



# The Uplander



The Caleb Pusey House

MacQueen Hall

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### Seniors Enjoy Free Lunch



Scores of Upland senior citizens turned out on March 14 to take advantage of the Community Affairs Committee's Annual St. Patty's Day Ham & Cabbage Luncheon.

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Among the many smiling faces at the free luncheon were Upland Senior Citizens Club President/Borough Councilman Lee Hunter (left) and his friend, retired-Judge Ken Miller.

### Easter Events Draw Crowd



The ever-popular Annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-sponsored by the Upland Athletic Club and Upland Fire Company No. 1, was held on March 26 in Upland Memorial Park, where cash-laden eggs made some children rich.



After the Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny posed for photos with children at MacQueen Hall during the Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, sponsored by the Community Affairs Committee.



## Ciach Ready For 2<sup>nd</sup> State House Run

The Republican Party has endorsed Upland Mayor Michael Ciach for another run at the soon-to-be vacated 159<sup>th</sup> Legislative District seat in the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives. Ciach challenged incumbent Democrat Thaddeus Kirkland in 2014, but came up short, although the Mayor did carry the vote in 8 out of the 10 towns in the district.

Ciach, a Chester native and 40+ year resident of Upland, hopes to clear the hurdle of winning over the majority of voters in the City of Chester and Chester Township in his 2016 bid.

With Kirkland now poised to move into his new post as Chester's Mayor, Ciach's opponent at the polls this November will be Kirkland's nephew, Brian Kirkland. Both candidates will be uncontested in the April 26 primary election.

Mayor Ciach noted that although he was born in the City of Chester, Upland has been his home for most of his life, in fact, since the third grade.

*"I love this borough and it has been the keystone of my support," Ciach stated. "Over the last 30 years of public service to the borough, either as Coach, Councilman, or Mayor, I have received your unwavering support, and I vow to you that I will continue to serve this borough with a steadfast and unconditional resolve to keep Upland Borough the safe, honest, family town that I know it to be.*

*Whether I'm in the Capitol Building in Harrisburg or in MacQueen Hall in Upland, NOBODY, no matter who they are or who they think they are, will stand between me and that promise. I only ask this of you: your continued support and trust."*

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## Community Affairs Committee Needs Volunteers

Upland Borough's Community Affairs Committee is suffering from a lack of volunteers to help deliver the myriad of activities that have become a staple for Upland families. The shortage of volunteer helpers threatens to force the cancellation of some of the events and activities that have been enjoyed by so many residents in recent years.

If you are willing to give a few hours of time to help provide the manpower needed to support these popular offerings, please call the borough office at **610-874-7317** or contact Community Affairs Committee Member Moira Crawford at [mcrawford@uplandboro.org](mailto:mcrawford@uplandboro.org).

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## Borough Looks To Fill Vacancies

Upland Borough needs to fill two vacancies for skilled maintenance workers.

In the wake of the recent termination of a Highway Department worker, a full-time replacement is being sought. It has also been determined that a part-time maintenance person for the Auburn Village complex is needed as well.

Interested parties should submit a cover letter and resume to the borough office (224 Castle Avenue, Upland, PA 19015) immediately for consideration.

## Zoning Hearing Pending For Family Dollar Proposal

The public will be invited to attend a zoning hearing (date soon to be determined), where Crozer-Chester Medical Center officials will make their case for a zoning change that would permit construction of a new free-standing home for the Family Dollar Store. Family Dollar is currently leasing space in the Upland Shopping Center, which gives the retail store 5,000 square feet of floor space, whereas the proposed building would provide 9,200 square feet.

The proposed building would sit across Upland Avenue from the shopping center, on land currently owned by Crozer-Chester Medical Center. The 2.5-acre lot that CCMC wants to sell to Family Dollar once had three vacant buildings on it. Two of those structures were recently razed, and a demolition permit has been requested for the third - a former Crozer family home known as Sunnyside House.

Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit for Sunnyside, the Upland Borough Historical Commission will review the structure's historical status and make recommendations to Borough Council. The public may attend the Historical Commission review, which will be held in MacQueen Hall on **Wednesday, April 6, starting at 7:00pm.**

After consulting with PennDOT, CCMC has been advised that widening Upland Avenue would likely be required, if a zoning change is approved. The need to create a left-turn lane on Upland Avenue could be eliminated, if the driveway entrance to the new store would be aligned directly across from the intersection of West 24<sup>th</sup> Street, PennDOT officials suggested.

