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NEW PARKS OPEN FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Residents of Upper Pottsgrove have led the region in the acquisition of OPEN SPACE. Their vision of saving community OPEN SPACE for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations is paying dividends right now - both physical and financial. Besides the esthetic benefits a community gains through its OPEN SPACE, there are also measurable health and financial benefits as well.

A recent report published by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission notes that "money doesn't grow on trees - but the trees, stream valleys, farms, and forests of (a community) are more than just pretty places that contribute to our quality of life. They contribute to our local economies and property values, and they help us save on everything from health care to recreation. A home's square footage, its school district, and its structural condition can all raise or lower its value. So can its proximity to OPEN SPACE. Whether it's parks, playgrounds, or scenic areas, people will pay a premium to be near preserved OPEN SPACE."

This report goes on to say that, "Access to OPEN SPACE improves not just our bottom lines, but our waistlines, too! Outdoor exercise improves our health and wellbeing and reduces the risks of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity."

Please review our recently updated Township map to see the growing expanse of our preserved OPEN SPACES and plan to visit those areas where trails and parking areas have made it possible to enjoy a healthy hike or a relaxing rest. Some of the Township's newer recreation areas include
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ROAD BRIGADE

Our next road cleanup (International Coastal Cleanup) is scheduled for October 13, 2012. If you would like to volunteer, please call the township office @ 610-323-8675 x200.



Newest Members of our Cleanup Brigade ~ Front L to R: Sue Hendrickson & Donna Swavely; Back L to R: Kyle Hendrickson, Anthony Verstappe & Trevor Carlow

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#>



Catch your own at Sure Catch Pond at Sunset Park

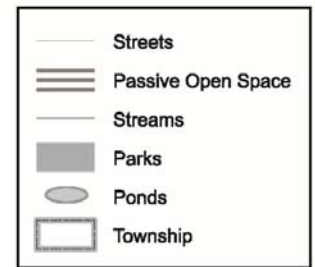
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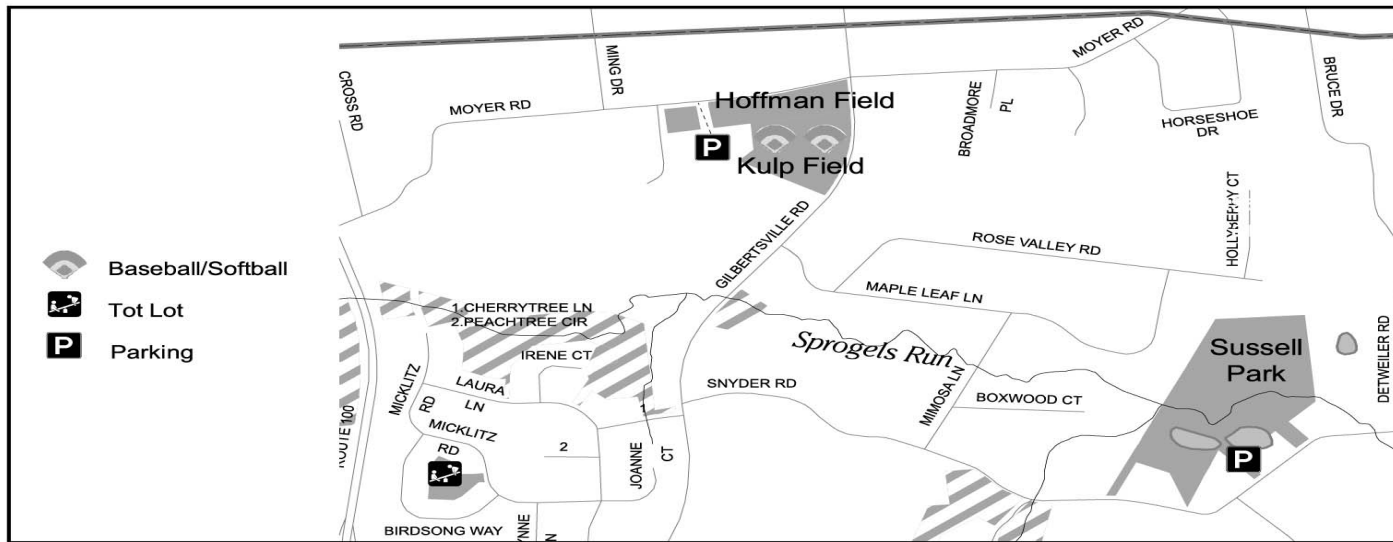
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UPPER POTTSGROVE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

