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Ciach Launches Campaign For State House



Upland Mayor Michael Ciach (far right), who recently announced his candidacy for the 159th District's seat in the PA House of Representatives, is congratulated by Lt.-Governor Jim Cawley (center) and members of the Upland Police Department, including (l to r) Patrolman Michael Curran, Patrolman Craig Scully, and Acting-Chief Nelson Ocasio.

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(Above) A Park Row resident is greeted by a leprechaun at the annual St. Patty's Day Ham & Cabbage Luncheon For Seniors. Held on March 17, the event drew about 50 attendees, despite a light snowfall that morning, and (Below) gave friends a chance to enjoy a traditional Irish meal, provided courtesy of the Community Affairs Committee.



Wrought iron fencing was recently installed atop the stone wall along Main Street, between 4th and 6th Streets, as the first step of a public safety/beautification project.

Free Smoke Alarms Available

Since January, Upland Fire Co. #1 has been giving away free smoke/fire alarms to any borough resident who wants one. Request forms are available at the borough office. So far, only about a dozen requests have been received.

If a resident needs help installing their free battery-operated smoke detector, fire company volunteers will be providing that service for free as well, starting in late March.

A total of 50 9-volt First Alert alarms (each with a 10-year guarantee) were donated to the borough by BRK Electronics, while an additional 100 units were purchased at the discounted price of \$600.

This offer of free alarms and free installation will continue as long as supplies last, so don't delay.

"If any of our resident homeowners need smoke detectors, both Borough Council and the fire company are more than willing to make that happen," stated Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith.



A break in the winter weather has allowed construction of a firehouse addition to get back on track.

Upland Mayor Announces Run For PA House

A host of local Republican Party officials gathered at the Marcus Hook Community Center on March 1 to formally announce the candidacy of Upland Borough Mayor Michael Ciach for the 159th Legislative District's seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

That seat has been held by Democrat Thaddeus Kirkland of Chester since 1993. Ciach is the latest in a string of GOP challengers to take on the entrenched Kirkland, who is currently serving his eleventh consecutive term as a state representative. "I'm going to make this a street fight, and go after him down and hard," Ciach promised his supporters. "I'm going to go into his backyard, right down into the City of Chester and go to the (council) meetings."

"District 159 used to be one of the strongest political organizations in the county, and we're going to get it back to being that way," Ciach added to applause.

The 159th District encompasses the City of Chester, Chester Township, Lower Chichester Township, parts of Ridley Township and Upper Chichester Township, and the boroughs of Upland, Parkside, Trainer, Eddystone, and Marcus Hook.

Kirkland was contacted in Harrisburg via telephone and informed of Ciach's intentions. The state representative claims that he has never met his latest challenger, but extended a cordial invite, just the same.

"I welcome him to the City of Chester, because I've spent a lot of time going door-to-door in Upland," Kirkland said.

In his attempt to unseat Kirkland, Ciach brings an extensive resume of public service, including 12 years on borough council, prior to serving the last nine years as mayor. Ciach has also served as vice president of the Delaware County Association of Boroughs for the past three years.

Ciach's duties as mayor have broadened the scope of his experience, as he oversees the operations of the Upland Police Department, while serving as the borough's liaison to all public and charter schools and to Crozer-Chester Medical Center.

Ciach, 47, has lived in either Upland or Chester his entire life. He is currently employed as a copier salesman, and considers rearing his two adult children as a single parent to be among his greatest personal achievements.

Ciach feels that his experience as a decision-maker, both public and private, will help him make sound choices on behalf of the residents of the 159th District.

"I'm ready to go. I've got 20 years of municipal experience and the drive to see this area succeed again," Ciach says of his skill set.

The most urgent issues facing the 159th District are education, job creation and retention, and overall economic recovery, in that order, according to Ciach.

Among the Republican dignitaries who came to Marcus Hook to endorse Ciach's candidacy were Pennsylvania Lieutenant-Governor Jim Cawley, representatives from each of the district's municipalities, and about 60 of the party faithful.

"Mike Ciach is exactly the kind of candidate and public servant that we need in the 159th District," Cawley stated. "He's going to go door-to-door in his campaign and talk about a better way to get things done. I think he represents the true feelings of the people of Delaware County, and particularly this district."

