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## Township Commissioner Russell Noll Receives Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence



Left to Right are: Jackie Parker - Deputy Secretary, Community Affairs and Development, Russell F. Noll - Commissioner, Upper Pottsgrove Township, and Fred Reddig - Executive Director, Governor's Center for Local Government Services.

Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC) President and Upper Pottsgrove Township Commissioner Russell Noll was among the 17 individual officials and local government entities who were honored for their leadership, accomplishments, and dedication to providing a better quality of life for the residents of Pennsylvania communities. The winners of the Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence were recognized during a Local Government Day ceremony held April 15 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Individual awards were presented to local government officials who have dedicated themselves to making their community a better place in which to live, work, and play.

"PSATC President Russell Noll is indeed deserving of this prestigious award which recognizes his long-standing commitment to his community of Upper Pottsgrove Township, as well as his outstanding dedication to the betterment of Pennsylvania townships statewide through his leadership role with

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## Make a Difference

Grocery bags ... cigarette butts ... plastic water bottles ... candy wrappers. They don't fall from the sky; they drop from our hands. And what washes up on shore is a fraction of what winds up in the water, threatening marine life and damaging ecosystems every day.

Each year, on the third Saturday in September, teams of energetic volunteers descend on beaches, lakes, rivers, streams and roadways all over the world to clean up trash and debris, on land and in the water. They are united in the world's largest volunteer event on behalf of clean waterways and a clean ocean - the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC).

Twenty-four residents answered the call to spend 2 & 1/2 hours of their precious time to clear the roadways of litter in their community of Upper Pottsgrove Township. 90% of those are return volunteers having helped "police" assigned areas back in the spring of this year.

The Board of Commissioners thanks all residents that participated in the ICC on September 25. These residents joined thousands of volunteers along our east coast states making a difference in our communities and, more importantly, with the environment.



The Briefing for ICC

## 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#>

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the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners," said PSATC Executive Director John A. Garner, Jr. Since January 2000, Russ Noll has been an Upper Pottsgrove Township Commissioner, responsible for managing all functions of township operations, but specializing in police, fire and community affairs.

Also, as the public information officer for the Upper Pottsgrove-Emergency Operations Center, he is the official conduit for information to internal and external stakeholders, including the media or other organizations seeking information directly about the incident or event.

He has served as the Police and Fire Commissioner Liaison for Upper Pottsgrove Township, as the Past President of Montgomery County Association of Township Commissioners, and has negotiated all local government issues and policies affecting county first class townships.

As the President of PSATC, he has worked directly with PA State Legislators on pending bills to ensure the best quality of life for township residents statewide.

Additionally, there were six categories in which local government entities could receive an award, including: Building Community Partnerships; Promoting Community and Economic Revitalization; Innovative Community and Governmental Initiatives; Fiscal Accountability; Innovative Planning and Sound Land Use Practices; and Intergovernmental Cooperation.



**U.P.T.F.C. Auxiliary Upcoming Events**

Breakfast w/ Santa- Saturday, December 11, 2010  
 (8:00am to 11:00am)

Please join us in welcoming Santa to the Upper Pottsgrove Fire Company, 1409 Farmington Avenue.

**Child HOT Breakfast - \$2.00**  
**Adult HOT Breakfast - \$4.00**

During the Breakfast with Santa we will have on display candles available for purchase from Middlecreek Candle Company & Kaden's Candle Company. These are great Christmas gifts!



Friendly's Fundraiser- Tuesday, December 14, 2010  
 (4:00pm to 9:00pm)

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## Dog Barking Ordinance



*Molson, David Michael & Sadie Mae Saylor*

Township Ordinance No. 426 amends the amount of time a dog is permitted to bark, whine or howl continuously as follows:  
 “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.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate this provision shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 and costs, or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days.

## Verizon’s FiOS TV Service

Regarding the availability of Verizon’s FiOS TV service, Verizon is in the process of upgrading its facilities serving the township and our multi-year build-out is ongoing.

The leadership in Upper Pottsgrove Township has been very cooperative, a pleasure to work with, and by no means a roadblock.

On behalf of Verizon, I’d like to thank all the residents of Upper Pottsgrove Township in advance for their interest and patience while we complete this transformational upgrade to an all-fiber-optic network directly to their homes.

Consumers in the area can check online at [www.verizon.com/fiostv](http://www.verizon.com/fiostv) for more information or to request that Verizon contact them when FiOS TV and FiOS Internet Services become available. Customers can also call their local Verizon sales office or 1-888-GET-FIOS (888-438-3467).

Sincerely,  
 Daniel J. Reavy  
 Director, External Affairs  
 Verizon - Pennsylvania



## Community Day a Huge Success!

If you couldn’t attend this year’s Community Day, you missed an opportunity to share some quality time with your neighbors at the township’s Heather Place Park for a few hours. The weather was superb and the assortment of vendors and craft persons, as well as the entertainment was outstanding. As always, the children (as well as some parents and grandparents) had a great time on the playground and especially enjoyed the petting zoo.