Borough Council members have noted that the zoning change that is being sought, to convert two residential zones and one institutional zone into one commercially-zoned building lot, will cost the borough time and money, as a new official zoning map will need to be produced.

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## Borough Bids On Properties

At the Feb. 23 meeting, Council unanimously authorized the borough solicitor to put in bids on two vacant Upland properties.

The unoccupied houses at 208 Sixth Street (the Lofland property) and 6 Hill Street are both of interest to the borough, as the properties are in strategic locations. Both lots have been earmarked to be utilized for public use, as part of the borough's ongoing beautification project.

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## Tax Collector Exonerated

At its March 8 meeting, Borough Council formally exonerated Borough Tax Collector Linda Mitchell of the collection of all unpaid 2015 taxes.

A total of \$8,857 in delinquent real estate taxes will now be turned over to the Delaware County Tax Bureau for collection, while a total of \$10,841 in unpaid trash service fees will now be collected by Credit-Tec.

## Speed Limits Changed

Council amended the Vehicles and Traffic section of the borough code at its March 8 session. The changes include new speed limits for three borough roadways, **all of which are effective immediately**. The new speed limit for the entire length of Main Street has been decreased to 25 MPH, where it had been 35 MPH.

Conversely, the new speed limit for Upland Avenue (between Kerlin Street and the Upland Borough line) and for 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (from Upland Avenue to the Upland Borough line) has been increased to 35 MPH, where it had been 25 MPH.

These speed limit adjustments are the outgrowth of PennDOT traffic studies that were done in recent months. The data from these studies is available for public inspection at the borough office.

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## Upland Jumps On Cheap Asphalt

Acting on the advice of Borough Engineer Lisa Catania, Borough Council will be putting the 2016 road-paving program out to bid early this year, in an attempt to take advantage of unusually low asphalt prices. Early-bird paving contracts are being rewarded with asphalt prices as low as \$85 per ton, which allows municipalities to do more paving, without spending more money, Catania said.

Hoping to seize this savings opportunity, Council will compile a list of potential public streets to be paved this year, and then seek bids from contractors as soon as possible.

In related business, Council has applied for \$60,000 in county aid to help finance the repaving of Main Street.

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## Free Recycling & Shredding

A pair of recycling events will be held this spring in the MacQueen Hall parking lot, off Castle Avenue.

An **ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY** will be held **from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, April 23**, when residents can drop off any device with a power cord at no charge.

A **FREE PAPER SHREDDING** event will be held on **Saturday, May 7, from 9am to 12 noon**. Borough residents may bring up to six boxes of paper documents for secure disposal in a Cintas mobile shredder.

**\*\*\*Please note: Staples, rubber bands, folders, and paper clips DO NOT have to be removed prior to shredding.**

Beyond the removal of clutter from your home, another good reason to recycle paper is the positive impact on the environment. Just one year's worth of paper recycling by Cintas alone saves an estimated 4.7 million trees, nearly 822,000 cubic yards of landfill space, 1.1 billion kilowatts of energy, 68.5 million lbs. of carbon dioxide emissions, 23 million gallons of oil, and 1.9 billion gallons of water.

## Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Resurrection Life Church will be holding a Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser **on Saturday, April 16** to help fund the replacement of the church's roof. Each homemade dinner costs \$8 and includes fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, corn bread, and dessert. These dinners are **TAKE-OUT only**, and will be ready for pick-up at the church from 12 noon to 6pm. For more information, call **610-876-4062**.

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## Spring Plant & Herb Sale

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House will once again be hosting a Spring Plant & Herb Sale at their historic location on Race Street on **Saturday, May 7, from 11am to 3pm**. This fundraiser will offer potted herbs, vegetable plants, landscaping annuals, and an assortment of flowering baskets at below-retail prices, just in time for Mothers' Day.

Tour guides will be on hand to present the rich history of Landingford Plantation, so consider adding 15 minutes to your visit to take a tour of the 1683 Caleb Pusey House – the oldest English vernacular cottage in America and the only building still standing in America that can document multiple visits by William Penn.

\*\*\*To learn more about this National Historic Register site, visit the FCPH's newly reconstructed website at **[www.calebpuseyhouse.com](http://www.calebpuseyhouse.com)**.

