

# The Upper Pottsgrove Township HERALD

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## STREETS, SIDEWALKS & SNOW

**Snow Removal on Sidewalks** ~ The property owner shall, within 24 hours after the cessation of any snowfall, clear at least a two-foot-wide path on any sidewalk on or abutting their property, but when the snowfall results in the accumulation of 12 or more inches of snow, then the deadline shall be extended to 48 hours after the cessation of the snowfall. In the event snow and/or ice on a sidewalk becomes so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damaging the sidewalk, the owner shall cause enough sand or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe, and as soon thereafter as the weather permits, the owner shall clear at least a two-foot-wide path on any sidewalk on or abutting their property.

**Cul-de-Sac Parking** ~ Any time our crews are called out to clear snow and ice from our roadways, residents will be required to remove their vehicles from cul-de-sacs for the duration of such snow emergencies. During declared emergencies, no vehicle will be permitted to park within the bulb of the cul-de-sac or within 25 feet of the entrance to the bulb. Thank you for helping us make a better job of clearing snow from our streets.

**Clearing Snow from Your Driveway** ~ Facing the street, clear an area to the left of your driveway. As a result, all of the snow that you clear should be placed to the right of your driveway. This cleared area will help "catch" plowed snow that would otherwise land in your driveway. Please note that clearing the snow to the left of your driveway will not keep all of the snow out of your driveway, but it will greatly reduce the amount that you will have to "re-shovel."



## 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., 5 PM  
Fire Committee-2nd Thurs., 7 PM  
Zoning & Hearing Board-Meets on Demand  
Web Link to Calendar: <http://uptownship.org/index.php>

## OPEN SPACE & RECREATION SURVEY

The OS&R Board would like suggestions from the residents on activities that they would like to support and take part in. Perhaps a chili or BBQ cook off. Does anyone have a hobby that they would like to have a place to share, i.e., stamps, coins, model planes, sewing, quilts, art work, or photography? The Board also would like some feedback about having contests like kite-flying, pets or science, to name a few. Would a cross-country or 5-k run to raise money for cancer, children with disabilities, a food bank, MS, homeless veterans, etc., be of interest? Please respond to the township with your suggestions.

## ROAD BRIGADE CLEANUP

We thank our volunteers who participated in our Intercoastal Cleanup on October 14th this year. We will meet again at the township building next April. Please call the township office at (610) 323-8675 to sign up to volunteer. **WE REALLY APPRECIATE OUR RESIDENTS WHO PUT THEIR RECYCLING INTO BAGS SO THAT IT DOES NOT BLOW ALL OVER THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE STREETS.**

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## NEWS FROM GREENALLIES AND THE ALTHOUSE ARBORETUM

### Special offer to all Upper Pottsgrove Residents!

GreenAllies is offering a **FREE** Full-year Basic Family Membership (a \$25 value) to all Upper Pottsgrove Residents. This GreenAllies membership includes all the following at the **Althouse Arboretum** ([althousearboretum.org](http://althousearboretum.org)):

- 10% off Gift Shop Merchandise
- 1 Free Program/Event Pass for the entire Family (max 4)\*
- 10% off one special event or scheduled rental such as birthday parties (excluding Low Ropes Course)
- Priority Summer Camp Registration
- Free Local Coupon Book
- Members Only Summer Bash
- Free plant at our Native Plant Sale
- Free Admission to one Adult Program\*

\*Qualifying programs are listed on the website.

Stop by the Arboretum farmhouse to pick up your Family Membership Card.

#### December Hours for Farmhouse:

Mon through Thurs from 3pm to 5pm.  
 Fridays open all day from 9am to 5pm.  
 Saturdays from 9am to 12pm.  
 Sundays CLOSED

Memberships are valid throughout the 2018 calendar year. Memberships are NOT transferable.

*The Althouse Arboretum is a project of the 501c3 nonprofit GreenAllies organization. Located largely on Open Space land at 1794 Gilbertsville Road, the arboretum serves as an outdoor education center and community space. GreenAllies manages and maintains the property and sponsors over 40 community programs per year.*



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### Christmas Tree Recycling Program Scheduled

Give Your Tree A Second Purpose!

GreenAllies, in cooperation with Upper Pottsgrove Township, will hold its annual Community Christmas Tree Recycling Program on Saturday, January 6th from 9 am to 4 pm, at the Althouse Arboretum, 1794 Gilbertsville Road.

The recycling day is open to everyone in the region and is free of charge, however we do request donations. Members of the public are invited to drive their trees to the Althouse Arboretum where volunteer students will assist in removing the trees. Upper Pottsgrove Township will chip the trees for use by GreenAllies as cover on the walking trails.

This community event is sponsored by GreenAllies with its mission to "Empower students to lead the community toward a more sustainable future".



