

The Upper Pottsgrove Township HERALD

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Office Hrs Monday—Friday, 8AM—4:30PM 1409 Farmington Ave., Pottstown, PA 19464 www.upperpottsgrovetownship.org Phone 610.323.8675

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-4th Mon., Odd Mos., 5 PM
Fire Committee-2nd Thurs., 7 PM
Zoning & Hearing Board-Meets on Demand
Web Link to Calendar:
<http://upperpottsgrovetownship.org/index.html#>

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- Elwood Taylor, President - etaylor@upperpottsgrovetownship.org
- Reneé Spaide, Vice President
- Herbert C. Miller, Jr.
- Russell Noll
- Martin Schreiber - mmschreiber@upperpottsgrovetownship.org

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Upper Pottsgrove Community Yard Sale** ~ Saturday, August 29, 2015, 8am to Noon: Heather Place Park, \$10 per space • \$15 if you need a table
All proceeds will go to playground mulch for the park. Call (610) 323-8675, x203 for reservations or email planning@uptownship.org.
- **Community Day** ~ Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 11am to 4pm at Heather Place Park, 1420 Heather Place, 19464. (The rain date is October 10, 2014.) Call the Township office at: 610.323.8675 or email our Community Day Chair, Chuck Note at: xmasnote@gmail.com to reserve your space at our next Community Day.
- **Township Road Cleanup** ~ A to-be-determined Saturday in October. Please call the township office to sign up to volunteer.
- **Election Day** ~ Tuesday, November 3, 2015
- **Trash pick-up** ~ every Wednesday. If you see litter in the vicinity of your property, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. 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.

ROAD PROJECTS

This year the township will be overlaying Broadmoor Pl., a portion of Chestnut Grove Road, Spruce St. and most of Rose Valley Road.

We will also be patching and doing some stormwater work. Please watch for the road crew when on the road.

IMPROVEMENTS TO SUNSET PARK



Thanks to Eagle Scout Eric Maynard, Sunset Park now has two new picnic tables under its pavilion and an information kiosk. This pavilion, as well as the one at Heather Place Park, is available for rental. Call the Township Office for availability.

**CHECK OUT THE TOWNSHIP'S NEW WEBSITE & SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS:
UPPERPOTTS GROVETOWNSHIP.ORG**

**ON YOUR PARK GET SET, GO!
VOTE FOR HOLLENBACH PARK**

In an effort to continue building a healthy community and to inspire people to get back to the many area parks, Pottstown Health and Wellness is introducing their second annual campaign to support area parks. When people in our community "get active" on behalf of their favorite local park, it could mean helping their park win money for improvements.

When people come to our park, they can vote for it to be named one of the winners. The overall winner and top vote-getter will receive a \$10,000 recreation grant. The first runner-up will receive \$7,500. The second runner-up will receive \$5,000. The rest of the participating parks will be entered into a lottery resulting in an additional winner of \$2,500. The contest will run from July 1 through July 31, 2015.

Ways to Vote

During the course of the competition, there are four specific methods to accumulate votes for a park:

1. Scanning a QR Code (located on signs displayed in Hollenbach Park)
2. Taking a selfie photograph and uploading it to the Mission Healthy Living Facebook page (Facebook.com/MissionHealthyU) or emailing the photo to OnYourPark@gmail.com
3. Voting online on the Mission Healthy Living Facebook page (Facebook.com/MissionHealthyU)
4. Water Bottles: Scan the QR code on the bottle and enter the code on the cap.

Votes from QR codes and Facebook are tabulated in real time, allowing users to see where his or her favorite park stands in the rankings.

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

July to September 3: TUES.: 10am-2pm & WED.: 2pm — 6pm; Also, Aug. 24th: 12noon-2pm, September 3rd: 12noon-2pm & October 2nd: 10am-2pm
Tax collection is at the Township building, 1409 Farmington Avenue.