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Council Amends Parking Regs

Borough Council voted unanimously to amend Upland's parking regulations at its March 11 meeting.

Under the amended parking ordinance, overnight parking (on streets or private property) in any residentially-zoned area is prohibited for all commercial vehicles, trucks, tractors, trailers, or vans with a DOT Class 3 or higher rating and/or a GVWR above 9,000 lbs. Street parking of these vehicles is restricted to no more than two hours between 6am and 10pm.

The amended ordinance also bans the parking or storage (for a period exceeding two hours) of all recreational vehicles and utility trailers on borough streets, while storage of no more than one RV (under 30 feet in length) or one trailer (under 20 feet in length) is permitted on private property (in a garage, rear yard, or driveway) with a minimum setback of 10 feet from the paved street.

Violators will receive fines of \$25 plus costs, and non-compliant vehicles can be towed at the owner's expense, after a warning is issued.

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Spring Allows Construction To Resume

The first major upgrade of Upland's lone fire station since 1975 began in mid-November, with an original target date for completion of March 8, but construction was stalled for several weeks by inclement weather in January and February.

The welcomed arrival of Springtime temperatures in early March allowed construction crews to pick up where they left off, with the laying of concrete block being the first order of business. As of Borough Council's March 11 meeting, the new projected completion date for the addition is April 28.

Beyond adding another fire truck bay, the \$315,000 construction project will also add some office space to the home of Upland Fire Co. #1.

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Commercial Fire Inspections Urged

While fire safety inspections of borough businesses are mandatory, a dozen Upland businesses have needed an extra nudge to get them done over the past year. According to Borough officials, letters requesting compliance with the law were recently sent out to all 12 non-compliant businesses, with about half responding and giving full cooperation to the fire marshal.

Brutal Winter Has Been Costly

The winter of 2013-2014 saw 16 measurable snow events deposit a total of 67.4 inches on the Philadelphia area, which was good for second place all-time in total snowfall for the season. As you might expect, the cost of plowing and salting the borough's roadways was also well above the norm. According to the Borough office, Upland's Public Works Department has spread 388 tons of road salt this winter, at a cost of \$19,405. By way of comparison, during the winter of 2012-2013, a total of 50 tons of road salt were used, at a cost of about \$3,000.

De-icing salt has become so scarce this winter, that one person was even seen sweeping Upland streets and sidewalks to collect a few handfuls of salt. And just for the record, while this may seem to be frugal, it is, in fact, illegal.

Other snow-related costs incurred by the Borough this winter include replacement of a \$1,200 gas tank on a plow truck and the replacement of plow blade edges. Snowblower repairs also added to seasonal costs, and the purchase of two heavy-duty Honda snowblowers was ultimately deemed necessary. "It's been a heck of a winter," Borough Manager Shirley Purcival summarized. "We've been very fortunate to get through this winter with a surplus of salt, and our workers did a great job."

Home Improvement Tips That Protect Homeowners

The following tips may save you money and a lot of grief, if you are having any type of repairs or home improvements done around your home.

- Get at least three estimates, so that you can compare the prices of reputable companies. And don't hesitate to tell each contractor that you are shopping for the best price, as competition tends to keep prices down.
- Don't be pushed or rushed into signing any contract, even if you have to finance the project. Take your time and get the most for your money.
- Every contractor must show you proof of their insurance and a Home Improvement State License. They must also have an Upland Borough permit, and in some cases, an Upland Borough Contractor's License. A copy of the borough permit must be displayed in a front window of your home.
- Call the borough office at **610-874-7317** during regular business hours to get answers to any questions or concerns.

Soup-n-Salad Fundraiser Loses Money

According to Community Affairs Committee Chairwoman Sandy Miazza, the Soup-n-Salad Dinner fundraiser held in MacQueen Hall on Feb. 22 came up short of expenses, actually losing \$107.

