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The Uplander



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Fire Co. Shows Off New Truck



The officers of Upland Fire Company No. 1, including (l to r) Honorary Chief Engineer Sonny Johnson, Fire Chief Dan Smith, President Doug Scott, Engineer Joe Taylor, and Asst. Chief Steve Johnson, pose in front of the new Squad 57.



(Above) Part of the official housing ceremony on Oct. 12 was Borough Council members 'pushing' the new fire truck into the firehouse; (Below) Then the members of the fire company took their turn doing the same thing.



The annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sept. 28 drew a crowd of hungry residents, and all went home with a full belly and a smile on their face.



The ad insert in last month's newsletter had the wrong phone number. The correct phone number of Logan Technology Solutions is **484-487-8002**



Free antique appraisals by Mike Wilson of Wilson's Auctioneers & Appraisers (center) and a beautiful autumn afternoon helped draw attendees to this year's Welcome Day event at the historic Caleb Pusey House on Oct. 26.

New Fire Engine Officially Housed

The Upland Fire Co.'s new 30-foot-long Squad 57 went into service around Memorial Day, and was officially housed on Oct. 12, after the annual Delaware County Fireman's Association Convention parade.

The parade started at the Upland Shopping Center, then snaked through the borough, coming down Upland Ave. to 6th St., turning right onto 6th, right onto Main St., left onto 11th St., left onto Patton Ave., then left again back onto 6th St. and past the firehouse, where judges and an official reviewing stand was located. Hundreds of local citizens and fire company supporters lined the parade route to cheer on their favorite firefighters.

The spectacular procession featured fire vehicles from across the county and beyond, all with lights flashing and horns and sirens blaring.

The parade was led by Upland's firefighters and their vehicles, followed by Brookhaven, Parkside, Chester City, Chester Township, Lower Chichester, Eddystone, Boothwyn, Sharon Hill, Green Ridge (Aston), Broomall, Briarcliffe, Holmes, Folsom, Garden City, Nether Providence, Bedford, Reliance (Upper Chi), Middletown, South Media, Lenni Heights, Lima, Brookline (Haverford), Darby, Tinicum, Lester, Collingdale (two companies), Brandywine Hundred (Wilmington), Swarthmore, Clifton Heights, Folcroft, Woodlyn, Lansdowne, Aston-Beechwood, Oakmont, and Goodwill (Darby). Scores of apparatus from these 37 local fire companies participated in the event, as the fire stations competed for prizes and trophies.

A total of 50 winners were named in 26 different judging categories. Upland Fire Co. #1 was not eligible for awards this year, as the host station.

Car 99 Delco Fire Marshal Joe Locke, Sr. served as master of ceremonies during the parade, then Upland Fire Co. President Doug Scott made the introductions during the housing ceremony. A prayer was offered by Upland Fire Co. Chaplain Brenda Shaw to open the ceremony, and words of proud support for Upland's firefighters and grateful thanks to all firefighters were added by Mayor Michael Ciach.

Scott thanked Upland Borough Council for their continuing support of the borough's only fire station, and recognized the contributions and cooperation of the Upland Police Department as well.

Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith accepted a clock plaque from Chester Township Fire Chief Jeff Comisiak and monetary gifts (for new tools) from Brookhaven Chief Rob Montella and Parkside Chief John Albany, all given as tokens of the high level of cooperation between the neighboring companies.

The highlight of the housing ceremony was the three times that the new truck was 'pushed' into the firehouse bay. (Okay, the engine was running and in reverse, but this vehicle does weigh over 20 tons!).

The first time the truck was backed into the bay, the 'pushers' were a group of nine local fire chiefs. According to Scott, "The first time is for God."

The second time, the pushing was done by the members of Upland Borough Council and Mayor Ciach. "The second time is for country," said Scott.

The third and final time that the truck was backed into the stationhouse, the volunteer firefighters who will be riding in the new Squad 57 did the pushing. "The third time is for fire service members," Scott noted.

After the ceremonial housing, borough residents and all the guests were invited to enjoy free hot dogs and refreshments at the firehouse.

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Borough Takes Bigger Bite Out Of Firehouse Addition

As Upland prepares to expand its lone fire station, with work scheduled to begin on or about Nov. 15, the members of Upland Fire Co. #1 received some good news regarding the \$315,000 project.

