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The Uplander



MacQueen Hall

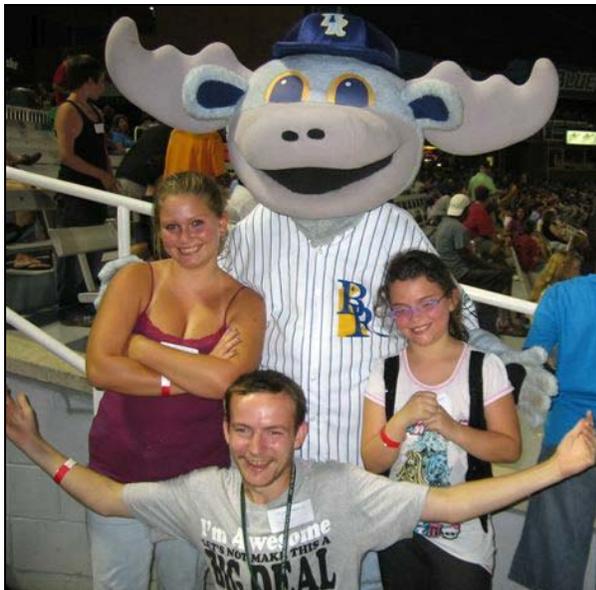
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Upland Youth say: 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame'



Rocky, the Wilmington Blue Rocks mascot, was happy to pose with the group from Upland at the Aug. 17 game. The free baseball game for borough youth is sponsored by the Committee Affairs Committee.
(Blue Rocks game photos by George Patterson)



The annual trip to the ballpark provides a chance for friends to socialize and make new friends, and a chance to meet larger-than-life friends from the past.



Please respect the safety cones that our Public Works crews put out on borough streets to temporarily detour traffic away from a work site. These cones block roadways for **your** safety, as well as the safety of borough employees.

Fire officials wish to remind residents that all **property addresses must be clearly visible** from the street and must be displayed in **numbers at least 3 inches in height**. Non-compliance with this safety mandate is a borough code violation and can lead to citations.

Loan Secured For Fire Truck, Firehouse Expansion

Borough Council has unanimously approved a low-interest \$1 million bank loan through the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority to pay for a new fire truck and building upgrades to the home of the Upland Volunteer Fire Co. The Borough will go to closure on the 20-year loan on Sept. 17 with a fixed interest rate of 2.292%. The interest rate is about half of the best offer from commercial banks.

Non-electoral debt service will start in December, and will amount to about \$5,100 per month over the term of the loan.

The 2012 engine (to be custom built by Seagrave Fire Apparatus), plus ancillary equipment, is expected to cost about \$750,000, with the balance of the loan being earmarked for an addition to the borough-owned firehouse on McClintock Drive.

Council President Ed Mitchell was among the council members who expressed their gratitude to the team of borough officials who worked together to procure the best interest rate available, saving Upland taxpayers thousands of dollars in the process.

"You've all really done a terrific job, and I thank you," said Mitchell.

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Council Talks Flood Emergency Routes

Borough Council wants all resident motorists, and especially vehicles like ambulances, to know exactly how to navigate around the parts of the Upland that are prone to flooding.

According to Council President Edward Mitchell, the flooding of the Kerlin Street bridge area creates the greatest traffic impact, but historic flooding of the lower end of the borough can also cut off access to some main thoroughfares, creating the need for another route.

The borough recently purchased a small parcel of land to create an emergency cut-through road that would connect Mulberry Street to Hill Street, to maintain access to Upland Avenue for the western side of the borough in the event of a flood.

"We need to let people know about the emergency routes to get in and out of here," Mitchell stated at Council's Aug. 14 session.

A sub-committee of Borough Council's Streets & Equipment Committee (chaired by Council VP Christine Peterson) has been charged with the task of making emergency route information accessible to all drivers.

In a related matter, Mitchell confirmed that cleaning out the debris from underneath the Kerlin Street bridge - which would keep Chester Creek flowing and help prevent the debris clogs that lead directly to flash-flooding - is still on PennDOT's to-do list, though no specific timetable has been set for the work to be done.

"We're really getting sick of the lower end flooding, because PennDOT keeps refusing to send their trucks out," lamented Mitchell.

