



# The Uplander



The Caleb Pusey House

MacQueen Hall

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## Families Flock To July 4<sup>th</sup> Funfest



The Fourth of July Family Picnic provided an opportunity for Upland kids, including Emma Wallace of Clearwater Lane (above) and cousins Jordana Long of Fern Lane and Alexandria Hartman of Church Street (below), to show off just how cute they are.



While other residents enjoyed some quality time between grandparents and grandchildren...



...some of the refreshing food that was available for free...



...and, of course, the many cool and fun activities that were offered at the family-oriented event on this hot summer day.

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## **Resurrection Life Church Celebrates Milestone Anniversary**

On June 23, the congregation of Resurrection Life Church celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of moving to its current location on the corner of Eighth and Church Streets in Upland.

Founded by Pastor Bryan McGrouty and his wife, Patty, services at Resurrection Life Church were first held at the Christian Academy in Middletown, then moved to the Praise Center in Eddystone. Then in July 2003, in the wake of the closure of the Upland Methodist Church, the RLC flock bought the historic corner site to establish its permanent home. The RLC sanctuary dates back to 1873, when the original pulpit faced Eighth Street. A parsonage was added in 1882, and a major renovation in 1926 saw the addition of a bell tower and Sunday School rooms, while the sanctuary interior was turned 180 degrees to today's westward-facing orientation. The interior renovations completed over the last decade are many, including new floor tiles and carpets, improved lighting and audio systems, and a fresh coat of paint, all of which serve to brighten the sanctuary. A new roof for the building is the next project pending on the to-do list.

The Church Street Thrift Shop opened at the church in 2007, and continues to operate today.

Most RLC Sunday services, which start at 10:30am, draw 50-60 worshipers, but the special anniversary celebration packed the house with an estimated 117 supporters, guests and members, past and present. The celebratory service included guest speaker Apostle Thurlow Switzer, who called the RLC congregation "a spiritual city of God, set upon a hill," while a dozen member testimonials used words like "home," "friendship," and "compassion" to describe their RLC experience.

Praise music was provided by three guitars, an organ (played by Patty McGrouty), and drums, while the worshipers shared several tambourines and maracas to help set the beat.

A card was given to the McGroutys from the entire congregation, expressing their gratitude for the couple's dedicated leadership in the name of God.

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### **Delco Court Rules: Receiver Can Raise Taxes**

Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Judge Chad Kenney recently ruled that Chester-Upland School District Receiver Joseph Watkins has the power to levy a tax increase, in accordance with the financially-strapped district's recovery plan, even though the Republican majority on the elected school board had voted down Watkins' proposed 2.7% tax hike.

Under Act 1, a 2.7% property tax hike is the maximum that can be levied, without a voter referendum. In Upland and Chester Township, the increase will mean an additional \$6.60 in school tax for every \$10,000 of assessed property value.

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## **Church Food Bank Offers Help**

The Upland Baptist Church Food Bank has been helping low-income borough families meet their grocery needs for the past 45 years.

Dry goods, canned foods, and bakery items come to the UBCFB through individual contributions, corporate donations (such as Giant in Brookhaven), and purchases from Philabundance. Basic staples such as cereal, tuna, pasta, soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, and any type of quick-meals are always in need.

Any Upland residents can be UBCFB recipients, with proof of residency and an annual income that is less than \$17,235 for a single person. Add \$6,030 for each additional person in a household to determine the applicable yearly income limit.

Bags of groceries can be picked up by a registered recipient every Wednesday, from 9-10am, in the church basement, while deliveries are made to senior citizens and handicapped persons.

About 35 grocery bags are loaded with food stuffs every Tuesday morning by a group of volunteers, with the bag count jumping close to 60 when deliveries are made to seniors every other week.

If your family is struggling to make ends meet and could benefit from the generosity of others, please contact Louise Sauk at **610-876-1857** or call the church office at **610-874-7474**.

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### **Residents Must Help To Stop Trash Pickers**

The practice of picking through curbside trash and recycling containers to remove items of value is illegal in Upland. Prohibited in the borough code, curbside picking can lead to citations of up to \$600 for regular trash items and a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$1,000 for recyclable items.

Pickers often leave a mess after rooting through piles of trash, and when pickers remove recyclables from the trash stream, they are stealing from borough taxpayers, who are credited for the tonnage of recycling collections. The more recycling collected, the lesser the borough's trash bill.

In an effort to bring this messy and fiscally-draining practice of trash picking to an end, Borough Council is asking residents to be vigilant on trash days (every Monday and Thursday) and recycling days (first and third Fridays of each month). Since pickers generally work in the early morning hours and move through the town fairly quickly, catching them in the act is often difficult for the police officers on duty. But that is where residents can help.

