



The Uplander



The Caleb Pusey House

MacQueen Hall

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Upland Observes Memorial Day



Upland Borough's annual Memorial Day celebration kicked off on May 27 with a parade that featured three Mummer-style bands from Philadelphia, including these colorful marching musicians from the Greater Overbrook Stringband.



The ladies of Upland Fire Company No. 1 were brave enough to take a ride on the Hurricane at this year's carnival, held at Bristol Lord Field from May 21-25.



Four-year-old Mya DeLacy attended the Memorial Day service at the Upland headquarters of Marine Corps League Detachment 288, where a decommissioned 105mm. howitzer was officially dedicated as a gateway piece.



On May 14, acting on behalf of Upland Borough, Councilman Harold R. Peden (far left) accepted the donation of two Upland grammar school Eighth Grade Diplomas from the 1920s. The donors include (right to left) Karen Dauber, Emily Hall, and her son, John Hall, all of whom have roots in Upland. The diplomas belonged to John's great grandfather, John C. Hall, and great granduncle, William J. Hall.



This crew of volunteers served up plenty of free food during the annual Family Picnic in Bristol Lord Field. The popular event has been co-sponsored by Upland Baptist and Resurrection Life Churches for the past 10 years.



Upland Police Chief John Easton (far left) recently handed out commendations for bravery to these three Delco police officers. Find their story on page 2.

Weather Postpones Welcome Day; Pusey House Tours Still Available

The elaborate Welcome Day celebration that was planned for Landingford Plantation on Race Street on May 11 was not actually rained out, but the ominous stormy forecast convinced the organizers to postpone the event and regroup for another day. Exactly when that day will come is currently under review, but **Saturday, Oct. 26** is looking like a good bet as a **reschedule date for Welcome Day 2013**.

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House are looking forward to offering their visitors and supporters the same collection of colonial crafters and re-enactors, free antique appraisals, guided tours, and delicious food fare that was originally planned for May 11. An update will be in the July edition of *the Uplander*.

Meanwhile, free guided tours are always available at the historic Pusey House (built in 1683 – the oldest English cottage still standing in America). Tour guides are generally on site every weekend afternoon from May thru October, but it is a good idea to call **610-874-5665** prior to your visit.

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Cross-County Car Chase Leads To Dramatic Arrest

On June 29, 2012, shortly after 10pm, Upland police officers on patrol came across a suspicious vehicle that checked out to have stolen tags. Before the stolen vehicle could be pulled over, the driver hit the gas and sped off, initiating a high-speed pursuit that would ultimately span the breadth of Delaware County and involve officers from 11 different Delco police departments.

The fleeing driver finally lost control of his vehicle and crashed along Cobbs Creek, then tried to flee on foot. After jumping into the creek, the perp didn't get far, as he was wrestled into submission midstream by Upland Deputy Chief Nelson Ocasio, Chester Township Patrolman Leonardo Ibarra, and Ridley Park Patrolman Joshua Powley.

The three officers who took a swim to make the arrest were honored for their determination in the pursuit of justice at Upland Borough Council's May 14 meeting, with each officer receiving a Gallantry Star and commendation from Upland Police Chief John Easton.

After congratulating the brave officers, Easton noted that the arrested driver is still in jail.

"Thanks, guys. We appreciate all the help," added Upland Council President Ed Mitchell.

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New Grocery Store Coming To Chester

This summer will see the opening of a new grocery store in Chester. The Fare & Square market will be located at 9th and Trainer Streets.

The new store will accept SNAP, and will be open 12 hours a day; 7 days a week.

The market hopes to create 40-50 new jobs, and will hire from the community, whenever possible.

For more information, visit the store's website at www.fareandsquare.org.

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C-USD Pays Visit To Upland Council

Borough Council's May 14 caucus session featured a special meeting with Chester-Upland School District reps, as the two entities sought common ground to advance the agenda of change that the CUSD is now undergoing.

The dialogue began with comments from Joe Watson, who was formerly the district's chief recovery officer, until he was appointed by the state to serve as a receiver to pull the financially-strapped district out of a crisis that has led to \$90 million in accumulated debt. Watson described himself as "an enabler," who has been given until December 2015 to turn the district around or face "the end of the public district as we know it."

