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Seniors Enjoy Holiday Meal



The annual Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner (sponsored, prepared, and served by the Community Affairs Committee) drew 80 borough residents to MacQueen Hall on Nov. 15.

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Councilman Lee Hunter, who also serves as president of the Upland Senior Citizens Club, presented Councilwoman Sandy Miazza with a token of the group's appreciation at the Nov. 10 Council meeting. As chairwoman of the Community Affairs Committee, Miazza has organized free outings for borough seniors every year since she joined Council in 2006, including a ham and cabbage luncheon in March, a trip to Shady Maple restaurant in the fall, and a traditional holiday dinner in November.



...And while a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings was the main attraction, the chance to sit at the table with loved ones was the blessing for which these seniors were most thankful.



(Above) Colonial musicians John and Jan Haigis of Past Times Present were at the Welcome Day celebration on Oct. 25 to entertain visitors to the historic Landingford Plantation on Race Street, while other re-enactors (Below) intrigued guests with hands-on displays of colonial toys and games.



Ciach Defeated, But Encouraged

Upland Mayor Michael Ciach (R) was defeated by incumbent Thaddeus Kirkland (D) by 5,000 votes on Nov. 4, as the two candidates vied for the 159th Legislative District seat in the PA House of Representatives. But even in defeat, Ciach was upbeat about the voter support he received.

Kirkland garnered 70% of the total number of votes cast by carrying his native Chester City, which has three times the population of the other nine 159th District municipalities combined.

Ciach may have only gotten 30% of the vote total, but he carried six of the 10 communities involved, so it can also be said that Ciach won the majority of 159th towns. Ciach is the twelfth consecutive Republican challenger that Kirkland has held off, but he is the first to win the support of the majority of Chester's smaller municipal neighbors.

Based on that success, Ciach has already announced that he will be running against Kirkland again in 2016. With one election campaign now under his belt and a two-year run-up to his next opportunity, Ciach hopes to mount a successful challenge and unseat Kirkland in November 2016.

Ciach expressed his gratitude to his supporters:

"Thank you all for the great support throughout the campaign. The overall numbers don't tell the whole story, as we did something that hasn't been done in many years, in winning 6 of 10 towns.

"That tells me that a majority of the towns in this district are tired of their current state representative, especially considering that 25% of the votes that I received were split votes.

"If you are unable to get help from your state rep's office, as I've heard so many times throughout this election, let me know, and I will see if I can reach out on your behalf. Use my Facebook page for now and MESSAGE me, so your information and issues remain private. I will do all I can to get you help.

"Again, thank you all," Ciach stated.

Upland Borough Council President Ed Mitchell congratulated Ciach on his 2014 campaign at the Nov. 10 Council meeting.

"We thank YOU for having the courage to stand up and run for good government. It takes a hell of a man to be cheerful a week after a defeat, after all the time and effort you put into this, but rest assured, you did good! We are proud of you and we will be there for you when you do it again.

"There's a very intelligent electorate out there, as evidenced by all those split votes. So don't let that spirit down. We are all behind you," said Mitchell.

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Leaf Pick-ups Underway

Upland Borough's Public Works Department has already started collecting leaves curbside, and will continue to do so, as weather permits.

Leaves that have been raked to the curb (not into the street) will be collected primarily on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please do not block access to leaf piles by parking vehicles in front of them.

Preliminary Budget Extends No-Tax Increase Streak

If Upland Borough's preliminary 2015 general budget remains unchanged at final adoption on Dec. 9, borough taxpayers will enjoy a 28th consecutive year of the property tax millage holding steady at 2.0 mills. Furthermore, the annual trash collection fee, which was set at \$135 per household in 2008, will remain static for the seventh straight year in 2015.

Next year's general budget total is projected to be balanced at \$2,902,955. After cresting the \$3 million mark for the first time in 2014, the preliminary 2015 total represents a \$157,206 (or roughly 5%) reduction in revenue and spending.

The preliminary 2015 budget for the borough-owned Auburn Village apartment complex totals \$778,000, which is the exact same amount that was budgeted for this year.