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Council Plans To Restrict 'Unlawful Loitering'

At the Sept. 11 meeting, Borough Council intends to adopt two ordinances. One amendment to the borough code will have a limited impact, but the other ordinance could have far-reaching consequences for some residents, as the borough moves to address the issue of unlawful loitering.

In creating Chapter 110 of the borough code, Council is attempting to accurately define loitering, while providing significant penalties for violators.

One type of unlawful loitering is "persons on public property, public places, or business property (that) impede, obstruct or otherwise interfere with access to places open to the public or public rights-of-way." Under this new ordinance, the formal definition of loitering will be: "Remaining idle or gathering essentially in one location; lingering, including sitting or standing in or outside a motor vehicle; spending time idly; loafing or walking about aimlessly in a vicinity or neighborhood; or 'hanging out.'"

The new law also intends "to prohibit parents and/or guardians of minors, under age 18, from enabling or permitting said minors to loiter in any public or semi-public areas of the Borough."

Violators will be subject to fines of at least \$100, up to \$600, plus costs. Non-payment of fines and costs can result in imprisonment for up to 30 days.

While the loitering ordinance will help police target drug-related activity, Chapter 110 does not apply to orderly picketing, demonstrating, or other forms of free speech or the right to assemble, which are guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

The other agenda item slated for adoption on Sept. 11 is an ordinance amendment, which will attach a time limitation of one year for actual construction to begin, following the borough granting a special exception or variance to the borough code.

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Borough Hires Delinquent Tax Collector

At the Aug. 14 Council meeting, a unanimous vote approved e-Collect LLC as the organization that will now be collecting unpaid Earned Income Tax.

"We're looking forward to bringing some uniformity to your collections, Michael Hill, an e-Collect partner, told Council. "We'll make sure that everyone is paying their fair share of taxes."

It was noted that under a new law, the fiscal information on Pennsylvania tax returns will now be made available to tax collection agencies, making it easier to find borough tax delinquents.

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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.

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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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Main Street PTO: "Calling All Parents!"

Main Street Elementary School PTO President Steven Edwards came before Borough Council on Aug. 14, to enlist the borough in his campaign to draw more participation from the parents of Main Street students.

"The main thing we need is for more parents to get involved," Edwards stated, noting that the same four parents show up at every PTO meeting. "If we don't have communication between parents and staff, the students suffer."

Edwards said that monthly bake sales and a holiday shop, where students can buy gifts for under \$5, are two ways that the PTO is trying to raise funds for educational support activities.

As of this school year, Main Street families can register to receive a newsletter via email that will keep them abreast of PTO efforts.

Edwards noted that any parent can sit in on classes for up to an hour to directly observe classroom instruction at Main Street. Parental involvement usually translates to better student attendance and performance, he said.

"Parents have a right and an obligation to be involved in their child's education," said Edwards.

Council members agreed with virtually everything that Edwards stated, but the school leader struck a negative chord when the topic of Main Street's crossing guards arose.

Council Vice President Christine Peterson did not mince words, when asking Edwards why the crossing guard on Sixth Street (one of Upland's busiest streets) has not received all the training needed to control high-speed traffic.

"Someone's child is going to get hurt," Peterson said of the Sixth Street crossing.

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NAACP Seeks Education Advocates

Jean Arnold, of the Educational Committee of the Chester Branch of NAACP, came before Borough Council on Aug. 14, hoping to find a few willing volunteers to help her organization support the Chester-Upland School District.

The public education advocacy group meets at 6pm on the third Monday of the month at Temple Baptist Church on Seventh Street.

Volunteers workers are needed for marketing efforts, photography, writing press releases, and getting information out through the use of social media, Arnold said.

If you have some extra time and the skills that can help advance the cause of educational support for C-USD students, call Arnold at **610-497-1930** or send email to **ajeanaarnold@gmail.com**.

22nd St. Residents Need Parking Relief

A 22nd Street resident came before Borough Council on Aug. 14 to ask for help in keeping hospital visitors and employees from clogging up the few on-street parking spaces available to the residents.

