



The Caleb Pusey House

The Uplander



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Everyone Loves A Parade!



This year's Memorial Day parade featured the Washington Memorial Pipe Band, the Pipes & Drums of Delaware Valley, and three string bands, including the Greater Overbrook Fire Co. (above), the Joseph A. Ferko String Band, and the Fralinger String Band (below).



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The memorial service at the war memorial was attended by a crowd of about 150 citizens and included the laying of colorful memorial wreaths.

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(Above) An honor guard from the Marine Corps League honored their fallen comrades with a 21-gun salute, while folks showed off their patriotic colors at the Memorial Day picnic, including Chance Leonard of 6th Street (Below).



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The Upland Borough Council members who attended this year's Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's annual conference, including (left to right) Mayor Michael Ciach, Councilwoman Moira Crawford, Councilman Harold R. Peden, Council Vice President Christine Peterson, and Council President Edward Mitchell, each received a certificate for their participation. Peden received a special honor in the Cecil K. Leberknight Award, which recognizes his continuous participation over the last 10 years.

School District Goes To Court

A legal showdown between the Chester-Upland School District and the Pennsylvania Department of Education commenced in federal court on May 7, with the focus being the state's desire to withhold millions in subsidies that the district says it needs to function.

The district's first witness, C-USD Chief Financial Officer Robert Byrd, lamented the fact that the district's preliminary 2012-13 budget has an \$11 million funding shortfall. Even a 2.7% tax hike (the maximum allowed under Act 1 without a voter referendum) this year would only close the gap by an estimated \$250-350,000, said Byrd.

To make matters worse, the district is still saddled with \$29 million in debt from the current school year, including \$9 million in unpaid vendor bills.

Citing a negative cash flow, Bruchak predicted that the district would be out of operating cash by September.

While the district is on the brink of financial collapse, the state is not offering a fix, but blaming the fiscal crisis on C-USD's lack of "due diligence" to control expenditures.

Under state law, a final budget for the upcoming fiscal year must be approved by the C-USD Board of Directors by June 30. The time-sensitive task is being made even more difficult this year by the lingering question of exactly how much C-USD will receive in state subsidies.

"We're working very hard and preparing to open as we have in the past," said Acting Superintendent Tony Watson. "Our intent is to operate as a full school district."

"However, I cannot mislead you to the possibility that things will be slightly different. It could happen," Watson warned parents and students.

"We're going to have a school district next year, but we're going to need everyone in the community to be supportive," stated School Board Member Charlie Warren. "We're going to go through some restructuring, but we're not going to have a school district that's a skeleton. We're going to fight for a district that educates," he asserted.

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Security Improved At Historic Site

One reflection of Borough Council's ongoing efforts to help preserve Upland's prized historic resources is the recent donation of three new security cameras, all of which will be installed on the 13-acre grounds of the historic Landingford Plantation, where (in 1683) the Caleb Pusey party built the oldest English cottage still in existence in America today.

The Pusey cottage and the nearby Pennock Log House (c.1790) have both suffered superficial damage from vandals in recent months. While the installation of 24/7 surveillance cameras might not stop instances of teenage vandalism on the historic site, the videotape evidence provided by the security upgrade will make it easier for the police department to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Chester Plan Could Benefit Upland

The City of Chester recently unveiled an updated comprehensive plan for future development. While many of the proposals to stimulate new business growth and rehabilitate housing do not directly affect Upland Borough, one aspect of the long-term plan could have a major impact.

According to Borough Manager Shirley Purcival, Chester's new comprehensive plan calls for the dredging of Chester Creek. Making the creek bed deeper would allow for the passage of more water volume through the portion of the creek that runs through both Upland and Chester, resulting in fewer flooding incidents.

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Ball-Playing Restriction To Be Reconsidered

Since 1969, the borough has had a law that prohibits certain activities in all public parks, and restricts ball playing in three parks, where playground equipment presents a hazard.

The list of banned (except with formal authorization from Borough Council) park activities includes: carnivals, fairs, circuses, helicopter rides, bungee jumping, fireworks, open fires, and overnight camping.