Watson listed a number of areas where the district has moved forward, including the creation of a CFO, a new special education coordinator, new curriculums, and the 5-year contract recently given to permanent District Superintendent Gregory Shannon.

To lend support to Watson's claims of significant progress, Special-Ed Coordinator Andria Saia, Acting Deputy Superintendent Tony Watson, and Main Street Elementary School Principal Nancy Perez were also on hand.

Watson said that the current administration is "planting seeds for complete cultural change," while Perez called her one-year tenure at Main Street "the most rewarding experience of my career."

But while all the district personnel were upbeat, their audience was decidedly less enthusiastic about recent changes.

Council President Ed Mitchell, who served 16 years on the CUSD school board, fired the first volley, noting that Upland Borough currently has no representative on the school board, and pointing out that the CUSD has now had 16 different superintendents since 1994.

Mitchell asked how plans to add another \$15 million in bond debt will alleviate the fiscal crisis created by nearly two decades of state control of the CUSD. Mitchell reminded the district reps that the original charter that created the CUSD in 1979 allows for the dissolution of the district, if the student population falls below 4,000.

"It may actually be too late," Mitchell said of saving the troubled CUSD. "In 1994, we had 12,500 kids to educate and a budget of \$47 million, and today you have a \$100 million budget for 2,500 kids, so the math is just not there. I just don't have a warm, fuzzy feeling as to where we're going."

"Our kids are (educationally) deprived. We are really in bad shape!" Mitchell added emphatically.

Council VP Christine Peterson chastised the district for its planned policy to integrate all pre-school classes into the high school, which was scrapped under public pressure, and the current arrangement that has Upland students walking west on Sixth Street to attend Toby Farms Elementary, while Toby Farms children are walking east along the same busy highway to attend classes at Main Street.

"It's an accident waiting to happen," said Peterson. District reps refuted recent reports of an incident involving an alleged lack of action from the high school principal in the wake of a student being attacked on campus, claiming that the incident was not reported accurately by the press and the principal "did call the police and did not fail the community."

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Upland Baptist Food Bank Needs Helpers

The Upland Baptist Church Food Bank is in need of volunteers **from 8-10am on Tuesday mornings** to unpack deliveries and pack food bags. If you can help the food bank continue to help others, call the church office at **610-874-7474** or just stop in. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

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MacQueen Hall Makeover Completed

With the delivery of new chairs and the installation of new carpeting on the second floor and new lighting in the hallway of MacQueen Hall this spring, a three-year makeover of the stately building is now complete.

Built by John P. Crozer to be the social hub of the borough, the former Civic Association Building has been completely overhauled to celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

Beyond the outdoor addition of a separate police headquarters in 2010 and an emergency generator earlier this year, the interior renovations include colorful wall murals, a gas fireplace, new council chairs and desk, and an audio system in the downstairs public meeting room, while the spacious second floor has benefited from new paneling and the installation of a wet bar.

The combination of improvements have generated "a lot, and I mean a lot" of requests to rent out MacQueen Hall for private functions, according to Building & Grounds Committee Chairwoman Sandra Miazza. For information on rental rates and available dates, call the borough office at **610-874-7317**.

Miazza also thanked Borough Plumbing Inspector Tom Kennedy for fixing the ice machine that had been moved from MacQueen Hall to the Bristol Lord Field pavilion, where the ice-maker was heavily used and greatly appreciated on Memorial Day.

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Auburn Village Phase III Upgrades Near Completion

Coinciding with the effort to renovate MacQueen Hall has been a three-year program to overhaul the borough-owned Auburn Village apartment complex. Phase III of those improvements will be completed this summer, with the installation of another 25 rear and screen doors and the replacement of damaged sidewalk sections and patios, according to Auburn Village Committee Chairwoman Christine Peterson. Borough Engineer Charles Catania recently told Council that the contract for concrete work at Auburn Village was going out to bid in May and should be awarded in June.

Lack of Grass Cutting Can Lead To Citations & Liens

According to Code Enforcement Officer Leland Hunter, 25 citations had been issued this year for lack of grass cutting as of May 14, and another 10 were immediately pending. **All property owners are responsible for keeping the grass under a maximum height of 6 inches.**

In one extreme case in the 1200 block of Mulberry Street, an absentee landlord has neglected the property and the grass has grown unchecked all year long. As the borough had done last year at the request of neighbors, the neglected property will be mowed by a Public Works Department crew, and the owner will have another lien placed on the property in the amount of the services provided, plus associated administrative costs.