Any resident who observes a trash-picker in action is urged to call 911 immediately to give a description of the offenders and their vehicle. A call to the borough office (**610-874-7317**) is also requested, as even small tidbits of information will eventually add up and give police enough data to identify the culprits. Taking a cellphone photo of illegal pickers would also be useful for police analysis.

"Our ordinance is only as good as our enforcement, and it is difficult to enforce without the help of the public," noted Councilman Harold R. Peden.

## Great Scott!

### Fireman Hailed As Hero

On the afternoon of July 9, married Upland firefighters Doug and Marsha Scott were returning home from a fire call when they heard a commotion at the doorway of an elderly Auburn Village resident, as a young man forced his way inside the apartment and slammed the door behind him.

Doug Scott then did what all emergency responders are trained to do – He got involved. Able to hear that the intruder was assaulting the woman, Scott began kicking down the locked front door, causing the young assailant to flee out the back door.

Police are still searching for the light-skinned black male, who had stated his intent to rape the victim. Meanwhile, a grateful community gives a sincere thank you to dedicated volunteer Firefighters Doug and Marsha Scott, who may well have saved a neighbor's life.

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### Welcome Day Rescheduled; Pusey House Tours Available

The elaborate Welcome Day celebration that was originally planned for Landingford Plantation on Race Street on May 11 has been rescheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 26, 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** (including roasted corn-on-the-cob and hot dogs with sauerkraut or chili) that was originally planned for May.

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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### New Twist On Proverbs

A first-grade teacher asked her students to complete some familiar proverbs and got some interesting new endings to old saws:

***No news is...impossible.***

***A miss is as good as a...Mr.***

***An idle mind is...the best way to relax.***

***A bird in the hand is...going to poop on you.***

\*\*\*Look for more modern-day proverbs in upcoming editions of *the Uplander*.

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### Borough Begins 2014 Budget Prep

At the July 2 Council session, Councilwoman and Finance Committee Chair Moira Crawford advised her fellow Council members that their wishlists for expenditures during the 2014 fiscal year were due for submission by Aug. 15.

A preliminary 2014 budget will be approved in November, and then finalized in December, but budgetary meetings and discussions will begin in earnest in September.

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## Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

### Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session  
**Tuesday, Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Oct. 8**  
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall  
(note special summer schedule date)

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### Wilmington Blue Rocks Game for Upland Youth

**Friday, Aug. 9**

**Transportation provided – Bus leaves at 5pm;**  
**Must register in advance**

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### Free Neighborhood Block Party

**Saturday, Aug. 10 (rain date: Aug. 17)**

**from 2 to 6pm on Church St., between 8<sup>th</sup> & Castle**

Resurrection Life Church celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary –  
Come out and enjoy children's games, prizes, food & music

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### Summer Vacation Bible School

**Mon. thru Thurs., Aug. 12-15 & Aug. 19-22**

**10:30 to 11:30am at Upland Baptist Church**  
(Open to grades pre-K to 6th)

All children are invited to stay for lunch after the program,  
which includes a Bible lesson with songs, crafts, or games

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### Annual Labor Day Fireworks

**Sunday, Sept. 1**

**Show starts at dusk at Bristol Lord Field;**  
**Refreshments available at pavilion**

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### Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**Saturday, Sept. 28**

**4 to 7pm ... TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE**

**Spaghetti & meatballs dinner includes salad bar,  
garlic bread, desserts, and beverages**

**Tickets (Adult-\$8, Senior-\$6, Children under 10-\$4)  
will be sold at the borough office and at the door**

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### Landingford Plantation Clean-up Day

**Saturday, Oct. 5**

**All volunteers are welcome to join this semi-annual  
effort to spruce up the grounds of the historic  
Caleb Pusey House on Race Street.**

**Bring work gloves; Tools will be provided**

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### Annual Youth Halloween Party

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

**4 to 6pm at MacQueen Hall**

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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 lots of photo galleries of recent community events.

*To share photos or information, send email to*

**[mccrawford@uplandboro.org](mailto:mccrawford@uplandboro.org)**



The free breakfast that was prepared and served up to Upland senior citizens by Community Affairs Committee volunteers on June 24 drew an appreciative crowd to MacQueen Hall.



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### Upland Baptist Offers Free Lunch For Kids

Contrary to popular opinion, there is indeed such a thing as a free lunch, and all youth (18 and under) can take advantage of this limited-time offer. The Upland Baptist Church (325 Main Street) is offering a free lunch to all children from **11:30am to 12:15pm, Monday through Thursday, until Aug. 22.**

If your family is planning to stop by, please call the church office at **610-874-7474**, so that the organizers can have enough food prepared.