Ball playing is not allowed in Hill Street Park, Third Street Park, and in the Crozer Memorial Playground at Bristol Lord Field for safety reasons.

Ball playing is, of course, permitted on the baseball diamond at Bristol Lord Field.

Although this law has been on the books for decades, the prohibitions were recently discussed by council, as the park restrictions were slated to be stricken from the borough's updated zoning code and formally transferred over to the borough code on May 8.

Council Vice President Christine Peterson was the first to object to the notion of restricting "a 5-year-old from playing with a rubber ball," while she agreed with prohibiting older kids from playing with hardballs near houses.

"I just don't agree with telling a little child what he can do with a little ball. There's a difference, in my opinion," Peterson asserted.

During public comment at the May 8 meeting, Peterson was joined in dissent by a concerned resident, who said: "That's what the parks are there for, otherwise the kids will be playing ball in the streets."

With the language of the long-standing statute being questioned from both sides of the council table, Ordinance & Resolutions Committee Chairman Harold R. Peden suggested that the matter be tabled to give council a chance to reword the restrictions to better reflect the true intent of the law.

Peden noted that another possible solution would be to leave the wording as is and continue the current policy of non-enforcement for young children, while applying the restriction to older kids, at a police officer's discretion.

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Council Approves Low Bidders For Improvement Projects

The opening of sealed bids on May 4 answered the question as to who would be awarded the contracts for four different public improvement projects within the borough. Completion of all four projects is now expected this summer.

*The low bidder to conduct video inspections of the sewer laterals for all 156 Auburn Village apartment units was General Sewer Service, of Sharon Hill, coming in at \$30,375.

*The low bidder for Phase II improvements to Auburn Village, which include concrete sidewalk, patio and step replacement, was Ellis Construction, of Glen Mills, in the amount of \$13,032.

*The low bidder to make drainage improvements to Race Street (which is being funded by a 2011 Community Development Block Grant from the county) was Premier Concrete, Inc., of Broomall, with an offer of \$36,800.

*The borough's 2012 road repaving program was awarded to low-bidder A.F. Damon, Inc., of Upland, whose price amounted to \$79,922.

Roadways designated for a fresh coat of asphalt this year include:

Front Street

Main Street-from 3rd Street to Front Street

Upland Avenue-between 3rd Street and 4th Street

9th Street-from Main Street to Woodside Avenue

Church Street-from 10th Street to Chelton Road

and the bottom of 5th Street at Upland Avenue

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Regulators Football Team Gets Funding For Equipment

The Regulators youth football teams have drawn members from Upland and Toby Farms and now have over 150 kids signed up and anxiously awaiting the start of the 2012 season.

Regulators Head Coach Gary Timmes came before Borough Council in April to report that the three-year-old youth program has now formed a board of directors and has received permission to play in the Delco Football League this year.

Unfortunately, Timmes also reported that there is no money in the treasury and only a few helmets.

Timmes said that the Regulators would need to raise \$8,700 to buy complete uniforms for every player, while covering \$1,100 in insurance costs.

Timmes is a local businessman, and is actively canvassing his fellow business owners for financial support to continue the budding program.

"Our businesses are slowly coming back, but we need help from everybody," Timmes stated.

In response to Timmes impassioned plea, Borough Council has unanimously authorized a donation of \$2,500, specifically earmarked for the purchase of equipment.

In 2011, the Upland AC put up \$50 for each Upland resident who played for the Regulators, covering over half of the registration fee.

If you want to help put the Regulators back on the field this year, call Gary Timmes at GT Realtors at **484-816-0762**.

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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 of community events.

A new website feature will highlight borough council meeting minutes of yesteryear, to give today's residents a glimpse into the issues that concerned Uplanders in the past.

