



The Caleb Pusey House

# The Uplander



MacQueen Hall

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### Santa Visits Upland



Santa Claus stopped by MacQueen Hall on Nov. 23 to visit with the children of Upland.



Councilwoman Moira Crawford helped serve the head table, where Council President Ed Mitchell and his wife, Tax Collector Linda Mitchell (et al) were seated at the borough-sponsored Thanksgiving Dinner For Seniors on Nov. 10.

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(Above) Herb and Marge Koziol of Upland Avenue share a hug at their table; (Below) while Bob Flickenger and Betty Lewis won the door prizes given for oldest attendees.



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### **Free Thanksgiving Meal Packs MacQueen Hall With Seniors**

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Upland Seniors saw an even greater turnout than last year, with over 100 in attendance at MacQueen Hall on Nov. 10. The sit-down turkey dinner with all the trimmings was sponsored by the borough's Community Affairs Committee; prepared by volunteers led by Councilwoman Sandy Miazza; and served up by Councilwoman Moira Crawford and a group of volunteers from Upland Baptist Church.

Meal preparation included cooking 8 whole turkeys, 50 lbs. of white potatoes, sweet potatoes, and stuffing, while portioning out 20 cans of cranberry sauce, 20 pumpkin pies, 14 dozen dinner rolls, 15 lbs. of coleslaw, and 200 cups of coffee or tea.

While Mayor Michael Ciach handled the master of ceremony duties, Reverend Brenda Shaw of Upland Baptist Church offered the pre-meal grace, and Pastor Brian McGouty of Life Resurrection Church gave the post-meal benediction.

Several gift certificates were handed out as door prizes, with 86-year-old Bob Flickenger winning the prize as the oldest man in attendance, and 70-year-old Betty Lewis winning as the oldest woman in the room. Donald MacGilliray won for having the closest birthday, and Phyllis Daley won as a 24-year member of the Upland Senior Citizens Club.

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### **Residents Should Sign Up For Emergency Phone Service**

To enjoy the full benefits of the borough's information phone service, residents with unlisted phone numbers should call the borough office at **610-874-7317** to register. The automated service was instituted in 2009 to keep borough residents informed of upcoming community events, but is also utilized in the event of a borough-wide emergency.

The value of being kept informed became apparent during Superstorm Sandy in late October. After the storm, over a dozen households called the borough office to get their names added to the calling list.

Don't be left out of the information loop. Register your home with the borough for safety sake.

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### **New Features Planned For Newsletter**

Two new features are planned for Upland Borough's monthly newsletters in 2013, including a **Meet Your Leaders** column that will help residents get to know their borough officials a little better. January's edition of the *Uplander* will put the focus on Council President Edward Mitchell.

Another new feature will be **Share A Recipe**, which will allow the borough's best chefs to compare notes. We will print one resident's favorite quick & easy recipe each month, starting in January, so that by year end, we'll have a gourmet cookbook.

All **Share A Recipe** submissions should be sent to the borough office at 224 Castle Avenue, Upland, PA 19015 or emailed to the borough manager at **[spurcival@uplandboro.org](mailto:spurcival@uplandboro.org)**.

Let's get cookin' and send in those recipes now!

### **Preliminary Budget Maintains Tax Rate, Trash Fees**

The borough's 2013 preliminary budget for the general fund does not require a property tax or trash service fee increase to balance.

If the numbers remain the same for final budget adoption at Borough Council's Dec. 11 meeting, next year would be the 26th consecutive year with no borough property tax increase, while maintaining a millage rate of 2.0 mills.

The borough's annual trash collection fee of \$135 per household will also hold steady for the fifth straight year.

The 2013 general fund preliminary budget total is \$2,968,742, which represents a 10.7% increase in revenue and spending over this year. The additional \$287,194 in the budget will come primarily from increased permit activity and a \$43,000 increase in Earned Income Tax collections, according to Finance Committee Chairperson Moira Crawford.

The Auburn Village preliminary budget for 2013 totals \$763,500, which is \$8,100 or 1.1% more than this year.

The approved preliminary budgets are available for public inspection at the borough office and online.

