



The Uplander



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MacQueen Hall

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A Jolly Ol' Time Was Had By All At Upland's Annual Christmas Party



Santa Claus and one of his tallest elves (Georgianna Ladd) were happy to hand out Christmas gifts to all the good girls and boys at the annual Youth Christmas Party on Nov. 25.

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It's a good thing that Santa has two knees, so that he can listen to Christmas wishes in each ear.

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Members of the Upland Baptist Church Choir sang Christmas carols on the steps of MacQueen Hall at the Nov. 25 tree lighting ceremony.

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Holiday Decorating Contest

The winners of this holiday season's home decorating contest will be announced at council's January meeting.

First place is worth \$100; second place is good for \$50; and a third-place display earns the homeowners \$25. Judging was done by Borough Council members during the evenings of the week before Christmas.

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Proving that the child inside all of us should never stop believing, Councilwomen Georgianna Hicks (left) and Sandra Miazza also took a turn sitting on Santa's lap to pass along their special holiday wishes to the Jolly One.

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Taxes, Borough Employees Stay the Course

2012 is the 25th consecutive year that borough residents have been spared a property tax increase, while the trash service fee has held steady for the fourth straight year.

With adoption of a final 2012 budget at its Dec. 13 meeting, borough council is maintaining a millage rate of 2 mills and an annual trash collection fee of \$135 per household. Rents for the 156-unit Auburn Village apartment complex will remain the same for the third consecutive year.

The 2012 general fund budget total is \$2,681,548, which represents a 10 percent increase in revenue and spending.

Council also unanimously approved several four-year contracts for borough employees, including Borough Manager Shirley Purcival and Police Chief John Easton. Three percent salary increases were given to all full-time non-uniformed employees and Easton.

New borough employees include Recording Secretary Shannon Strigle and Maintenance Workers Mark Kirby and Michael Diggins.

Other borough officials that were retained for the upcoming year include elected Code Enforcement Officer Leland Hunter, Board of Health Inspector Cathy Warfield, Borough Engineer Charles Catania, Borough Solicitor Robert O'Connor, Esq., Zoning Solicitor John Wills, Esq., Building Inspector Joseph Ferguson, Plumbing Inspector Thomas Kennedy, Electrical Inspector James Skulski, and Fire Marshal David Favinger.

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Please Rake and Bag Leaves

Curbside leaf collections on the borough's residential streets officially ended in December. Residents are now asked to rake and bag any remaining leaves for collection with the regular trash.

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Snow Dos and Snow Don'ts

Chances are that we will not be hit with record snowfall again this winter, but we should remember some of the lessons learned in the wake of the crippling snowstorms of February 2010. To survive the next snow emergency, the borough will be counting on the cooperation of every resident.

Do: Remove snow from sidewalks within 48 of the end of a snowfall. By clearing snow immediately, you will use less de-icing material.

*****Please make sure that the de-icing product you are using is environmentally safe.*****

Do: Help your elderly neighbors clear their sidewalks and steps for their safety.

Don't: Shovel snow back into a plowed street, as this creates a public safety hazard.

Don't: Attempt to save or block off a cleared parking space with any type of furniture, grills, or traffic cones. The borough will remove any space-saving objects, as this illegal practice amounts to obstructing a public thoroughfare.

Zoning Board OKs Charter School

The borough's zoning hearing board reconvened on Nov. 30 to hand down a ruling on a Nov. 7 hearing regarding a proposed charter school. The special exception that was needed to allow a Community Charter School to be built at 1100 Main Street was granted by a 3-2 vote of the five-member panel. In contrast to the three-hour marathon that played out before a packed house on Nov. 7, the continuation was a brief affair, without public participation or fanfare.

Zoning Board Solicitor John Wills made it clear from the outset of the continued hearing that no further testimony or public comment would be taken. He then read the proposed conditions of approval; a vote was taken; and the 20-minute session was adjourned.