Residents are reminded: 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.

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Upland Senior Citizens Club

Flea Market & Bake Sale

11am - 3pm Saturday, June 8
at MacQueen Hall

Food and drinks available; Rent flea market tables for \$15
This fundraiser will allow Upland seniors to defray the cost of group activities and field trips.

For more information, call Lee Hunter at 610-874-7317

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Wristbands for residents who will be attending the July 4th Family Picnic will be distributed at the Flea Market/Bake Sale on Saturday, June 8.

***** Proof of residency is required. *****

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Fourth of July Family Picnic

11am - 2pm on Thursday, July 4
at Bristol Lord Field

This annual event is free to all Upland residents, who must wear wristbands for unlimited access.

Come out and enjoy the plentiful food and fun, children's games/amusements, music, & pony rides.

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Wilmington Blue Rocks Game for Upland Youth

Friday, Aug. 9

Transportation provided; Must register in advance



Ellie Koontz of Main Street and her friend and passenger Nora Gilbert of Church Street were in Harley Heaven on the motorbike ride at the carnival in May.

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Part-Time Officers Sworn In

Two part-time police officers – Officers John Bogan and Diana Pullman – were sworn in by Mayor Michael Ciach as the newest members of the Upland PD on May 14.

Bogan, 24, is from Malvern. His mother, Margaret, held the Bible while her son took the service oath.

Bogan graduated from Bishop Shanahan High School in 2007 and from the Montgomery County Police Academy in August 2012.

His Upland posting is Bogan’s first law enforcement position.

Pullman, 21, is a Drexel Hill resident. Her father, Steve, held the Bible while she was sworn in.

Pullman graduated from Unionville High School in 2010 and from the Delaware County Police Academy in June 2012, and is currently pursuing a criminal justice degree at Delaware County Community College.

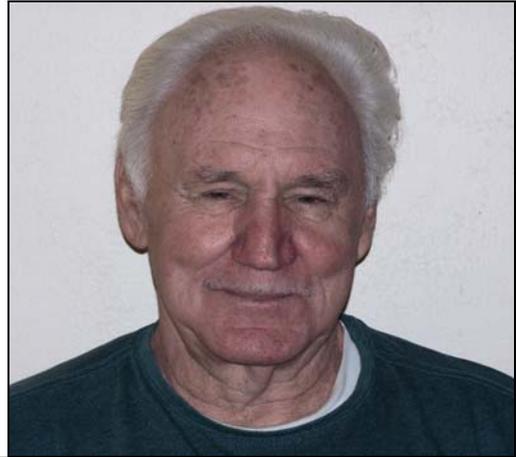
Pullman is also employed as a warrant officer with the Delaware County Sheriff’s Department.

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Police Bike Patrols Resume

The Upland Police Department re-started its summer bicycle-mounted patrol program after Memorial Day, and will continue to send out bike patrols on a regular schedule while the weather is warm.

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Borough Building Inspector Joseph ‘Parker’ Ferguson has held his post since 1990. He is a master carpenter and contributed greatly to the recent makeover of MacQueen Hall.

MEET YOUR LEADERS

We asked Building Inspector ‘Parker’ Ferguson:

1. What is unique about Upland Borough?

...I know the town has changed some, but when you look at some of our fine old buildings, it still has that proud historic feeling about it.

2. What led you to public service?

...I love this town, and when given the opportunity to serve the people of the borough, I couldn’t resist.

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

...For our code department to keep Upland homes as safe as we can, and helping council in any way I can with their plans for the borough’s future.

4. What personal achievement are you most proud of?

...Passing the commercial certification test and being Upland’s building inspector for 23 years.

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

...Marrying my wife Carol and having four of the nicest children that any parents would be proud of.

6. What is your pet peeve?

...People complaining about what borough officials do – it’s either too much or not enough.

7. What or who makes you laugh?

...My granddaughter Caroline, especially the Justin outfits she picks out and her dance routines.

