



The Caleb Pusey House

The Uplander



MacQueen Hall

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Santa Tours Upland



Santa Claus toured Upland Borough on Dec. 15, riding on the back of a fire truck, while volunteers from Upland Fire Co. No. 1 handed out candy canes to all who came outside to greet the Jolly One.



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Santa also stopped by the borough-sponsored annual Youth Christmas Party at MacQueen Hall on Nov. 23, when kids waited in line for a chance to sit on Saint Nick's knee...



...and some children met Santa in person for the first time.

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Council Makes Reappointments

At Borough Council's Dec. 11 meeting, the persons currently holding several public service posts were reappointed to continue their service in 2013.

The re-appointees include Borough Engineer Charles Catania, Borough Solicitor Robert O'Connor, Esq., Building Inspector Joseph Ferguson, Plumbing Inspector Thomas Kennedy, Electrical Inspector James Skulski, Board of Health Officer Dr. Robert Crowell MD, Board of Health Inspector Cathy Warfield, Fire Marshal David Favinger, Zoning Solicitor John Wills, Esq., and Zoning Code Officer Joseph Ferguson, with Michael Maddren, Esq. serving as both Civil Service Solicitor and Special Legal Counsel.

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Also returning for another year of service on the borough's three advisory boards are:

Zoning Hearing Board – Dorreda Shaw (chair), Joanne Peden (secretary), Edward Klepacki, William Dennon, and Ronald Reynolds

Planning Commission – Edward Mitchell (chair), Robert Dugan, Dana Dudek, George Oronzio, and Joseph Stephano

Civil Service Commission – Edward Mitchell, Denise Crawford, and Dorothy Patrick

Thank you all for your valuable service to Upland Borough!

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Ocasio Promoted To Deputy Chief

Patrolman Nelson Ocasio has been interviewed and recommended by the Civil Service Commission, and approved by Borough Council for promotion to the rank of Deputy Chief of the Upland PD.

Ocasio, 23, served a year in Iraq as a specialist with the US Army before joining the Upland police force in 2010.

The affable officer has since become a fixture in the community, participating in the first annual Kids-n-Cops Kickball game last May, while earning the respect of his peers through continuing education and exemplary police work.

Ocasio will be officially sworn in as the department's deputy chief at council's Jan. 8 meeting.

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Upland PD Breaks Burglary Case

At the end of Borough Council's Dec. 11 meeting, Upland Police Chief John Easton was pleased to announce that his department had just obtained a confession from the prime suspect in a case involving a series of recent daylight burglaries in the Auburn Village apartment complex.

Since the arrest of the suspect had just taken place that afternoon, Easton was unable to provide any details in the public forum, but he wanted to immediately assure Auburn Village residents that the Upland PD was on top of the situation.

In response to the good news, council members and residents alike applauded Easton and his department for another law enforcement success.

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Council to Adopt Revised Stormwater Code

At Borough Council's Jan. 8 voting meeting, the adoption of a comprehensive Stormwater Management Code will be on the agenda.

The newly updated code contains revised definitions and land development regulations aimed at protecting water quality, minimizing erosion, and controlling stormwater runoff. The borough code now conforms with all federal and state stormwater regulations, with the amended Chapter 157 now weighing in at a hefty 130 pages.

The revised Stormwater Management Code is available for public inspection at the borough office.

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Kerlin St. Bridge Clean-up Underway

On Dec. 13, representatives from PennDOT and the office of PA Senator Dominic Pileggi met to discuss removing debris from under the Kerlin Street bridge. Work to remove tons of Chester Creek debris from under the concrete bridge began a couple days before the joint meeting. To prevent the bridge from becoming a bottleneck for debris that could induce flooding again in the future, a pair of 12-foot-diameter culverts will ultimately be installed under the bridge to help keep the creek flowing normally.

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New Charter School Approved

The new Community Charter School proposed for the corner of 11th and Main Streets has been conditionally approved by Borough Council.

Several conditions were recommended by the borough's planning commission, including widening the 11th/Main intersection; installing an evergreen buffer to the north and west of the school; adding fire hydrants and a stormwater inlet, limiting the number of students; and repairing any damage caused to adjacent properties during construction.

School officials accepted the condition at council's Dec. 8 meeting, which in turn led council members to unanimously accept and ratify the final land development plan for the lot at 1100 Main Street.