The borough had originally committed to providing \$240,000 in funding for the project, while the fire company was to be responsible for the remaining \$75,000. But as the cost estimates were refined, Borough Council unanimously agreed that the borough could take on more of the debt, and leave the all-volunteer fire company a smaller nut to crack. At Council's Oct. 8 meeting, a reapportioning of the addition's cost was announced, with the borough now picking up the tab to relocate an electrical transformer, which now sits where a new truck bay will be built. With the borough covering the \$30,000 cost of moving the transformer, the fire company's share of the debt was reduced to about \$50,000.

The fire company will need to secure a bank loan to reimburse the borough for construction of the addition, then the fire company will pay off the low-interest loan over time.

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Council Adopts New Regs For Abandoned Satellite Dishes

At its Oct. 8 meeting, Borough Council adopted a new ordinance aimed at removing the rooftop satellite dishes that are often left behind after a subscriber moves or switches to cable.

The accumulation of abandoned satellite dishes "is a growing community eyesore and creates potential public safety and building maintenance issues," according to Ordinance No. 3 of 2013.

Under the ordinance, the proliferation of abandoned satellite dishes (measuring less than one meter in diameter) will be controlled through Use & Occupancy inspections, giving a property owner 30 days from the end of a service subscription to remove the inactive dish. Noncompliance can lead to escalating fines, in addition to the violator covering the borough's costs for dish removal.

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No Officer Contributions To Police Pension Plan

Repeating an action taken over the past several years, Borough Council has unanimously approved the elimination of members' contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2014.

More Sewer Laterals Good Than Bad

The results of the sewer lateral inspection ordinance that Borough Council enacted in January 2012 have been mixed, but the overall condition of Upland's aging sewer lines is better than anyone had dared to predict. The ordinance was adopted to address a countywide problem with stormwater infiltration that costs DELCORA customers thousands of dollars every year in unnecessary sewage treatment.

Under the ordinance, all sewer laterals must be video-inspected by a certified inspector, whenever a property is being sold or under major renovation. The inspector gives a lateral one of four grades, including fail (immediate repair or replacement needed), 5-year certification (some deterioration of piping; re-inspection needed in 5 years), 10-year certification (slight deterioration of piping; re-inspection needed in 10 years), or 15-year certification (piping is either in good condition with no repairs needed, or lateral replacement was completed).

During the past year, the 24 lateral inspections that have been performed in Upland have resulted in a total of fourteen 15-year compliance certifications, two 10-year certifications, and five 5-year certifications, while two laterals failed the inspection and are awaiting further action by the homeowner.

"That's good news. It's not nearly as bad as everyone was afraid it might be," Council President Ed Mitchell said of the inspection results.

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Drug Drop Boxes Set Up

In an effort to curb the misuse of unwanted or expired prescription drugs, Delaware County Council has set up a network of secure **Delco Medicine Drop** boxes to provide a safe and convenient method of disposal for unused drugs and medication.

Studies have shown that residential supplies of controlled substances, which are often found in the family medicine cabinet, are a prime source of drugs for adolescents and criminals alike. Commonly abused medications include pain relievers like Oxycontin and Percocet, as well as barbiturates, sleep aides, codeine, and morphine.

Improper disposal, such as flushing drugs down the toilet, can have a detrimental effect on the environment

The new drop-off boxes, however, will now allow responsible parents and guardians to safely dispose of unused drugs anonymously and at no cost.

A total of 10 large, metal **Delco Medicine Drop** boxes have been set up at police departments across the county. The closest drop boxes to Upland are found in Upper Chichester (Furey Rd.), Ridley Township (MacDade Blvd.), Tinicum (Governor Printz Blvd.), Springfield (Powell Rd.), and at the Government Center in Media (Front St.).

"Each of us can now do our part to prevent drug abuse by cleaning out our medicine cabinets and disposing of dangerous medications," said County Councilman Dave White.

Heavy Trash Not For Electronics

The last bulk trash collections of 2013 will be made on the last Wednesday of this month, **Nov. 27**. Residents must notify the borough office in advance for all bulk pickups and items must be placed **curbside by 6 am** on collection day.

Bulk trash does not include electronic items like computers and televisions – such items are collected at special recycling events throughout the year.

Website Provides Valuable Info

Visit www.uplandboro.org to find an expanded version of the borough's monthly newsletter, a current events calendar, historical narratives, public health notices, borough ordinances, council meeting minutes, live surveillance video feeds, and lots of photo galleries of recent community events.