"I'm not too happy about that," Miazza reported to fellow Council members at their March 11 meeting. Miazza noted that the free events that the borough offers each year, which are financed in part by fundraisers like the Soup-n-Salad Dinner in

February and a Spaghetti Dinner in the Fall, are always well attended. She urged residents who enjoy the freebies handed out at Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties to help fund those popular youth events by attending fundraisers.

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All Mattresses and Box Springs Must Be Wrapped For Disposal

Responding to a plea from our trash haulers, the Borough now requires the disposal of any mattress or box spring to be done using a sealed plastic bag.

Mattress disposal bags are sold in various sizes at Home Depot stores, but an improvised wrapping, using a plastic sheet sealed with duct tape, is acceptable.

To dispose of a mattress or box spring on the borough's heavy trash day (the last Wednesday of every month), residents must call the borough office (610-874-7317) to be put on the heavy trash pick-up list.

***** No Call or No Wrapping = No Pick-up *****

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday, April 22, May 13, and June 10
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall
(note April meeting to be held on 4th Tuesday)

Grocery Bingo

1-4pm at Upland Baptist Church
on last Saturday of month thru April
Fun for the entire family!

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

Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

 **Saturday, April 19** 

Egg Hunt starts at 9am at Bristol Lord Field, followed by Breakfast and Photos with Easter Bunny at MacQueen Hall

Breakfast served until 11am – Adults \$5; Kids eat free!

Carnival Returns!

Tuesday thru Saturday, May 20 – 24
at Bristol Lord Field

Annual Memorial Day Parade & Family Picnic

Monday, May 26
Parade starts at 9:15am;
War Memorial service starts about 9:45am;
Picnic at Bristol Lord Field from 11 - 2pm



These World War II veterans were honored on Feb. 25 at an annual event at Marine Corps League Detachment 288 headquarters in Upland, held each year on the anniversary of the bloody five-week battle for the island of Iwo Jima.

Sadly, the number of vets available for this tribute is shrinking every year.

The pictured Iwo Jima survivors include Jack Depew, Alan Macauley, and Joe Hinderhofer (all from Detachment 288), and George Edelmann and Lou Camilli (of Smedley Butler Detachment 741).

(photo provided courtesy of George Patterson)

Park Row Offers Affordable Meals

The best-kept secret in Upland Borough may be that delicious dinners are available to senior citizens and their family members at Episcopal Place at Park Row (421 West 24th Street, across from the James W. Reese Center), every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6pm. Seniors pay just \$2 for their meal, while visitors under 62 pay \$4 for the complete dinner. Diners can call the Park Row office at **610-872-0100** to get menu information or to make reservations.

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Pusey House Hosts Spring Events

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House will be holding an **Open House from 1-3pm on Saturday, April 12**, in concert with the public display of four recently framed historic documents that date back to the late 1600s and early 1700s. Guests are invited to stop by Crozer Schoolhouse #1 on Race Street to check out the rare documents, which include property deeds and the wedding certificate of Lydia Pusey (Caleb's daughter), and while on site, take a tour of the historic Pusey House (built in 1683) - the oldest English cottage in America.

On Saturday, May 10, the FCPH will be holding a Spring Plant & Herb Sale on the Pusey House grounds. This event will be open to the general public, running **from 11am to 4pm**, rain or shine. A wide variety of vegetable plants, annuals, hanging baskets, and potted herbs will be offered at below-retail prices, so the FCPH can save you some green on your gardening this year.

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Tax Collector Hands Over Delinquents

At its March 11 meeting, Borough Council exonerated Borough Tax Collector Linda Mitchell of the collection of delinquent 2013 taxes.

A total of \$11,314 in unpaid real estate taxes will now be turned over to the Delaware County Tax Bureau for collection, while a total of \$11,583 in unpaid trash service fees will now be collected by Centax.



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Council Rejects Bids

Borough Council voted unanimously at its March 11 meeting in rejecting two sets of bids for public improvement projects that exceeded the available funds.

A total of eight different companies submitted bids for three contracts related to the construction of a scale building and the installation of a truck scale. It was felt that federal ADA requirements for the truck-weighing station drove up the cost of the project, which will be shelved for the time being.