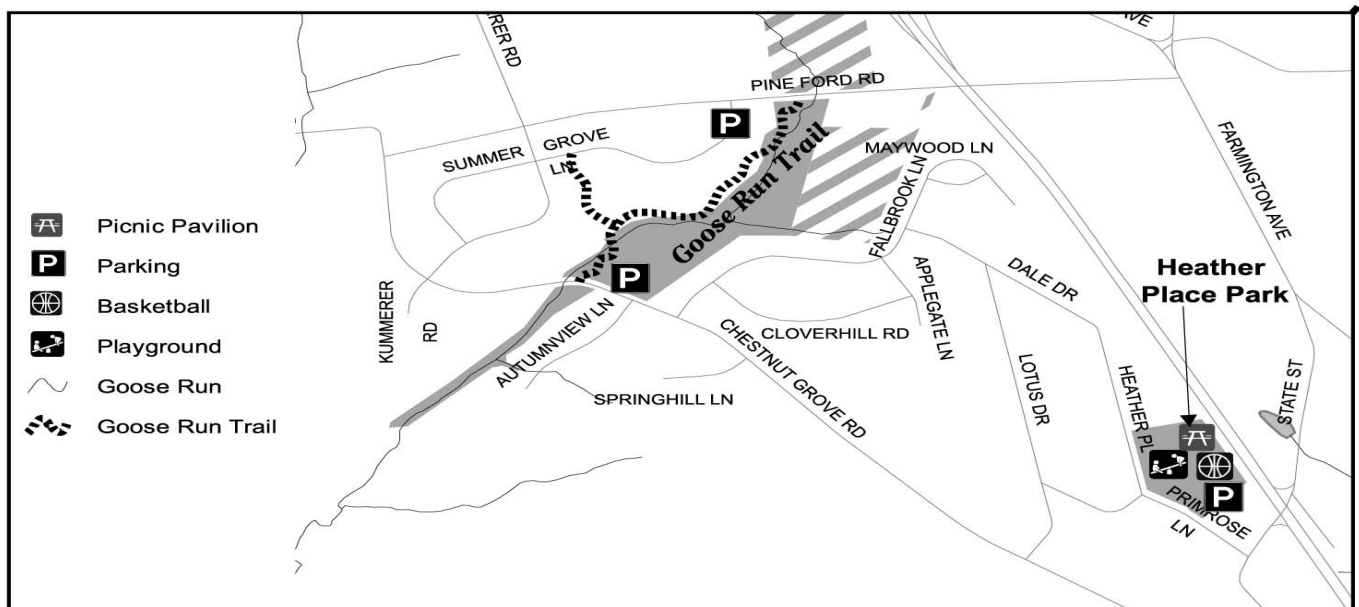
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