8. What is your all-time favorite movie?

...The Other Side of the Mountain and Driving Miss Daisy

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

...Encore channel westerns

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

...My Dad. He was a quiet, hard-working man, and we never really talked much, but I believe we would have a lot to say to each other now.

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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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To share photos or information, send to mcrowford@uplandboro.org

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Access To 11th St. Extension Cannot Be Restricted

A Mulberry Street resident, who had previously come before Borough Council to protest construction of the 11th Street Extension, came back to the May 14 meeting with the offer of a fair compromise. If you must build the extension (to link Mulberry Street to Hill Street) to create another emergency access to Crozer-Chester Medical Center, then restrict the new roadway to emergency use only, the concerned citizen suggested.

Unfortunately for like-minded neighbors, who may not like the new road now, the \$38,000 public improvement project was funded by a county grant, which means that the borough cannot place restrictions on the public thoroughfare.

Council President Ed Mitchell appreciated the resident's effort to limit traffic in his neighborhood, but noted that the 250-foot-long extension now under construction is just Phase 1 of the 11th Extension Project. Phase 2 will be construction of another section of roadway that will connect Hill Street to West 24th Street.

"You'll be surprised how many of your neighbors will use the extension as a convenient shortcut to the shopping center," one Council member predicted.

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

Road Paving Done Before Summer

At Borough Council's April 9 meeting, the paving contract for the 2013 road program was awarded to low-bidder A. F. Damon, Inc. of Upland, whose bid of \$60,860 beat out two other competitors.

The Upland streets that will receive a fresh coat of asphalt this year include:

9th Street, from Church St. to Woodside Ave.

10th Street, from Main St. to Woodside Ave.

Deepwater Lane, 3613 Deepwater to Patton Ave.

3rd Street (Auburn Village), Main St. to Griffith St.

Church Street, from 1204 Church to Chelton Rd.

According to Borough Engineer Charles Catania, the designated roadwork will most likely be completed in June.

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New Ordinances Being Researched

According to Ordinances & Resolutions Committee Chairman Harold R. Peden, research is currently being conducted to craft new ordinances for Upland Borough that would address the dangerous proliferation of abandoned satellite dish antennae on residential rooftops, and concerns regarding the illegal practice of picking and scrapping curbside trash and recyclables.

As of May 14, Peden reported "progress" on his quest to create the new laws. No timetable was set.

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Upland PD Adds Army Vet

On April 9, Patrolman Joseph Augustine was sworn in by Mayor Michael Ciach as a part-time officer in the Upland Police Department. Augustine's girlfriend, Vanessa Habisch, held the Bible during the swearing ceremony.

Augustine, age 25, is a 2006 graduate of Chichester High School and graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy last year.

Officer Augustine has been employed part-time with the Trainer Police Department since 2012, after serving six years as an infantryman in the U.S. Army.

After completing tours of both Iraq and Afghanistan, Augustine was honorably discharged from the Army at the rank of sergeant. He joins Deputy Chief Nelson Ocasio as members of the Upland force with military leadership experience.

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Upland Slates Electronic Recycling Days

In keeping with recent changes to recycling laws, which ban electronic items from regular recycling collections, Upland Borough will hold two more special **Electronic Recycling Days** on **Saturdays, July 27, and Oct. 26**. On these dates, a small collections trailer will be parked in the MacQueen Hall lot from **9am to 1pm**, when residents can drop off any electronic recyclables.

Electronic recyclables include electric toys and games, computers, laptops, monitors, keyboards, printers, copiers, fax machines, projectors, phonographs, TVs, radios, electric typewriters, VCR/DVD players, video cameras, answering machines, cassette players/recorders, CDs and DVDs, all types of telephones, and calculators.

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Heavy Trash Not For Electronics

Collections of bulk trash items are made on the last Wednesday of the month, which is **June 26**. 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 Rose Tree Park on **Sept. 12** (Thurs.); and Upper Chichester Municipal Building on **Oct. 19** (Sat.).

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Council Amends Parking Restriction

At its April 9 meeting, Borough Council adopted new language for parking regulations found in the Vehicles and Traffic section of the borough code.

The amended ordinance prohibits parking of improperly documented vehicles at all times.

The re-worded ordinance reads: "No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts thereof, where said vehicle is not displaying a current state inspection certificate, if required, and/or registration tag, or without a clearly discernible vehicle identification number (VIN)."