A total of six contractors vied for the contract to build Phase 2 of the 11th Street Extension, which will connect Hill Street to 24th Street and create an emergency route to the Crozer-Chester Medical Center. The submitted bids ranged from \$74,015 up to \$113,160, but all were deemed to be too high. This project will be re-bid, in the hopes of coming closer to the \$48,000 in grant funding that the borough has received for this project.

Phase 1 of the 11th Street Extension, which links Mulberry Street to Hill Street, is still incomplete. A utility pole must be relocated before the gravel roadbed can be paved.

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.

The borough's website recently added a new Items From Public tab to the History section. If you have photographs of Upland of yesteryear that your neighbors might also enjoy, contact the borough office or Webmaster Moira Crawford to get photo prints scanned to a digital format.

To share digital photos or information on the borough's website, send email to

mccrawford@uplandboro.org

The next Heavy Trash Pick-ups will be made on Wed., April 30.

Curbside collections of bulk trash items are made on the last Wednesday of the month. Residents must notify the borough office in advance for all bulk pick-ups and items must be **curbside by 6am** on collection day.

Bulk trash does not include electronic items like computers and televisions. These items will be collected at special recycling events.

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**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.

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**Council Approves 'Go Bags'
For Police Officers**

Sergeant Jeff Brown, of the Aston Township Police Department, came before Borough Council on Feb. 11 and, on behalf of the Upland PD, recommended the creation of 'Go Bags' for all police vehicles and any officer who might get involved in an "active shooter" scenario.

Brown is a former U.S. Army Ranger, and started his law enforcement career with the Upland PD in 1996. Now he is a crisis management specialist with the Aston PD.

Brown noted that most, but not all, 'active shooter' cases involve a gun, but more importantly, all such incidents involve "the potential for a lot of casualties in a short span of time." On average, an 'active shooter' will rack up one casualty every 15 seconds, according to Brown.

Attempting to intervene and stop such a dire situation obviously puts a police officer at extreme risk. When confronting an 'active shooter,' the "priorities of life" that an armed officer will follow are hostages first, then civilian bystanders, then the officer himself, and lastly, the shooter, said Brown.

Go Bags are small, wearable satchels that contain hand tools, extra ammunition, and basic medical supplies that a responding officer might need, if wounded in a shootout with a suspect. In the critical minutes when shots are being fired, each officer has to be able to take care of himself, Brown noted.

The cost of each Go Bag will depend on exactly what is put inside. Council was quick to thank Brown for his sage advice on how to keep our police officers as safe as possible, even when their jobs put them directly into the line of fire.

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**Mulberry St. Asks Council
To Impede "Racetrack"**

Speaking on behalf of several of her neighbors, a Mulberry Street resident came before Council on Dec. 10 to ask for help in curbing a speeding epidemic.

The concerned citizen said that the stop sign at Gray & Mulberry Streets is "worthless," and that the length of Mulberry "has gotten to be a racetrack." She asked if the borough would consider installing a speed bump on Mulberry to slow down the traffic.

Council President Ed Mitchell noted that speed bumps cannot be used during the winter months, as they interfere with snowplowing, but such a traffic-calming measure might be considered in the spring, he said.

Mayor Michael Ciach also suggested that adding a series of new stop signs along Mulberry Street might help reduce the chronic speeding.

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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 in October 2012. After the storm, over a dozen households called the borough office to get their names added to the calling list.

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As a token of appreciation for the recent purchase and housing of a \$750,000 fire truck, the members of Upland Fire Co. #1 recently gave a framed print of the new Squad 57 to Upland Borough Council.

At the Jan. 14 presentation, Council was represented by Vice President Christine Peterson and President Ed Mitchell, while the fire company reps included Housing Committee Member Kim Kalichak, Fire Chief Dan Smith, and 50-year member Lee Hunter.

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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 month thru June.

Council Adopts Satellite Dish Regs

Borough Council has 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.

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Upland Now Owns Reese Center

The vacated U.S. Army Reserve complex that sits on West 24th Street has 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. 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."

Newsletter Photos Will Omit Names

In response to some residents' concerns, Upland Borough's monthly newsletter will no longer include the names of the smiling children that so often grace the pages of *the Uplander*.