Another week's worth of groceries and baked goods is all bagged up and ready for distribution. The dozen volunteers who keep the Upland Baptist Church Food Bank running includes (left to right) Pastor Brenda Shaw, Bobbi Jean Simcox, Louise Sauk, and Madeline Hahn. (See related story on page 2)

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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)



Deputy Police Chief Nelson Ocasio joined the Upland force as a part-timer in August 2010; was promoted to full-time status in 2011; and became the department's first deputy chief in January 2013. He served a year in Iraq with the U.S. Army, and is currently a sergeant in the Army Reserve.

## MEET YOUR LEADERS

We asked Deputy Police Chief Nelson Ocasio:

### 1. What is unique about Upland Borough?

...Upland is such a diverse group of people, which makes it a great place to work. These citizens are very proud of their town.

### 2. What led you to public service?

...When I was deployed to Iraq, I loved helping the Iraqi people that had been through so much. I wanted to do the same for the people of the U.S. and my community.

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

...For our police department to continue creating a safe environment for our citizens and assisting with the launching of the borough's first Police Athletic League

### 4. What personal achievement are you most proud of?

...Being sworn in as a full-time Upland Borough patrolman

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

...1:23pm on July 27, 2012 – the birth of my son, Carter Ryan

### 6. What is your pet peeve?

...People who have a 'can't do attitude.' I personally believe that anything is attainable with a little hard work.

### 7. What or who makes you laugh?

...The funny faces that Carter makes

### 8. What is your all-time favorite movie?

...We Were Soldiers

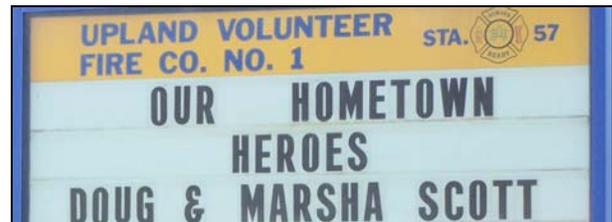
### 9. What is must-see TV in your home?

...Family Guy and American Dad

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

...Ronald Reagan – When I watch his old speeches, I feel inspired. He led our country proudly in such a difficult time.

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The marquee outside the firehouse says it all about the two Upland firefighters who recently came to a neighbor's aid. (Find story on page 3)

**Public Works Employee  
Passes CDL Test, Gets Raise**

Upland resident Peter Hartshorn, who was hired in April as the third full-time member of the borough's Public Works Department, recently passed his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) test.

Now that Hartshorn can legally drive the borough's trash truck, he will receive an additional \$1 per hour in wages, bringing him up to \$15 per hour, as provided in his hiring agreement.

"Please let him know that we're very happy for him, and very satisfied with his work so far," Council President Ed Mitchell told Council VP and Streets & Equipment Committee Chair Christine Peterson.

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**First Section Of Fence Pending**

The first 554 linear feet of wrought iron fence (representing about a quarter of the total scope of the project) will soon be installed atop the stone wall along Main Street in Auburn Village. The work will be done by Ellis Construction at a cost of \$8,750, after a change order was tacked on to the contract for Auburn Village concrete repairs.

The durable fence will be roughly 4-feet-high, and will help keep pedestrian traffic off the grass and on the sidewalks.

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**Reese Center Upgrades Approved**

At its July 2 meeting, Borough Council approved the expenditure of a total of \$16,379 from the Parking Tax Fund to finance more improvements to the recently-acquired Reese Center complex.

Of the total appropriated, \$9,104 will pay Caramanico & Sons for the installation of a new retaining wall and the planting of perennials and flowering shrubs; \$5,175 was earmarked for Delaware Valley Overhead Doors to install five safety edges on bay doors, along with new photo-eye operators; and \$2,100 will pay Aungst Electrical Co. for the installation of two piped receptacles, four LED sign lights, and an override switch for daytime usage.

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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](http://www.ready.gov/floods), while information on how to obtain a flood insurance policy can be found at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

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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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**Citizens Police Academy  
Cleared For Launch**

Acting on advice and information from retired Brookhaven Police Chief John Eller, Borough Council voted unanimously on June 11 to approve the start-up of a Citizens Police Academy (CPA), which will allow Upland residents to attend a series of educational classes and presentations to learn more about police work.

No timetable has yet been established, but borough officials would like to get a CPA program underway before year end.

Eller came before Borough Council in April 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 Citizens 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, a comparable program in Upland can be custom tailored.

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

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<b>All property owners are responsible for keeping the grass under a maximum height of 6 inches.</b>
<b>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.</b>
<b>Grass clippings left along the curb line often end up clogging storm drainage inlets, which is a major cause of roadway flooding.</b>

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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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### 11<sup>th</sup> St. Extension Cannot Be Restricted

A Mulberry Street resident came before Borough Council at 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Upland Slates Electronic Recycling Day

In keeping with recent changes to recycling laws, which ban electronic items from regular recycling collections, Upland Borough will hold one more special **Electronic Recycling Day** on **Saturday, Oct. 26**. On this date, 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 **Aug. 28**. 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 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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### New Grocery Store Opens In Chester

The Fare & Square market is coming to 9<sup>th</sup> and Trainer Streets in Chester.