After the preliminary budgets were adopted at Council's Nov. 13 meeting, Council President Ed Mitchell noted that less than 10% of the general budget would be funded by the \$240,000 that the borough collects in property tax each year.

"We just passed a (preliminary) budget for \$2.9 million, and I think it speaks volumes for what we've been able to accomplish here over the last two or three years," Mitchell said.

"We're a little town success story, when most little towns are having financial hard times. We're happy that we're able to provide all these services.

"And now that our Christmas decorations have gone up, I think it's going to build some excitement, because the girls did a great job again. What Sandy (Miazza) does and what Council does are one in the same. I'm proud to be an Upland councilman, and I'm sure everybody else up here is too.

"Our progress reflects well on all of us, and everybody has done a good job," added Mitchell.

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### **Public Works Employees Earn Recognition**

The borough recently sent its two Public Works Department employees – Chuck Boyd and Patrick White – to an 8-week leadership training course offered through Dale Carnegie Training.

Both men completed the training course in November, and both were recognized for their skills.

At the end of the course, Patrick was voted Most Improved by his classmate peers and received a very nice pen set as his award. Chuck's gregarious nature and natural leadership abilities were recognized with the award of a leadership book, the Crashing Through Award, and the Outstanding Performance Award.

**Congratulations to both Chuck and Patrick!**

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### **Borough Leaders Meet With NHS To Resolve Issues**

On Nov. 19, borough leaders held a fact-finding session with representatives of Northwest Human Services (NHS) to discuss ongoing issues with the two adjacent county-funded housing facilities that the organization owns at 900 Main Street.

Borough inspectors have not been through the main building (formerly an apartment building) since NHS took ownership 12 years ago. Nor have the rear apartments (Upland Woods, where longer-term mental health patients reside) been inspected.

Even more troublesome to the borough is the frequency of "illegitimate" 911 calls made by residents of the facility. According to Upland Police Chief John Easton, over 2,000 calls to the police have emanated from 900 Main Street since January 2010. Those calls led to 135 responses for a total of 78 manhours spent on issues ranging from fisticuffs between residents to complaints about the menu.

Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith was concerned about the 39 fire calls that his stationhouse has received since 2010, when only one call was for an actual fire. Most of the incidents were "malicious pulls" of fire alarms, often done to create an opportunity for outdoor cigarette breaks, Smith alleged.

A system of time-delayed security doors was a concern to both Easton and Smith, as the staff's inability to override the electronic locks has created emergency access problems in the past.

"We want to work together to bring some sanity to the madness that is 900 Main Street," Council President Ed Mitchell told the NHS reps.

All parties agreed that procedural changes are needed at the non-profit residential facility, and agreed to meet again to update progress.

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### **Upland To Host Housing Parade For New Fire Truck**

Upland Fire Company No. 1 will be the host station for the annual Delaware County Fireman's Association Convention housing parade on Saturday, Oct. 12. The procession will feature fire vehicles from across the county in celebration of the official housing of Upland's new Squad 57.

The new red fire truck is currently being built in Wisconsin and should be completed and delivered by mid-year 2013. The vehicle is essentially a pumper truck with a rescue truck body, according to Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith.

The Squad 57 measures 30 feet long (bumper to bumper), just over 8 feet wide, and 11 feet high. The truck carries a 500-gallon water tank; features its own cascade system for refilling air tanks; and transports a driver and five firemen wearing air bottles, plus two passengers on drop seats.

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### **Street Signs Replaced**

According to Streets & Equipment Committee Chairwoman Christine Peterson, the borough's Public Works Department recently replaced 16 street signs that were either faded or damaged.

### **Permits Require Registration**

All persons or parties applying for any type of permit from Upland Borough must now fill out an affidavit form and submit same to the borough office.

Under the terms of the borough's new blight ordinance, permits can be denied for any address where serious code violations put public safety at risk.

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### **Website Provides Valuable Info**

Visit [www.uplandboro.org](http://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.

