



The Caleb Pusey House

The Uplander



MacQueen Hall

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Santa Claus Visits Upland



Santa stopped by MacQueen Hall for the annual tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 29, then handed out gifts to all the good girls and boys of Upland Borough – 125 in all!



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...and there was plenty of tasty finger food on hand to keep everyone smiling!



Above: The volunteer cooks and servers of Resurrection Life Church kept the turkey and fixin's coming on Nov. 23, during the church's 9th Annual Community Holiday Dinner.

Below: Entire families, like these familiar faces, were among the hundreds of grateful residents who took advantage of the offer of a free turkey dinner.





Part-time Police Officer Michael Curran was sworn in on Dec. 10, with Mayor Michael Ciach (left) and Police Chief John Easton being among the first to congratulate him. Curran previously served as a detective on the Upland force.

No-Tax-Increase Budget Extends Streak To 27 Years

Upland's no-tax-increase streak and its paltry 2-mill real estate tax rate will be stretched to 27 consecutive years next year.

According to Finance Chair/Councilwoman Moira Crawford, the final 2014 general budget, which was unanimously approved at Borough Council's Dec. 10 meeting, will balance at \$3,060,161, breaking the \$3 million mark for the first time ever.

The borough's operating budget slowly surpassed the \$1 million mark in 2007, but expenditures AND revenue have both tripled since then, making the no-tax-hike streak even more impressive.

The annual trash collection fee, which was set at \$135 per household residence in 2008, will also be maintained, under the adopted budget.

The 2014 final budget total represents a \$91,419 or 3.1% increase over this year's budget. The additional spending is due to a 3% pay hike for all employees, higher health care premiums, the rising cost of doing borough business, contractual increases for the police department, and expenses related to several special community improvement projects.

The additional revenue needed to balance the budget was found by "fine-tuning" revenue projections for Earned Income Tax collections.

Meanwhile, the 2014 operating budget for the borough-owned Auburn Village apartment complex totals \$778,000 and reflects a modest 1.9% increase to support costs associated with ongoing renovation projects.

"This is the 27th straight year that we have not raised taxes in this town, and that's saying a lot about what we do and all the services we provide," noted Council President Edward Mitchell.

"Everyone here should be proud to be a part of this," Mitchell said to his fellow Council members. "It couldn't be done without everyone's efforts to keep our costs down, while we increase services."

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Upland Offers Free Smoke Alarms

Starting in January, Upland Fire Co. #1 will be giving smoke/fire alarms to any borough resident who wants one. Request forms are now available at the borough office.

If a resident needs help installing their free battery-operated smoke detector, fire company volunteers will provide that service for free as well.

A total of 50 9-volt First Alert alarms (each with a 10-year guarantee) were donated to the borough by BRK Electronics, while an additional 100 units were purchased by the Borough at the discounted price of \$600.

This offer of free alarms and free installation will continue as long as supplies last, so don't delay in taking advantage of this no-cost, home-safety program.

"We want to take the safety of our residents one step higher," stated Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith.

The next Heavy Trash Pick-ups will be made on Wed., Jan. 29.

Curbside collections of bulk trash items are made on the last Wednesday of the month. Residents must notify the borough office in advance for all bulk pick-ups and items must be **curbside by 6am** on collection day.

Bulk trash does not include electronic items like computers and televisions. These items will be collected at special recycling events.

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Please Bag Bed Bugs!

Responding to a plea from our trash haulers, **starting on Jan. 29**, the Borough will require the disposal of any mattress or box spring to be done using a sealed plastic bag. Mattress disposal bags are sold in various sizes at Home Depot stores, but an improvised wrapping, using a plastic sheet sealed with duct tape, will be acceptable.

Our trash collectors and your neighbors sincerely thank you for your cooperation.

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War Memorial Slated For Makeover

The assortment of perennial shrubs that surrounds the war memorial at the corner of Church and Sixth Streets is in need of an upgrade.

At the request of Buildings & Grounds Committee Chairperson Sandy Miazza, Borough Council has approved a makeover for the fenced site, where Memorial Day services are held every year.

Utilizing one of the borough's own businesses, Caramanico & Sons will be contracted to remove the dead shrubs as soon as possible, then replace them in the spring, when general landscaping will be done around the memorial as well.

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Council Elects To Reject Bids

A total of seven bids were submitted by local contractors vying to get the award for new Auburn Village sidewalks. The sealed bids were opened by Borough Engineer Charles Catania at a Dec. 2 meeting, attended by several of the competing companies.