Neighbors of the proposed school had filed an appeal of the Upland Zoning Hearing Board ruling to allow a school to be built in the residential zone, but ultimately the appeal was withdrawn.

Demolition work has not yet begun on the vacant residence that now occupies the corner lot, but such work will need to start soon, if the school is to meet its opening target of September 2013.

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Heavy Trash Not For Electronics

Collections of bulk trash items will resume on the last Wednesday of each month, starting on **Jan. 30**. Residents must notify the borough office in advance for all bulk pickups and items must be placed **curbside by 6 am** on collection day.

Bulk trash does not include electronic items like computers and televisions – such items will be collected for recycling at special events (from 9am-3pm) at the Delco Emergency Services Training Center on April 6 (Sat.); at Rose Tree Park on Sept. 12 (Thurs.); and at the Upper Chichester Municipal Building on Oct. 19 (Sat.).

2013 Budget Maintains Tax Rate, Trash Fees

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

The final budget was unanimously adopted at Borough Council's Dec. 11 meeting, officially making this year the 26th consecutive year with no borough property tax increase, while maintaining a millage rate of 2.0 mills.

"It's been a quarter of a century that the borough has not raised (property) taxes," Council President Ed Mitchell noted with pride. "That is a wonderful tradition to maintain."

The borough's annual trash collection fee of \$135 per household will also hold steady in 2013 for the fifth straight year.

The 2013 general fund preliminary budget total is \$2,968,742, which represents a 10.7% increase in spending over this year, part of which is a 3% pay raise for all full-time borough employees. The additional \$287,194 in budget revenue 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.

After preliminary budgets were adopted at Council's Nov. 13 meeting, 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," added Mitchell.

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Halloween Party Produces Best Costume Winners

Of the scores of cool, creepy, and clever costumes worn by kids at Upland Borough's annual Youth Halloween Party on Oct. 27, three were judged to be the best in each of three age groups.

Ages up to 4:

First place - Jeremy McColl (Pound Puppy)

Second place - Payton Wilmore (Monkey)

Third place - Joshua McColl (Ape)

Ages 5-7:

First place - George Michaelides (Ninja)

Second place - Trent Booth (Zombie)

Third place - Tony Campbell (Monster)

Ages 8-13:

First place - Victoria Hansell (Death Prom Queen)

Second place - Madison Hahn (Black Cat)

Third place - Tennessee Harper (Red Riding Hood)

Congratulations to all the winners!

Heater Donated To Crozer Schoolhouse

The historic Crozer Schoolhouse #1 (built next to the Caleb Pusey House on Race Street in 1849) and the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House that oversee the site were recently the grateful recipients of a modern space heater that will help reduce winter heating bills for the non-profit organization's Pusey House museum, which is set up in John P. Crozer's first schoolhouse. The money-saving heater was donated to the FCPH by two borough officials who care deeply about historic preservation – Council President Ed Mitchell and his wife, Tax Collector Linda Mitchell.

The natural gas line that feeds the faux fireplace was installed free of charge by Upland Plumbing Inspector Tom Kennedy, adding yet another name to Santa's NICE list.

The FCPH board met in the schoolhouse on Dec. 8 and enjoyed the toasty warm comfort provided by the new space heater, and by all reports, all present were greatly obliged.

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Send In Those Recipes

A new feature in 2013 newsletters will be **Share A Recipe**, which will allow the borough's best chefs to compare notes. Starting in January, we will print one resident's favorite quick & easy recipe each month, 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**.

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

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Share A Recipe

Our first Share A Recipe was submitted by Denise Crawford of Willow Way, who offers a dessert recipe that can feed a crowd. Many thanks to Denise!

Apple Brown Betty

Ingredients: 6 cups of peeled/cored cooking apples cut into eighths; 1 cup bread crumbs; 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon; 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg; 1/8 teaspoon salt; 3/4 cup packed brown sugar; 1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts; 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine

Directions: Coat crock pot with non-stick cooking spray; Place apples in bottom; Mix all other ingredients together and spread over apples; Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours or on high for 2 hours

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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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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.