The split decision found zoning board members Doredda Saw, Ron Reynolds, and Joanne Peden in favor of granting the special exception, and William Dennon and Ed Klepacki against.

Wills said that the requested relief to build a school in the R-1 residential neighborhood had to be granted, as stated under the borough's zoning code, if the use was "compliant with the ordinance" and "unless detrimental to public welfare."

Wills further stated that the anticipated increase in local traffic during school hours - a major concern of Oak Lane, Main Street, and 11th Street residents - was a "normal consequence" of the proposed use, and could not be a reason for denial.

The nine conditions of approval included a maximum enrollment of 315 students for grades K-5 only; hours of operation limited to 8:30am to 4pm, Monday through Friday; no weekend activities on school grounds; improving the northeast corner of 11th and Main to create a 35-foot turning radius for busses; and compliance with all submitted plans and testimony, borough and state laws, and the Universal Construction Code.

Any parties in opposition to the decision had 30 days (until Dec. 30) to file an appeal with the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, Wills noted.

The next step in the approval process is a detailed land development plan review by borough and county planning commissions.

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Website Provides Valuable Info

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

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To share photos or information on the Upland Borough website, send email to Councilwoman Moira Crawford at mcrawford@uplandboro.org

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Upland Closer To Armory Takeover

The borough's six-year quest to own the 5-acre US Army Reserve Armory complex on West 24th Street may soon come to closure.

The recent findings of a year-long environmental assessment study of the site have been released, and are now available for public review online. According to Borough Manager Shirley Purcival, the 198-page report found "no significant impact" on the proposed future use of the buildings.

The Armory consists of two permanent structures built by the US Department of Defense in 1958, including a two-story, 25,687-square foot administration building and a 5,376-square foot, two-bay maintenance shop. A 2,700-square foot storage building was added in 2004.

The borough has been pursuing opportunities to secure the James W. Reese Center since the site was placed on the DoD's Base Realignment and Closure list in 2005. Recent efforts through a federal land acquisition program finally yielded the desired result, with the borough now poised to take over the recently-closed complex at no cost.

Upland officials have long seen the Armory as a potential location for a community center. Among the potential plans are use of the Armory's weight room by the Upland Police Department; establishing a variety of after-school programs; and using the site as a base for Police Athletic League activities.

"A lot of things for the kids are involved here, so it's an opportunity for us to really display our needs, wants, and desires to help them out," stated Council President Edward Mitchell.

Purcival said that the environmental report will now be passed on to the Department of Defense. The borough is hoping to get final approval to inspect the site for security and potential renovation this spring, with an official transfer of ownership taking place sometime in 2012.

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Upland Without School Board Rep

The financial difficulties facing the cash-strapped Chester-Upland School District have been widely publicized. A dilemma that has received less press coverage, however, is the fact that Upland Borough no longer has a representative on the C-USD board of directors.

Longtime public servant Richard McClintock answered the call once again by volunteering to fill the borough's lone seat on the nine-member board in November 2010, but he did not receive enough district-wide votes in the November 2011 election to retain the post. McClintock garnered the most votes from his native Upland, but fell 42 votes short of the Democratic challengers who swept the balloting.

This political development has created a situation of "taxation without representation" for Uplanders, according to Council President Edward Mitchell, who formerly served 16 years on the C-USD board.

"Unfortunately, we've lost our representative; we've lost our vote; we've lost everything in Chester-

Upland, but the ability to pay our taxes," Mitchell lamented.

Faced with overwhelming competition from the City of Chester (which has more than 10 times Upland's population), the borough's choices for the future are few and difficult.

Mitchell recently noted that, under the original C-USD charter, the state will allow the minority communities in the district (Upland and Chester Township) to petition for release, if the overall student population drops below the 4,000 threshold. If a proposed charter school in Upland is ultimately approved, the potential transfer of students out of the C-USD population would likely meet the state's benchmark for a breakaway by Upland Borough.

