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The Uplander



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Council Reorganizes; Keeps Status Quo



Mayor Michael Ciach (far left) performed the swearing-in duties at this year's reorganization meeting, where the re-elected members of Borough Council included (left to right) Harold R. Peden, Leland Hunter, Vice President Christine Peterson, and President Edward Mitchell. Borough Tax Collector Linda Mitchell (far right) was also sworn in to her first elected term. (see story on page 2.)

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Mayor Ciach congratulates newly elected Tax Collector Linda Mitchell, whose daughter Pam Mitchell held the Bible while her mother was sworn in for her first full term.

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The 2012 members of Upland Borough Council include (left to right) standing: Georgianna Hicks (now resigned), Harold R. Peden, Sandra Miazza, Moira Crawford, Borough Solicitor Robert O'Connor, and Leland Hunter, and seated: Mayor Michael Ciach, President Edward Mitchell, and Vice President Christine Peterson.

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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 photo galleries.



Upland Borough is fortunate to have dependable and caring leaders like (left to right) Mike Ciach, Borough Manager Shirley Purcival, Christine Peterson, and Ed Mitchell.

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Holiday Decorating Winners Named

The winners of this holiday season's home decorating contest were announced at council's Jan. 10 meeting.

First Place was captured by the Kozlowski family's dazzling display at 418 Willow Way; Second Place went to 38 Upland Avenue; and Third Place was garnered by 1103 Mulberry Street.

First place was worth \$100; second place was good for \$50; and the third-place display earned the winners \$25. Judging was done by several Borough

Holiday Decorating Winners Named (cont.)

Council members during the week before Christmas, and their opinions were compared after the holidays to arrive at the difficult decision of which displays were the very best of the best.

According to Councilwoman Sandra Miazza, borough council is planning to increase the number of prizes for the 2012 holiday season.

"Next year, we're going to expand the winners, because it's getting really hard to decide," Miazza noted.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those homeowners who did their part to brighten the holiday season for us all!

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Reorganization Kicks Off New Year

Four re-elected Republican Borough Council members were sworn in to new terms at the Jan. 3 reorganization meeting at MacQueen Hall.

Returning for another four-year term on Upland Borough Council is Council President Edward Mitchell, who tallied 299 votes in November's general election; 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.

Once the swearing-in ceremonies were completed by Mayor Michael Ciach, council voted unanimously to retain the same leadership that has been in place the last four years, with Mitchell retained as council president and Peterson holding her post as vice president.

"You all know my feelings toward this town. It's the town where we've raised our children and we're still here," Mitchell said of Upland. "I'm very proud of our accomplishments over the past four years, and very proud to work at this (council) table, where everybody is still here and in good health. Over the next four years, I'm looking forward to finishing some of the things that we previously had as ideas," he added.

Peterson also expressed her gratitude to her fellow council members, and is also looking to the future.

"I would like to thank everyone for the privilege of serving you for another four years as the vice president of council," Peterson stated. "While we've gotten a lot of projects completed in the past four years, there are still many things that we need to work on. I am excited to see the growth that the town has experienced and look forward to what comes next."

Peterson specifically would like to see the hiring of "at least one more" police officer, more upgrades to the Auburn Village complex, and street light improvements.

Hunter is optimistic, as well, and wants to "continue to do what we've been doing for the last four years for the betterment of the borough and the residents." Peden breaks down his council wish list for the next four years into two categories.

As chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, Peden wants to support the borough's police

department with funding for training and equipment purchases, and effective ordinances that provide "the legislative tools they need to protect the borough."

As chairperson of the Ordinances and Resolutions Committee, Peden hopes to keep abreast of ever-changing federal, state and regional laws, while making suggestions to council on curative amendments to the borough code that would "prevent or mitigate negative impacts on life in our community."

As was the case with the four re-elected council members, Tax Collector Linda Mitchell was also unopposed in last year's elections, and garnered 329 votes in being elected to her first full term as borough tax collector. Mitchell had held the post on an interim basis since September 2010, following the untimely death of longtime public servant Thomas Winfree, Sr.

