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MEETING DATES & TIMES

Board of Commissioners-3rd Mon., 7 PM;
1st Mon. as needed

Planning Commission-2nd Mon., 7 PM

Open Space & Recreation Board-2nd Tues., 7 PM

Sewer & Water Committee-1st Tues., Odd Mos., 5 PM

Fire Committee-2nd Thurs., 7 PM

Zoning & Hearing Board-Meets on Demand

Web Link to Calendar: www.uptownship.org

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Elwood Taylor, President - etaylor@uptownship.org
- Herbert C. Miller, Jr., Vice President
- John Bealer
- France Krazalkovich
- Martin Schreiber



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 7th, 2017 from 7AM to 8 PM is the date and time to vote. Upper Upper Pottsgrove's only polling place is at the

Pottsgrove Middle School, 1351 North Hanover Street, Pottstown, PA 19464.

PARKS CONTEST

HELP YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL PARK WIN MONEY FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE POTTS-TOWN AREA HEALTH & WELLNESS FOUNDATION.

Entry:

No purchase necessary to participate.

Registration can be found at www.pottstownfoundation.org and www.facebook.com/PAHWF

When to Vote: The contest runs from July

1st – 31st, 2017. Individuals looking to make a real impact in their community are able to vote for their favorite park two ways (listed below) every day during the month of July. Individuals can and are encouraged to vote multiple times throughout the contest. By voting both ways, a participant is able to help the parks win the "Healthiest Park Prize" and/or the "Activity Challenge". Additionally, bonus prizes and individual prizes will be awarded based on voter participation.

Ways to Vote: During the course of the competition, there are two specific ways to accumulate votes for a park:

- Taking a selfie photograph and uploading it to the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PAHWF/>) or emailing the photo to OnYourPark@gmail.com. No registration is necessary.
- Casting ticketed votes in person at on-site voting locations within participating parks. Individuals must register to receive the ticket package in the mail.
- Registrants must be 14 years and older at the time of the competition (June 1, 2017) and must also reside within the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation [service area](#). One registration per household.

Votes from selfies and tickets are tabulated weekly and posted to the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page, allowing users to see where his or her favorite park stands in the rankings.

Facebook/Email: Visitors to any of the participating parks who subscribe to Facebook are able to vote by taking a personalized selfie of themselves in the participating park and uploading it to the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PAHWF/>). The caption of the picture should mention the name of the park where the photo was taken. Please note that in order to engage using this method, you must "like" the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page prior to disseminating the photo. One vote can be registered per Facebook account, per day per park. By taking a selfie and sharing it to the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page, each vote is equivalent to 1 visit in the park. Each park visit will register as 10 points on the live Facebook tally.

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DIANE THOMAS ~ OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

This award was presented to Diane Thomas in recognition of her contributions to the Althouse Arboretum whose success is a direct result of both her leadership in the community and the commitment she has made to see that the Arboretum succeeds. Thank you! This award was presented on June 6, 2017.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE OUR RESIDENTS WHO PUT THEIR RECYCLING INTO BAGS SO THAT IT DOES NOT BLOW ALL OVER THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE STREETS.

SAVE THE DATE FOR COMMUNITY DAY: Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 at Heather Place Park, 1420 Heather Place

NOTARY SERVICES for Township Residents ~ Contact Michelle Reddick to set an appointment for services: (610) 323-8675 x203

ROAD BRIGADE CLEANUP

We thank our volunteers who participated in our Keep PA Beautiful April 15th cleanup this year. Use this link to view Montgomery County cleanup pics from spring 2017: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/144937024@N03/albums/72157682987687686>

We will meet again at the township building this October. Please call the township office at (610) 323-8675 to sign up to volunteer.



Our youngest resident, Layla Jelbaoui, helped in April's volunteer Keep PA Beautiful cleanup. She was disappointed how much people litter

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Alternatively, individuals who are not registered Facebook users can electronically send a selfie photo taken at his or her favorite park and email it to OnYourPark@gmail.com. The subject line of the email should contain the name of the park. One vote is registered per email address. By emailing a selfie to the designated Gmail account, each vote is equivalent to 1 visit in the park. Each park visit will register as 10 points on the live Facebook tally.

Contest administrators reserve the right to exercise discretion in accepting or denying votes due to the validity of photo submissions.

Tickets: Individuals who register and receive a ticket packet are able to vote by taking the physical ticket to a participating park and depositing it in the designated vote collection box. Each park will have one box within the park limits which will be uniformly designed and labeled throughout the twelve parks participating in the contest. Votes will be collected and tallied weekly and posted to the competition's tab of the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page.

Between June 21st and July 31st, participants can register at participating municipal building where remaining ticket packets can be picked up. Ticket packets are first come first served after June 21st and may run out. For more info about registering after June 21st, please contact stulio@pottstownfoundation.org.

Tickets will be assigned to individuals so that the contest administrators can track and validate the votes. A total of twelve tickets, one ticket per participating park, will be administered. Tickets will be deemed invalid if they are damaged, deposited in the wrong park voting box, or otherwise tampered with. It is at the discretion of the staff of the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation, who manage the competition, to determine vote validity.

Winner Selection:

Healthiest Park Prize: The park that receives the greatest number of visits by the conclusion of the competition will be named the grand prize winner and receive a \$5,000 recreation grant from the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation. In addition, the first runner-up will receive \$2,500. The grant funds will be restricted for use at the municipality's nominated park in the 2017 competition unless otherwise noted on the park's application for the competition. The number of visits will be counted by the number of valid tickets dropped at that park and the number of selfies posted from that park location. All winning municipalities will be notified via the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page on Monday, August 1st.

