway or roof or sweep your chimney cheaply because they are "in the area doing other jobs and have extra material or extra time to do your job at deep discount". Beware of these solicitors! To solicit any type business or service in Upper Pottsgrove, a vendor MUST have a solicitor permit issued by the Township and present it upon request.

No permit, close the door and call the cops! Please!

Contact Information for State Representative Mark Painter

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Arborganic Acres is responding to the current environmental dilemma through its state-of-the-art composting facility that is combining waste products from arboriculture and farming industries with food waste (fruit, vegetables and grains), collected locally, to produce earth-friendly mulch, soil additives and erosion control materials, all usable locally. This is accomplished by utilizing technological advancements and proprietary innovations all of which are compliant with current DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) requirements and are neighbor-friendly.

According to the DEP, food, grass clippings, leaves, brush, wood chips, and the like, which make up most organic waste, created or collected locally, accounts for more than one third of all trash targeted for Pennsylvania landfills. However, Pennsylvania has currently imposed a ban on all yard waste from being deposited in landfills. Operational costs borne by State and Local Municipalities to collect, sort and transport the remaining waste (e.g. food waste) to landfills is, to some extent, passed back to local residents in the form of local taxes.

Arborganic Acres intends to ease this environmental and financial impact by offering an alternative means of processing otherwise unusable organic material into environmentally friendly, marketable products for local use.

"From the earth, to the earth" might be an appropriate way of stating this objective.

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 2011 Open House
 2011 October Snow Blot
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PA State law governs the discharge of firearms and bows. It prohibits shooting (except in self defense) within a safety zone of 450 feet from any building or anywhere within a PUBLIC PARK or OPEN SPACE.

Also, please be advised that our park rules, for the safety of our residents, states no motorized vehicles including all types of ATVs and snow mobiles. Trapping is prohibited.

WIND BLOWING TRASH ALL AROUND

February 20, 2013, was a day of strong winds. By the time Mascaro made their rounds within our township, plastic milk containers and trash in general were blown along our roadways and on to neighbors' properties. Suggestion is to bag your recyclables and place that bag into your recyclable container. By doing that, you will be helping keep our township looking good.

NEW ELECTRONICS RECYCLING LAW

Due to recently enacted State regulations, curbside pickup of electronics refuse (E-waste) will no longer be available for our residents. Items that cannot be picked up are as follows: unbroken computers (desktop and notebook) monitors, computer peripherals (such as keyboards, scanners, printers) and televisions. These items (as well as other electronic items) may be taken to Pioneer Crossing Landfill in Birdsboro, PA, for recycling. This is a free service to all residents and is not available to businesses. The drop-off center is open 8:00-11:00 on Saturdays. Please park and check in with the scale-house prior to dropping off any items. Please visit www.jpmascaro.com_e-waste_drop_off.php, for more details. Also, household computers and televisions can be freely disposed of at the BEST BUY STORE in the Upland Square Shopping Center.

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Community Day
*Our 2013 Upper Pottsgrove Community Day plans are underway!!!
The date is Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 11am to 4pm.
(The rain date is October 12, 2013.)*
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 or email our Open Space & Parks & Rec Board Chair, Sue Thompson @ sthompson@upperpottsgrovetownship.org to reserve your space at our next Community Day.

9 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION & SAVE TAX DOLLARS

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.



- 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