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How To Disconnect & Redirect Sump Pumps and Downspouts

As part of the ongoing countywide effort to reduce the amount of stormwater that infiltrates the DELCORA public sewer system, residents are being provided with tips on how to disconnect and redirect illegal sump pump and downspout connections. In wet weather, such as we've had over the past year of record-breaking rainfall, it only takes a few improperly connected sump pumps to cause a sanitary sewer back-up into nearby basements, streets, and streams.

A DELCORA brochure is now available in the lobby of the borough office that gives step-by-step instructions on how to disconnect subterranean downspout and sump pump discharge lines and redirect the outfall to proper receiver areas, such as rain gardens, lawns, or a rain barrel to store water for future use in a garden.

For more information on efforts to control stormwater infiltration, **call DELCORA at 610-876-5523.**

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Borough No Longer Collecting Trash; Now Using Contractor

As of Jan.1, Upland Borough started a five-year trash collection contract that moves the borough away from doing its own collections to outsourcing, in an effort to save money.

Air-Up LLC, doing business as B & L Disposal Services of Wallingford has been providing trash, garbage, recycling and bulk trash pick-ups as scheduled, so far this year.

In the early going, some collections have not been handled quite right, drawing scattered complaints from residents who have become accustomed to the high level of service rendered by the borough's public works department.

"They've got the gist of how it's supposed to go, so we're good now," Streets & Equipment Committee chairperson Christine Peterson said of the new trash collectors on Jan. 10.

Facing the replacement of a trash truck and rising associated collection costs, Borough Council elected to make 2011 the borough's last year of self-collection. Council opted to contract with a private hauler instead, unanimously approving a five-year deal on Aug. 30.

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

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Borough Council Meetings
6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday, Feb. 14
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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 **Valentine's Day** 

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
5pm on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Upland Baptist Church
Take-out available; Adults-\$10, Kids-\$5, under 3-free

Monday, Feb. 20
Presidents' Day Holiday
Borough Office Closed

Grocery Bingo
1-4pm on Saturday, Feb. 25
at Upland Baptist Church chapel

All-You-Can-Eat Soup & Salad Dinner Fundraiser
starts at 4-7pm on Saturday, Feb. 25
on second floor of MacQueen Hall

Get your fill of homemade chili, vegetable soup,
chicken dumplings, salad and dessert!
Buy tickets in advance at borough office or at the
door: Adults-\$8, Seniors-\$6, Kids under 12-\$4

St. Patty's Day Ham & Cabbage Luncheon
starts at noon on Monday, March 19
on second floor of MacQueen Hall

**** Free to all Upland seniors, age 62 and over ****

Community Egg Hunt & Breakfast
with the Easter Bunny
starts at 9am on Saturday, April 7
Egg Hunt at Bristol Lord Field playground;
Breakfast on second floor of MacQueen Hall

Chester-Upland School District In Crisis

Who is to blame for the financial crisis that has crippled the Chester-Upland School District? District officials blame the state for withholding promised subsidies; state officials blame the district for fiscal mismanagement; while C-USD students and parents are blaming both state and district officials for shirking their responsibilities to taxpayers. Every day of the past month has brought new twists and turns in this sad saga, with only temporary fiscal relief being promised. A timeline of events includes:

Mid-December 2011 - C-USD administrators announce that they will not be able to meet payroll in January.

Dec. 29, 2011 - Chester Community Charter School sues C-USD, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Department of Education for \$3.8 million of state funding owed from June. Soon thereafter, C-USD files its own lawsuit against the state for \$18.7 million in unpaid subsidies.

Jan. 4, 2012 - 204 teachers of the C-U Education Association and 65 members of the C-U Educational Support Personnel Association vow to stay on the job "as long as we can," even if they aren't getting paid.

Jan. 12, 2012 - A C-USD parent starts a petition to coerce PA Governor Tom Corbett into payment of subsidies to keep schools open. The on-line petition quickly garners over 1,000 signatures.

Jan. 16, 2012 - A protest march of about 300 Chester High School students leads youth to occupy the steps of Chester City Hall and the offices of State Representative Thaddeus Kirkland and Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi.