Since many developments have to occur before a serious discussion starts on a course of legal action, Mitchell is advising Upland residents to weather the current political storm, in hopes that a brighter educational future may be just over the horizon.

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More (!) Community Events In 2012

The Community Affairs Committee of Borough Council was pleased to be able to bring 17 events to Upland residents in 2011, setting a new benchmark for public entertainment and enjoyment.

Many of these offerings were free to residents, including an Easter Egg Hunt, a Wilmington Blue Rocks game, and Halloween and Christmas Parties for youth, a Ham & Cabbage Luncheon and Turkey Dinner for seniors, Family Picnics on Memorial Day and July 4, and a Labor Day Fireworks display.

To finance the freebies, other events were staged as fundraisers, including a three-day Carnival and soup & salad and spaghetti dinners.

Councilwoman and Community Affairs Committee Chairperson Sandra Miazza called this past year's laundry list of public events "a real success," and said she hopes to deliver a few more fun-filled outings for residents in 2012.

"It's just great!" commended Council President Edward Mitchell. "We've never had that much participation and activity from any of our committees in this borough - ever!"

Borough council is currently considering a family ID program that will ensure that the free events are attended by Upland Borough residents only, since they support these offerings by paying their taxes.

Public Meetings and Events

**Borough Council Meetings
6pm Reorganization meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 3**

AND

**6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday, Jan. 10
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall**

**Grocery Bingo
1-4pm on Saturday, Jan. 28
at Upland Baptist Church**

Christmas trees will be collected curbside on Wed., Jan. 11

No trash will be collected on Monday, Jan. 16
in observance of Martin Luther King Day
Regular trash will be collected on Tues., Jan. 17



Excavation work to create 30 additional off-street parking spaces for Auburn Village residents began in November.



Dogwood Lane residents will be able to utilize extra parking spaces created on the west side of McClintock Drive, once construction and paving is completed this Spring.



Public Works Crews Busy

Members of the borough's Public Works Department were recently busy completing a number of outdoor projects before winter set in.

Among the improvements were reinforcements to the retaining wall on the tot lot at Bristol Lord Field; applying a fresh coat of Dry-Lock sealant to the outside wall of MacQueen Hall on the Main Street side of the building; and installing new lighting in the basement of the municipal building.



Recent improvements to Bristol Lord Field include raising the retaining wall in the corner closest to the pavilion, in an effort to stop mulch from washing out during heavy rains. Fresh mulch will be added to the playground in the Spring.

Council Aims For Limited Sewer Line Inspections

Borough council has authorized advertising an amended ordinance that will limit mandatory sewer lateral inspections to those properties being sold to new owners and those under major renovation. Adoption of the pared down mandate is expected at council's Jan. 10 voting session.

Under this ordinance, prior to sale of a property, and before permits will be issued for any major improvements (defined as "exceeding 1 percent of the existing value of the structure"), the property owner must allow sewer line inspection and obtain a Certification of Lateral Compliance from the borough engineer or his designee.

If repairs or lateral replacement are deemed necessary as a result of the inspection, all work must be completed before a compliance certificate will be issued.

In September, council was poised to adopt an ordinance that would have required every borough homeowner to submit to a sewer line inspection over the next 10 years. That mandate was tabled, however, when the proposed law was met with overwhelming opposition from residents.

If the original ordinance had passed muster, Upland would have been the first Delco municipality to require universal sewer lateral inspections to address the growing problem of stormwater infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.

Council Approves Animal Control Agreement

Borough council has joined the ranks of an ever-increasing list of Delco communities by unanimously ratifying a three-year agreement with the Delaware County Animal Control Board for the handling of strays.

Under the terms of the contract, the borough will pay \$1,250 each year, plus \$250 per animal, for the handling of up to five strays per year.

Starting Jan. 1, Delco animal control officers will take stray dogs and cats to the Chester County SPCA in the short run, until the new Delaware County facility in Darby Township is ready to open in Spring.