The frustrated citizen said that Crozer-Chester Medical Center patrons often try to avoid the hospital's parking fees by parking on nearby streets. 22nd Street spaces are often filled by CCMC visitors or employees from 6am to 8pm, the resident noted. Council sympathized with the residents' plight, and will try to address the chronic problem through CCMC liaison Mayor Michael Ciach's administrative contacts.

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Council Approves Inspector Trainee

Joseph 'Parker' Ferguson has served as Upland Borough's building inspector and Building Code Official (BCO) for 20 years, and now he wants to start training his successor. At Ferguson's request, Councilman Harold R. Peden suggested that Jeff Ferguson (Parker's son) be approved as a building inspector-in-training for the immediate future, so that the son can be ready to take over the role, once his father is ready to retire.

According to Peden, like his father, the younger Ferguson has extensive experience in the construction field and has the "people skills" to be a good borough inspector.

The training of a building inspector successor was approved unanimously by Council, with no time frame specified to complete the task.

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Emergency Generator Bought For MacQueen Hall

Borough Council authorized the purchase of an emergency generator for MacQueen Hall at its Aug. 14 meeting. The lowest of five bids came from Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$35,476 - about 20% lower than the cost had initially been estimated, according to Borough Engineer Charles Catania.

Once the generator is in place to ensure an uninterrupted power supply, MacQueen Hall can be officially designated as an emergency shelter for Upland residents in the event of a borough-wide disaster.

"This will take us one step closer to making MacQueen Hall our emergency management facility," said Councilman/Fire Chief Dan Smith.

Dozens of fold-out cots, blankets, and pillows are already stored at MacQueen Hall.

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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 Sept. 26.**

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Police Chief John Easton recently welcomed Officer Shane Coyle as the newest part-time member of the Upland PD.

Officer Joins Upland Force

Patrolman Shane Coyle was sworn in by Mayor Michael Ciach as a part-time member of the Upland Police Department at Borough Council's Aug. 14 public meeting.

Coyle, 23, is an Aston Township resident. He graduated from Sun Valley High School in 2007; from the Williamson Free School in 2010; and from the Delaware County Police Academy in June 2011. Coyle comes to Upland with some law enforcement experience, having served the past year with the Lower Chichester Police Department.

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Fireworks Show Aims For Safety

Fire Chief Dan Smith was not happy with the 2010 Labor Day fireworks display, citing both the launch location and direction as safety hazards.

Last month, Councilman Smith met with the pyrotechnic technicians to make sure the show was safe and more visible from Bristol Lord Field, where hundreds will gather on Sunday evening, Sept. 2.

To achieve greater safety, the explosive shells will be launched out over Main Street from the front lawn of Main Street Elementary School, as opposed to launching from the side yard, out over Sixth Street.

The move will provide a better view from the park, and keep Auburn Village out of the line of fire.

At Borough Council's Aug. 14 meeting, a motion was unanimously passed to add \$2,500 to the \$5,000 pricetag for this year's display to get "the same show that Harrah's casino had," according to Community Affairs Chairwoman Sandra Miazza.

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.

One 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

Annual Fireworks Display

starts at dusk on **Sunday, Sept. 2**
at Bristol Lord Field

Refreshments for sale at pavilion

Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday, Sept. 11; Oct. 9; and Nov. 13
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

4-7pm on **Saturday, Sept. 22**
on second floor of MacQueen Hall

Eat-in and Take-out orders available

Annual Youth Halloween Party

starts at 4pm on **Saturday, Oct. 27**
MacQueen Hall

'Midnight Madness' Is SAT Help, B-Ball Tourney

The Youth Interlock Society's Midnight Madness event combines a free SAT training session with 15 All-Star Basketball games at Chester High School on **Sept. 8 and 9**.

The SAT Strategy Session is slated for 8:30am-noon on Saturday, Sept. 8. SAT strategy books will be given to the first 100 high school students.

The All-Star Basketball Tournament will start each day at noon, featuring some of the best male and female players in the region. A crowd of thousands and cable television coverage of the games is expected. Admission is \$10 per person.

For more information, or to sponsor a team or purchase an ad in the ad booklet, call Leon McMillan at **267-882-2204**.



The entrance to the borough offices at MacQueen Hall has been decked out in patriotic colors this summer.