Jan. 17, 2012 - A federal judge orders the state to pay \$3.2 million to keep C-USD schools open into February.

Jan. 23, 2012 - Gov. Corbett holds summit meeting with Pileggi, Kirkland, and other pols producing joint pledge to keep C-USD schools open through June.

Jan. 27, 2012 - Senator Pileggi holds open Q & A session at C-USD administration building.

"Having Choices Would Be Better"

*- a message from Upland Borough Council
President Edward Mitchell*

In a perfect world, every taxpayer would be able to choose the educational institution to which that family would entrust their children's future. But the reality we face as Chester-Upland School District taxpayers is that we have little choice in the matter, as the system now stands. As a result, what we are putting our kids through is not a fair process.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's constitution guarantees every citizen of this state a "free quality education." I feel that, if the public school district cannot fulfill its mission, then individual parents should be able to decide where their kids can go to school.

I believe Chester-Upland taxpayers have two good alternative choices.

Parents need to accept private schools as a viable option and get behind a voucher system, where money designated by the state to educate a child would follow that child wherever he or she went to school.

Another alternative would be to let new Chester Mayor John Linder run the school district. The man is a professor by profession. When he ran the Village Charter School a few years ago, they made Average Yearly Progress in the first year.

Break-ins Highlight Need To Dial 911

In the wake of several local house break-ins, Upland Police Chief John Easton and every member of Borough Council are reminding residents of the importance of dialing **9-1-1**. Any and all suspicious activity and/or persons should be reported to the police via a 911 call, as soon as suspicions are aroused.

"It's the best weapon we have," noted Council President Edward Mitchell.

Upland Borough has a law that prohibits door-to-door solicitation without a permit. The best way to reject an unwanted solicitation is to call 911 immediately.

****According to some borough residents, there have recently been instances of men posing as Comcast technicians stopping by homes in the evening to do a non-emergency cable service "inspection."

Be warned, however, that **Comcast does not send out cable line inspectors at night**. Any stranger asking a homeowner if they have cable service (something a Comcast technician would already know for a given address) should be regarded with suspicion.

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Upland Police Department Investigator Steven Jackson received an Exceptional Service Award and was promoted to the rank of detective on Jan. 10. Holding his commendation and the red uniform bar that he will proudly wear, Jackson is congratulated here by Mayor Michael Ciach and UPD Chief John Easton.

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Officer's Dedication Pays Off

Former Upland PD Investigator Steven Jackson recently received a commendation for his tireless efforts to bring an arrest in two "forcible felony" cases. The same day he was promoted to the rank of detective.

The Exceptional Service Award was bestowed as a result of Jackson's lengthy investigation of a burglary/robbery case and a robbery/homicide case, during which he virtually lived at police station and refused to rest until all those involved in the two crimes were identified and brought to justice.

"It takes a special person to know what his or her duty requirements are, and an exceptionally devoted person to go beyond those requirements in order to protect and serve our borough," Upland Police Chief John Easton said of Jackson.

Jackson, 23, hails from Drexel Hill. He came to Upland as a part-time officer in June 2010, after spending one year with the Millbourne PD. He had moved from part-time to full-time status with the Upland PD in August 2011.

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Public Invited To Free Lecture On Native Flora & Fauna

The general public is invited to attend a free environmental seminar in the Tomezsko Building Auditorium at the Penn State Brandywine campus (off Route 352 in Middletown) from **2-3:30pm on Sunday, Feb. 12**. In cooperation with the CRC Watersheds Association, Mark Gormel, a plant horticulturist and nature photographer, will present "Native Plants, Birds, Bees, and Butterflies and Healthy Watersheds - What's the Connection?" Attendees will learn how to create eco-friendly gardens where wildlife, birds, and butterflies thrive. As space is limited, please contact CRC at **610-892-8731** or crc@nni.com to pre-register.

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Condolences To Winfree Family

Upland Borough lost a loyal friend with the Jan. 23 passing of Nancy (nee McKnight) Winfree at age 71. The John F. Kennedy Drive resident was a 45-year member of Our Lady of Charity, a loving mother and grandmother, and the wife of the late Thomas Winfree, Sr., who served a record 20 years as the borough's elected tax collector before his untimely death in August 2010.