At Borough Council's Dec. 10 public meeting, however, the bids were reviewed, and following Catania's recommendation, were all rejected, since "all the bids received were in excess of the available funds."

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Auburn Village Fence Pending

Ellis Construction Inc. has been contracted to install 554 linear feet of 4-foot-high wrought iron fence (representing about a quarter of the total scope of the project) atop the stone wall along Main Street.

According to Borough Engineer Charles Catania, the first section of fence will be installed in early-January and the work should take no more than one week to complete, barring inclement weather.

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Snow Removal “Blips” Worked Out

“It was good teamwork this weekend,” Streets & Equipment Committee Chairwoman Christine Peterson said of the overall effort to clear an unexpected 8 inches of wet snow on Dec. 8.

“We had a few blips, let’s say, but it got straightened out,” Peterson noted, giving credit to the extra effort that was put out by Public Works and Upland Police Department personnel on a Sunday.

“I think our streets were the best I’ve ever seen them,” offered Councilman/Fire Chief Dan Smith, with several Council members agreeing.

“And anyone who wants to blame anybody for being a little slow getting started, ask them to complain to channels 6, 10, and 3, because nobody expected that much snow to come that fast,” added Councilman Harold R. Peden.

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Illegal Trash Dumping Mystery Solved

The mysterious appearance of trash in the Ninth Street alley on two recent occasions, including one time when literally a ton of trash had to be removed by the borough, was eventually tracked down to a prior tenant of a landlord who owns properties in both Aston Township and Upland Borough.

Detective work included sorting through bags of trash to find an envelope with an address. Once the source of the trash was known, it was just one more step to find that the illegal dumping was being done by the landlord, who claimed that he mistakenly dumped the trash a block away from his rental unit.

According to Borough Manager Shirley Purcival, the landlord has been ordered to stop importing commercial trash to Upland, and if he does it again, he will be issued a citation for \$1,000.

Council President Ed Mitchell congratulated Code Officer Leland Hunter for the aggressive law enforcement that solved the trash dumping mystery.

“Lee, I thank you for catching this guy. You did good!” Mitchell told Hunter.

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Mulberry St. Asks Council To Impede “Racetrack”

Speaking on behalf of several of her neighbors, a Mulberry Street resident came before Council on Dec. 10 to ask for help in curbing a speeding epidemic.

The concerned citizen said that the stop sign at Gray & Mulberry Streets is “worthless,” and that the length of Mulberry “has gotten to be a racetrack.” She asked if the borough would consider installing a speed bump on Mulberry to slow down the traffic.

Council President Ed Mitchell noted that speed bumps cannot be used during the winter months, as they interfere with snowplowing, but such a traffic-calming measure might be considered in the spring, he said.

Mayor Michael Ciach also suggested that adding a series of new stop signs along Mulberry Street might help reduce the chronic speeding.

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Caution Advised

In Wake of Fundraiser Scam

The parent of a Main Street Elementary School student, who had collected money for two different school fundraisers, but never delivered any of the purchased products, has been reported to the police and the matter is currently being resolved through refunds. But the damage this unfortunate incident has caused to youth and school groups who rely on such fundraisers could be immeasurable.

Uplanders who have been touched by this recent one-man fundraising scam include borough officials, who were at a loss as to what to advise their fellow residents. After some deliberation at Borough Council’s Dec. 10 caucus session, the best advice that could be offered was to use caution when participating in fundraisers being promoted by children or adults that you do not know personally.

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Security Cameras Approved

For Reese Center, Carriage House

A total expenditure of \$30,200 was approved by Council at its Dec. 10 meeting, to cover the purchase and installation costs of three high-resolution, tilt-and-zoom dome security cameras. Two cameras will police the new driveway area of the Reese Center on West 24th Street, while the other pole-mounted surveillance device will stand guard over the historic Carriage House, located on the grounds of Camp Upland, off Sixth Street.

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Council Reorganization Meeting

6pm on Monday, Jan. 6

on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session

Tuesday, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, and March 11

on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Grocery Bingo

1-4pm at Upland Baptist Church

on last Saturday of month, Jan. thru April

Fun for the entire family!