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

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Breakfast For Upland Seniors

Free to all residents age 62 and over

Full breakfast served at 10am

Monday, June 4

on second floor of MacQueen Hall

Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session

Tuesday, June 12; July 10 and Aug. 14 (tentative)

on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

June 12: Last day of school for C-USD

Grocery Bingo

1-4pm on Saturday, June 30

at Upland Baptist Church chapel

Fourth of July Family Picnic

11am - 3pm on Wednesday, July 4

at Bristol Lord Field

**(Don't miss the first annual
Upland youth vs. Upland PD kickball game!)**

Wilmington Blue Rox Game for Upland Youth

Friday, Aug. 17

(participants must pre-register)

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 June 27**.



Representing the spirit of Welcome Day, Friends of the Caleb Pusey House President Ray Peden (left) and FCPH Board Member Dave Hay dressed in colonial garb to welcome visitors to the historic Pusey House.

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Visitors to the Landingford Plantation on May 12 enjoyed Welcome Day's traditional craft demonstrations, including a hand-cranked butter-making device (above) and the time-consuming process of hand-dipping candles (below).



Did You Know?: That Caleb Pusey was a lastmaker in England, making the wooden forms that cobblers used to make leather shoes, but was 'promoted' to the position of mill manager by William Penn.

Upland Business Matters

Upland Borough Council proudly supports this hometown business and encourages Upland residents to patronize this establishment:



(Above) This logo on Caramanico's fleet of green trucks is a familiar sight in Upland; (Below) While about 20 employees work throughout the year, Caramanico's payroll swells to 55 employees during the spring, summer, and fall months. Here, owners John and Mike Caramanico (in white shirts) are surrounded by their entire staff.



C. Caramanico & Sons, Inc.

**6 Race Street
phone: 610-499-1640**

This family-owned and operated business was founded by Carmine, Dan, and Dom Caramanico in West Philadelphia and now includes fourth-generation family members. Upland has been the company's only location and base of operations since 2000. Office hours are 7am-5pm on weekdays.

This company primarily offers landscaping construction and maintenance services for commercial properties, including construction of patios, retaining walls, and pergolas. They also plow snow during the winter months.

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The Caramanicos wants their customers to know:

- We recently added an Organic Lawn Care Division to fertilize both commercial and residential lawns with organic fertilizers, not chemicals.
- Our landscape maintenance services include grass cutting, tree/shrubbery care, and seasonal color planting.
- Our landscape construction services include tree/shrubbery planting, grading, seeding, and sod installation.

Residents are reminded that whether you do your own grass cutting or hire a professional, clippings must be swept up from the street and sidewalk areas and discarded with the trash.

Grass clippings left along the curb line often end up clogging storm drainage inlets, which is a major cause of roadway flooding.

Revised Sewer Inspection Ordinance Adopted

Adoption of a limited sewer lateral inspection ordinance initially came at Borough Council's Jan. 10 meeting, but a lot has happened since then.

On March 13, Council had planned to amend the adopted ordinance to limit mandatory sewer lateral inspections to those properties being sold to new owners and those under major renovation. But when some council members expressed discomfort with the new language, the matter was tabled until April.

On April 10, unanimous approval was garnered to advertise a revised ordinance for adoption in May.

Under this ordinance, prior to sale of a commercial or residential property (where buildings are more than 15 years old), the property owner must allow a video inspection of the sewer line from the building to the street to obtain a Certification of Lateral Compliance from the borough engineer or 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. Temporary Use & Occupancy permits would give a homeowner an 18-month grace period to complete repairs and get a permanent U & O.

Exactly who will cover the cost of the repairs is something that would be negotiated between the buyer and the seller.

A sewer lateral inspection is also mandated when a homeowner converts his house from a single family dwelling to a multi-family residence or apartments.

Earlier ordinance drafts contained a provision that required a lateral inspection if renovations worth 50% of the total value of the house were made. The "curative" inspection ordinance that was adopted on May 8 does not include the "50% rule."

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Updated Zoning Code In Effect

A two-year joint effort between county and borough officials has brought the quest to update Upland Borough's zoning code to a successful close.