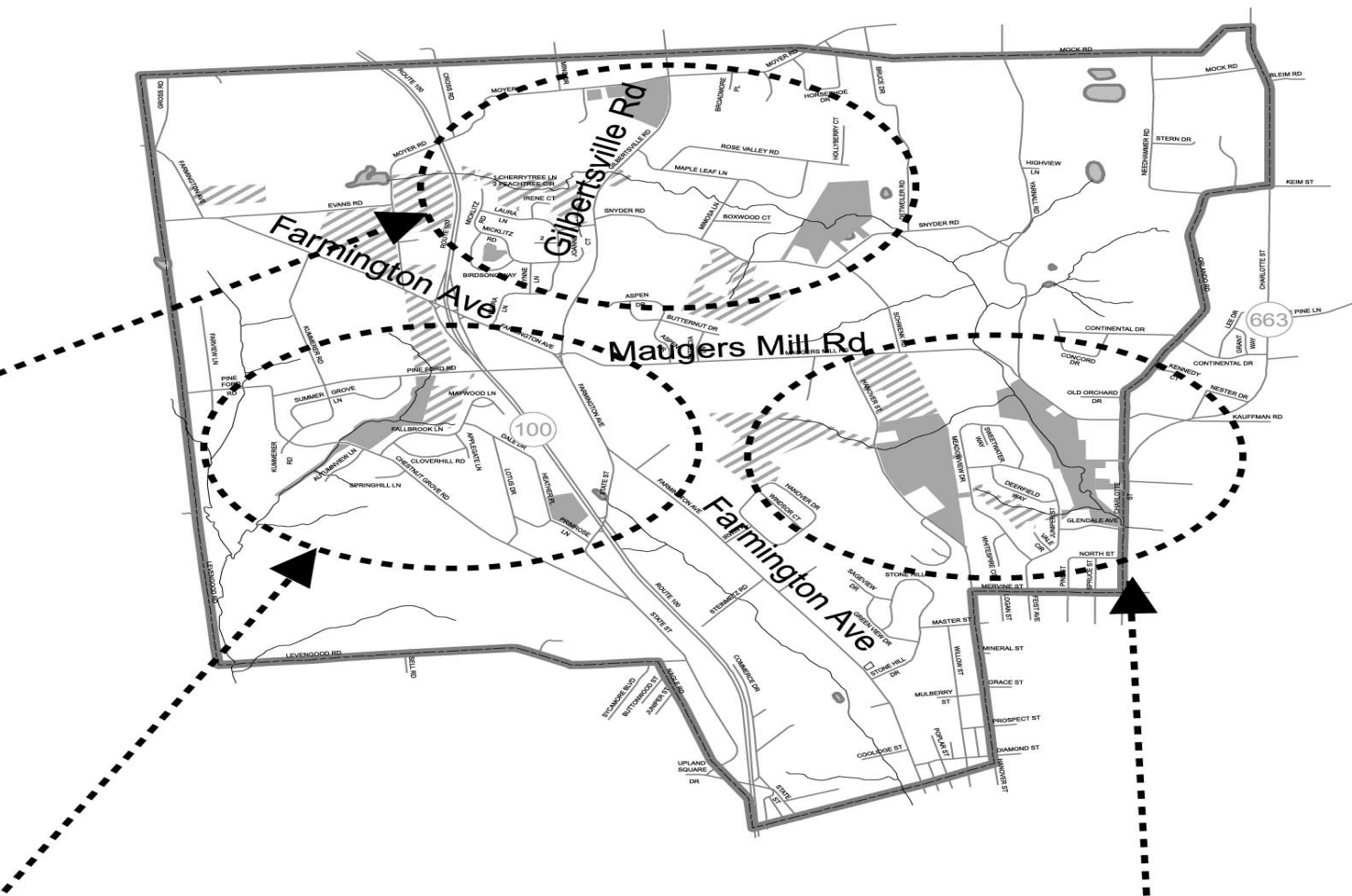