Fight Against West Nile Virus Ramps Up

2012 has been the worst year yet, since West Nile Virus first appeared in the United States in 1999. Worse still, the active mosquito season lasts until the first hard frost, so more WNV cases are bound to arise.

As of the third week of August (near the peak of the May-October season), a total of 1,118 cases of West Nile Virus had been reported in 38 states, including 41 deaths. Texas has been hardest hit, but every state that had a mild winter, followed by a hotter-than-average summer, has also seen rising WNV numbers.

In Pennsylvania, two women recently contracted WNV, with a Franklin County resident being hospitalized with meningitis, while the Lancaster County resident only had a fever.

Delaware County has mobilized to prevent the spread of WNV-carrying mosquitoes by recently spraying low-lying portions of several municipalities, including Norwood, Ridley Park, Prospect Park, Glenolden, and Folcroft - all communities that border the marshlands of Heinz Wildlife Refuge.

All Delco residents are being urged to take this health threat seriously and join nationwide efforts to stem the WNV tide by taking the following precautions:

- *Use insect repellants (but not on infants)
- *Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors, especially around dawn and dusk
- *Eliminate standing/stagnant water around your home
- *Install or repair window and storm door screens
- *Use air conditioning, when possible

There is no cure or specific treatment for West Nile Virus.

About 20% of WNV patients develop symptoms such as headache, joint pain, fever, skin rash, or swollen lymph glands. Only about 1% of those infected with WNV will develop paralysis or cognitive difficulties.

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Borough Inspectors Working Together

Fire Marshal David Favinger met with all borough inspectors (including Building Inspector Joseph Ferguson, Electrical Inspector James Skulski, and Plumbing Inspector Tom Kennedy) in mid-July to plan strategies for the timely completion of mandatory fire and building safety inspections of every Upland business (done every other year) and every rental property (done every third year). Commercial inspections have been ongoing this summer, and should be completed by September, according to Favinger.

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C-USD Clears Hurdles For 2012-13

The end of June saw several developments that brought the Chester-Upland School District's fiscal picture into focus for the upcoming school year.

The school board's unanimous adoption of a \$101.4 million final budget on June 28 included a 2.7% property tax increase for all district residents - the maximum allowed under Act 1, without a voter referendum.

To balance the operating budget, the district needs \$75.7 million in revenue from the state (including \$49 million for basic education; \$5 million for special-ed; \$1.9 million for transportation), and just under \$14 million from real estate taxes.

About three-quarters of the general budget will be spent on student instruction. No existing educational programs were cut, and full-day Kindergarten will be brought back in September.

Eight security officers were laid off, but the only other staff cuts came through attrition or retirement.

To reduce fixed costs, the district's buildings will be reconfigured as follows: Pre-K to 5th-grade classes will be held in Columbus, C-U School of Arts, Stetser, and Main Street Elementary Schools; 6th thru 8th-grade classes will be held at Showalter and Toby Farms Intermediate Schools; and grades 9 thru 12 will attend Chester High and a STEM/Magnet school.

As of mid-August, the school board was looking to hire three new school principals, according to a district representative.

C-USD has also reached a tentative settlement in its lawsuit against the PA Department of Education. The details were pending a final hearing on Aug. 15, but the basic terms include the state paying off nearly \$30 million in C-USD debt, while providing an additional \$9.7 million in subsidies for the upcoming school year. The additional state funding covers the projected revenue shortfall in the district's preliminary budget.

Chester-Upland has been formally labeled as a district in financial distress, which allowed the PDE to appoint Joe Watkins (a Philadelphia preacher and analyst for MSNBC) to serve as a chief recovery officer to oversee the development of a financial recovery plan, giving the state greater control over the district's future. The C-USD Board of Directors recently voted 8-0 in approving the appointment.

Other leadership developments include the school board extending the contract of Acting District Superintendent Tony Watson through September. In the wake of the July departure of Chief Financial Officer Robert Bruchak, Acting Deputy Superintendent Thomas Persing has now added acting chief financial officer to his title.

The new school year starts on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

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Newsletter Now Monthly Publication

New editions of *The Uplander*, filled with photos and news items from your hometown, are delivered directly to every Upland home each month.