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Vacation Bible School (VBS) Night

(For children ages 5-12)

Starts at 6:30pm every Monday thru May 19

at Upland Baptist Church

Come for dinner, Bible story and activity

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Soup & Salad Dinner Fundraiser

4-7pm on Saturday, Feb. 22

Homemade soups, chili, chicken dumplings

All-you-can-eat at MacQueen Hall; Take-out available

Tickets available at borough office in January:

\$8 adults; \$6 seniors; \$4 kids under 12

All proceeds benefit Community Affairs Committee



Above: Painter Tom Bryant spent several days applying a special protective paint to the exterior walls of the Pennock Loghouse, which was built in Springfield in 1790, then moved to Race Street in 1965. The white-washed look of the historic two-story loghouse recalls its original appearance.

Below: Bryant also recently painted the interior of the historic Caleb Pusey House, located across Race Street from the loghouse, while Mother Nature stepped in on Dec. 8 and 10 to whiten the exterior of the 1683 English cottage.



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 lots of photo galleries of recent community events.

To share photos or information on the borough's website, send email to

mcrawford@uplandboro.org

Newsletter Photos Will Omit Names

In response to some residents' concerns, Upland Borough's monthly newsletter will no longer include the names of the smiling children that so often grace the pages of *the Uplander*.

This new policy is adopted to protect our children, even while we celebrate them in print.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Do You Remember...?



...the '50s, when having a pair of these strap-on metal roller skates was all the rage. These skates were not as fast as today's in-line boot skates, but they threw off cool sparks on concrete and lasted forever, providing that you didn't lose the adjusting key, shown here on a string for safe keeping.



...Before remote controls and cable TV, when you changed channels by hand using one of two knobs – the upper one for network stations 3 (NBC), 6 (ABC), and 10 (CBS) and the lower for UHF (Ultra High Frequency) stations 17, 29, and 48.



...When Topo Gigio was a regular on the Ed Sullivan Show? And does anyone remember why we found Ed's scripted chats with this little finger puppet to be so entertaining!?

Council Renews Appointments To Borough Service Posts

At Borough Council's Dec. 10 meeting, the persons currently holding several public service posts were reappointed to continue their service in 2014.

The re-appointees include Borough Engineer Charles Catania (entering his 51st year of service to Upland Borough), Borough Solicitor Robert O'Connor, Esq., Building Inspector and Zoning Code Officer 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 J. Wills, Esq., with Michael L. 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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Fire Co. Owed Service Fees

Under an ordinance that Council adopted in 2011, the borough's only fire company can charge fees for certain services provided to non-resident landlords who own investment properties in Upland. While some of these charges have been collected, a current total of \$6,900 remains unpaid, leaving the fire company in a collections quandary.

At Council's Dec. 10 public meeting, possible solutions to this problem were discussed, including re-writing the ordinance to allow delinquent collections through property liens and/or taking uncooperative landowners to district court.

"They're going to scoff at it, if they can, but if we take them to court and there's a judgment against them, they usually come around," noted Councilman Harold R. Peden.

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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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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



Representing Delco Detachment 266 of the Marine Corps League, Mike Avellino (left) recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Upland Borough Council (represented by Council President Ed Mitchell and Mayor Ciach) for the financial assistance that helped repair the outdoor pavilion at the vet organization's Sixth Street headquarters.

RLC Thrift Shop Open

The Church Street Thrift Shop, located at Resurrection Life Church on the corner of 8th & Church, is open to the public from **10am-2pm** on the first and second Saturday of month thru June.

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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 October 2012. After the storm, over a dozen households called the borough office to get their names added to the calling list.

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Council Adopts Satellite Dish Regs

Borough Council has adopted a new ordinance aimed at removing the rooftop satellite dishes that are often left behind after a subscriber moves or switches to cable.

The accumulation of abandoned satellite dishes "is a growing community eyesore and creates potential public safety and building maintenance issues," according to Ordinance No. 3 of 2013.

Under the ordinance, the proliferation of abandoned satellite dishes (measuring less than one meter in diameter) will be controlled through Use & Occupancy inspections, giving a property owner 30 days from the end of a service subscription to remove the inactive dish.

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Meet the Halloween Costume Winners...



The annual Youth Halloween Party featured a cool collection of clever and creepy costumes, with the best in three age groups taking home gift certificates as prizes. Above: pre-school winners; Below: 6 to 8-year-old winners.



...and the 9 to 12-year-old winners.

Congratulations to all the prize winners!

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Aryn's Helping Hands Gives Thanks

A framed certificate of appreciation was presented to Upland Borough Council by a representative of Aryn's Helping Hands (AHH) on Nov. 12. The certificate expresses the non-profit group's gratitude for borough officials' "continued support of our mission and cause."