The prospect of maintaining the budgetary status quo for another year led Council President Edward Mitchell to compliment his fellow Council members.

"Twenty-eight years without a tax increase speaks volumes for the way this Council has done a good conservative job of holding the tax line, while providing more services for the entire community.

"It makes it easy for me to sit here, and I feel good knowing that everybody on Council is looking out for everyone else's best interest," Mitchell said.

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Poop-Scoop Law Now In Effect

To address the persistent problem of people allowing their pets to poop on public and private property, then leaving the pile behind for someone else to clean up (or step in), Borough Council adopted a curative amendment to the borough code on Nov. 10, redefining the term "Nuisance" to include uncollected pet waste.

If you choose to leave your own property and walk your dog through the neighborhood, be aware that the amended ordinance now makes it officially illegal to leave your pet's waste lying "in any gutter, on any street, driveway, alley, curb, sidewalk, recreational trail, or public parkland in the borough, or upon the floors or stairways of any building or place frequented by the public."

Failure to comply with the new poop-scooping requirement could lead to citations and fines from the code enforcement officer, but there should be no need for such measures. Picking up and properly disposing of pet waste is a common courtesy that should be part of every pet owner's regular routine.

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According to Comedian Jeff Foxworthy,

YOU may live in Pennsylvania, if:

- You know all four seasons: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter, and Road Construction.
- You have logged more miles on your snowblower than your car.
- Driving is better in the winter, because the potholes are filled with snow.

Construction Time Restrictions Changed

Another curative amendment adopted at the Nov. 10 Council meeting will allow greater flexibility for contractors and homeowners who might want to work into the evening. Council has amended the noise ordinance in the borough code by cutting three hours off the restricted construction period, or in other words, adding three hours (from 7-10pm) of potential work time on weekday evenings.

Unanimously adopted, the amended ordinance now restricts "construction work or activities relating to construction work between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am...on weekdays, and if the following day is Saturday or Sunday, from 10:00pm to 8:00am."

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Upland Weighs Brine Use

Streets & Equipment Committee Chairwoman Christine Peterson recently told her fellow Council members that purchasing liquid salt-brine spreading equipment for the coming winter would not be practical, since the expenditure was not included in the 2015 budget.

Budgeting to invest in a salt-brine system might be a good idea for 2016, however, as the pre-treatment of roadways with brine would ultimately reduce the number of hours spent plowing, and subsequently reduce manpower expenditures during the winter months, Peterson said.

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Resident Praises Police Response

A Church Street resident, whose home was recently robbed, came to Borough Council's Nov. 10 meeting to publicly say thank you to the Upland PD.

Despite suffering the hardships of having his home burglarized, the resident was happy to report that the perpetrator had been promptly caught. He complimented the Upland officers involved for their professional demeanor.

"Not only did they arrest the perpetrator the next day, but in all my dealings with them, they've shown the utmost courtesy and professionalism," the grateful resident said of Upland's finest. "Thank you, Chief Ocasio, and congratulations to the entire police department."

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Council Poised To Raise Commercial Parking Tax

Upland Borough is planning to incrementally increase the Commercial Parking Services Tax over the next four years. The tax is paid by the only parking vendor in town – the operator of the parking facilities at Crozer-Chester Medical Center.

The parking tax was originally adopted at 10% of gross revenue in March 2010, and was stepped up to 11% over the next two years.

An amendment to the parking tax ordinance is slated for adoption by Borough Council at its Dec. 9 meeting, at which time a tax rate of 12% will go into effect for 2015. The rate will automatically increase by one percent each year thereafter for the next four years, bringing the parking tax rate up to 16% by 2019.

Council Applies For CDBG Funds

Along with every other Delco municipality, Upland Borough Council recently submitted an application to Delaware County Council, seeking consideration for a 2015 Community Development Block Grant.

CDBG funds are generally awarded in April. Each town is allowed to submit two public improvement projects for grant consideration.