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## Monday Night VBS

**6 to 7pm, every Monday night**  
at Upland Baptist Church  
(Dinner, activity and Bible story)

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## Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session  
**Tuesday, April 12, May 10, and June 14**  
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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## Fried Chicken Fundraiser

**from noon to 6pm on Saturday, April 16**  
at Resurrection Life Church (8<sup>th</sup> & Church Sts.)

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## Electronic Recycling Day

**from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, April 23**  
in MacQueen Hall parking lot

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## Primary Election Day

Polls open from 7am - 8pm on Tuesday, April 26  
**BOROUGH OFFICE CLOSED**

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## Landingford Plantation Clean-Up

**8:30 to 12 noon on Saturday, April 30**  
at Race Street historic site  
**ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**  
Bring work gloves; Lunch provided

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## FCPH Spring Plant & Herb Sale

**11am to 3pm on Saturday, May 7**  
at historic Pusey House, 15 Race Street

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**The Upland Senior Citizens Club meets every Monday from 9am to 3pm at MacQueen Hall, March thru December. You do have to be over 55, but you don't have to be an Upland resident to come out and join the group for cards, games, and plenty of good conversation.**

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On Feb. 27, the Community Affairs Committee held its Annual Soup-n-Salad Fundraiser Dinner at MacQueen Hall...



...And although this fundraiser actually lost money, the 60+ residents in attendance enjoyed all-you-can-eat homemade soups and chili, bread, desserts, and a salad bar.

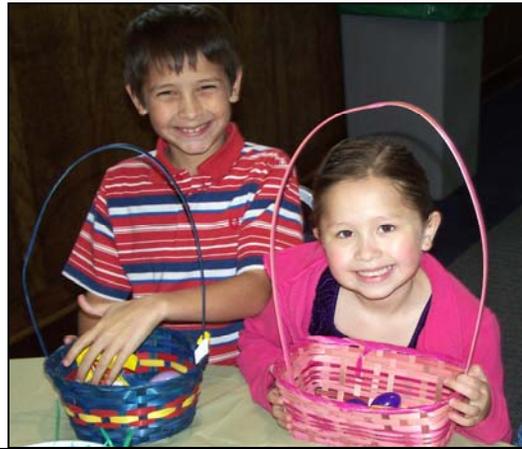


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**Free Pusey House Tours** are available (no appointment needed for individuals or small groups) **every Saturday, from 12 to 4pm, from May thru October.**

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**Carnival Fundraiser Returns to Bristol Lord Field Tuesday, May 24 thru Saturday, May 28**



Four words can sum up how the participants feel about Upland Borough's Annual Easter Egg Hunt: **Happy - Happy - Joy - Joy!**

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### Council Wants Security Check

Borough Council has authorized the expenditure of up to \$8,000 to engage a firm to perform security checks on both MacQueen Hall and Upland Police headquarters. The company that will be hired to do the security checks has yet to be determined.

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### Another Month, Another Website Record

On Feb. 23, 2016, a total of 196 people logged onto Upland Borough's official website, establishing a new single-day benchmark for number of visitors. The new high for website visitors continues an ongoing trend. The previous single-day high of 195 visitors was set on Jan. 17, 2016, which bested the record of 190 visitors set on Sept. 8, 2015, which trounced the record of 169 visitors set on March 12, 2015.

Clearly, it's just a matter of time until the day that Upland's website breaches the 200-visitors mark, as the hits just keep piling up.

If you are unaware of the wealth of information and the wide variety of links available on the borough website, you need to visit [www.uplandboro.org](http://www.uplandboro.org) to find out what all the buzz is about.

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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 digital photos or information on the borough's website, send email to*

[mcrowford@uplandboro.org](mailto:mcrowford@uplandboro.org)

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**Did You Know?:** *That Old Main (located on the Crozer-Chester Medical Center campus) was used by the federal government as a hospital/prison for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.*

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## Important Notice For Auburn Villagers

In the event that an Auburn Village resident is locked out of their home after normal business hours, the quickest way to get back into your home is to **CALL 9-1-1** and wait for the police to arrive. The Upland Police Department now has master keys for every Auburn Village unit.

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### Flood Safety Awareness Could Save Your Life and/or Property

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

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### 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.

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### Flooding Questions Answered

The Upland Borough website recently added a new feature that is essentially a PDF file of a 65-page FEMA booklet that answers the most commonly asked questions about flooding, flood plain management, and flood insurance.

To access this information at [uplandboro.org](http://uplandboro.org), first select the 'Departments' link, then 'Floodplain Management,' then 'Answers to Questions about the NFIP' (National Flood Insurance Program).

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### Report Blocked Stormwater Inlets

To keep stormwater runoff flowing swiftly from the street and down into underground channels that ultimately take runoff to Chester Creek, stormwater inlet grates need to be cleared of debris on a regular basis.