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session

Tuesday, Nov. 12, Dec. 10 and Jan. 14

Council Reorganization Meeting – Monday, Jan. 6 at 6pm
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Vacation Bible School (VBS) Night

(For children ages 5-12)

Starts at 6:30pm every Monday thru May 19
at Upland Baptist Church

Come for dinner, Bible story and activity

*** No VBS on Nov. 11, Dec. 23 & 30 ***

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Grocery Bingo

1-4pm at Upland Baptist Church

on last Saturday of Sept.-Nov. and Jan.-April

Fun for the entire family!

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Holiday Dinner for Senior Citizens

6pm on Saturday, Nov. 16 at MacQueen Hall

A delicious home-cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings - FREE to all Upland seniors

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9th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

4-6pm on Saturday, Nov. 23

at Resurrection Life Church (8th & Church Sts.)

Enjoy traditional holiday meal in church dining hall or have your FREE dinner boxed to take home

*** Transportation and/or delivery are not available ***

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Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Visit From Santa

Festivities start at 6pm at MacQueen Hall on Friday, Nov. 29

To receive a gift from Santa, all children 10 and under must be registered with boro office by parent/guardian

*** Registration period ends on Nov. 8 – no exceptions ***



The annual Youth Halloween Party on Oct. 26 brought out an amazing collection of clever and creepy costumes, with several attendees taking home prizes for their efforts. *(Find the list of prize winners in the December edition.)*



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Public Works Department Moves To Reese Center

The three-man Public Works Department and the two-man Auburn Village maintenance crew, who take care of all of the borough's highway and general maintenance work, completed their move into the borough-owned Reese Center in early October.

The amount of elbow room increased dramatically when equipment was moved out of the confines of the borough garage on Kent Lane and into the spacious two-bay maintenance garage and 2,700-sq. ft. storage barn at the Armory.

"The guys worked really hard and have the place looking really nice. They did an excellent job," said Streets & Equipment Chair Christine Peterson.

"What a difference from the old place!" Council President Ed Mitchell marveled.

Do You Remember...?



...1960, when you could have ordered almost EVERYTHING on McDonald's menu for a TOTAL of just \$1.



...the '80s, when we used an encyclopedia to do research or answer a particular question, long before we could talk to our I-phones and ask Siri to look something up for us.



...the '50s, when toys were simple, and 'playing' meant getting off the couch and down on your hands and knees.

(Look for more nostalgia in coming editions)

Mowed Lawns Are No Shore Thing

At Council's Oct. 8 meeting, Code Enforcement Officer Leland Hunter reported that he was still issuing citations to borough residents who neglect to mow the lawn.

"There are still people who believe they don't have to cut the grass and clean up the sidewalks," Hunter stated.

The code officer also said that he has been told by some homeowners that they don't have time to maintain their Upland property during the summer, as they are too busy keeping up a shore property.

Noting that some shore towns charge \$500 to clean up an unkempt property, Council President Ed Mitchell suggested that Upland might need to raise its own grass-cutting fees to generate more cooperation on the homefront.

More Reese Center Upgrades Approved

The parade of expenditures to convert the vacated Reese Center into a viable community asset continued at Borough Council's Oct. 8 meeting, where more improvements were authorized.

A total of \$15,825 was drawn from the borough's Parking Tax Fund and transferred into the general fund to pay Logan Technology \$5,700 for the installation of three emergency entrance manual override systems and associated wiring; to pay Paul Volpone Roofing \$7,250 for coating the main building's aluminum roof, refurbishing the brick chimney, replacing the siding, and capping all exposed wood; and to pay Aungst Electric \$2,875 for the installation of five ceiling fans, receptacles, and new conduits.

So far this year, the borough has spent about \$274,000 on upgrades to the Reese Center.



The annual Labor Day fireworks show did not disappoint on Sept. 1, lighting up the night sky, much to the delight of the scores of Upland families that gathered at Bristol Lord Field.



Flood Safety Awareness Could Save Your Life and/or Property

Every year in the United States, flooding claims nearly 100 lives and causes an average of \$8 billion worth of property damage. To highlight these frightening facts, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are offering valuable flood safety tips online at www.ready.gov/floods, while information on how to obtain a flood insurance policy can be found at www.floodsmart.gov.