Upland has chosen construction of a cut-through driveway, which would link the police headquarters parking lot to 8th Street, as its first priority for CDBG funding. This project would see the demolition of the vacant house at 227 8th Street and the creation of a small public parking lot on the residential street.

A second choice for CDBG funding is Phase III of the 11th Street Extension. The first two phases of construction of the new roadway have recently been completed, leaving but one more section of roadway to be built to complete the link between Mulberry Street and W. 24th Street.

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Fire Company Selling

Christmas Trees

Fresh-cut evergreen trees will be sold in the firehouse parking lot **until Christmas Eve**, with free home delivery offered to all seniors.

Christmas tree sales is the latest in a series of self-help fundraisers organized by Upland Fire Company No. 1 volunteers. A Monte Carlo Night is being planned for February 2015.

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Photo IDs For Resident Children

A second ID photo session will be held **for children (ages 6-15) from noon to 2pm on Saturday, Dec. 6 on the ground floor of MacQueen Hall**. Parents must be present to sign for their children and to provide proof of residency.

Starting next year, photo IDs will be necessary for Upland children to participate in any borough-sponsored youth activities.

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Upland Baptist Church Offers Family Fun

Monday Night Vacation Bible School (VBS): Every Monday from 6:30-7:30pm (except Dec. 22, and Dec. 29) – Dinner, activities, stories and crafts.

Grocery BINGO: The entire family can play in the Chapel from 1-4pm on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session

Tuesday, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10

on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Soup & Salad Dinner Fundraiser

4-7pm on Saturday, Feb. 28

Homemade soups & chili; Build your own salad

All-you-can-eat at MacQueen Hall; Take-out available

Tickets available at borough office in January:

\$8 adults; \$6 seniors; \$4 kids under 12

All proceeds benefit Community Affairs Committee



It's probably an understatement to say that this adorable little Mouseketeer enjoyed the iced cupcakes that were handed out at the Youth Halloween Party on Oct. 25.

Halloween Costume Winners

Many borough residents did a ghastly good job with the costumes they wore to the annual Youth Halloween Party, held at MacQueen Hall on Oct. 25. Winners in three age groups were named by Mayor Michael Ciach and Councilwoman Sandy Miazza.

Age 5 and under winners were:

- 1st place - Malany Carrion
- 2nd place - Autumn Irving
- 3rd place - Irving Satchell

Age 6 to 10 winners were:

- 1st place - Leann Sokolovich
- 2nd place - Iyannah Dickerson
- 3rd place - George Michaelies

Age 11 to 13 winners were:

- 1st place - Victoria Hansell
- 2nd place - Madison Hahn
- 3rd place - Alexa Collins

Congratulations to one and all!

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Willow Way Speed Limit Lowered

In response to numerous complaints about fast-moving traffic on Willow Way in Auburn Village, the Upland Police Department has lowered the speed limit on the residential street to 10 MPH.

There are no sidewalks along one-way Willow Way, where many children live, giving Police Chief Nelson Ocasio good reason to post a minimal speed limit. One Borough Council member had even suggested making the new speed limit 9 MPH, thinking that the odd number would be more eye-catching.

In another traffic control matter, Ocasio recently told council that he is seeking grant funding to purchase a half dozen solar-powered speed detector signs for future use throughout the borough. The pole-mounted signs tell drivers how fast they are going, while recording speed data for subsequent analysis.

Website Now Faster

According to Councilwoman & Webmaster Moira Crawford, the borough website now has its own server, which should allow visitors to move about even faster, as they check out the many links to information and photographs that are offered.

Crawford recently told Borough Council that she is aware of a number of municipalities that are copying her Upland Borough website features.

And why wouldn't her website be seen as a model? During October 2014, the website set a new benchmark with 2,478 visits (averaging 88 visitors each day of the month), proving that someone in Upland is doing something right.

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.