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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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Third Man Added To Public Works

At its April 9 session, Council authorized the hiring of a third full-time employee for the Public Works Department, as was planned in the 2013 budget. Upland resident Peter Hartshorn was unanimously approved, and will earn \$14 per hour to start, then be bumped up to \$15 per hour, once he passes his Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) test.

Council also voted to name Patrick White as the supervisor of the three-man Highway Department.

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Upland Submits Official Protest To State Legislators

Upland Borough Council recently sent a loud and clear message to Harrisburg regarding the need to amend the Prevailing Wage Law, in the hopes that additional support for reform will tip the balance.

Current state law requires the prevailing wage to be paid on all borough, municipal, or school capital projects over a total cost of \$25,000. But the threshold was established in 1961, and would be an estimated \$185,000 in today's dollars.

In the end, the discrepancy means that public entities cannot afford to launch as many public improvement projects as they could otherwise.

Last year, PA House Bill 1329 sought to raise the prevailing wage threshold and reached the third level of consideration, but ultimately died on the floor, falling short of a formal vote by a slim margin.

Upland Borough Council's unanimous support of legislation like Bill 1329 was made clear in a letter that was sent "to every mailbox in Harrisburg," as one Council member put it.



The above photo of the demolition of the vacated residence at 1100 Main Street represents the end of a chapter...



...While this computer image of the charter school that will be built on this site represents the start of a new chapter in the life of the corner of 11th & Main.

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On March 15, demolition equipment brought down the vacant two-story residence that once stood on the northwest corner of 11th and Main Streets.

A Community Charter School will be built on the site and will be ready to offer classes in September.

Tearing down the house on the corner lot was described as "the death of a house and the birth of a school" by Borough Council President Ed Mitchell.

"Today marks the beginning of the first new educational facility being built in Upland since 1953...For the first time in 60 years, the children of Upland will have a choice as to what public school they can attend. This is a great day," said Mitchell.

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As of late May, construction of the new Community Charter School was in full swing.



Upland Weighs Proposal For Citizens Police Academy

Retired Brookhaven Police Chief John Eller came before Borough Council at its April 9 caucus session to suggest that Upland might want to start a Citizens Police Academy like Brookhaven has offered since 1997. Eller noted that the PA State Police are actively involved in setting up such programs, and there are state grants available for seed money.

According to Eller, Brookhaven's Citizen Police Academy program has held a total of 18 classes and graduated a total of 445 residents, who have ranged in age from 13 (with parental guidance) to senior citizens. Graduates have often gone on to get involved in local Town Watch programs, he said.

While the Brookhaven program has offered instruction on such topics as CPR/first aid, K-9 police work, firearms safety, bomb disposal, arson and crime scene investigation, and crisis negotiation, Eller noted that a comparable program in Upland could be custom tailored.

"We are committed to doing educational programs, and this could be just one more offering to the community," said Council President Ed Mitchell.

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Borough Gets Keys To Reese Center

Upland Borough's quest to own the 5-acre US Army Reserve Armory on W 24th Street unofficially came to closure on Jan. 17, when borough officials were handed the buildings' keys and security codes.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be slated when all paperwork is completed in the coming weeks. The property deed was recently transferred from the Department of Defense to the National Parks Service, and will soon be transferred to the borough. In the interim, the borough can start the planning process for some of the specific uses that the three Armory buildings will see in the future. Many tables, chairs, and filing cabinets have been left behind for borough use, so the rearranging of furniture will be one item on the site renovation checklist.

Last fall, 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 wanted to secure the James W. Reese Center since the site was placed on the DoD's Base Realignment and Closure list in 2005. 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 three structures - a two-story administration building, a two-bay vehicle maintenance shop, and a storage building.

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.

"This is a big day, and something our administration has been planning for years," Council President Ed Mitchell said of obtaining the Reese Center keys. "We haven't placed any burden on the taxpayers, and the money has already been appropriated to secure the future of the children and provide athletic programs for the community."

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While a formal deed transfer is still pending, the borough's Reese Center Transition Team gained "access and control" of the Armory on Jan. 17. Pictured (l to r) in front of the conference room fireplace: Facilities Operations Specialist Rick Etherington, BRAC Regional Coordinator Ray Palma, Borough Manager Shirley Purcival, Council Vice President Christine Peterson, Council President Ed Mitchell, Borough Engineer Charles Catania, and Councilman Ray Peden.