Our Public Works Department is always on the lookout for partially blocked stormwater inlets, but every resident should be vigilant, and should report a blocked inlet to the borough office immediately.



Councilwoman Sandy Miazza's "outstanding contributions to the Community Affairs Committee" were honored by Upland Borough Council with the mounting of a wall plaque, located just outside the kitchen in MacQueen Hall.

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### Home Improvement Tips

The following tips may save you money and a lot of grief, if you are having any type of repairs or home improvements done around your home.

- Get at least three estimates, so that you can compare the prices of reputable companies. And don't hesitate to tell each contractor that you are shopping for the best price, as competition tends to keep prices down.
- Every contractor must show you proof of their insurance and a Home Improvement State License. They must also have an Upland Borough permit, and in some cases, an Upland Borough Contractor's License. A copy of the borough permit must be displayed in a front window of your home.
- Call the borough office at **610-874-7317** during regular business hours to get answers to any questions or concerns.

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### Police Website Up & Running

If you need more information regarding a police matter or if you have a specific question that needs an answer from a police officer, you are in luck. The Upland Police Department recently launched its own website at [www.uplandpolice.org](http://www.uplandpolice.org).

The Upland PD website can be used in English or Spanish and provides a wealth of information, including individual officer's email addresses, department history and general information, anonymous tip forms, and a list of frequently asked questions and answers, et al.

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### Upland Submits CDBG Wishlist

Borough Council recently held a public hearing to get input on potential public improvement projects that could be funded by a 2016 Community Development Block Grant. Delaware County Council awards CDBG funds every April, following the December submission of potential projects from each Delco municipality.

Upland has requested CDBG funding for new equipment and re-surfacing of the public playground next to Bristol Lord Field as a first choice, and funding for general street improvements as a second choice.

## Upland Police & Firefighters Busy In 2015

With year-end totals reported at Council's Jan. 12 meeting, it is apparent that both the Upland Police Department and Upland Fire Company No. 1 were very, very, busy last year.

In 2015, the Upland PD fielded 4,223 calls; issued 1,149 citations and 927 parking tickets; and ordered the towing of 191 vehicles.

Meanwhile, the borough's lone fire company responded to a total of 403 incidents last year, including six fires, 169 non-fire incidents, 198 mutual aid assists, and 30 drills.

The fire calls break down to 205 daytime calls and 198 at night, while totaling 290.4 hours in service for the year, with an average of six volunteer firefighters responding to each call.

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## Borough and Trash Hauler Partner To Help Vets

Upland residents and their trash hauler, B & L Disposal Services, have been working together to assist veterans from Philadelphia and Delaware Counties for the past six months, even though the residents have been unaware of their contributions.

For the last two years, Upland Borough has been the beneficiary of two Electronic Recycling Days, when B & L parked a trailer in the MacQueen Hall lot and residents were able to drop off unwanted and outdated electronic devices at no charge. B & L then stripped down those electronic items into whatever recyclable materials they would yield, then sold those materials to manufacturers to cover their costs and turn a small profit.

Since this summer, however, B & L Owner Lou Bizzari has been donating the cash yielded from Upland's recyclables to a program called Second Brigade Welcome Home, which is being organized by the Second Brigade Motorcycle Club, whose members include several veterans. By donating the proceeds from Upland's recycling, Bizzari and his club mates have been able to feed about 125 veterans on a daily basis, while also providing health care, clothing, job training, and short-term housing for homeless vets.

Bizzari and his wife, Vanessa, presented Upland Borough Council with a framed certificate of appreciation at the Nov. 10 Council meeting, to acknowledge the successful partnership.

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## Welcome Back, Officer Meyer!

Officer William Meyer returned to work in February, after recovering from an ankle injury sustained in a motor vehicle collision last October. Meyer was on-duty and riding his police motorcycle when he was struck by a car at the intersection of Upland Avenue and Kerlin Street. The motorcycle was totaled as a result of the accident.

Meyer is one of five full-time members of the Upland Police Department.

## Council Starts New Era



At Borough Council's Jan. 4 reorganization meeting, Council members elected Upland's first all-female Council leadership. Congratulated here by Mayor Michael Ciach, Council President Christine Peterson (left) moves up from the vice-presidency she had held for the last 8 years, while new Council VP Moira Crawford (right) succeeds Peterson, after serving the past 8 years as Finance Committee chair.