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

mccrawford@uplandboro.org

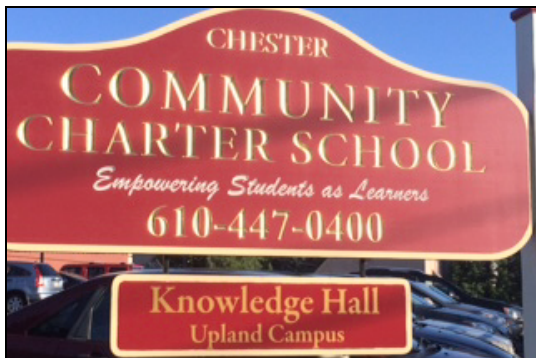
Do You Remember...?



...When live Easter peeps, not the marshmallow kind, were popular gifts for children? And don't worry, the baby chicks eventually outgrew their man-made colors, once their dyed down turned to feathers.



...And if you know what gummed reinforcements were used for, then you once used loose-leaf binders, before the Digital Age made them obsolete.



(Above) The CCCS sign on Main Street now reflects the new name of the three-story school building; (Below) CCCS students recently enjoyed an educational visit from Upland Fire Company No. 1.



Charter School Celebrates 2nd Year

The Chester Community Charter School in Upland has a new name: Knowledge Hall. The school has opened for its second year in Upland with a strong academic program, and has added an extensive Fine Arts and a Physical Fitness Program.

CCCS students are now participating in Art, Music, Dance, and Band classes. Students in grades 4-6 are also able to participate in the school's Ensemble Program, which provides them with instrumental lessons. Dance teachers from the Rock School in Philadelphia are teaching the students a wide array of dance. In the upcoming months, 5th-grade students will be receiving Ball Room Dance lessons from Dancing Classes of Philadelphia.

CCCS is committed to educating the whole child and providing a diverse educational experience. The Arts Program was showcased in November at a gala event, where families were able to participate.

In addition to new programming, the school observed National School Lunch Week, which concluded on Oct. 17 with a "Be a Champion" celebration that included raffles, games, and sports-themed apparel.

In observance of Fire Prevention Month, Upland Fire Company No. 1 came to the charter school on Oct. 20 to provide CCCS students with fire prevention instruction.

CCCS students and staff also participated in an Anti-Bullying Summit on Oct. 28, where students discussed the influences and effects of bullying.

For more information about CCCS curriculum or upcoming events, call the school at **610-447-0400**.

Non-Compliant Landlords Notified

According to Fire Marshal David Favinger, 26 non-compliant Upland landlords have been directly contacted by Favinger "as a last resort," to notify them that they are in violation of the borough code. In some cases, the rental property cannot be inspected or is not in compliance with safety regulations, and in other cases, landlords are renting the property without a Use & Occupancy permit.

In Favinger's Nov. 10 report to Borough Council, he noted that he had received "a large response" to his phone calls, with several landlords promising to act swiftly to avoid additional citations and fines.

Those landlords who continue to be non-responsive and uncooperative will be turned over to the borough solicitor in December. Legal proceedings against the scofflaws will be initiated in district court in January.

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 *****

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.

Do Not Feed Wildlife

The Delaware County Health Department is urging all residents to NOT feed the wildlife. Pet owners who leave food and/or water outside for their pets should stop the practice, while all trash containers should be tightly sealed with lids, as accessible food/garbage will attract wildlife to your house.

This year, the Health Department has seen a spike in the number of skunks and raccoons that are roaming the county at night. Both wild animals are known carriers of diseases, including rabies.

Home Improvement Tips For 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.

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Fire Co. Improves Insurance Rating

Upland property owners should check with their insurance carriers to see how much the fire company's improved insurance rating will save them on property insurance.

Insurance Services Office (ISO) out of Marlton, NJ recently completed a Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey of the borough's fire suppression delivery systems. In the ISO's survey summary, significant advances in Upland Fire Company's capabilities, equipment, training, and document-keeping were noted since the last PPC survey.

Due to those advances, Upland Borough's PPC rating has now dropped from 5 down to 4.

According to Fire Chief Dan Smith, that one-point drop is very significant to borough residents, since it moves Upland Borough into the best of three insurance categories.

In terms of fire safety, a community's PPC is rated from 1-4, 5-6, or 7-9, with escalating insurance premiums applied to the higher numbers.