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Reese Center Upgrades Approved; Borough Gets Draft Deed Transfer

The laundry list of improvements to the James W. Reese Center on W. 24th Street continued to grow at Borough Council's April 9 meeting, where the expenditure of \$53,540 was approved. The total spent represents three separate upgrades that relate to plumbing, electrical, and security issues.

To pay for the upgrades, Council authorized a transfer of funds from the Parking Revenue Account into the general fund account. Revenue generated by the commercial parking tax that the borough enacted in 2010 has been earmarked to finance improvements to the Armory complex.

"It is not costing the taxpayers of Upland a dime to make these renovations to the Reese Center," Council President Ed Mitchell reminded residents.

The borough received the keys to the Reese Center and took unofficial ownership of the Armory on Jan. 17, but an official deed transfer is still pending.

A preliminary draft of a Quitclaim Deed was recently received by the borough, meaning that an official transfer of ownership should be just weeks away.

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Flood Safety Awareness Could Save Your Life and/or Property

Every year in the United States, flooding claims nearly 100 lives and causes an average of \$8 billion worth of property damage. To highlight these frightening facts, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are offering valuable flood safety tips online at www.ready.gov/floods, while information on how to obtain a flood insurance policy can be found at www.floodsmart.gov.

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Members of Marine Corps League Detachment 288 gather around the Vietnam-era howitzer that was recently installed at their Sixth Street headquarters as a 'gateway piece.'

Donations Help Marines Complete Quest

The veteran members of Marine Corps League Delco Detachment 288 had waited seven years for a gateway piece for the front yard of their Sixth Street headquarters, and their patience was finally rewarded in late-March, when a 105-mm. howitzer cannon was delivered and installed, all with a little help from their friends.

The barrel of the cannon is now filled with cement, but the weapon dates back to the early 70's and may have been used in Vietnam.

The howitzer came to Upland from a US Army surplus center in Anniston, Alabama. The gun was hauled to Lester, PA, then delivered to Upland by Tom Quinn of Triangle Trucking for free. The trailered gun is parked on a concrete pad that was formed and finished by George Gray at no charge to the Marine vets, using donated materials from Advanced Concrete.

Even with all the donated services, it still cost the veterans organization \$2,100 to put the olive-green cannon in place.

"A lot of our guys were with the artillery, so we wanted an artillery piece here," noted Post Commander Mark Slaymaker. "And thanks to (Detachment 288 member) Mike Avellino, who tirelessly kept up the pressure on the people in charge of this, it finally happened, which was a great thing. This project had actually been passed down through three different commanders, starting with Dick Mansfield, then Joe Clark, then me."



Patrolman Nicholas Mariani (second from right) was recently congratulated by Mayor Michael Ciach, Police Chief John Easton, and Deputy Chief Nelson Ocasio upon Mariani's completion of county training to become the Upland PD's newest Field Training Officer.

SMILE, You're On Wrong-Way Camera!

An Auburn Village resident recently came before Borough Council seeking to curb the dangerous practice of driving the wrong way on Willow Way. Despite the one-way road being clearly marked by signage, some drivers insist on ignoring the Do Not Enter sign at the street's eastern end.

For Upland police officers to take action against such drivers, they need to either witness the offense themselves or be provided with photographic proof. Council President Ed Mitchell suggested that, in an age when cell phones are now capable of taking photos and videos, the simplest enforcement solution would be for concerned citizens to take a snapshot of an offending vehicle's license plate and send it to the Upland PD.

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New Fire Engine Delivered

The bright red 30-foot-long Squad 57 that was built in Wisconsin exclusively for the Upland Fire Co. was delivered to its new home on April 4. The pumper truck with rescue body is completely assembled, but now needs to have all its tools mounted and ancillary equipment installed.

According to Fire Chief Dan Smith, the fully-outfitted vehicle should be in service around Memorial Day.

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.

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.



On March 12, Borough Engineer Charles J. Catania, Sr. (center) was feted by Borough Council in appreciation of his 50 years of dedicated service to Upland Borough.