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Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Borough Council Meetings

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

Upland Baptist Church Grocery Bingo

1-4pm on Saturday Jan. 26; Feb. 23; March 30

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

Doo-Wop Dance Party Fundraiser

7-11pm on Saturday, March 9
on second floor of MacQueen Hall

Dance contests; Live music and CDs
\$25/person admission includes unlimited
beer, wine, mixers, and party foods

St. Patty's Ham & Cabbage Luncheon for Seniors

12 noon on Monday, March 18
on second floor of MacQueen Hall

Free to all Upland residents age 62 or older!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 30

Egg Hunt starts at 9am in Bristol Lord Field;
Complete pancake breakfast served
in MaQueen Hall from 9:30-11am (Adults \$5 / kids eat free!)
Photos with Easter Bunny available

Carnival Fundraiser Returns!

Unavailable last year due to scheduling conflicts,
the popular Carnival will return to Bristol Lord Field
from May 21 - 25 (Tues. - Sat.)

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Holiday Decorating Contest

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

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

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

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Ed Mitchell, of Fourth Street, has been the president of Upland Borough Council since 2008.

MEET YOUR LEADERS

Upcoming newsletters will feature a Q & A section with a different borough official each month. We asked Borough Council President Edward Mitchell:

1. What is unique about Upland Borough?

...Upland's charm comes from its history. We may live in today's technical world, but we are still reminded that it is 5 o'clock by the bell tower at Upland Baptist Church.

2. What led you to public service?

...One only needs to sit in a foxhole in Korea to realize that the safe balance of a productive society lies in the individual's drive to try to make a difference.

3. What are your priorities for the borough's future?

...I'd like to see walking trails and a park around the Carriage House, and the development of the Reese Center into a place that will serve the entire community, while Upland and Widener work together to develop a soccer program for all of our kids.

4. What personal achievement are you most proud of?

...Being the head of a team whose only mission is to provide a more responsive government and better services to all our people

5. What was the most significant event in your lifetime?

...Being lucky enough to have a daughter like Pam – In my house, the student became the teacher!

6. What is your pet peeve?

...People who call themselves animal lovers, then leave their pets behind on moving day

7. What or who makes you laugh?

...My wife, when she tries to repeat a joke

8. What is your all-time favorite movie?

...Donovan's Reef, Patton, South Pacific, Moonstruck

9. What is must-see TV in your home?

...How Do They Do That

10. If you could have a long chat with anyone (past or present), who would you choose?

...President Harry Truman

Smith Joins Pusey House Board

Upland Councilman/Fire Chief Dan Smith was recently welcomed as the newest member of the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House Board of Directors – the non-profit organization that oversees the preservation of six historic buildings on the 13-acre Landingford Plantation on Race Street. Smith and his fellow members of Upland Fire Co. No. 1 have long been loyal and dedicated friends to the Pusey House, especially in flood emergencies, when fire company volunteers have provided a storage trailer and the manpower to help save antique furnishings and historic artifacts from the rising floodwaters of Chester Creek. Smith was formally and unanimously voted in for a three-year term as a FCPH board member at the group's Dec. 8 meeting.

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Council Floats 2013 Grant Projects

Borough Council recently held a public hearing to determine which potential improvement projects should be submitted for consideration for funding through a 2013 Community Development Block Grant. Two projects were submitted to the county, in the hopes that at least one will be funded by the grants, which are awarded by Delaware County Council in April.

The first choice for grant funding is an emergency roadway that would extend 11th Street (at the top of Hill Street) to connect to 24th Street, representing Phase II of the 11th Street extension project.

The second choice is a 4-foot-high wrought iron safety fence that would run along Main Street atop the stone wall between 4th Street and 6th Street.

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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 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 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.

Potential future plans for the Armory include use of the weight room by the Upland Police Department; establishing a variety of after-school programs; and creating a base for Police Athletic League activities.

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Generator Installation & 11th St. Extension Pending

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 the 250-foot-long 11th Street extension (which will connect 11th to Hill Street) has been reviewed and approved by the Delaware County Office of Housing & Community Development. Construction work could start as early as mid-January, if the weather cooperates, said Borough Engineer Charles Catania.

The road extension project was put out to bid in November, with four local companies responding, and a construction contract was awarded to the low-bidder (Premier Concrete, Inc.) at Borough Council's Dec. 11 meeting.