To take full advantage of this new 10-year PPC rating, which became effective as of May 1, 2014, Smith advises all borough property owners to contact their insurance agents soon.

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Free Smoke Alarms Still Available

Upland Fire Co. #1 has been giving away free smoke/fire alarms to any borough resident who wants one since January. Dozens of free smoke detectors have been installed over the past six months, and request forms are still available at the borough office.

If a resident needs help installing their free battery-operated smoke alarm, fire company volunteers have been providing that service for free.

This offer of free alarms and free installation will continue as long as supplies last.

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The Community Affairs Committee's Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sept. 27 filled lots of bellies and put smiles on the faces of Upland residents of all ages.



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.

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Borough Saves \$\$\$ On Loan Re-Fi

By recently re-financing the 20-year loan that paid for construction of the new police station in 2009, the borough has saved its taxpayers about \$30,000 in interest over the next five years.

The original \$850,000 loan from TD Bank came with a 4.83% interest rate, but the rate is scheduled to reset every fifth year of the 20-year term. Upland Borough Special Counsel John Jay Wills, Esq. negotiated the new interest rate for the borough, getting a reset rate of 3.5% through 2019, at which time the rate will be reset again, depending on the prevailing market. Finance Committee Chairwoman Moira Crawford reviewed the new interest rate and recommended Borough Council's approval.

Over the next five years, Upland Borough will pay about \$5,000 in debt service every month, saving about \$500 each month over the payments made during the first five years of the loan.

P.A.L. Program Gearing Up

Acting Police Chief Nelson Ocasio and Officer Michael Curran came before Borough Council on April 22 to report the substantial progress recently made in preparation for the launch of a Police Athletic League (PAL) program in Upland.

When the borough took ownership of the James W. Reese Center on West 24th Street last year, the first hurdle to starting a PAL program was cleared. More recently, Ocasio and Curran have been working with other PAL coordinators and visiting sites in Philadelphia, where the PAL program now has eight locations spread across the city.

Upper Darby Township and Chester City have the only other PAL locations in Delaware County.

A PAL program is not a community daycare service, Ocasio noted, but it is “a safe haven, where kids can be kids.”

And while the name suggests that a PAL program is all about sports, the chance to participate in team sports is just one avenue used to draw local youth into the free program.

Sports offered by PAL programs include baseball, flag football, basketball, ping-pong, soccer, and martial arts, but these offerings are often the springboard to group activities like school/homework tutoring, computer labs, spelling bees, nature walks, reading & math challenges, and trips to the zoo.

All PAL activities strive to teach values, said Ocasio, which in turn serves as a crime preventative.

PAL members range from 6 to 18 years of age. With roughly 1,000 youth in Upland alone, the new PAL program will be primarily open to Upland residents, but non-resident children with ties to Upland (through schools or churches) will also be welcome.

PAL programs typically operate Monday through Friday, from 4-9pm, with longer hours (9am-5pm) offered in the summer months, according to Curran.

While some paid staff will ultimately be needed, most of the staff would be volunteers, including college and high school students, corporate sponsors, and community and church leaders.

Funding for a PAL program in Upland will primarily come from the borough at first, but must ultimately include private donors, event sponsors, and local organizations that are eager to give back to the communities they serve.

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Curran Promoted To Detective

Upland Police Officer Michael Curran has been promoted back to the rank of detective. He will receive a \$2,000 annual stipend as part of his promotion.

Curran originally joined the Upland force in 2005, and became a detective in June 2009. But Curran's certification expired, forcing him to take a leave of absence. He was re-hired as a part-time officer in December 2013, and promoted to full-time status in June 2014.

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Council Renews PennDOT Contract

Upland Borough has renewed a five-year Winter Traffic Services Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The pact will be effective from the winter season of 2014 through and including 2019.

Under the terms of the agreement, the borough will plow and salt all state-owned roads within Upland, which includes Upland Avenue, 6th Street, and Main Street. The state will then reimburse the borough for the cost of road services rendered.