"The whole family was good people and good to Upland," recalls Ed Mitchell. "Tom was a kind soul and Nancy was a sweetheart to everyone."

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Work to create 30 additional off-street parking spaces for Auburn Village residents began in November and was completed in January with paving and sealing, line striping, and the planting of spruce trees. As seen in these photos, ample spaces are available for Elm Lane residents, while Dogwood Lane residents are already utilizing the extra parking spaces created on both sides of McClintock Drive.





The old and the new of Upland sit side by side, when Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith's newly detailed used police cruiser is parked in front of the historic Caleb Pusey House.

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Year-End Totals Show Busy 2011 For Emergency Responders

The year-end summary of the activities of the Upland Fire Co. indicate that last year was another busy one, with a total of 326 calls answered and 27 drills held (for a total of 353 incidents - 183 daytime and 170 at night) in 2011. The average number of runners for each incident was 6 volunteers.

The emergency calls break down to 9 fire incidents, 144 non-fire incidents, and 173 instances of mutual aid given to another agency.

The fire loss summary for the year included \$86,000 for structures, \$58,000 for contents, and \$9,000 from a total of 5 vehicles.

Company No. 1 covered 11 motor vehicle accidents, and gave 5 ambulance assists and 6 police assists in 2011.

The volunteers responded to 4 liquid fuel leaks/spills, 5 gas/vapor leaks, 9 instances of electrical wires down, and 3 carbon monoxide alerts.

"And that includes a hurricane, a tornado, an earthquake, and floods," said Fire Chief Dan Smith. Also answered were 39 auto alarm system failures and 7 malicious false fire alarms.

No firefighters were killed or injured last year, but 4 civilians sustained minor injuries.

A complete report on last year's Upland Police Department activities will be forthcoming soon, but Mayor Michael Ciach was already able to report that the force issued 1,666 citations (traffic and non-traffic) last year.

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Upland Fire Co. Names 2012 Officers

A familiar cast of characters will lead Upland Fire Company No. 1 through 2012, including Fire Chief Dan Smith, 1st Assistant Chief Steve Johnson, Chief Engineer/President Doug Scott, Vice President Dan Kennedy, and 1st Assistant Engineer Joe Taylor IV.

Other returnees are Recording Secretary Stephanie Johnson, Financial Secretary Megan Sokolovich, Treasurer Barbara Doyle, Chaplain Brenda Shaw, Solicitor Robert O'Connor, and Trustees Robert Covey, Steve Jackson, Steve Kalichak and Marsha Scott.

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No trash will be collected
on **Monday, Feb. 20**
in observance of Presidents' Day
Regular trash will be collected on Tues., Feb. 21

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Council Adopts Ordinance For Limited Sewer Line Inspections

Borough council has adopted 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 came at council's Jan. 10 voting session by a 6-1 vote, with former Councilwoman Georgianna Hicks in dissent.

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.

Aston Township and other Delco municipalities have recently passed a similar ordinance in a countywide effort to address the growing problem of stormwater infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.

In September, Upland 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 by council, 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 help curb stormwater infiltration.

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Survey, Tree Inventory Ongoing In Park

If you happen to see strangers mulling around in Upland Park during daylight hours, you need not worry, as they are either there to survey the park's borders or to conduct a tree inventory.

The borough hopes to eventually take ownership of the adjacent carriage house site - the stone building that is all that remains of the Netherleigh Mansion estate of George Crozer. The county currently controls the historic site, so a land survey is needed to facilitate the property transfer.

Once the borough owns the Crozer homestead site, planned improvements for public use of the tract will include a walking trail and night lighting.

While the borough wants to improve the estate grounds, there is also a strong desire to save as many of the mature trees as possible, as these trees are used by eagles for nesting and are part of the site's rustic charm.

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Pusey House Caretakers Seek Grant

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House - the non-profit organization that has overseen and maintained the historic Race Street site since the 1960s - is seeking an Historic Community Development Block Grant award from the county this year.