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

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**Thanks to Harvey Martin, Facebook members can enjoy historic photos and stories by visiting the "Remembering Upland, PA" group page at [www.facebook.com/groups/334480793300363](http://www.facebook.com/groups/334480793300363)**

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### **Upcoming Public Meetings and Events**

#### **Borough Council Meetings**

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session  
Tuesday, Dec. 11; Jan. 8; and Feb. 12  
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

#### **Santa Tours Upland**

**On Saturday, Dec. 15**

**Escorted by Upland Fire Co. #1, Santa Claus will tour the streets of Upland in a fire truck while handing out candy canes, starting at 11am, then return in the evening with lights flashing and sirens blaring, starting at 5pm.**

#### **Soup & Salad Fundraiser Dinner**

**4-7pm on Saturday, Feb. 23**

**Homemade soups, chili, chicken dumplings  
All-you-can-eat at MacQueen Hall; Take-out available  
Tickets: \$8 adults; \$6 seniors; \$4 kids under 12**

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#### **Holiday Decorating Contest**

For this year's holiday home decorating contest, first place will be worth \$100; second place will be good for \$50; and a third-place display will earn the homeowners \$25. Judging will be done during the evenings of the week before Christmas.

The winners will be announced at Borough Council's Jan. 8 meeting.



At the Nov. 13 Borough Council meeting, Upland Police Chief John Easton 'pinned' Officer William Meyer, after he had earned his certification to operate a police motorcycle.

**Upland Patrolman Is Motorcycle Certified**

Part-time Patrolman William Meyer recently completed an 80-hour training course with the Philadelphia Highway Patrol to earn his certification for operating a police motorcycle.

According to Upland Police Chief John Easton, the bike's brakes locked up during Meyer's final exam, preventing him from becoming only the ninth student ever to earn a perfect score of 100. But settling for a final score of 96 still made Meyer the top of his graduating class.

As a certified police biker, Meyer will be able to ride in Philadelphia's annual Police Thrill Show.

**Congratulations to Officer Meyer!**

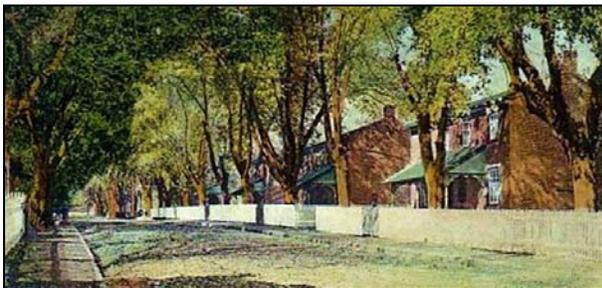
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**Per Capita Tax Repealed**

At the Oct. 9 meeting, Upland's longstanding \$10 per capita tax was unanimously repealed by Borough Council, effective as of Jan. 1, 2013.

Assessed on every Upland resident 18 years of age or older, the per capita tax had generated about \$12,000 in annual revenue, while costing the borough about \$2,500 for mailings and delinquent collections. In short, the per capita tax was simply not worth the trouble to collect.

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This colorized 1909 photo of the first block of Sixth Street off Upland Avenue (looking to the northwest) is among the 200 historic photos that can be found at Harvey Martin's "Remembering Upland, PA" Facebook group page, along with all the stories contained in *The History of Upland 1683-1969* - a compilation of historic tales put together for Upland Borough's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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**Upland Business Matters**

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



Flanked by his sons, Ed III (left) and Fred, Edward Swager Jr. holds a framed photo of his father, Edward Sr., working at his auto repair shop in Chester in 1931.



**Ed's Auto Body, Inc.**

775 Upland Ave.

phone: 610-876-8822

website: [www.Edsautobodyinc.com](http://www.Edsautobodyinc.com)

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This fourth-generation family-owned and operated auto repair business moved to Upland in 1971. The business is now run by brothers Fred and Ed Swager III and their semi-retired father, Edward Swager, Jr. The body shop specializes in late-model collision repair, using state-of-the-art equipment; is staffed by local residents, all of whom are ASE-certified technicians; and is open from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday, and on Saturday by appointment.

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**The Swagers want their customers to know:**

- We offer lifetime guarantees on all repairs, because we use the highest quality parts and re-finishing materials.
- We do work for all major auto insurance companies.
- We offer a worry-free experience after the collision, covering every aspect of the repair from towing to calls to the insurance company to getting you a rental car. - We do it all for complete customer satisfaction.