Bidders Line Up For Firehouse Addition

The Aug. 19 bid opening for work related to a new firehouse addition drew quite a crowd, with a total of 27 bids submitted by 13 local contractors.

The construction project will add a new truck bay and some office space to the home of Upland Fire Co. #1 on McClintock Drive. This will be the first expansion of the firehouse since it was built in 1975. The pending work breaks down into three contracts. Columbus Construction, LLC (of Philadelphia) was awarded the contract for general construction, submitting a low bid of \$219,709; Ellis Construction, Inc. (of Glen Mills) won the mechanical contract with a low bid of \$45,000; and Charles A. Higgins & Sons (of Media) earned the contract for electrical work with a low bid of \$50,593.

Thanks to Harvey Martin, Facebook members can enjoy historic photos and stories by visiting the "Remembering Upland, PA" group page at www.facebook.com/groups/334480793300363

Residents Must Help To Stop Trash Pickers

The practice of picking through curbside trash and recycling containers to remove items of value is illegal in Upland. Prohibited in the borough code, curbside picking can lead to citations of up to \$600 for regular trash items and a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$1,000 for recyclable items.

Pickers often leave a mess after rooting through piles of trash, and when pickers remove recyclables from the trash stream, they are stealing from borough taxpayers, who are credited for the tonnage of recycling collections. The more recycling collected, the lesser the borough's trash bill.

In an effort to bring this messy and fiscally-draining practice of trash picking to an end, Borough Council is asking residents to be vigilant on trash days (every Monday and Thursday) and recycling days (first and third Fridays of each month). Since pickers generally work in the early morning hours and move through the town fairly quickly, catching them in the act is often difficult for the police officers on duty. But that is where residents can help.

Any resident who observes a trash-picker in action is urged to call 911 immediately to give a description of the offenders and their vehicle. A call to the borough office (610-874-7317) is also requested, as even small tidbits of information will eventually add up and give police enough data to identify the culprits. Taking a cellphone photo of illegal pickers would also be useful for police analysis.

"Our ordinance is only as good as our enforcement, and it is difficult to enforce without the help of the public," noted Councilman Harold R. Peden.

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RLC Thrift Shop Open

The Church Street Thrift Shop, located at Resurrection Life Church on the corner of 8th & Church, is open to the public from 10am-2pm on the first and second Saturday of each month, from September thru June.

First Section Of Fence Pending

The first 554 linear feet of wrought iron fence (representing about a quarter of the total scope of the project) will soon be installed atop the stone wall along Main Street in Auburn Village. The fence will be 4-feet-high, and will help keep pedestrian traffic off the grass and on the sidewalks.

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At council's Sept. 10 session, Deputy Police Chief Nelson Ocasio (white shirt) presented service commendations to three Upland officers, including (left to right) Officer William Meyer (for enforcement of traffic laws), Officer Nick Mariani (for confiscation of 154 bags of heroin), and Officer Jay Rattman (for multiple arrests that took guns off the street).

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Residents Should Sign Up For Emergency Phone Service

To enjoy the full benefits of the borough's information phone service, residents with unlisted phone numbers should call the borough office at **610-874-7317** to register. The automated service was instituted in 2009 to keep borough residents informed of upcoming community events, but is also utilized in the event of a borough-wide emergency. The value of being kept informed became apparent during Superstorm Sandy last October. After the storm, over a dozen households called the borough office to get their names added to the calling list.

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STOP! Still Means STOP!

In an effort to address the borough-wide problem of excessive speeding, the Public Works Department has recently been replacing damaged or faded roadside traffic signs and adding red reflective tape to STOP signs. The red tape will draw a driver's attention to the STOP sign, but the traffic control is only as good as a driver's intent to obey the law. Please help keep our streets safe for our children and all pedestrians – **SLOW DOWN and STOP!**

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Did You Know?: The combined area of present-day Chester and Upland was originally called Opland by the Swedish colonists who settled here. The entire area was renamed Chester by William Penn, but when John P. Crozer rose to prominence in the mid-1800s, he lobbied for the borough to adopt a variant of its original name.

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Upland Now Owns Reese Center

The vacated U.S. Army Reserve complex that sits on West 24th Street has now officially been deeded over from the federal government to the Borough of Upland. A quitclaim deed was finalized in early June, transferring ownership of the 5-acre facility to the borough at no cost.