In all, five re-elected Council members (including Harold R. Peden, Edward Mitchell, Christine Peterson, Leland Hunter and William Dennon) were sworn in as a group on Jan. 4, with Mayor Ciach performing the duties, while family members or friends held the Bible.

## Peterson Elected Council Prez

Council's Jan. 4 reorganization meeting saw the changing of the guard, so to speak, when two Council members were elected by their peers to serve as the new leadership.

Councilwoman Christine Peterson, who garnered the most votes amongst the re-elected Council members in the Nov. 3 general election (when all five Republican candidates were unopposed), was nominated to be Council president by Councilman Bill Dennon. Ed Mitchell, who had served as Council president for the past eight years, was nominated by Councilman Harold R. Peden, but Peterson edged out Mitchell with a 4-3 Council vote.

Councilwoman Moira Crawford was nominated by Councilwoman Sandy Miazza to serve as Council vice-president, and was then elected to the post by a unanimous vote.

*"I want to thank all of you for your support,"* Peterson said, reading from a prepared statement. *"I feel that our town is at a crucial point in its history of recent growth. I greatly appreciate the faith and confidence you have in me to bring compassion and strength to this position. As the first female Council president in Upland Borough's history, I will strive to make us all proud,"* she added.

### **In-Vesting In Delco Police**

Last summer, Ridley Park Police Officer Marc Hanley was shot while on duty, but his life was saved by his bulletproof vest, even though the vest was technically past its safety expiration date. When Hanley's friend, Ed Allen of Media, heard about the incident, he decided to do something about the situation.

*"After making my rounds to (Delaware County) police departments, I found that some vests were expired and some didn't have them," Allen explained. "I knew it was time to make a stand, and help out as best I could."*

Over the past four months, Allen has donated \$5,000 to purchase four new vests for Delco cops – one for Ridley Park, one for Marcus Hook, one for Trainer, and most recently, one for the Upland PD. Allen intends to buy one vest each month for a full year, donating the vest where it is most needed, as part of Officer Hanley's Vest-A-Cop Campaign.

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### **Upland PD Supporters Are True Blue**



Upland Highway Department worker Dariusz Grodzki and his wife Cathy (above) created some of the best-looking blue ribbons, while other volunteer ribbon-makers broke out the heavy equipment to help get the job done.



### **Blue Ribbon Vols Get Crafty**

An Arts & Crafts Day was held on Jan. 9 at MacQueen Hall, where borough residents of all ages were able to express their creativity, while contributing to Councilman Bill Dennon's Blue Ribbon Campaign.

Dennon hopes residents will display the handmade blue ribbons outside their homes to show their support of the Upland Police Department, in the

same manner that yellow ribbons are used to welcome home returning veterans.

About 30 residents turned out to help create blue ribbons, with many coming armed with their own glue, scissors, and a variety of sewing tools. The two-hour event saw volunteers cutting 26 sq. yds. of blue material into strips, while groups of crafters applied their talents to produce an assortment of ribbons, from lapel-sized to front door-sized.

The best part of this community-building event was the personal touches that each ribbon-maker painstakingly added to their ribbons. Some of the handmade ribbons carried messages, such as "Support Our Police" or simply "UPD."

The crafters received a surprise bonus, when City of Chester Police Officer Joe Dougherty and his K-9 partner, Mickey, stopped by for a demonstration of police dog skills. The 6-year-old German Shepherd displayed his attack (thanks to fearless volunteer Sal DeViato) and tracking skills on the front lawn on Main Street Elementary School, then Officer Dougherty answered questions from the audience.

Altogether, it was a special day for all in attendance. *"I want to thank all the people who came out to the ribbon-making event,"* Police Chief Nelson Ocasio said. *"It's a great thing to see that many people come together to support police officers. It really meant a lot to us."*

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### **MIA School Board Rep Frustrating Borough Council**

Cephus Richardson is Upland Borough's lone representative on the nine-member Chester-Upland School Board, but you'd never know it by his attendance at Upland Borough Council meetings.

An update on CUSD matters has been on Council's monthly meeting agendas since last October, but Richardson has yet to provide such a report to his fellow Uplanders.

Mayor Michael Ciach, who serves as a liaison between the borough and the school district, told Council on Jan. 12 that he would soon be taking the next step of attending a school board meeting, where he can investigate why Upland is being left out of the CUSD information loop.