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**Curbside leaf collections will be made on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, weather permitting and as needed.**

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**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.**

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### **Borough Poised To Take Over Armory**

The borough's quest to own the 5-acre US Army Reserve Armory complex on West 24th Street is expected to come to closure in January 2013.

At its Nov. 13 meeting, Borough Council approved the formation of a transition team to assume ownership of the vacated facility. The Reese Center transition team consists of Borough Manager Shirley Purcival, Council President Ed Mitchell, Council VP Christine Peterson, and Councilman Harold R. Peden.

The borough has been pursuing opportunities to secure the James W. Reese Center since the site was placed on the US Department of Defense'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.

The findings of a year-long environmental assessment study of the site are available online. The 198-page report found "no significant impact" on the proposed future use of the buildings.

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

Upland officials have long seen the Armory as a potential location for a community center. Potential plans include 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.

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### **Generator Installation Pending; 11th St. Extension On Deck**

According to borough officials, the installation of a recently purchased emergency generator for MacQueen Hall should get underway by mid-January. The installation will be done by Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc.

Adding an emergency generator to the 92-year-old MacQueen Hall will allow the building to be used as an emergency shelter

The planned construction of a 250-foot-long 11th Street extension (which would connect 11th to Hill Street) must first be reviewed and approved by the Delaware County Office of Housing & Community Development. The road extension project will be formally put out to bid on Dec. 3, which will allow a construction contract to be awarded soon.

### **Upland Signs Agreement For Chesco Stray Handling**

Delaware County produces about 8,000 stray dogs and cats per year, but has not had a central facility for handling all strays since the Delco SPCA converted to a no-kill shelter on Jan. 1. Throughout 2012, Delco towns have been receiving stray services through an interim agreement with the Chester County SPCA.

The Delaware County Animal Protection Board (DCAPB) is now seeking commitments from all Delco municipalities to extend those interim stray services.

Upland Borough Council addressed the DCAPB's request for a five-year extension at its Oct. 9 meeting, voting unanimously to formally enter into the agreement.

The conditions that the DCACB is placing on member municipalities include membership from Jan. 1, 2013 through 2017, and payment of an annual fee of \$1,250 in 2013 and \$1,375 in 2014.

The annual membership fee for the last three years of the Chesco commitment will be set in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index.

With payment of annual dues, each municipality will be given credit for the handling of five stray animals over the next year. Once the credit is expended, each additional stray dog handled will cost \$250 in 2013 and \$275 in 2014, with 2015-17 charges to be determined by the CPI.

This long-term agreement does not include funding to build a Delaware County stray facility, but will give the DCAPB time to decide if construction of such a facility is feasible and/or desirable.

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### **Seniors Enjoy Luncheon Road Trip**

Contrary to popular opinion, there is such a thing as a free lunch! A group of 47 Upland senior citizens boarded a rented bus and rode out to the Shady Maple restaurant in Lancaster County on Oct. 8, while the borough's Community Affairs Committee picked up the tab.

"I think everyone enjoyed themselves," Community Affairs Chairwoman Sandy Miazza reported to Borough Council.

In addition to a free lunch and bus ride, several lucky attendees won door prizes as well, including two \$25 gift certificates to the Upland Diner, three \$25 gift certificates to Giant Food Store, and five lovely fall centerpieces.

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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](mailto:kennstark@comcast.net). The borough reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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### AV Improvements "Looking Good"

With the recent completion of Phase II Auburn Village improvements, including new roofing, storm doors, and concrete work, the upgrades outlined in Phase III began with exterior stucco walls being repaired and painted on porches.

"The units are really looking good from the street," Auburn Village Committee Chairwoman Christine Peterson said of the recent work.

Peterson noted at Council's Nov. 13 meeting that all painting has now been completed.

On the ground floor of MacQueen Hall, new carpeting was recently installed to give borough offices, the lobby, and the public meeting room a fresh look.

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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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### Fire Company Keeps Improving

Upland Volunteer Fire Co. Member Robert 'B.J.' Covey, acting as the company's liaison to Upland Borough Council, recently reported that Company No. 1 is on the upswing on several fronts.

During both September and October, the average number of runners turning out for fire alarms was 10 – the highest monthly averages this year. The increased turnout is a result of a recent rise in membership.