A committee of borough leaders met repeatedly with Delaware County Planning Department consultants to hammer out the details of modernizing a zoning code that was originally adopted in 1946, and not formally amended since 1969.

According to Councilman Harold R. Peden, who has served as chairman of the borough task force that was charged with updating the code, the revised zoning code has now been reviewed and approved by the Upland Planning Commission and Delaware County planners.

Peden noted that the former booklet-sized zoning code is now four times larger and has become a one-inch-thick book.

Borough Council unanimously adopted the new and improved Upland Borough Zoning Code of 2012, effective immediately, at the May 8 public meeting.

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RECYCLE Stickers Available

Residents can pick up a free **RECYCLE** sticker at the borough office. A **RECYCLE** sticker on a trash can will augment the red recycling collection cans.

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Council Revises Committee Assignments

In the wake of the interim appointment of Councilman Daniel Smith, Borough Council has revised the committee assignments for the remainder of 2012, as follows:

Charter School Committee:

Smith (chairman) and Sandra Miazza

Community Affairs Committee:

Miazza (chair), Moira Crawford, and Smith

Ordinances & Resolutions Committee:

Harold R. Peden (chair), Miazza, and Smith

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Mayor Serving As Liaison To CCMC

Mayor Michael Ciach was formally named to serve as the borough's official liaison to Crozer-Chester Medical Center at Borough Council's April 10 meeting, but Ciach has actually been performing these duties informally for some time.

One item currently under negotiation between the borough and CCMC is the possibility of stationing a part-time police officer in the hospital's emergency room during second shift, Monday through Friday, when the demand for an additional officer is the highest. When a patrolman has to leave his assigned post to accompany a prisoner to the hospital, his post can remain unattended for hours.

"It's no longer a matter of if; it's a matter of when every week," Council Vice President/Upland PD Secretary Christine Peterson noted. "And it's happening way too much when we have only one officer on. When they get caught up at Crozer, we have to get someone else to cover us, so that we can cover over there. It's just crazy."

The borough is hoping that the hospital will share the expense of the additional police officer, considering the additional security provided for hospital staff, while borough residents would benefit from having regular police patrols uninterrupted.

"As we get into the summer months, we're afraid this is going to become even more of a normal thing, and we want to make sure we have coverage on our streets," said Council President Edward Mitchell.

Another topic that needs to be negotiated is the sudden termination of CCMC's annual \$15,000 donation to the Upland Fire Co. It is Borough Council's belief that the lack of a 2012 donation is not a reflection of fire company services to the hospital, but more likely retaliation against the borough (which owns the fire company) for instituting new taxes on CCMC employees.

"The fire company needs operating funds. If it's Crozer's position that their \$15,000 dried up because of our EIT tax or something else, then at some point we have to get that back up on the table," Council President Edward Mitchell said at Council's May 8 session.

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Pusey House Rebounds; Open For Tours

After suffering insult and injury from three floods in the last two years, the 13-acre Landingford Plantation, located creekside on Race Street in the lower end of the borough, is poised to begin another season of public tours.

The site features Caleb Pusey's quaint cottage, which was built in the spring of 1683 and is now the oldest English cottage in America and the only place still standing that can verify visits by William Penn.

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House (FCPH) hosted their annual Welcome Day celebration on a sun-drenched May 12 to kick off the new touring season. The free family-oriented event featured guided tours of the Pusey House and Crozer Schoolhouse #1 (built 1849) next door, food and refreshments, colonial re-enactors, and craft demonstrations.

Welcome Day in October, which celebrated the Chester landing of Pusey and Penn on the sailing ship *Welcome* in late October 1682, had been the FCPH's annual showcase since 2006. Due to the repeated flooding of Chester Creek in September and October, however, cancellation of the last two October events had been necessary.

Now, after a successful outing on May 12, the FCPH can truly say that the tides of fortune have changed.

For more Pusey House information, or to schedule group tours from May through October, call FCPH President Ray Peden at **610-874-5665**.