AHH was founded four years ago to help local families survive the fiscal hardships of having a child with cancer. The organization is named after 7-year-old Auburn Village resident Aryn Strigle, who was diagnosed with leukemia at age 2, but is now in remission.

If you would like to help AHH make a difference, call co-founder Butch Ferguson at **610-496-7304**.

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Upland Now Owns Reese Center

The vacated U.S. Army Reserve complex that sits on West 24th Street has 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.

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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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 bi-weekly 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 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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Council OKs Donation For Seniors

At its Nov. 12 public meeting, Borough Council unanimously approved a donation of \$400 to help support the weekly activities of the Upland Senior Citizens Club over the next calendar year.

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Drug Drop Boxes Set Up

In an effort to curb the misuse of unwanted or expired prescription drugs, Delaware County Council has set up a network of secure **Delco Medicine Drop** boxes to provide a safe and convenient method of disposal for unused drugs and medication.

Studies have shown that residential supplies of controlled substances, which are often found in the family medicine cabinet, are a prime source of drugs for adolescents and criminals alike. Commonly abused medications include pain relievers like Oxycontin and Percocet, as well as barbiturates, sleep aides, codeine, and morphine.

Improper disposal, such as flushing drugs down the toilet, can have a detrimental effect on the environment. The new drop-off boxes, however, will now allow responsible parents and guardians to safely dispose of unused drugs anonymously and at no cost.

A total of 10 large, metal **Delco Medicine Drop** boxes have been set up at police departments across the county. The closest drop boxes to Upland are found in Upper Chichester (Furey Rd.), Ridley Township (MacDade Blvd.), Tincum (Governor Printz Blvd.), Springfield (Powell Rd.), and at the Government Center in Media (Front St.).

"Each of us can now do our part to prevent drug abuse by cleaning out our medicine cabinets and disposing of dangerous medications," said County Councilman Dave White.

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Work Begins On Firehouse Addition

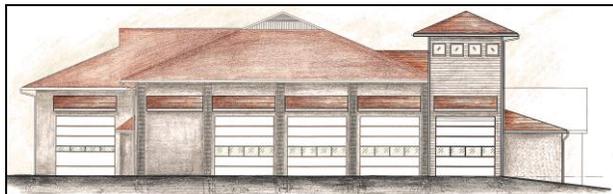
Construction work began in mid-November, as Upland expands its lone fire station. This will be the first expansion of the firehouse since it was built in 1975.

The \$315,000 construction project will add a new truck bay and some office space to the home of Upland Fire Co. #1 on McClintock Drive.

With Catania Engineering coordinating the project, the work breaks down into three contracts. Columbus Construction, LLC for general construction (\$219,709); Ellis Construction, Inc. for mechanical work (\$45,000); and Charles A. Higgins & Sons for electrical work (\$50,593).

During construction, workers' vehicles will be parked in an auxiliary firehouse lot and will not obstruct Auburn Village traffic in any way. Construction crews have been reminded that they will be working in a residential neighborhood, so all worksite safety precautions must be observed.

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This architectural sketch shows what the front of Upland's firehouse will look like once another truck bay is added.



The housing ceremony on Oct. 12 included fire company members 'pushing' the new fire truck into the firehouse.

New Fire Engine Officially Housed

The Upland Fire Co.'s new 30-foot-long Squad 57 went into service around Memorial Day, and was officially housed on Oct. 12, after the annual Delaware County Fireman's Association Convention parade.

The parade started at the Upland Shopping Center, then snaked through the borough and past the firehouse, where judges and an official reviewing stand were located. The spectacular procession was led by Upland's firefighters and their vehicles, and featured fire vehicles from across the county.

Scores of apparatus from a total of 37 local fire companies participated in the event, as the fire stations competed for prizes and trophies.

Upland Fire Co. President Doug Scott made the introductions during the housing ceremony. A prayer was offered by Upland Fire Co. Chaplain Brenda Shaw to open the ceremony, and words of proud support for Upland's firefighters and thanks to all firefighters were added by Mayor Michael Ciach.

Scott thanked Upland Borough Council for their continuing support of the borough's only fire station, and recognized the contributions and cooperation of the Upland Police Department as well.

Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith accepted a clock plaque from Chester Township Fire Chief Jeff Comisiak and monetary gifts (for new tools) from Brookhaven Chief Rob Montella and Parkside Chief John Albany, all given as tokens of the high level of cooperation between the neighboring companies.