Catania noted that the low bid of \$69,050 was nearly double the \$35,000 that the borough had received in a 2012 Community Development Block Grant to finance the extension. To make fiscal ends meet, Catania advised council to eliminate the underground drainage facilities in the new section of road, while the county provides an additional \$3,850 in grant funding. The elimination of subterranean drainage facilities (including a stormwater inlet, a junction manhole, and piping) is possible if the sloping road bed is redesigned to promote efficient stormwater runoff on the surface.

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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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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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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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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.

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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.

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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 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.

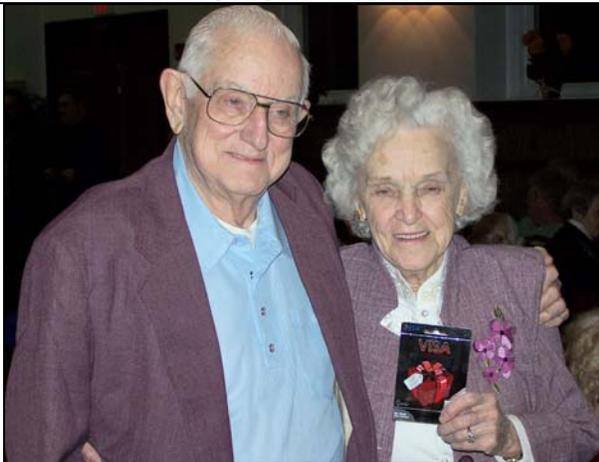
The borough recently purchased a small parcel of land to create an emergency cut-through road that would connect Mulberry Street to Hill Street, to maintain access to Upland Avenue for the western side of the borough in the event of a flood.

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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(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 at the Nov. 10 Thanksgiving Dinner for Upland Seniors.



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.

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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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.

The Upland Police Department plans to purchase its own motorcycle unit in 2013, so it won't be long until you see Officer Meyer in action on Upland streets.

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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.

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

The main building and all apartment units were slated for inspection by all three borough inspectors (building, plumbing, electrical) on Dec. 21, and a follow-up meeting between the parties will be held in January.

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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.

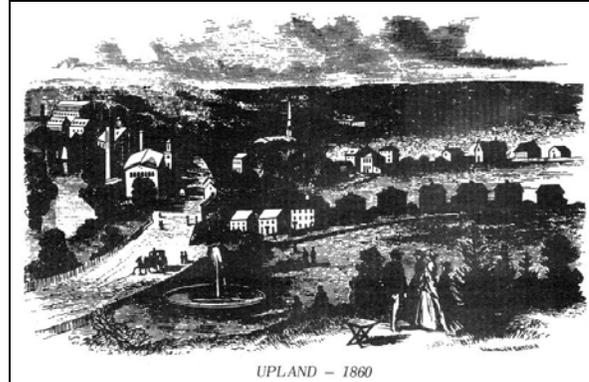
The Squad 57 measures 30 feet long (bumper to bumper), just over 8 feet wide, and 11 feet high. The truck carries a 500-gallon water tank; features its own cascade system for refilling air tanks; and transports a driver and five firemen wearing air bottles, plus two passengers on drop seats.

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Permits Require Registration

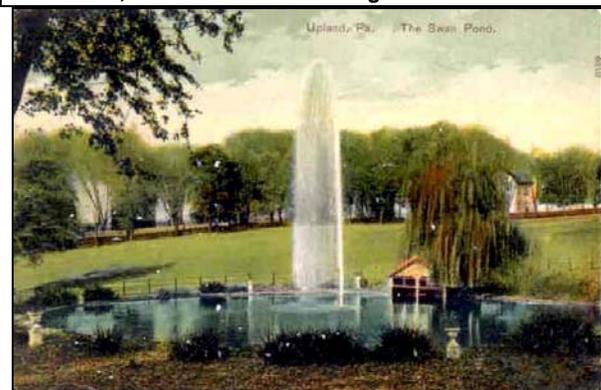
All persons or parties applying for any type of permit from Upland Borough must now fill out an affidavit form and submit same to the borough office.

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.



These two images of the Swan Pond are 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 100th anniversary.

The approximate location of the pond today would be behind the former furniture store at the intersection of Upland Avenue and Kerlin Street. In the artist's sketch below, the tree line in the background is Hill Street.



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