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Borough Tax Collector Linda Mitchell (right) was recently visited by Resident Sandra Freeman, who paid her 2012 tax bill before March 31 to get a discount. As of June 1, late-payment penalties will be added to the base amount due.

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Newsletter Now Monthly Publication

The Uplander is now 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, 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.

Upland Needs Chester Scale House

If Upland police officers are going to keep oversized vehicles off borough roads by issuing citations, a place to verify the weight of offending vehicles is needed, and the Chester Scale House on Third Street would be ideal for that purpose.

Borough Council is now involved in talks with Chester City officials, seeking an agreement on sharing the Chester Scale House.

PennDOT offers special training for police officers to certify them for oversize-vehicle stops and roadside inspections. Upland officers are already signed up for the five-day course in June, according to Council Vice President Christine Peterson.

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Borough Specs New Fire Truck

Borough Council recently authorized the borough engineer to prepare bid specifications for a new fire truck for the Upland Volunteer Fire Co., and he responded by producing a 187-page document that calls for the truck to have 'all the bells and whistles.' "It's loaded," Borough Engineer Charles Catania said of the new vehicle.

The purchase of the truck's accessory equipment will go through the state's Co-Stars program to save money. The new engine with equipment is expected to cost about \$750,000.

A year is needed for the purchase process to unfold, so Council started the process in April. On May 8, council authorized advertising the bid specifications. The new 2012 truck will replace the 1989 engine now in service.

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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. 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 controlling stormwater infiltration, **call DELCORA at 610-876-5523**.

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Food Bank Offers Help

The Food Bank in 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 are accepted 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.

Council Adds More Comment Time

Starting with Borough Council's Feb. 14 meeting, an additional public comment segment will now be offered at the start of each regular monthly session, allowing residents a chance to speak on any agenda items. The usual practice of allowing comment on any topic whatsoever at the end of council's business meeting will be continued.

By adding an agenda-only public comment segment, Upland Borough is following the municipal meeting format suggested under the Right To Know Act.

"Everybody has a right to present their issues in a manner in which they're comfortable. The residents are supposed to hold us to task and demand answers from us, after giving us a fair amount of time to follow up," Council President Edward Mitchell says of every resident's right to public comment.

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We start waving the flag early here in Upland.



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Borough Buys New Truck

The borough has purchased a new salt truck for the Public Works Department, paying \$58,000 for the multi-purpose vehicle, which will soon be delivered. The white 2012 Ford 450 comes equipped with a snow plow and salt spreader, and features a 9-foot-long stainless steel cargo bed.

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Bristol Lord Field Ready For Summer

The Port-a-Potties and picnic tables are back in place to serve visitors to Bristol Lord Field, which is ready for another summer of fun in the sun.

A small refrigerator was recently installed inside the park's pavilion, and more security lights (activated by motion detectors) will soon be added outside the pavilion, where groups of teens tend to hang out.

The pavilion's water heater recently blew up, but caused no damage, was still under warranty, and was replaced in time for Memorial Day events.

Upcoming summer events at the park include the annual Fourth of July Family Picnic, featuring a kick-ball game between the borough's youth and the Upland Police Department (**Wednesday, July 4**); the annual Labor Day fireworks display (**Sunday, Sept. 2**); and the return of the Carnival (**dates TBD in September**).

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C-U Security Guards "Impersonating" Cops

By putting "Chester-Upland Police" (a non-existent entity) on the shoulder patches of armed school security guards, the school district has come under fire from Chester City and Upland Borough Council, both of whom have leveled the charge of "impersonating a police officer." In April, letters to C-USD administrators from both municipalities issued a demand to "cease and desist" from wearing the deceiving patches.

Even more disturbing to Borough Council than the misleading uniforms were reported instances of school security vehicles making daytime traffic stops and issuing citations in the Main Street school zone. School district security vehicles have an orange and black emblem on the doors, but a driver being pulled over would only see the flashing red and blue lights atop the roof.

Most motorists would assume the lighted vehicle behind them is a police car, so they would probably pull over. But since school security personnel are not "120-certified" for police duties, the real danger would arise when a driver didn't respond properly and an argument or chase ensued.