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### **UBC Food Bank Needs You!**

***The Community Food Bank at the Upland Baptist Church is in need of volunteer workers to help separate donations and to bag up groceries for the families that benefit from this vital community outreach program.***

***Food Bank helpers are needed every Tuesday and Wednesday, from 8 to 10am. Call the UBC office at 610-874-7474 for more information.***

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### **Homeowner “Disgusted” By Trash**

A 25-year homeowner on W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street recently came before Borough Council to complain about her renter neighbors. The frustrated resident listed multiple issues, including windblown trash, uncut grass in the summer, and sidewalks that are not shoveled in the winter – all of which are public health hazards.

As a homeowner surrounded by renters, the resident said that she was “disgusted” by the lack of attention that her neighbors and their landlords give to their properties. In most cases, the landlords live outside of Upland and are only interested in receiving their rent checks on time.

*“This needs to be addressed constantly, until these landlords teach these tenants how to reside in a residential community, where people own their homes,”* the resident suggested.

Although the landlords can be cited for lack of property maintenance, the root of the problem is tracking down the out-of-state property owners to issue a citation, stated Code Enforcement Officer Bill Kirby.

Council advised Kirby to write citations as needed for code violations, then let the borough office do the job of finding the landlord’s business address.

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### **Volunteers Step Up For Youth Panel Resurrection**

The Upland PD wants to re-establish a Youth Aid Panel in Upland Borough, so it was with great pleasure that Police Chief Nelson Ocasio recently announced the names of the six borough residents who signed up for three Youth Aid Panel training sessions in February.

There are currently 25 Youth Aid Panels operating across Delaware County. These judicial panels are comprised of citizens who are willing to hear the criminal cases of first-time juvenile offenders (in lieu of a judge), usually handing out sentences of community service, while sparing the teen from having a criminal record.

The community-minded residents who will soon help relaunch a Youth Aid Panel in Upland include Pamela Hartshorn, Monica Manerchia, Donna Gray, Abigail Gertner, and Wesley Fraim. Speaking on behalf of Upland’s youth, thank you for your time and your efforts to create an alternative form of justice for good kids who get into trouble.

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### **Borough Supports Pusey House Mission**

Borough Council recently voted unanimously in approving a budgeted \$7,000 donation to the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House (FCPH), the non-profit caretakers of historic Landingford Plantation on Race Street. The borough has made a comparable donation to the FCPH in recent years, providing funds that are used to pay for the utilities that help keep the Pusey House (1683), the Pennock Log House (1790), and Crozer Schoolhouse No. 1 (1849) open to the public from May through October.

### **Highway Department Earns Kudos**

*“As you all know, we had a nasty snowstorm,”* Streets & Equipment Committee Chairman Lee Hunter reported at the Feb. 9 Council meeting, referring to the Jan. 23 storm that dumped 17 inches of snow on Upland. *“I feel our streets were well taken care of...and I think they did one hell of a job,”* Hunter said of the Highway Department.

The fact that one of those highway workers was out with the flu during the storm made the net result even more impressive.

*“We basically just had one guy, and then we had to piecemeal some other people, so I think they did an awesome job,”* added Council President Christine Peterson.

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### **Planning Commission Vacancy Filled**

Borough Council has named retired-Judge Kenneth Miller to fill a vacant seat on the borough’s planning commission. Miller, 79, served this community as a district judge in Delaware County for over 25 years, before retiring in 2008.

Miller’s four-year appointment will expire on Dec. 31, 2019. The Upland Borough Planning Commission does not hold regularly scheduled meetings, but convenes on an as-needed basis.

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### **Upland Seeks PECO Grant**

Upland Borough has applied for a PECO Green Region Open Space Program grant to help resolve a stormwater runoff problem in the park playground at Sixth & Church Streets. These grants for public improvements can be up to \$10,000, and will require the municipality to put up matching funds.

Stormwater runoff from the playground became a serious issue last winter, when sheets of ice formed on Church Street, requiring extensive salting for public safety. Council has also targeted this stormwater problem in the application for a 2016 Community Development Block Grant.

According to Borough Engineer Lisa Catania, the plan to redirect the stormwater flow will include the creation of a swale that will channel runoff into a rain garden and keep it out of the playground.

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### **Council To Change Collectors**

At its Feb. 9 meeting, Borough Council voted unanimously to terminate the contracts with two collection agencies – Berkheimer Associates and e-Collect. Berkheimer had previously collected unpaid local service taxes (LST), while e-Collect was responsible for garnering delinquent earned income taxes (EIT). Ninety days notice is required to terminate both collection contracts.

In the near future, Council plans to engage turnKey Taxes as the borough’s collection agency for unpaid LST and EIT.

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