With an estimated value of roughly \$5 million, the 5-acre Reese Center is comprised of three large buildings, all enclosed in a fenced compound.

The former Army depot was named after James William Reese of Chester, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during the Sicily campaign of World War II.

The borough is planning an official Reese Center dedication ceremony for later this year. Borough Council plans to convert the complex into a community center, utilizing revenue generated by the parking tax.

"This is...something our administration has been planning for years," Council President Ed Mitchell said of obtaining the Reese Center keys. "We haven't placed any burden on the taxpayers, and the money has already been appropriated to secure the future of the children and provide athletic programs for the community."

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Church Food Bank Offers Help

The Upland Baptist Church Food Bank has been helping low-income borough families meet their grocery needs for the past 45 years.

Dry goods, canned foods, and bakery items come to the UBCFB through individual contributions, corporate donations (such as Giant in Brookhaven), and purchases from Philabundance. Basic staples such as cereal, tuna, pasta, soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, and any type of quick-meals are always in need.

Any Upland residents can be UBCFB recipients, with proof of residency and an annual income that is less than \$17,235 for a single person. Add \$6,030 for each additional person in a household to determine the applicable yearly income limit.

Bags of groceries can be picked up by a registered recipient every Wednesday, from 9-10am, in the church basement, while bi-weekly deliveries are made to senior citizens and handicapped persons.

About 35 grocery bags are loaded with food stuffs every Tuesday morning by a group of volunteers, with the bag count jumping close to 60 when deliveries are made to seniors every other week.

If your family could benefit from the generosity of others, please contact Louise Sauk at **610-876-1857** or call the church office at **610-874-7474**.

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MacQueen Hall Makeover Completed

With the delivery of new chairs and the installation of new carpeting on the second floor and new lighting in the hallway of MacQueen Hall this spring, a three-year makeover of the stately building is now complete.

Built by John P. Crozer to be the social hub of the borough, the former Civic Association Building has been completely overhauled to celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

Beyond the outdoor addition of a separate police headquarters in 2010 and an emergency generator earlier this year, the interior renovations include colorful wall murals, a gas fireplace, new council chairs and desk, and an audio system in the downstairs public meeting room, while the spacious second floor has benefited from new paneling and the installation of a wet bar.

The combination of improvements have generated “a lot, and I mean a lot” of requests to rent out MacQueen Hall for private functions, according to Building & Grounds Committee Chairwoman Sandy Miazza. For information on rental rates and dates, call the borough office at **610-874-7317**.

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Mayor Michael Ciach handed out borough proclamations to Doug and Marsha Scott on Aug. 27, in recognition of their role in stopping an Auburn Village home invasion in July. Ciach called the married couple “true heroes of Upland.”

Great Scott! ... Fireman Hailed As Hero

On the afternoon of July 9, married Upland firefighters Doug and Marsha Scott were returning home from a fire call when they heard a commotion at the doorway of an elderly Auburn Village resident, as a young man forced his way inside the apartment and slammed the door behind him.

Doug Scott then did what all emergency responders are trained to do – He got involved. Able to hear that the intruder was assaulting the woman, Scott began kicking down the locked front door, causing the young assailant to flee out the back door.

Federal agents are still searching for the light-skinned black male, who had stated his intent to rape the victim. Meanwhile, a grateful community gives a sincere thank you to dedicated volunteer Firefighters Doug and Marsha Scott, who may well have saved a neighbor’s life.

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Community Charter School Opens

The Upland campus of the Chester Community Charter School was completed on schedule and started holding classes in September, as planned. Located at 1100 Main Street, the new school offers a FREE full-day Kindergarten program to children who turned 5 on or before September 30, in addition to instruction for elementary grades 1-5.

Two open house events and a carnival were held in August to welcome parents and students. As of Aug. 24, 258 grade-schoolers had signed up for the inaugural year of classes at the Upland campus.

To obtain an enrollment application or more information, call CCCS at **610-447-0400** or visit the website at **www.chestercommunitycharter.org**.

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Skunks Making Presence Known

Some Upland residents were recently confronted by that unmistakable odor of a skunk and came before Borough Council seeking help.

Skunks are nocturnal creatures, so we generally smell their pungent scent at night, especially at those times of year when young offspring are trying to establish their own territories and end up setting off skunk fights in the process.