Municipal officials moved quickly to prevent further instances of security guards being mistaken for police officers, including the borough's use of its robo-calling service in mid-April to alert all registered residents to the potential dangers.

"We don't want to see an Amy Willard thing in Upland, where someone thinks they have a right to stop someone else, but they don't," noted Council President Edward Mitchell. "We won't tolerate this in our town."

Residents are advised to always cooperate with a vehicle pullover, but to call 911 immediately to report anything suspicious about an officer's uniform, vehicle, or behavior.

"If you get stopped in our town (by someone other than an Upland police officer), call us through 911 right away, and we'll handle the situation," advised Upland Patrolman Nelson Ocasio.

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New Auburn Village Doors Ordered

According to Auburn Village Committee Chairperson Christine Peterson, a year-long re-roofing project at Auburn Village was recently completed with the last of the new shingles being laid in April. The total cost was slightly higher than originally expected, as some rotting wood was found and needed to be replaced. The installation of new rear doors will soon begin on Auburn Village rental units, on an as-needed basis. The first batch of 20 new storm doors has been ordered. Samples of the new storm and screen doors are on display in the lobby of the borough office in MacQueen Hall.

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Council Adopts Blight Control Ordinance

Borough Council unanimously adopted a Blight Control Ordinance at its March 13 meeting.

The ordinance creates a new chapter in the borough code to regulate "serious code violations" that impact the surrounding community.

The formal name of the proposed ordinance is the Upland Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Ordinance. The law allows the borough to deny permits and approvals due to existing blight conditions, and empowers the borough to take abatement measures and legal action, if necessary, to protect neighbors from "deteriorated properties that create a public nuisance."

Copies of the 8-page Blight Control Ordinance are available at the borough office. This new law is **effective as of May 12, 2012.**

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B-I-N-G-O Spells Family Fun

The Upland Baptist Church on Main Street offers a unique form of family entertainment on the last Saturday of every month by inviting the general public to play Grocery Bingo on the second floor of the chapel.

Players of all ages have turned out over the last three years to participate in Grocery Bingo, which started as an outgrowth of the church's annual Fall Festival. Now all the money raised through Bingo card sales and kitchen proceeds goes directly into the church's Community Outreach program, making the venture a win-win situation for everyone.

Regular Grocery Bingo cards are sold at 25 cents each or five for \$1. The winner(s) of these games get to select any item found lined up on the edge of the stage. These items are generally worth \$3-4 each, and vary with whatever dry goods are currently in stock at the church's food bank.

Special Grocery Bingo cards are 50 cents each or three for \$1. These special game winners get \$5 gift certificates to local eateries, such as McDonald's.

Of course, a Saturday afternoon of Bingo-ing can make a card watcher hungry and thirsty, and that's where the volunteers in the kitchen come in, offering fresh-made hotdogs, homemade desserts, and a variety of beverages, all at family-friendly prices.

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Bond Required For Sidewalk/Street Repairs

On April 10, Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 6 of 2012, under which a 15% (of total project cost) performance/maintenance bond is required for any person or company that has to excavate a public street or sidewalk for any reason.

The borough has often been left to assume the responsibility of repairing such excavations, so the borough wants to hold an amount (up to 18 months) that will allow the Public Works Department to finish uncompleted jobs, without taxpayers footing the bill.

"We're really sick and tired of people opening up the sidewalks and streets, then putting them back together again and having them sink, so that we have to bear the brunt of fixing them," stated Councilman Harold R. Peden.

Councilman/Code Enforcement Officer Leland Hunter stated his concern that the bond homeowners have to post might not be posted by utility companies, some of which have a long history of shoddy road repairs.

"They have to be accountable, just the same as anybody else," Hunter stated, and Council agreed.

As a result, there will be no distinction between private property owners and public utility companies in the enforcement of Ordinance No. 6 of 2012.



The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Brunch on April 7 provided parents with an opportunity to enjoy quality time with their children.