Here is one of the displays by our Emergency Management Team member Reg Leister as part of our National Preparedness Month Outreach Program (which just received FEMA recognition for Upper Pottsgrove Twp as being only one of 2 Municipal Coalition members in PA).



But without a doubt the most popular attraction was the landing of the MidAtlantic MedEvac Helicopter shown here.

Special thanks for this year’s success goes out to our Public Works, Fire, & Police Departments, Jill Ludy committee co-chairperson, our Upper Pottsgrove Lady’s Auxiliary, Pat of Kona Ice for the great eats, the Mason’s CHIP program volunteers for helping to keep our children safe, Dumpo, Erick & Kelly Ammon, Pottsgrove Student volunteers, David Dempsey and his group of volunteers, the musical entertainment, Mike of Makin’ Music Rockin’ Rhythms, our Pottsgrove Community Band, Exelon Nuclear’s Limerick Generating Station and PECO.

Sue Thompson and her Open Space Parks and Recreation Committee are already making plans for next years event. Mark your calendars - it’s October 1, 2011.

From the Montgomery County Lands Trust Summer 2010 Newsletter ([www.mclt.org](http://www.mclt.org))

## Upper Pottsgrove Achieves Inspiring Results

Passion, vision, and collaboration are the driving forces behind a continuing array of open space successes in Upper Pottsgrove Township. Montgomery County Lands Trust is honored to assist with several of these successes including the most recent project – the conservation of 21 acres by the Grim family. Brothers Donald, Harold, and Robert Grim, along with sister Patty Smith, chose to preserve their farm with Montgomery County Lands Trust and Upper Pottsgrove Township. The land has been in the family since the 1920s and continues to be actively farmed by the Grims. It will now remain protected forever as open space.

The Grim parcel connects to the dedicated open space of Mocharniuk Meadows which adjoins Hollenbach Park, a large passively used park with open fields. It features scenic views along Maugers Mill Road and North Hanover Street. Its conservation adds another important piece of Upper Pottsgrove's Sprogels Run Greenway plan – a plan developed by the township with Montgomery County Lands Trust to create a natural corridor that protects woodlands and water quality. The Grim parcel also lies within the Swamp Creek Watershed -- a key focus area for Montgomery County Lands Trust that is one of thirteen key "Conservation Landscapes" designated by the county as having high natural resource value.

Open space projects flourish in Upper Pottsgrove Township due to the formation in 2005 of the highly active open space committee. Working in tandem with the township commissioners, the open space committee passed a 2006 open space referendum that provided up to \$275,000 annually for the acquisition of open space. The voter-approved earned income tax fueled the \$800,000 acquisition of the prized Stauffer and Lamb properties. Six additional projects were completed in the township since, and with the conservation of the Grim farm, 213 acres will have been preserved in Upper Pottsgrove since 2006.

Farmland and parkland are not the township's only passions. They are equally enthusiastic about their growing trail system, including a 4.5 mile trail designed to connect to a Lower Pottsgrove trail system. When these trails are joined, they will link to the inter-county Schuylkill River Trail. Another trail, known as the Goose Run Pedestrian Walking Trail, is already completed, making it easy for nearby residents to visit peaceful natural areas.

Two of Upper Pottsgrove's original open space committee members are now township commissioners: Peter Dolan and Herbert C. Miller, Jr. These two commissioners demonstrate how civic engagement in protecting open space can lead to even greater community involvement. Peter Dolan notes that when the trail system is completed it will traverse the township – from the Northwest corner down to the Southeast corner with connections to Lower Pottsgrove Township and Pottstown Borough – making it possible for people to bicycle or hike to Reading or Philadelphia. With its easy access to "most everyone in the township... it will encourage residents to get out and get healthy and get to know each other."

Herbert Miller started volunteering to protect open space in 1999 and his first meeting was with the Grim family. "With open space projects, perseverance really pays off," remarks Herb who should know. As with Peter and others in the community, he has donated countless hours of his time to ensure that Upper Pottsgrove retains its unique, rural character. Both commissioners believe open communication and good relationships with Township Manager Jack Layne, the board of commissioners, the open space committee and the park and recreation committee have fostered a spirit of cooperation, enabling Upper Pottsgrove Township to achieve so much in so little time.



MCLT's **Jake Lea** with the **Grim family: Harold, Robert, Donald, and Patricia**. Standing far right is brother-in-law **George Smith**; front center is **Herbert Miller**.



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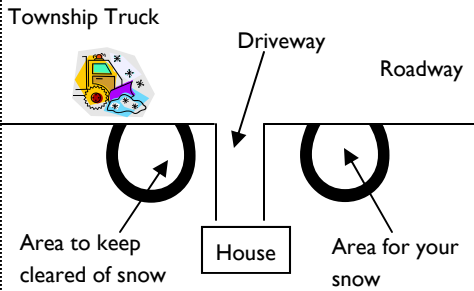
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- 3) This cleared area will help "catch" displaced snow that would otherwise land in your driveway.
- 4) Please, note that clearing the snow to the left of your driveway will not keep all of the snow out of your driveway, but it will greatly reduce the amount that you will have to "re-shovel."