The highlight of the housing ceremony was the three times that the new truck was 'pushed' into the firehouse bay. (Okay, the engine was running!)

The first time the truck was backed into the bay, the 'pushers' were a group of nine local fire chiefs. According to Scott, "The first time is for God."

The second time, the pushing was done by the members of Upland Borough Council and Mayor Ciach. "The second time is for country," said Scott.

The third and final time that the truck was backed into the stationhouse, the volunteer firefighters who will be riding in the new Squad 57 did the pushing. "The third time is for fire service members," Scott noted.

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Council Applies For Grant Funding

Borough Council has submitted a pair of projects to the county for consideration as a 2014 Community Development Block Grant.

One potential grant-funded project would be the erection of a waist-high modular wall and landscaping on the corner of 6th & Main to complement the fencing that is being installed to keep pedestrians off the Auburn Village grass and on the sidewalk.

An alternate CDBG project would be the demolition of the blighted building at 36 Upland Avenue.

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More Sewer Laterals Good Than Bad

The results of the sewer lateral inspection ordinance that Borough Council enacted in January 2012 have been mixed, but the overall condition of Upland's aging sewer lines is better than anyone had dared to predict. The ordinance was adopted to address a countywide problem with stormwater infiltration that costs DELCORA customers thousands of dollars every year in unnecessary sewage treatment.

Under the ordinance, all sewer laterals must be video-inspected by a certified inspector, whenever a property is being sold or under major renovation. The inspector gives a lateral one of four grades, including fail (immediate repair or replacement needed), 5-year certification (some deterioration of piping; re-inspection needed in 5 years), 10-year certification (slight deterioration of piping; re-inspection needed in 10 years), or 15-year certification (piping is either in good condition with no repairs needed, or lateral replacement was completed).

During the past year, the 24 lateral inspections that have been performed in Upland have resulted in a total of fourteen 15-year compliance certifications, two 10-year certifications, and five 5-year certifications, while two laterals failed the inspection and are awaiting further action by the homeowner.

"That's good news. It's not nearly as bad as everyone was afraid it might be," Council President Ed Mitchell said of the inspection results.

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The Community Affairs Committee fed scores of seniors who turned out on Nov. 16 to enjoy a salad, turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, cole slaw, apple sauce, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, pie and cake, all washed down with a cup of coffee or tea. Each attendee received a small wrapped gift, while 75-year resident Phyllis Daley received a gift certificate as longest tenured Uplander.

Voters Give Incumbents Four More Years

The final outcome of the Nov. 5 general election was easy to predict, as five incumbent Republican borough officials, who all sought four-year terms, all ran unopposed.

The poll results included Tax Collector Linda Mitchell leading all Upland candidates with 328 votes, while Mayor Michael Ciach garnered 317.

Of the three Borough Council members who were re-elected, Councilwoman Sandra Miazza won the bragging rights with 311 votes, narrowly beating out fellow Councilwoman Moira Crawford (304) and Councilman Daniel Smith (297).



These gents were on hand at the historic Pusey House on Race St. to greet Welcome Day visitors on Oct. 26. Dressed in colonial garb are Friends of the Caleb Pusey House President Ray Peden (left center) and FCPH Vice President Dave Hay, while Upland Fire Co. #1 is represented by Firefighters Sonny Johnson (far left) and Kevin Kozlowski.

Record-Setting Welcome Day

This year's annual Welcome Day celebration, held on Oct. 26 at the historic Caleb Pusey House on Race Street, was one for the record books, with the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House raising over \$300 toward the preservation of the three historic buildings on the 13-acre site. The seventh annual Welcome Day was the first to ever raise more money than was spent in preparation, thanks to a beautiful autumn day, a strong turnout of local residents, and the generous contributions of volunteer colonial crafters, tour guides and exhibitors, and FCPH bakers and food servers.

Special thanks go out from the FCPH to Frank and Denise McCollum of Roasty Toasty Corn on the Cob and Michael Wilson of Wilson's Auctioneers & Appraisers of Chester Heights. Mr. Wilson spent the entire day doing antique appraisals for visitors, and accepted only a handshake in return, while the McCollums asked only to cover their expenses for providing dozens of ears of roasted corn.

The FCPH hopes to bring more special events to its dedicated supporters in 2014, with plans for an herb and plant sale in May now being discussed.

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