This new policy is adopted to protect our children, even while we celebrate them in print.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Council Applies For Grant Funding

Borough Council has submitted a pair of projects to the county for consideration as a 2014 Community Development Block Grant.

One potential grant-funded project would be the erection of a waist-high modular wall and landscaping on the corner of 6th & Main to complement the fencing that is being installed to keep pedestrians off the Auburn Village grass and on the sidewalk.

An alternate CDBG project would be the demolition of the blighted building at 36 Upland Avenue.



At Upland Borough Council's Jan. 6 reorganization meeting, Mayor Michael Ciach (far right) swore in (l-r) Councilwoman Sandy Miazza, Councilman Dan Smith, and Councilwoman Moira Crawford. All four Upland officials were re-elected in November.

Holiday Decorating Winners Named

Lead Judge/Councilman Dan Smith apologized for leaving the list of holiday home decorating contest winners at home on the night of the Jan. 14 meeting, but promised those in attendance that the results would be printed in *the Uplander*.

Here are the 2013 winners who brightened all of our lives with their impressive holiday displays. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 were awarded to:

1st place – Raymond Bajerski of 18 Hill St.

2nd place – Howard Novak of 1115 Church St.

3rd place – Harry Vernon of 219 Ninth St.

...and an Honorable Mention winner was Harry & Adelaide Richardson's decorated tree at 7 Third St.

Borough Council congratulates the winners and extends a sincere thank you to all the residents whose cheerful and colorful displays help to make the holiday season the Season of Light.

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Upland Firefighters Keep Raising Bar

Year-end totals for Upland Fire Co. #1 activities show that the volunteer emergency responders set a new benchmark in 2013, with a total incident count of 407. The Upland record of 397 incidents was set in 2012, edging the 2010 record of 395.

Last year's record-setting performance by Upland firefighters included 12 fire incidents, 154 non-fire incidents, 199 mutual aid assists, and 42 drills. The activity log breaks down to 215 daytime calls and 192 at night, with a total of 334.2 hours spent in service by an average of seven runners per call.

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Security Cameras Approved For Reese Center, Carriage House

A total expenditure of \$30,200 was approved by Council at its Dec. 10 meeting, to cover the purchase and installation costs of three high-resolution, tilt-and-zoom dome security cameras. Two cameras will police the new driveway area of the Reese Center on West 24th Street, while the other pole-mounted surveillance device will stand guard over the historic Carriage House, located on the grounds of Camp Upland, off Sixth Street.

Mummers Strut Their Stuff In Upland



The Greater Overbrook String Band held a dress rehearsal of their 2014 Mummers Parade routine at the Reese Center in Upland on the eve of performing in front of the judges on Broad Street on New Years Day.



Greater Overbrook Strutters Enlist Upland Supporters

The evening of Dec. 30 was very cold, but not too cold for the Greater Overbrook String Band to hold a full dress rehearsal outside the Reese Center, where the marching band has recently secured much-needed storage space in exchange for services to Upland Borough.

If you watch the annual Mummers Parade on New Years Day, you have seen the Greater Overbrook String Band strutting down Broad Street for many years. Competing in the String Band Division, the brightly-clad musicians play a total of 15 songs during the parade, but must put their best feet forward in front of the judges during an elaborately choreographed 4-minute and 30-second routine.

This year's theme was Showboatin on Broad Street. The song and dance routine involved five rolling scenery panels and 40 costumed musicians, led by Captain Bill Razzano.

Razzano was the only band member who was not in costume at the Dec. 30 rehearsal, as tradition demands that the captain's eye-catching outfit remains a secret until New Years Day.

Uplanders have been fortunate to see string bands marching in the borough's annual Memorial Day parade, and will now get to enjoy the Greater Overbrook String Band on a regular basis. Razzano has led his band down the streets of Upland the past couple of years, and could easily be described as the hardest-working man in the parade, never passing up an opportunity to entertain and generate a wave or a smile.

Razzano came before Borough Council on Jan. 14 to publicly express his appreciation.

"I'd like to thank the Borough of Upland for their hospitality this year and for granting us some space. It was a real shot in the arm for us. I can see a future of us working together," Razzano said.