To submit items of public interest, send to the borough office at 224 Castle Avenue, Upland, PA 19015 or via email to kennstark@comcast.net. The borough reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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Sweep Up Grass Clippings

All property owners are reminded of the need to cut their grass on a regular basis. Unattended grass in excess of 6 inches in height will generate a citation from the code enforcement officer.

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**.

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The 2012 Fourth of July Family Picnic featured the first annual Upland Cops 'n Kids Kickball Game, with the mixed teams playing the inaugural tilt to a 4-4 tie. Despite the heat, a good time was had by all, while the borough's youth got to see another side of their favorite police officers.

(Above) Co-Captains Nick Maraini (on base) and Nelson Ocasio (with ball) have a friendly exchange after Nick booted a double off Ocasio's fast ball; (Below) Even the youngest participants made some impressive plays in the field and displayed some serious footwork at the plate, but it was the feeling of team camaraderie that really won the day.



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Upland Gets Bike Patrol Grant

Upland Borough recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Delaware County Housing Authority. The

funds are earmarked for police bike patrols in the lower end of the borough during the summer.

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Ordinance Tweak Clarifies 'Mobile Home' Restriction

At its Aug. 14 session, Borough Council adopted a curative amendment to the existing ordinance that prohibits the parking of trailers and RVs on borough streets.

During the recent overhaul of the borough's zoning code, officials found that the broad term "mobile homes" was originally used in Chapter 120 of this ordinance, but that term has now come to mean something other than the intended definition.

According to Councilman/Ordinance & Resolutions Committee Chairman Harold R. Peden, the original intent of the 'mobile home' ban was to restrict residents from living out of a trailer or recreational vehicle that was parked on a borough street. The amended ordinance still prohibits "the use of automobile trailers or mobile homes for dwelling purposes," with exceptions outlined under the Mobile Home Regulations section of the code.

Residents can temporarily park a boat, trailer or RV at the borough garage on Fourth Street, whenever space is available in the lot.

To obtain a free limited-time parking permit, residents must submit a written request to the borough office, while providing proof of insurance and having up-to-date state vehicle registration and tags. Call the borough office at **610-874-7317** to confirm that space is available. Spaces are offered on a first-come basis, with Auburn Village residents getting preference, as their parking space is limited.

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Improvements Moving Forward

According to Auburn Village Committee Chairperson Christine Peterson, ongoing improvements to the Auburn Village apartment complex are now nearing completion of Phase II.

Concrete work, which included sidewalk, patio and step replacement in the amount of \$13,032, was finished in July.

A year-long Auburn Village re-roofing project will be completed this summer, with the last of the new shingles to be laid in August.

Twenty new storm doors were recently purchased and will be installed on an as-needed basis. More doors will be bought and installed as funds permit.

Exterior stucco and painting work will be the next building upgrade.

Phase III of the long-term upgrade plan is on deck, including repair work to Auburn Village porches, Peterson noted.

Beyond Auburn Village, Borough Council has purchased three large planters for the Upland Avenue intersections at 22nd Street, Kerlin Street, and 8th Street, and four new picnic tables with benches for Bristol Lord Field.

Meanwhile, the ground floor of MacQueen Hall recently received new carpeting in the council meeting room, the vestibule, and borough offices.

Pusey House Rebounds; Open For Tours

The 13-acre Landingford Plantation, located creekside on Race Street in the lower end of the borough, is once again offering 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 next door, food and refreshments, colonial re-enactors, and craft demonstrations. For more Pusey House information, or to schedule group tours from May through October, call FCPH President Ray Peden at **610-874-5665**.

Security Improved At Historic Site

In an effort to help preserve Upland's prized historic resources, Borough Council recently donated three new security cameras, all of which will be installed on the 13-acre grounds of Landingford Plantation, where (in 1683) the Caleb Pusey party built the oldest English cottage still in existence in America. 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 teen vandalism on the historic site, the videotape evidence they provide will help the police department bring the perpetrators to justice.