The best way to avoid making your home a skunk hangout is to make sure that trash and garbage are cleaned up from your property and secured in cans with lids. Property owners can decide to hire an exterminator or to trap and release the critters themselves. Considering that skunks can carry rabies, professional help is strongly recommended. Borough Council members sympathized with those homeowners whose yards have been dosed with skunk spray, but noted that the borough cannot use public funds to address a private property issue.

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Representing Delco Detachment 266 of the Marine Corps League, Mike Avellino (left) recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Upland Borough Council (represented by Council President Ed Mitchell and Mayor Ciach) for the financial assistance that helped repair the outdoor pavilion at the vet organization’s Sixth Street headquarters.

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Upland Ambulance Service Will Not Change

When an ambulance is dispatched to an emergency, it is either an Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit or a Basic Life Support (BLS) unit, depending on the skill level of the ambulance crew. Obviously, the more serious medical emergencies warrant the highly-trained paramedics of an ALS crew, while less critical situations can be handled by the EMTs of a BLS crew.

Staffing an ALS unit is naturally more expensive than a BLS ambulance, and it is this economic reality that recently led Crozer-Chester Medical Center to announce its intent to cut back on one ALS crew.

In the wake of the announcement, Councilman/Fire Chief Dan Smith and the borough office were deluged by questions from concerned Upland residents. But there was no need for alarm, Smith explained, as the borough gets its primary ALS ambulance service from Parkside, while CCMC only provides backup.

"There will be no interruption to Upland ambulance service, even if Crozer shuts down an ALS ambulance," Smith recently reassured residents.

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Traffic Congestion Easing Around Charter School

The first month of classes at the Upland campus of the Chester Community Charter School was a dream come true for some and a nightmare for others, especially those residents who live nearby the school, where traffic congestion from busses and parent drop-offs was plaguing neighbors.

The general consensus at the Oct. 8 Borough Council meeting, however, was that the worst of the traffic problems have eased, as parents and students have apparently started to carpool.

Several school neighbors came out to the Sept. 10 Council meeting to vent their frustrations and try to enlist some help in quelling the situation. 11th Street residents reported parents parking in front of their driveways, while those who live near the intersection of 11th and Patton Avenue said that many drivers were running the stop sign there.

All agreed that the presence of a uniformed police officer for an hour in the morning and an hour each afternoon (an assignment the borough opted for in response to early complaints) has improved the traffic mess, but not resolved it.

"We've cut 45 minutes of chaos down to about 25 minutes at this point," Council President Ed Mitchell said in September.

Part of the traffic problem was the lack of a school bus for Toby Farms kids who attend the charter school. Mitchell suggested that the school district may soon be forced to remedy that situation, to cut down the vehicle count coming to and from the school.

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Council Supports Youth Football

At the Aug. 27 meeting, Borough Council appropriated \$2,500 (the same amount as last year) to financially support the Upland Hurricanes Youth Association for the upcoming football season.

Formerly known as the Upland Regulators, leadership of the youth gridiron team was taken over by Realtor/Sports Enthusiast Gary Timmes last fall, rescuing the program from fiscal collapse.

"We're happy to help out," said Council President Ed Mitchell. "You're doing great things for our kids," he told Timmes.

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Hundreds of 7-year-old Aryn Strigle's (holding sign) family and friends, many of whom arrived on their motorcycles, attended the 4th Annual Aryn's Helping Hands event on Aug. 24 to defray medical bills for local cancer patients.

Aryn's Helping Hands Raises Funds

On Aug. 24, a crowd of 125 gathered at the Upland headquarters of Marine Corps League Detachment 266, where the 4th Annual Aryn's Helping Hands fundraiser was held. The event is named after Aryn Strigle, a 7-year-old Auburn Village resident and leukemia survivor, now in remission.

According to AHH co-founders Robert "Butch" Ferguson and his wife Sherry, the event raised over \$5,000 to help defray the expenses of other local children with medical problems, thanks in large part to the generous participation of members of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Motorcyclists. The main recipient of this year's proceeds was a Brookhaven teenager, who has leukemia and recently went through a bone marrow transplant.

An 8-team AHH benefit softball tournament was held on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Mickey Vernon Field Complex in Marcus Hook, with all proceeds going to AHH.

The Aryn's Helping Hands family wishes to express their gratitude to all those who support and encourage AHH's merciful mission.

If you would like to help AHH make a difference, call Butch at **610-496-7304**.

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