"Thank you, and it's been a pleasure having you here," responded Council President Ed Mitchell.

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Upland PD Preps For P.A.L. Start-up

The official launch of a new Police Athletic League branch at the Reese Center is still months away, but momentum is beginning to build within the Upland Police Department.

Acting Police Chief Nelson Ocasio gave Borough Council a progress report at the Feb. 11 meeting. Ocasio stated that he and Upland Patrolman Michael Curran would soon be meeting with a sergeant from the Philadelphia PD and touring the city's PAL facilities. Other regional contacts that will help get the new youth program started in Upland include personnel at PAL's national headquarters in Virginia, and DARE contacts, as well.

Curran noted that the PAL program is not just sports oriented, but also includes educational and cultural aspects for local youth.

"We're going to get as much information as we can from other people who have started this kind of program, then use the best elements to create our own program," Curran said.

Upland PD PAL organizers will present Borough Council with a preliminary 2015 operating budget this summer, but it is hoped that some PAL services can be launched this year.

"Speed is of the essence," Council President Ed Mitchell reminded Ocasio and Curran. "Summer is coming, and the youth of our town will be needing something to do."

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Building Improvements Completed

According to Buildings & Grounds Committee Chairperson Sandy Miazza, a number of facility improvements were recently completed at MacQueen Hall and Upland police headquarters.

Some leaky pipes in the basement of MacQueen Hall were fixed, and a new 32-inch flat screen TV was installed upstairs behind the bar.

Several damaged floor tiles were replaced at the Kenneth N. Miller Law Center, while the recent retirement of Chief Easton provided the opportunity to paint his office – the only part of the four-year-old building that had never been painted.

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Fire Prevention Alert:

Two discarded 9-volt batteries in the same trash container can create a spark and start a fire.

The best preventives are to secure a piece of electrical tape over the battery connectors or to never throw away two 9-volt batteries in the same trash bag.

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Rabid Skunk Attacks Dog



An Upland dog recently had a close encounter with a skunk and the dog has now been quarantined.

The dog came across the skunk in the backyard of a residence, and the nocturnal visitor quickly turned aggressive and attacked the dog, spraying and scratching the surprised canine.

Fortunately, the skunk was put down on site by animal control authorities, but unfortunately, the varmint tested positive for rabies – the first recorded case of rabies in Upland Borough.

While one Upland family is now hoping and praying that their dog has not contracted rabies, other pet-owning families are being cautioned to check their yards carefully and to keep their dogs on a leash when taking them outside to do their business. Several species of wild animals roam the borough, especially at night, so this public safety notice applies to more than just skunks.

If you see any wild animal acting strange or unusually aggressive, **do not take any action yourself, but immediately call 911** and have police notify the borough's Animal Control Officer.

Residents should not feed any wildlife from their homes, and should keep trash can lids secured tightly to discourage late-night visitors.



Apparently, not ALL the world's greatest snowboarders were in Sochi in February.

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...and many of our pets enjoyed the snow too!



Among the Upland residents who turned out on Feb. 22 to enjoy the annual Soup & Salad Dinner fundraiser at MacQueen Hall were the Nickersons (above) and the Kirbys (below). The Community Affairs Committee event raises money to fund other borough-sponsored offerings.



Public Works Department Earns Kudos

Despite having more snow fall this winter than in the previous five winters combined, the streets of Upland have been promptly plowed and salted in the wake of every snow and ice event.

At the Feb. 11 Council meeting, the Borough's Public Works Department and Police Department personnel were publicly thanked and applauded for their stalwart efforts to keep our streets safe and navigable through all kinds of weather, while Peter Hartshorn, of the Public Works Department, was singled out for recognition.

Streets & Equipment Committee Chairperson and Council VP Christine Peterson read aloud two communications recently sent to the borough office detailing the fine work of Upland's plow drivers. One note thanked Hartshorn for taking the time to help dig an elderly resident's car out of the heavy snow. After Peterson had praised borough employees for a job well-done, a Woodside Avenue resident also chimed in with an unsolicited salute.

"I'd like to reaffirm what's already been said about the streets department. They've done an outstanding job!" the grateful resident reported.

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**