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](http://www.fareandsquare.org).

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This photo of the demolition of the vacated residence at 1100 Main Street was taken on March 15, 2013.

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

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...By mid-June, the three-story school was under roof.

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...And by mid-July, the finishing touches were being applied to the building exterior.

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...While this computer image of the charter school shows what the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> & Main will ultimately look like.

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### Upland Now Owns Reese Center

The vacated U.S. Army Reserve complex that sits on West 24<sup>th</sup> Street has now officially been deeded over from the federal government to the Borough of Upland. A quitclaim deed was finalized in early June, transferring ownership of the 5-acre facility to the borough at no cost.

With an estimated value of roughly \$5 million, the 5-acre Reese Center is comprised of three large buildings, all enclosed in a fenced compound.

The former Army depot was named after James William Reese of Chester, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during the Sicily campaign of World War II.

The borough is planning an official Reese Center dedication ceremony for later this year. Borough Council plans to convert the complex into a community center, utilizing revenue generated by the parking tax.

"This is...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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On June 17, this group of volunteers from Upland Fire Co. #1 brought back, unloaded, and reset the antique furnishings of the historic Pusey House on Race Street, after the fire company had taken the heavy furniture to higher ground to protect it from floodwaters earlier in the month.

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### Flooding Near-Misses Show Readiness

After about 7 inches of rain had fallen on our region during the first week of June, the potential for the flooding of Chester Creek was very high, as the swollen stream crested to its banks twice, but eventually receded each time.

Last year's dredging underneath the Kerlin Street bridge was tested for the first time, but even large tree branches passed under the bridge and did not create the bottleneck that so often has exacerbated flooding conditions in the lower end of Upland.

Beyond the apparent success of the bridge project, the state of readiness displayed by borough and emergency personnel was also impressive.

At the June 11 Council meeting, special recognition was given to the preparedness of the Upland Police Department, the Public Works Department, Upland Fire Co. # 1, and the borough office.

Kudos were extended to the Upland firefighters who carried the antique furnishings of the historic Pusey House to safety, then later returned to put them back in place, earning the eternal gratitude of the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House.

"With all the rain we've had and the potential for flooding, I think everyone has done a great job," said Council President Ed Mitchell. "That creek was up there, and we just missed being flooded."

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

### Upland Chows Down At Picnic

The annual Memorial Day picnic at Bristol Lord Field has become a community staple over the last decade. Co-sponsored by the Upland Baptist and Resurrection Life Churches, the picnic was blessed by beautiful weather on May 27, which helped lead to a record 438 plates of food served this year.

In addition to the wide variety of homemade salads and cupcakes that were consumed during the three-hour event, guests also ate 356 hot dogs, 368 hamburgers, 86 lbs. of baked beans, and 430 bags of potato chips.

And while the free all-you-can-eat lunch was being served up, three face-painters were kept busy all day transforming the faces of Upland's youth.

A community-wide thank you goes out to the dedicated volunteers from both churches, with a special shout-out reserved for tireless grillmeisters Tony Butler, Chuck Siple, and Anthony Dorsey.

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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.'

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**Successful Fundraisers Benefit Everyone**



(Above) The carnival that visited Bristol Lord Field from May 21-25 raised \$4,000 that will be used by the Community Affairs Committee to fund other free family-oriented events. (Below) The June 8 Flea Market & Bake Sale in MacQueen Hall provided bargain hunters with some excellent deals and raised over \$300 that will help defray costs for Upland Senior Citizen Club activities and field trips.



**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 100<sup>th</sup> 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**.

**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.

The installation of another 25 rear and screen doors was completed in June, along with the cleaning of rain gutters, while the replacement of damaged sidewalk sections and patios was started in early July, according to Auburn Village Committee Chairwoman Christine Peterson.

The contract for Auburn Village concrete work was awarded to low-bidder Ellis Construction of Glen Mills, whose bid of \$35,000 was within the amount budgeted for concrete repairs.

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On June 11, Mayor Michael Ciach swore in Officer William Meyer as a full-time member of the Upland PD, while his friend Theresa held the Bible. Meyer joined the force in 2012 and during his first year earned his certification to do roadside truck inspections and to operate a police motorcycle. Meyer was recommended by Upland's Civil Service Commission to bring the department's full-time roster back up to six officers, including Chief John Easton.

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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. According to Fire Chief Dan Smith, the fully-outfitted vehicle will 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.

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**Commercial Fire Inspections Underway**

According to Fire Marshal David Favinger, the annual fire safety inspections for Upland businesses started in mid-July.

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