To make the new \$1.2 million facility financially viable, county officials estimate that at least 40 Delco municipalities will need to participate and ratify the stray-handling agreement.

Upland Firefighters Make Strong Showing At Competition

The all-volunteer Upland Fire Co. No. 1 cleaned up in a variety of award categories at the Fireman's Hall Museum Fire Safety Exposition & Muster, held at the Philadelphia Fire Academy on Oct. 23.

Participating in the annual event were close to two dozen regional fire companies, including about a half dozen from Delaware County. Upland Borough's lone fire station received recognition for some of its equipment, as well as the performance of its members in different competitions.

The company awards garnered were Best In Show and Best Overall Drill Team.

Four first-place awards for department-owned equipment included Best Non-motorized Apparatus for the vintage 1790 Mason hand-pumper, aka "Dilly," as it once had a pickle lodged inside; Best 1956-71 Pumper for a 1960 Seagrave fire truck; Best 1987-99 Pumper for a 1992 Seagrave; and Best Special Service for a 1999 Ford utility vehicle.

Upland Fire Co.'s drill team awards included first and second place for two teams in the Fastest Draft competition; second place in the Bucket Brigade contest; and third place for Quickest Dress.

When the bevy of awards was announced at Borough Council's Dec. 13 meeting, Council President Ed Mitchell congratulated Fire Chief Dan Smith and led an ovation of appreciation.

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Upland Submits CDBG Project Proposals

Borough officials recently agreed on the submission of two improvement projects in their request for funding through 2012 Community Development Block Grants from the county.

The borough's first priority is the extension of 11th Street to create a connector road between Mulberry and Hill streets. According to borough Engineer Charles Catania, construction of the "much-needed connector street" would cost an estimated \$38,500.

"One of the attractive things about extending this road bed, is if anyone has ever been caught down in the lower end (of the borough) during a flood, you know that there's no way to get to Crozer Hospital," noted council President Edward Mitchell. "This way, at least you'll be on high ground, and can weave your way around and come out at the shopping center (on Upland Avenue). So we're kind of excited to get this open as an emergency route for anybody in the lower end. It's a good shortcut."

A second priority for CDBG funding would be installation of a 4-foot-high wrought iron fence atop the 500-foot-long retaining wall that runs down Main Street along the Auburn Village apartment complex.

At an estimated cost of \$16,500, it is hoped that safety fencing would "make it inconvenient" for pedestrians to cut across the grass, hence keeping students walking to Main Street Elementary School on the sidewalks.

CDBG requests from every municipality will be reviewed by Delaware County Council over the winter, with grant awards being announced in April.

Food Bank Offers Help

The Food Bank that operates out of the basement of the Chapel at Upland Baptist Church benefits low-income borough residents and is open for pick-ups from 9-10am every Wednesday. Donations of non-perishable foods can be made during the church office's regular weekday business hours, from 9am to 1pm.

Helpful donations include canned vegetables, tuna and meats, peanut butter, pasta, rice, and cereal.

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Council Adopts New Animal-Control Law

In an effort to prepare for changes in animal control procedures, given the pending conversion of the Delco SPCA to a no-kill shelter on Jan. 1, borough council has adopted a wide-ranging set of new animal-control rules and regulations for residents.

Several aspects of the new law were suggested by Animal Control Officer David Schlott, who serves Upland and several other Delco municipalities.

One suggestion that was not adopted was limiting the number of pets that a household can keep at one time, according to Councilman Harold Peden.

Restrictions do apply to keeping livestock and other "farm" animals. While some types of small pigs can be housed as pets, most types of swine are banned.

Several sections of the expanded ordinance deal with the responsibilities of a pet owner or guardian, such as annual licensing, medical care, and restraint of guard/attack dogs. Rules apply to dogs that bite people; to dogs deemed to be a neighborhood "nuisance;" and to those that are injured in a vehicular collision.