### Update for 2017

It has been a busy, but fruitful year at the Althouse Arboretum on Gilbertsville Road. Here is a glance at the numbers:

- Ropes course has been used ten times this past fall. The use was by eight outside contracts and two by Green Allies. More than 600 people used the exciting ropes course, learning teamwork with individual initiative.
- There were 58 sponsored programs to date, attended by 3,650 people with assistance by 323 students.
- GreenAllies data center reported more than 4,000 visited the Althouse Arboretum in 2017 to walk the trails, use the children's forest trail, or picnic.
- Althouse Arboretum has seen a 10% increase of trail users this past year, totaling 22 people, in some cases with their dogs in attendance, enjoying a leisurely walk on any given day. Interestingly, 2,552 miles have been logged in and out on our trails at the Arboretum, including the connecting use of the Township's trails along Sprogels Run and the Prout Farm Trail.



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### TRASH COLLECTION RATES FOR 2018

The following solid waste and recycling services shall be the **minimum provided** to each resident in Upper Pottsgrove Township by any municipal waste/recycling collector: Trash Collection, 1 x per week; Collection of Bulk Items, 1 x per week; Collection of White Goods (The Municipal Waste Collector shall be responsible to evacuate the Freone or other coolant from White Goods in accordance with DEP requirements.), 1 x per week; Collection of Yard Waste and Leaf Waste, (Weekly, April 1 through December 15); Recycling, to include Glass - All colors • Plastics 1 -7 • Newsprint/Magazines • Aluminum, Bi-metals & Tin, 1 x per week; and Tires, 1 tire per week

Hauler	In Effect for / Until	Quarterly	Low Generator	Per Bag	Require a Contract?	Telephone
Advanced Disposal	12/31/2018	\$105.00	N/A	\$4.00	No	610-440-3700
A.J. Blosenski	3 years	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	Yes, 3 Years	Call Susan Gray at 610-507-3750
Diamond Waste Disposal	3 years	\$65.00	N/A	\$3.00	No, unless requested	484-985-8088
Unique Waste Solutions	12/31/2018	\$63.00	Seniors: \$60.00	N/A	No	484-949-1923
J.P. Mascaro & Sons	12/31/2018	\$128.94	\$116.49	\$3.00	Yes, 12 mos.	800-334-3403
Waste Management	12/31/2018	\$137.91	Seniors: \$131.91	N/A	No	800-633-9096
Whitetail Disposal Inc.	12/31/2018	\$69.00	Seniors may lock in forever.	N/A	No	610-754-0103

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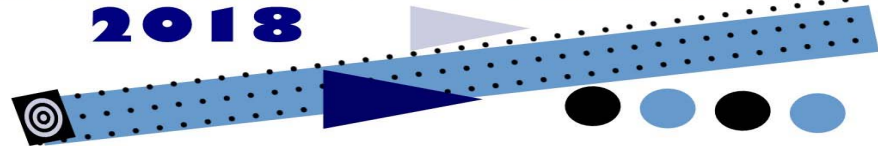
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**Upper Pottsgrove Township LIBRARY NEWS**

**JANUARY 2018**

**CHILDREN'S EVENTS**



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[www.prpl.mclinc.org](http://www.prpl.mclinc.org)  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Happy New Year!	2 Toddler Tuesday 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM	3	4 Art Smarts Ages 6-12 4:30 PM	5 Art Smarts Homeschool Ages 6 -12 11:00 AM	6 Weird Science 11:00 AM Grades 2-5
7	8 LITTLE EXPLORERS STEM Storytime 10:30 AM Ages 3-5	9 Toddler Tuesday 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM I Survived Book Club 6:00 PM	10 Building Buddies 11:00 AM Ages 5 and under	11	12 Makin Music with Mr. Mike 10:30 AM Ages 5 and under	13 Let's Learn Spanish! 11:30 AM Grades K-6
14	15  I Have A Dream Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 Toddler Tuesday 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM	17 Lego Club 6:00 PM Ages 6 -12	18 Creatures Coats and Coverings Presented by Great Valley Watershed Association 10:30 AM Ages 3-5	19 It's National Popcorn Day! Checkout one of our DVD's and have a family movie night.	20 DART Therapy Dogs 10:00 Soup Taste Test Grades 4-8 1:00 PM 
21	22 LITTLE EXPLORERS STEM Storytime 10:30 AM Ages 3-5	23 Toddler Tuesday 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM	24	25	26 National Pre-School Fitness Day! Stop in and complete our special indoor obstacle course. 1 PM -3 PM	27 Pottstown Garden Club Kids Craft Ages 6 -12 10 AM Must register in advance!
28	29	30 Toddler Tuesday 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM	31 Inspire Your Heart with Art Day! Drop in between 4 PM -7 PM to create something special. 