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On Sept. 10, a bench dedication ceremony (including a pancake breakfast provided by the Upland Diner) was held at Episcopal Place at Park Row on W. 24th Street. The wooden bench is a gift from the Upland Police Department and Borough Council, and is now being put to use in the senior facility's vestibule. In attendance were about 20 Park Row residents and (from left to right) Social Worker Jean Sales, Site Manager Theresa Bey, Mayor Michael Ciach, Council Vice President Christine Peterson, Police Chief Nelson Ocasio, and Executive Director Kathryn Evans.

Part-timers Join Upland PD

Effective as of Sept. 9, three new part-time officers have been hired to fill vacancies in the Upland PD.

Officer John McIntosh graduated from Interboro High School in 2003 and from the Delaware County Police Academy in 2013. Being hired by the Upland PD is McIntosh's first law enforcement position.

Officer Stephen Mengini graduated from Ridley High School in 2009 and from the Delco Police Academy in 2010. He has worked as a police dispatcher at the Delco 911 Center since 2010.

Officer Michael Irej graduated from the police academy in 1992 and brings a wealth of experience to Upland. He has 18 years of police experience (including service with the Colwyn PD and Nether Providence PD) and has over 1,800 hours of law enforcement training and certifications.

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

Halloween Costumes Are Spooktacular



The colorful outfits worn by Upland children at the annual Youth Halloween Party on Oct. 25 (the winners of the five and under age group are seen above) were impressive, and some families even made it a theme night. About 60 costumed kids attended the free event, which was sponsored by the Community Affairs Committee.



Police Sting Nets Bad Guys

At 6am on the morning of Sept. 26, an army of 250 law enforcement officers, including members of the Upland Police Department working in concert with the FBI, conducted coordinated raids on hundreds of suspected drug dealers in the Mid-Atlantic region. Of the 41 members of the Rose in Upland Drug Trafficking Group who were arrested, over half will face life-terms in prison. The two "most dangerous" suspects caught in the sting operation had been living in Upland, according to Police Chief Nelson Ocasio, who called the pair "transporters."

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Council Halves Football Donation

The Upland Hurricanes youth football team and cheerleading squad may have to enlist financial support from the other communities from which they draw participants, after Upland Borough Council recently decided to cut its annual donation in half, dropping from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

According to Councilwoman Sandy Miazza, Upland is the only municipality that has given fiscal support to the Hurricanes in the past two years. At the Oct. 14 Council meeting, Miazza reported that she recently received a list of players' home addresses from the coach and found that only 20 members of the organization live in Upland. Most Hurricane players and cheerleaders are Toby Farms residents. Council unanimously agreed to maintain its fiscal support, but with a reduced amount, donating \$50 on behalf of each of the Upland participants.

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Charles J. Catania, Sr. P.E. holds the engraved teardrop-shaped award that he received from Upland Borough, while Mayor Michael Ciach holds a borough proclamation. Catania and Ciach are flanked by Borough Council President Edward Mitchell and Vice President Christine Peterson.

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Upland Pays Tribute To Catania

In 1954, Upland Borough was the second municipality to hire Charles J. Catania, Sr. P.E. to serve as its borough engineer, following the lead of neighboring Chester Township. Since then, Catania has become an invaluable asset for both of his original clients, while tacking on another two dozen Delco clients in the process.

Catania founded his engineering firm, located on MacDade Blvd. in Milmont Park, in August 1964. Catania Engineering Associates now handles the civil engineering duties for almost half of the municipalities in Delaware County.

At a 50th anniversary celebration on Sept. 26, Upland Mayor Michael Ciach presented a special award and read a proclamation aloud, as a gesture of appreciation from the borough. The presentations were repeated at Borough Council's Oct. 14 meeting, to make the formal recognition part of the borough's official record.

The proclamation credits Catania for his role in securing countless grants for Upland Borough, while overseeing a broad range of public improvement projects.

"Chuck has brought millions of dollars into this community for any number of projects, and it speaks volumes about Council's ability to keep the right people in place to do the right things," stated Council President Ed Mitchell.

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