Other parts of the ordinance address the handling of stray animals. Since the SPCA will not be accepting most strays (except those that can be adopted) next year, the borough has made provision for private boarding for up to two days at the owners' expense, at a rate of \$25 per day. After the waiting period expires, unclaimed strays will be sent to an animal rescue operation or no-kill shelter, or in the case of vicious and unadoptable animals, euthanized by a veterinarian.

New regulations prohibit the burial of pets in yards, operation of a kennel, unlicensed trapping, leaving animals unattended in vehicles, and allowing a pet to ride in the open bed of a pick-up truck.

Penalties are provided for violations, including fines that range from \$50 up to \$300 for first offenses and from \$500 to \$1,000 for repeat offenders, plus the cost of prosecution.

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Unlisted Homes Should Register

To enjoy the full benefits of the borough's information phone-message service, residents with unlisted phone numbers should call the borough office to register. The automated phone service keeps borough residents informed of important public meetings and community activities, and would be utilized in the event of a borough-wide emergency.

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BULK TRASH is collected curbside on the last Wednesday of each month. Bulk items must be placed curbside by 6am on **Jan. 25** for this month's collections.

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Comcast Offers Internet Discounts

A new program from Comcast Cable called Internet Essentials will help low-income households enjoy the benefits of home computer use and Internet access.

All families that have an annual income of less than \$30,000 and households with children who receive free lunches through the National School Lunch Program qualify to take advantage of this offer, provided they have not had Comcast Cable service in the last 90 days and do not have overdue invoices or unreturned Comcast equipment.

Under this program, a computer can be purchased for \$149.99, plus tax; free Internet training will be provided; and the cost of online service is just \$9.95 per month, plus tax. There are no activation fees or equipment rental fees, and the price for service will never go up.

To sign up or to get more information, call Comcast toll free at **1-885-8-INTERNET (1-885-846-8376)** or visit **www.InternetEssentials.com**.

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Part-time Patrolman Craig Scully proudly displays the Gallantry Star he recently received, wearing the commendation over his right breast pocket.

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Upland Officer Earns Commendation

Part-time Patrolman Craig Scully joined the Upland Police Department in August, but has already accomplished something that only one other current member of the 13-man force has done, recently earning a gallantry star for "distinguished bravery." Scully, 26, is a lifetime Ridley Park resident. He was a member of the varsity football and wrestling squads at Ridley High School.

The highlight of Scully's gridiron career came in his junior year in 2003, when Ridley's football team beat reigning state champion Neshaminy High in the state playoffs.

"They played us at home, and were much bigger than us and basically had no respect for us, but we beat them up and down the football field pretty good."

After high school, Scully enrolled at Delaware County Community College to pursue a degree in education. After two years of study, however, he changed direction and went to work.

Over the next few years, he held a couple different jobs, working with his father in an auto body shop and as a PECO subcontractor, but not doing anything that he would want to make into a career.

At age 25, Scully decided to follow in the footsteps of a friend who was then working as a part-time police officer for Parkside Borough.

"When I used to go into work, I knew exactly what I had to do. It was repetition every single day," Scully recalls. "But this is an exciting job, because you never know what's going to happen. If you get involved in a car chase or a foot chase, it can be a little scary, but it's always exciting."

The incident that earned Scully a gallantry star started out as a traffic stop.

According to Upland Police Chief John Easton, around 3pm on Nov. 4, Scully observed a vehicle passing through the school zone on Main Street at a high rate of speed.

"They came flying by me in the school zone, which is a big pet peeve of mine, especially when there are children walking around at dismissal time," says Scully.

When Scully tried to pull over the vehicle carrying four male passengers, the driver quickly gained speed, heading west on Sixth St.

In an effort to evade the police cruiser, the suspects turned on to Powell Rd. in the Toby Farms section of Chester Township. Travelling too fast to negotiate a turn on to Worrilow Rd., the driver of the speeding sedan lost control and crashed. The suspects, ages 18-21, immediately exited the vehicle and fled in different directions.