Firefighters Stephanie Johnson and Gregory Zyla were both recently certified to drive the company's tactical unit – the pickup truck-sized vehicle that is the first vehicle out for car accidents and brush fires. Covey also reported that 11 members of Company No. 1 recently passed the Flashover Self-Survival course offered at the Delco Training Center. A flashover is a fast-moving wall of flame and one of the most dangerous aspects of firefighting, so knowing how to survive one is crucial.

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### Security Improved At Historic Site

In an effort to help preserve Upland's prized historic resources, Borough Council recently donated three new security cameras for 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.

### Upland Baptist Fall Festival Draws Crowd



Pat Irace (left) and Bea Smith sampled some of the delicious food available at the Fall Festival on Sept. 22...



...while Katie and Sara Mason showed off their smiles...



...and Rev. Bill Scott made new friends with Champ, his adorable monkey puppet.

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### Fireworks Made An Impression

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 fireworks display to get "the same show as Harrah's Casino," according to Community Affairs Chairwoman Sandra Miazza.

At Council's Sept. 11 meeting, in the wake of an eye-popping Labor Day weekend show at Bristol Lord Field, the consensus was that the extra money was worthwhile to create what many were calling "the best municipal show in the county."

"The whole thing seemed like it was the finale!" Council President Ed Mitchell marveled.

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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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Some attendees of the annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Sept. 22 enjoyed having their picture taken more than others, as evidenced by Tatiyana (left) and Alyssa Miller...



...but as the plates loaded with spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread disappeared, it was obvious that a good time (and a good meal) was had by all.

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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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### Uplanders Get Regional Recognition

Two of Upland Borough's favorite sons were recently given the honor of being named to leadership positions in regional government organizations.

Borough Council President Edward Mitchell, who is currently serving his fifth consecutive year as council president, and also has six previous years on council and 16 years as a Chester-Upland School Board member under his belt, was recently named to serve on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

Mayor Michael Ciach, who has served 13 years as a councilman and the last seven years as mayor, was recently seated to serve as the vice president of the Delaware County Association of Boroughs. Congratulations to both men on their well-deserved recognition!

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### 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 went 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 Adopts

#### Fire Prevention/Emergency Entry Regs

At Borough Council's Oct. 9 meeting, three ordinance amendments were adopted.

Under Chapter 85, the Fire Prevention section was changed to add the standards included in the 2003 edition of the International Fire Code.

A new section was added to the ordinance requiring certain structures to have an exterior lock box installed, to give emergency responders rapid entry access.

Another new ordinance creates a schedule of reasonable costs associated with the collection of delinquent earned income and net profits taxes.

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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.

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### **Council Restricts 'Unlawful Loitering'**

At the Sept. 11 meeting, Borough Council adopted a new law could have far-reaching consequences for some residents, as the borough addresses 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 is now: "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.

Council Vice President Christine Peterson praised the new law enforcement tool as "a lovely thing" - a sentiment that was unanimous on Council.

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.

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**Mayor Michael Ciach (left) and Police Chief John Easton (right) were among the first to welcome part-time Officer Glen Greenwalt back to the force.**

### **Officer Returns To Upland PD**

Now that former Upland patrolman Glen Greenwalt has retired from a 32-year career with the county's CID, he has returned to his roots as a part-time patrolman.

Greenwalt, 57, is now a Middletown resident, but he was born and raised on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in Upland.

The law enforcement veteran started his career as a police officer working part-time for Parkside and Upland Boroughs from 1976-79. He then moved on to spend three decades as a detective in the Criminal Investigation Division, before retiring in March.

In welcoming Greenwalt back to the Upland PD, Borough Council President Edward Mitchell recalled how Greenwalt had helped the borough cover patrol shifts several years ago, when the police department was under-staffed.

"A long time ago, Glen started here, and we're tickled to death to see him back," Mitchell stated, after Greenwalt was sworn in by Mayor Michael Ciach. "Five years ago, when this administration got its start, we were short-handed, and if it wasn't for Glen jumping in and helping us out, I don't know what we would have done. He found time on his own to come down and give us a hand, and that speaks volumes about this Upland boy."

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