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 also a deposit of \$100.00 required which will be refunded upon a good-standing inspection. Contact the township office @ 610-323-8675 to reserve.



SPROGEL'S RUN TRAIL FUN RUN/WALK SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

Race Day Registration opens at 9:00am

Race starts at 10:00 am at the Hillside Aquatic Club parking area, Moyer Road, Pottstown PA

Cost: \$20 for 3 mile run \$10 for fun run and walk

Family and friends can join us at the finish line in the Althouse Arboretum for post-race celebration and refreshments. There will be shuttle service from the Hillside Aquatic Club.

Pre-registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt.

All proceeds go towards the GreenAllies organization to support the efforts to protect and preserve our open spaces by empowering local students to lead the way. Come out and support the GreenAllies.

Come run the challenging Sprogel's Run Trail at the first annual 5K Trail Challenge. This event will take place almost entirely on the nature trails found in several preserved properties in Upper Pottsgrove Township. The event will also offer a 1.2 mile fun run and walk for younger or less experienced runners and people who want to enjoy the new trails with a friendly walk to help support GreenAllies efforts.



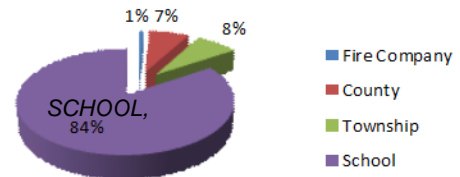
**CLEAN-UP
AFTER
YOUR PET**

TAXES

Property Tax		
3.4	Upper Pottsgrove Township	
0.376	Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Company	
3.162	Montgomery County	
37.6086	Pottsgrove School District	
44.4388	Total	
Per Capita	\$15	(\$10 to School, \$5 to Upper Pottsgrove)
Occupational	\$62	(\$5 to School, \$47 to Upper Pottsgrove)
Earned Income	1.26%	1/2% to Pottsgrove School District 1/2% to Upper Pottsgrove Township .26% to Upper Pottsgrove Open Space

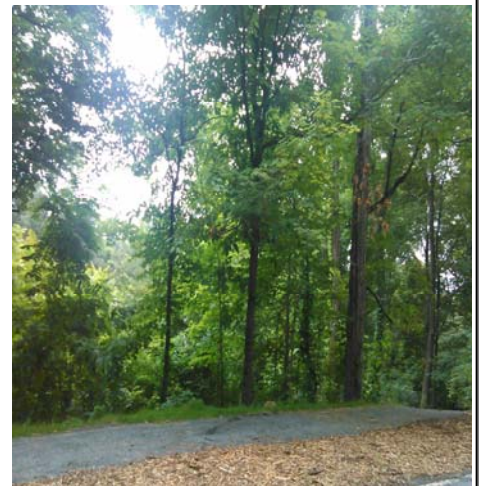
Upper Pottsgrove Township residents with a property assessed at \$100,000 pay \$377 per year for: Police protection, road maintenance, administrative services and fire protection.

Township's Piece of the Property Tax Pie



NEW PORTIONS OF SNYDER ROAD TRAIL

Thanks to some easements and open space acquisitions, you can now hike the Snyder trail from Prout Farm to Sussell Park. Part of the trail will take you by/through the Althouse Arboretum that has even more trails. The newest portion going down to Sussell Park has a challenging hill but it is well worth the effort. The Open Space and Recreation Board will be conducting some surveys over the next couple of months to learn how you would like to see township open spaces developed. We look forward to everyone's input. Happy hiking.



HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE TOWNSHIP

To file a complaint with the Township, please contact the administrative office at (610) 323-8675 or at administration@uptownship.org and:

Give a brief description of the problem.

Give your name, address and phone number.

The administrative staff will then relay your complaint to the appropriate entity, either the Public Works Department, the Police Department, the Township Manager or the Township Engineer. All personal information provided is kept strictly confidential, however, the Township will do nothing with anonymous complaints.