Scully radioed in his position and situation, then began a foot pursuit. Hurdling fences and running down alleys, Scully managed to catch up to one of the fleeing suspects and wrestled him to the ground.

"They had a pretty good head start on me, but I was sprinting the whole time and they just gassed out. I think their cardio was a little bad, so they couldn't keep it up."

Though the suspect resisted arrest, the former Ridley wrestler was able to subdue the young man, apply the handcuffs, and bring him back to the squad car.

Having stayed in radio contact during his foot pursuit, Scully now updated his report to notify other police departments that two of the suspects had fled through a wooded area, crossed over Chester Creek, and were headed toward Concord Rd. The radio reports soon led to the two soaking wet suspects being apprehended by Aston Township police officers. With his detainee secured in the cruiser, Scully retraced his path of pursuit, finding a fully-loaded .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun. Although the captured suspect denied any knowledge of the discarded gun, one of his pockets was filled with .45-cal. bullets.

Upon inspection of the crashed car, Scully then found two 9-mm. pistols, both "cocked, locked, and ready to rock and roll," according to Easton. Scully also found a .50-cal. Desert Eagle semi-automatic handgun in the car.

Although one suspect managed to temporarily escape, the three captured men were arraigned before a judge, who set bail at \$250,000 on each, and remanded the lot to Delaware County Prison. One week later, the fourth suspect was arrested during a SWAT raid on his Wilmington home.

Scully is quick to recognize that he did not catch these bad guys on his own, but received valuable help from other officers responding from nearby Chester City, Chester and Aston Townships, Upland, Parkside, and Brookhaven Boroughs, and the Chester-Upland School District.

"I really need to give credit to the assisting officers, and to my FTO (Field Training Officer) Anthony DeLuise for my training. They were all a huge help to me. It wasn't a one-man show, and it never is down here," Scully stated.

Scully was presented with a certificate for his gallantry star from Easton and Upland Mayor Michael Ciach at Upland Borough Council's Nov. 9 meeting. For his "act of distinguished bravery," Scully received a rousing ovation.

"On behalf of borough council, I'd like to congratulate you on a job well-done," stated Council Vice President Christine Peterson.

The gallantry star is a red, yellow, and blue-striped bar that the recipient wears over the right breast pocket of his uniform.

For the foreseeable future, Scully plans to remain with the Upland PD.

"I love it here. There's never a dull moment. There's always something going on," Scully says of Upland.

The rookie officer realizes that it may take him a while to move from part-time to full-time status, but that is his goal.

After attaining full-time status, Scully wants to advance up the rank ladder to corporal, then sergeant, and eventually to become a police chief. He expects that reaching the milestone of chief will require 25-30 years of dedicated service.

"Chief Easton has so much experience under his belt and he's seen it all, so hopefully when I eventually get there, I'll have seen it all too, and I can lead a bunch of young guys like myself, who are just starting out," says Scully.

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Council Members Re-Elected

Four incumbent Republican council members were unopposed by either party and hence assured of a victory at the polls in the Nov. 8 general election. The Borough Council re-electees will be sworn in to new terms at the Jan. 3 reorganization meeting at MacQueen Hall.

Returning for another four-year term on Upland Borough Council will be Council President Edward Mitchell, who tallied 299 votes; Council Vice President Christine Peterson, the top vote-getter with 315 votes; and Councilmen Leland Hunter and Harold R. Peden, who garnered 280 and 281 votes, respectively.

Tax Collector Linda Mitchell was also unopposed and garnered 329 votes in being elected to her first full term as borough tax collector. Mitchell has held the post on an interim basis since September 2010, following the untimely death of longtime public servant Thomas Winfree, Sr.

School Director Richard McClintock was seeking to extend his one-year interim term on the C-USD School Board and led all candidates in Upland voting, collecting 308 votes from his fellow Uplanders. However, McClintock and four other Republican candidates were bested in district-wide voting by five Democrat candidates.

