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## TRASH COLLECTION

The Township has elected not to renew the contract with Mascaro for 2016. Starting January 1, 2016 residents will be allowed to contract with whomever they choose. Please keep in mind that all waste haulers must conform to the township's ordinances and must have a permit for soliciting business. If you have any questions or concerns, call the township offices at 610-323-8675. See Page 2 to compare rates.

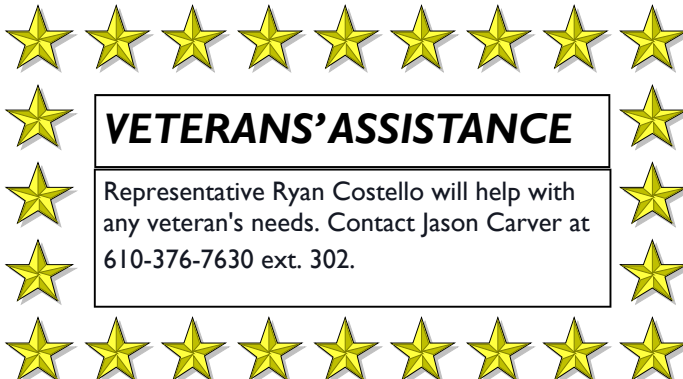


The following solid waste and recycling services shall be the **minimum provided** to each resident in Upper Pottsgrove Township by any municipal waste/recycling collector:

Trash Collection:	1 x per week
Collection of Bulk Items:	1 x per week
Collection of White Goods*:	1 x per week
Collection of Yard Waste and Leaf Waste:	Weekly, 4/1 through 12/15
Recycling**:	1 x per week
Materials to be collected for Recycling:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glass – All colors</li><li>• Plastics 1 – 7</li><li>• Newsprint/Magazines</li><li>• Aluminum, Bi-metals, Tin</li></ul>
Tires	1 tire per week

\*The Municipal Waste Collector shall be responsible to evacuate the Freone or other coolant from White Goods in accordance with DEP requirements.

\*\*Recycling container shall be provided by the Municipal Waste Collector.



## VETERANS' ASSISTANCE

Representative Ryan Costello will help with any veteran's needs. Contact Jason Carver at 610-376-7630 ext. 302.

## 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://uptownship.org/index.php>

## STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

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

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## Board of Commissioners

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## \$10,000 WIN FOR HOLLENBACH PARK

The Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation presented Hollenbach Park of Upper Pottsgrove Township, the 1st place winner of the 2015 On Your Park, Get Set, Go! contest, with a \$10,000 grand prize check. Representatives of the park accepted the grant funds, to be used towards park improvements, at its Open Space & Recreation Board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Congratulations to Hollenbach and the outstanding community that came together to show how much they love their local park!



Herbert C. Miller, Jr. receiving grand prize check from the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation CEO, David Kraybill.

## 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.

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## TRASH COLLECTION RATES (Continued from Page 1)

Hauler	In Effect For / Until	Quarterly Charge	Low Generator Quarterly Charge	Plus Per Bag Charge	Require a Contract?	Telephone for Service	Email for Service
Advanced Disposal	12/31/2016	\$92.21	N/A	N/A	No	610-440-3700	Epa.customerservice@advanceddisposal.com
A.J. Blosenski	Call for Rates					610-942-2707	maryanncampbell@ajblosenski.com
Diamond Waste Disposal LLC	3 Years	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$3.00	No*	484-985-8088	diamondwastedisposalllc@aol.com
J.P. Mascaro & Sons	12/31/2016	\$128.94	\$101.10	\$3.00	Yes, 12 mos.	800-334-3403	N/A
Waste Management	12/31/2016	\$120.00	N/A	N/A	No	800-633-9096	N/A
Whitetail Disposal Inc.	1 Year	\$69.00	N/A	N/A	No	610-754-0103	info@whitetaildisposal.com

\*If customer wants contract, can do one.

## BEWARE OF PHONE CALLS FROM IRS IMPERSONATORS

The Treasury Inspector General for Taxpayer Administration (TIGTA) is reminding taxpayers to beware of phone calls from individuals claiming to represent the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in an effort to defraud them.