Borough Solicitor To Join Code Officer In Court

At the behest of Borough Council, Borough Solicitor Robert O'Connor will now accompany Code Enforcement Officer Leland Hunter to district court, in cases where a repeat offender or non-payment of previous citations is involved. It is hoped that the extra billable hours for O'Connor will be more than offset by the issuance of stiffer fines, for which a lawyer may be able to present a better argument than a code officer. Hunter noted that a judge recently handed out a \$50 fine for a violation that calls for a \$1,000 to \$10,000 fine in the borough code book. The goal of stricter enforcement of the borough code - and greater penalties for violators - is to maintain a safe living environment for families. "We have property owners who are thumbing their nose at the borough code, but the people who pay the price are the ones who are living in a house that may be unsafe," noted Councilman Harold R. Peden.

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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July 4th Picnic Offers Family Fun



It's hard to beat free pony rides - just ask Tyaire Burch of Glenway Avenue...but getting a chance to aim a fire hose is pretty cool too, says John Burgess of Clearwater Lane.



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Upland PD Preps For Illegal Truckers

Under a recently negotiated three-municipality pact, the Scale House on Third Street in Chester will soon be helping Upland and Parkside police officers keep oversized vehicles off borough roads. The fee for each truck weighed will be \$100, but the payoff for the boroughs will be much greater.

"I'm tickled to death over this tri-municipal agreement," Council President Edward Mitchell said of the cooperative effort. "This is a big plus for us."

Several Upland intersections (Sixth and Main Streets, in particular) have repeatedly been the scene of property and/or utility pole and wire damage caused by tractor-trailers that are not supposed to be using residential streets.

PennDOT and the Pennsylvania State Police offer special training courses for police officers to certify them for oversize-vehicle stops and roadside inspections. In June, two Upland officers (Patrolmen William Meyer and Sean Dougherty) completed a five-day PennDOT course on truck-weighing procedures, according to Easton. The pair attended a three-day course offered by the state police in July, to be certified for roadside inspections.

"Once we get two officers certified, we're going to be on these trucks like flies on honey," said Easton.

While the goal of curbing illegal truck traffic is the safety and well-being of borough residents, Easton admits that the financial rewards for enforcement are another incentive. Despite trucking citations often being thousands of dollars, having a truckload of cargo impounded is generally not an option for truckers, so citations are commonly paid "almost instantly" with a credit card, Easton noted.

In a related matter, Easton has informed Borough Council that he will be petitioning the PA State Police to allow the Upland PD to have jurisdiction over the fraction of a mile of I-95 that passes through the borough's eastern side. Easton noted that the state has recently turned over the patrol duties for other high-volume highways to local police departments, so he is hoping that a similar move will soon increase Upland's patrol area slightly, but quite significantly.

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Council Considers Tax Repeal

Tax Repeal - possibly the most popular two-word phrase in the English language - is being discussed by Borough Council and could be enacted by 2013.

Councilwoman/Finance Committee Chairperson Moira Crawford announced at Council's July 10 meeting that the borough's longstanding \$10 per capita tax is being considered for repeal.

Assessed on every Upland resident 18 years of age or older, the per capita tax generates about \$12,000 in annual revenue, while costing the borough about \$2,500 for mailings and delinquent collections.

In short, the per capita tax is simply not worth the trouble to collect, so council will be weighing adoption of an ordinance that would repeal the tax, effective as of January 2013.

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Public Works Hours To Be Monitored

Council VP/Streets & Equipment Committee Chairwoman Christine Peterson and Borough Manager Shirley Purcival recently met with Public Works Department personnel to lay out a calendar of regular activities, which will help everyone keep an accurate account of how many hours are needed to complete certain tasks.

Last year, a third man was added to the department to keep pace with demands. But this year, the scheduling demands have changed, in the wake of the borough no longer doing its own trash collections, while adding the monthly delivery of this newsletter to every Upland home.

According to Peterson, by keeping track of the hours spent on each assigned task, borough officials will be better able to judge the need for a third man in the Public Works Department.

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Permits Required For Pools; Insurance Recommended

Residents with swimming pools 24-inches deep or deeper on their property must obtain a permit from the borough office. The fee for a pool permit is based on the cost of the pool and installation.

Pool owners must have a fenced-in yard and a plot plan to show exactly where the pool will sit.

There is no borough law that requires a property owner to have liability insurance, but borough officials strongly suggest that all pool owners be so protected.

All Auburn Village residents must submit a written pool request to the borough (their landlord) for any size pool, and must have renters insurance and a locked pool enclosure. All Auburn Village pools must be taken down in the Fall.

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