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Borough Approves Trash Contract

The borough has approved a five-year trash collection contract, moving from doing its own collections to outsourcing to save money.

The selected hauler will provide trash and garbage collections, as well as recycling and bulk trash pickups, starting as of Jan. 1, 2012.

The trash contract was awarded at Borough Council's Aug. 30 meeting, with Air-Up LLC, doing business as B & L Disposal Services, of Wallingford, beating out the competition.

B & L's low bid of \$89,880 to provide all collection services in 2012 bested the next lowest bid by about \$25,000.

The contract with B & L has a sliding scale across the five years of the pact. Year #2 will cost the borough \$91,678; year #3 will cost \$94,422; year #4 will cost \$98,136, and the final year (2016) will cost Upland taxpayers \$103,043.

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Recycling Program Expanded

The borough is now accepting additional recyclable paper items for curbside collection on the first and third Fridays of each month.

In addition to the glass and plastics now co-mingled in red cans (provided free by the borough), many paper and cardboard items are being collected as well. Paper items can be placed inside the can with

other recyclables, or bagged or boxed separately and placed next to the can.

Paper items that are now being accepted include newspapers, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, phone books, paperback books, cardboard, clean pizza boxes, office or school papers, cardboard egg cartons, paper bags, and boxboard, such as cereal and cracker boxes.

"We're so excited to bring this to the borough," said Borough Manager Shirley Purcival. "It will take some weight out of the regular trash that the (public works department) guys have to pick up and increase our recycling totals, which is always good."

Residents are reminded that certain items are not acceptable for curbside recycling, such as those that are soiled with food waste.

Other non-recyclables include plastic bags, used paper plates, paper towels and napkins, polystyrene cups or plates, motor oil containers, plastic toys, ice cream cartons, light bulbs, clothes hangers, and yard waste.

Recycling questions can be directed to the borough office at 610-874-7317.

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RECYCLE Stickers Available

Residents can now stop by the borough office in MacQueen Hall to pick up a free RECYCLE sticker. Since the borough expanded its co-mingled recycling program to include more types of paper products this summer, the need for additional storage space has arisen. By affixing a RECYCLE sticker to a trash can, the labeled receptacle will augment the red recycling collection cans issued by the borough.

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Medical Waste Requires Special Disposal

Residents who generate medical waste are reminded to take all biohazardous material to a special disposal facility or return it to the place of purchase for proper disposal.

Please do not try to drop off medical waste at the borough's fire station, and **DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH CANS WITH REGULAR TRASH**, as this represents a danger to public works department personnel.

Questions regarding medical waste disposal can be directed to the borough office at **610-874-7317**.

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Newsletter Now Monthly Publication

In response to positive feedback from residents, borough council is pleased and excited to announce the conversion of *the Uplander* newsletter from a quarterly to a monthly publication. New editions of the borough newsletter, chock full of photos and news items exclusively from your hometown, will generally be delivered to homes at the beginning of each month.

To submit photos or notices for inclusion in the newsletter, please send items of public interest via mail to the borough office at 224 Castle Avenue, Upland, PA 19015 or via email to kennstark@comcast.net. The deadline for inclusion

in the next newsletter is the 15th day of the previous month. The borough reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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Useful Tips For Stormwater Management

The ultimate goal of stormwater management is to enable rainwater to soak into the ground to recharge the groundwater table. Here are a few tips that will help achieve that purpose and minimize the impact of heavy rains.

***Replace paved surfaces (concrete and blacktop) with blocks or pavers with gravel- or grass-filled voids. The open surfaces absorb rainwater and reduce runoff.

***Direct surface water to seepage areas by channeling gutter downspouts to mulched or stone seepage beds or grassy areas of the yard.

***Collect rainwater for later use. By funneling downspouts into rain barrels, an ample supply of rainwater can be held for lawn and garden watering during dry periods.

***Plant more trees, shrubs, and flowers to intercept runoff and promote absorption. Deep-rooted plants collect rainwater better than mowed lawns.

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