Upland has not received a county grant for historic preservation since 1995, when funding was awarded to help with the restoration of Crozer Schoolhouse No. 1 (1849), which sits next to the much older Pusey House. Application has been made for a similar preservation grant each of the last four years without success, but FCPH President Ray Peden is hoping that this fifth application will garner an award to help preserve the Pennock Log House (1790). Peden estimates that the chinking repairs and log replacements that are needed to restore the flood-ravaged log cabin will cost about \$72,000, so the historic grant application will be in that amount.

"Council has tremendously supported these efforts," noted Borough Council President Edward Mitchell. Peden agreed, acknowledged, and appreciated Upland Borough Council's unwavering commitment to historic preservation.

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Race Street Drainage Repair Pending

According to Borough Engineer Charles Catania, planned drainage improvements to the eastern end of Race Street are slated for this Spring.

Repairs that will lessen the frequency of flooding of the intersection of Race and Main Streets in the wake of heavy rains are being financed through a 2011 Community Development Block Grant from the county. The borough will advertise for contractor bids in February; award the lowest bidder in March; and expect the work to be completed soon thereafter, weather permitting.

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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. 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.



The James W. Reese Armory complex on West 24th Street was named after a World War II US Army recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, who hailed from Chester, PA. The buildings are currently vacant, but will soon be bustling with activity again.



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Borough Invests In Records Preservation

Notebooks and folders containing Upland Borough Council meeting minutes and every law ever adopted by a long line of leaders are currently stored on a bookshelf on the ground floor of MacQueen Hall. Some of the hand-written pages date back to the 1700s and have deteriorated to the point that handling them is a risky proposition.

"We have to, by law, continue to keep our minutes, ordinances, and resolutions from the day the borough was incorporated. Those records literally have to be kept and bound," said Borough Manager Shirley Purcival.

The borough recently received an offer from General Code Publishers to copy and store all the information on read-only CDs, to allow risk-free handling. The Rochester, NY-based firm will charge about \$4,000, plus labor costs, to put 26,000 pages of files onto CDs, and an additional \$8,500 for the purchase of Kodak reading equipment.

A fireproof/explosive-proof storage cabinet was recently purchased to provide a safe place to hold the original files, according to Purcival.

Adding new files to the CD collection will be a simple matter of an annual update, at a cost of 49 cents per page.

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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.

as of Jan. 1, Delco animal control officers are taking stray dogs and cats to the Chester County SPCA in the shortrun, 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 40 Delco municipalities will need to ratify the stray-handling agreement.

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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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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 will be instituting 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.

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Upland Firefighters Make Strong Showing At Regional 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 in Philadelphia on Oct. 23.

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.

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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.

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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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BULK TRASH is collected curbside on the last Wednesday of each month. Residents must call borough office to schedule pick-up and bulk items must be placed curbside by 6am on Feb. 29.

Free Training Offered For Landscapers

If you are a professional landscaper, a groundskeeper, or just a homeowner who wants to keep his property looking good, a free training session called "Caring For Managed Open Space" is being offered at the Ridley Creek State Park Mansion Ballroom from 8:30 to 11:30 AM on Wednesday, **March 7**. Check-in and a free continental breakfast start at 8:30 AM, while the presentation starts at 9 AM.

The topics that will be covered by the training session's two expert presenters include mowing for minimal environmental impact; creating meadows and stormwater basins; invasive plant species; pesticide use; planting, mulching, and pruning of trees; and care and use of landscaping equipment. Please pre-register by March 5 at **610-892-8731** or **crc@nni.com**.

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Medical Waste Requires Special Disposal

Residents who generate medical waste must 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 hazard to our trash collectors.

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

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RECYCLE Stickers Available

Residents can stop by the borough office in MacQueen Hall to pick up a free RECYCLE sticker. 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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Unlisted Homes Should Register

To enjoy the 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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Newsletter Now Monthly Publication

The Uplander newsletter has now transitioned from a quarterly to a monthly publication. New editions of the borough newsletter, filled with photos and news items exclusively from your hometown, will be delivered directly to every home 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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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.

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This existing structure is part of the Chester campus of the Community Charter School, and has been offered as an example of what the proposed charter school building at 11th and Main Streets would look like, if approved.

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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.