TIGTA has received reports of roughly 290,000 contacts since October 2013 and has become aware of nearly 3,000 victims who have collectively paid over \$14 million as a result of the scam, in which individuals make unsolicited calls to taxpayers fraudulently claiming to be IRS officials and demanding that they send them cash via prepaid debit cards.

Callers claiming to be from the IRS tell intended victims they owe taxes and must pay using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The scammers threaten those who refuse to pay with immediate arrest, deportation or loss of a business or driver's license.

The IRS usually first contacts people by mail – not by phone – about unpaid taxes. And the IRS won't ask for payment using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS also won't ask for a credit card number over the phone.

Do not engage with these callers. If they call you, hang up the telephone.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment, here's what to do:

- If you owe Federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with your payment questions.
- If you don't owe taxes, fill out the "IRS Impersonation scam" form on TIGTA's website, [www.treasury.gov/tigta](http://www.treasury.gov/tigta) or call TIGTA at 800-366-4484.
- You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.FTC.gov](http://www.FTC.gov). Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.
- Additional resources for victims of identity theft can be found in the Victim Assistance brochure (PDF).

TIGTA and the IRS encourage taxpayers to be alert for phone and e-mail scams that use the IRS name. The IRS will never request personal or financial information by e-mail, texting or any social media. You should forward scam e-mails to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). Don't open any attachments or click on any links in those e-mails.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes winner) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS. Read more about tax scams on the genuine IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



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## EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

The Board of Commissioners have studied the situation and analyzed our ash trees along with Foresters from the State Forestry Bureau. The Commissioners have decided to do a timber harvest this winter of ash trees that are within range of trails, buildings, etc. on public property. Next year they will be undertaking a reforestation project with the money generated through the timber harvest.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

### Oil and Water Don't Mix



Stormwater drains directly into nearby wetlands, streams and rivers, without receiving treatment at sewage plants.

Motor oil poured onto the ground or into storm drains or tossed into trash cans (even in sealed containers) can contaminate and pollute the soil, groundwater, streams, and rivers.

### Keep oil out of our lakes and rivers!

- 1) Recycle used motor oil at a collection center.
- 2) Have your car checked for any leaking fluids that might run-off into storm drains. Cars that leak oil and other fluids pollute our water.
- 3) Recycle and re-use oil filters. Recycling one ton of drained oil filters produces 1,700 pounds of steel and recovers 60 gallons of used oil.

One quart of oil poured down a storm drain can contaminate one million gallons of water.



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## NEW SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY: ReadyMontco

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## STREETS AND SIDEWALKS (Continued from Page 1)

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" displaced 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."

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<b>COMMUNITY YARD SALE</b>	
<p>The first Annual Community Yard Sale was held on Saturday August 29th at Heather Place Park. There were 19 tables and \$264 was raised to be used for new playground mulch in the spring. The Open Space and Recreation Board plans to make this an annual event so look for it again next August.</p>	
<b>ROAD BRIGADE CLEANUP</b>	
<p>We thank you volunteers. The International Coastal Cleanup was an overall success. Upper Pottsgrove is just a small part of this huge campaign with 56 bags of trash collected. Our next cleanup will be in the spring of 2016.</p>	

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM SCHEDULED

The GreenAllies organization, in cooperation with Upper Pottsgrove Township, will hold its annual Community Christmas Tree Recycling Program on Saturday, January 9th, at the Althouse Arboretum at 1794 Gilbertsville Road. The program will run from 9 am to 3 pm.

The recycling day is open to everyone in the region and is free of charge. Members of the public are encouraged to give their trees a second purpose and drive them to the Arboretum where volunteers from the Spark the Wave organization at Pottsgrove High School will assist each vehicle in removing the trees. With assistance from Upper Pottsgrove Township, the trees will be chipped and donated to the new Althouse Arboretum, where they will be used to cover walking trails.

## Community Day

Community Day was a huge success this year, even with having to move the location at the last minute to the Pottsgrove Middle School. Thank you to all our attendees, volunteers and sponsors. There were lots of free giveaways, games and demonstrations.