Cherrytree Park, Hoffman Field, Kulp Field, Sussell Park

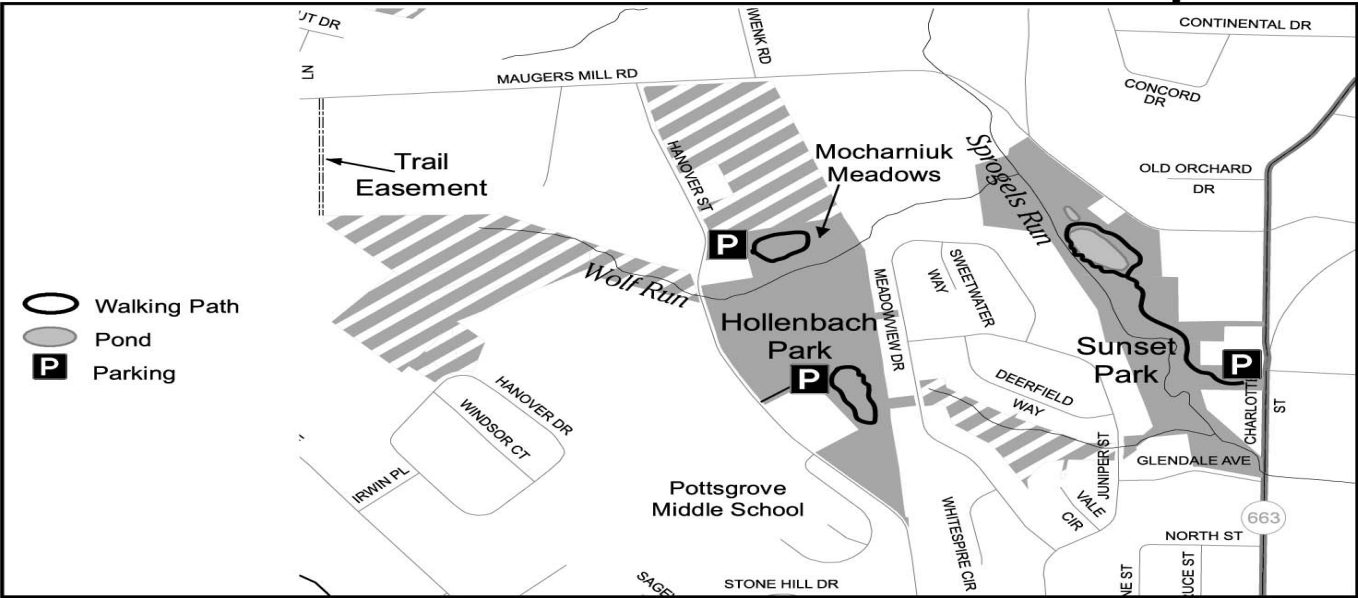


Goose Run, Heather Place Park





Hollenbach Park, Mocharniuk Meadows, Sunset Park



NEW PARKS*(Continued from Page 1)*

- **GOOSE RUN TRAIL**, that follows a tree-shaded water-course between Pineford Rd. and Chestnut Grove Rd.
 - **SUNSET PARK**, where the fish have been biting in Sure Catch Pond, now easily accessible via a scenic path from the trailhead located off Charlotte St.
 - **SUSSEL PARK**, our newest recreational area, featuring a wide grassy lawn beside a pond full of croaking frogs, sure to be a favorite, adventuresome outing for parents and their youngsters.
- Some other community spaces for you to enjoy include
- **HEATHER PLACE PARK** – by the Police and Public Works facility that features a large tot lot, picnic pavilion and basketball court.
 - **MACHARNIUK MEADOWS** – along Hanover St. next to Fox Run, where you can follow a meandering path through a quiet open grassy field.
 - **HOLLENBACH PARK** – across from the Middle School. Its large mowed grass fields are perfect for throwing a frisbee or playing catch.

These recreational areas and activities have been made possible and funded through the agreement and ongoing cooperation of you and your neighbors. Development for public use has been financed through significant additional funding from both public and private grants, including the Montgomery County Open Space Fund, several private land developers, and the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation. Volunteers working through the Township's Park and Open Space Committee have spearheaded the initiatives that have "opened up" these OPEN SPACES for everyone to enjoy. Our Public Works Crew, through their dedicated labor, has been vital to turning these visions into the reality we can all now enjoy. The final words from the OPEN SPACE report characterize the direction and vision our community has been following. "It's simple, really. When we save our land, we save our money, and we preserve a quality of life in which we all can grow and thrive. We can't afford NOT to protect our OPEN SPACE. These places are assets that are essential to our health, our economy, and our future."

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

Burning of any solid waste or recyclable material is prohibited in Upper Pottsgrove Township.

YARD SALE SIGNS

Yard sale signs must be removed immediately at the conclusion of the sale.

**ELECTION DAY**

Be prepared to vote on **November 6th.**

VOTER PHOTO ID Law ~ Copy & paste the following link into your browser:

www.montcopa.org/voterservices & click on Voter ID Flyer

Else, for more information, please call the

Voter Registration Election Board
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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.

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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.



Community Day

Our 2012 Upper Pottsgrove Community Day plans are underway!!!
This year we will be working with Hopewell Community Church to have a bigger, better day ~ expanding our exciting activities for the kids and the kid in all of us!!
The date is Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 11am to 4pm.
(The rain date is October 13, 2012.)

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

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