Activity Challenge Prize: The municipality that collectively casts the most number of ticketed votes regionally by the conclusion of the competition will be named the grand prize winner and receive a \$5,000 recreation grant from the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation. In addition, the first runner-up will receive \$2,500. The grant funds will be restricted for use at the municipality's nominated park in the 2016 competition. Individuals must register online by June 20th to receive tickets in the mail OR can pick up a packet and register it online from a limited supply at their municipal building.

All winning municipalities will be notified via the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page on Tuesday, August 1st.

Bonus Prize: All twelve participating municipalities are eligible.

Ten \$1,000 recreation grants will be available for participating communities to earn. A minimum of 3 and maximum of 10 awards will be given to the parks displaying the strongest efforts to build community, creatively honor their parks, and promote inclusivity of diverse residents in the competition. One bonus prize can be earned per competing park. Due July 31, 2017. The municipality need not win or gain acknowledgement for any other prizes in the competition to be eligible for this bonus. All winning municipalities will be notified via the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page on Tuesday, August 8th.

Individual Prizes: Both registered and non-registered individuals are eligible to receive individual prizes throughout the period of the competition and its registration process (June 1 - August 1, 2017).

Weekly drawings will be used to determine winners from both the pool of selfies and the tickets cast in a given week. Prize values range from \$30 to \$400 and include items such as water bottles, game sets (e.g. spikeball), fitbits, gift cards, and recreation equipment. This is not an inclusive list of prizes. No purchase necessary to enter.

Vote Validation: The Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation staff will serve as administrators of this contest. As such, they reserve the right to examine votes and dismiss or accept as necessary. Votes will be validated between dawn on July 1st and dusk on July 31st. Tampering with ticketed votes, falsifying information, photo-editing digital photo votes, and other offenses which undermine from the integrity of the competition will result in invalid votes and will not be counted toward the individual incentives or municipal competition totals. Repeated instances of foul play from residents or parks may result in dismissal of participants and/or parks from the competition.

DISCLAIMER: Please note, photographs that are submitted to the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation Facebook page or email become the property of Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation and may be used for promotional purposes. Moreover, we strongly urge all participants to exercise proper cyber safety precautions before submitting a photo online.



Press Release: Summer Reading 2017 Build a Better World

Date: May 31, 2017

Contact: Susan Davis, Director sdavis@mclinc.org

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Pottstown Regional Public Library is ready for Summer Reading 2017, inspired by the theme of "Build a Better World".

The Summer Reading Kick-Off Party is scheduled for June 13 @ 6:00 p.m. The library and its community partners will be having a building workshop, a planting table, recycled crafts, games, door prizes and snacks to celebrate the beginning of summer.

During the summer, free family programs are scheduled at the library on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Registration is not required to attend. A full schedule of events for all ages is available on the library website and printed fliers are available in the library.

It's easy to be a part of the Summer Reading Program! Starting June 12, children ages 0-18 may pick up an activity log in the children's department at the library. There are three different participation levels to choose from:

- Pre-Readers - children who cannot yet read on their own
- Elementary Readers - children who are in elementary school
- Teen Readers - children who are in Middle or High School.

As participants mark their progress on the activity log they earn prizes for their efforts. All children who complete and return their activity log before August 19 will be entered into grand prize drawings.

Traditionally, summer reading programs are designed to encourage children to keep reading during summer vacation. Preventing the "summer slide" continues to be the main objective of summer reading programs. Students can lose 2 months of reading achievement in the summer. For many families the public library is the only community space available during the summer months where they can access free educational and cultural enrichment activities and programs.

The benefits of summer reading programming for children:

- Children are motivated to read.
- Children develop positive attitudes about reading, books, and the library.
- Children maintain their reading skills during summer vacation.
- Children have access to experiences that further their sense of discovery.
- Children have access to experiences through which they can learn to work cooperatively.
- Summer is a great time to build and create and have fun with friends!
- Your local library is the perfect place to help your imagination take off!
- Join us this summer for books, movies, music, activities and fun... And together we can build a better world.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to become more involved in your Community? Upper Pottsgrove has many volunteer opportunities available for many interests.

- Volunteer to serve on an advisory board. We have over 7 boards that need seats filled at various times.
- Rubbish Brigade meets twice a year to police the township roads and open spaces. Many people have an area they police throughout the year.
- Program Committee meets throughout the year to plan various programs such as Community Days, Fish Rodeo, etc.
- Trail Ambassadors adopt a section of trail or open space which they help to maintain and monitor.

For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact the township or visit our website.

Pavilion Reservations

Need a place for a party or a special get-together? Please consider making a reservation for the pavilions ~ two locations: Heather Place Park, 1420 Heather Place and Sunset Park, 1401 N. Charlotte Street. The fees are \$30.00 for residents and \$50.00 for non-residents. There is a deposit of \$100.00 required which will be refunded upon a good-standing inspection. Horseshoe pit and kickball supplies are also available for a deposit. Contact the township office @ 610-323-8675 to reserve. Enjoy this link to Heather Place Park:

<https://positivelyptown.com/2010/10/10/heather-place-park-enjoy-a-family-time-out-in-upper-pottsgrove/>