



The Caleb Pusey House

# The Uplander



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**Happy Birthday, America!**



**You don't look a day over 240!**

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**See You On July 4<sup>th</sup>!**



**Don't miss Upland Borough's premier community event – the Annual Fourth of July Family Picnic, to be held at Bristol Lord Field from 11am to 2pm on Monday, July 4**

**This free event will feature a DJ, a water slide and moon bounce, clowns, face painting, and hot dogs, soft pretzels, water ice and sodas for all residents**

**\*\*\*Attendees must show proof of current residence for full access to amenities**



**ABOVE: Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan attended the June 16 meeting of the Delaware County Association of Boroughs at MacQueen Hall, where he gave a presentation on the life-saving benefits of Narcan – an anti-overdose agent that is now carried by emergency personnel.**

**BELOW: Representing 27 Delco boroughs, the 2016 DCAB board poses with DA Jack Whelan (left center) and DCAB President Michael Ciach (right center).**



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## Fire Co. Pulls Raffle Winner

Upland Fire Company No. 1 volunteers had been selling \$1 raffle tickets as a fundraiser, with June 20 being the raffle drawing date. The First Day of Summer BBQ Raffle offered chances to win a new gas grill with cover, a propane tank, a \$75 Giant gift card, and a case of beer.

The winning ticket stub was drawn on the summer solstice, with the lucky ticket holders being John and Barbara Phillips, of Upland.

The volunteers of Upland Borough's lone fire company appreciate the community support that made this raffle a successful fundraiser.

## Recycling Changes Put On Hold

In an effort to combat the rising cost of providing Upland residents with the convenience of curbside recycling collections, borough officials had hoped to start separate collections for newspapers and cans in July. Single stream recycling (the current system), where all recyclables are collected together, is now more expensive than regular trash collections, prompting Borough Council to consider changes.

Hoping to institute changes by July 1, Council had discussed this situation on multiple occasions in May and June, only to ultimately realize that the proposed collection changes would be more difficult than expected at this time.

Since the borough engineer is now preparing the specifications for Upland's next three-year trash contract (covering 2017 to 2020), borough officials are now thinking that January (at the start of the new contract) might be the best time to make changes to recycling collections.

If and when the proposed recycling collection changes are made, residents would be asked to put out bundled newspapers and cans (all types) separate from plastic recyclable items. Stay tuned for further information on this potential cost-cutting action.

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## Council Debates Where To Place Newspaper Ads

The slow, but steady demise of the *Delaware County Daily Times* is creating problems for all Delco municipalities, but especially for the small boroughs, which have recently been getting very little (if any) attention from Delaware County's official "paper of record." Over the past few years, several southeastern Delco communities, including Upland Borough, have utilized another option for mandatory advertising by placing public notices in the *Chester Spirit*.

The *Spirit* newspaper is a weekly publication, and as a relative newcomer to the area, has yet to establish much readership in Upland, though the fledgling paper is an apparent success in Chester.

As the new kid on the block, the *Spirit* offers cheaper ads to Chester's neighboring towns, which has proven to be an attraction, despite the downside of once-a-week publication.

Councilman Leland Hunter recently brought up the issue of which newspaper the borough should be using for advertising, noting that many Uplanders still subscribe to the *Times*, while the *Spirit* can only be found at a couple of Upland outlets.

While the *Uplander* newsletter was created to fill the hometown news void created by a lack of consistent coverage from the *Daily Times*, this monthly publication cannot usually cover notices of special public meetings.

Despite the overall decline in demand for print media, newspapers are still a useful tool for getting information out, but the question facing Upland Borough Council has become: Which local newspaper best serves those needs?

## Upland Finds Stray Solution

The problem of how to process stray dogs and cats has plagued every Delco municipality since the Delaware County SPCA stopped being the repository for such animals a few years ago. A stop-gap measure has been employing the Chester County SPCA for handling strays, but a recently proposed contract renewal with the same shelter (now called Brandywine SPCA) was labelled as "outrageous" by Upland officials, leaving the borough no immediate options for stray services.

At Council's May 23 session, a short-term solution to the stray problem was unanimously approved. Animal Control Officer Allen Strickler has agreed to take stray dogs and cats to the Conchester Animal Hospital on Rte. 322. Whenever possible, the CAH will record the drivers' license and phone number of the animal's owner, so the borough can bill for reimbursement. Any stray dog or cat that is not picked up by its owners within three (3) days will then be sent to a rescue.

The stray handling agreement applies only to dogs and cats. If a resident has an issue with a wild animal on their property, the Upland Police Department should be called first (at **610-872-3040**), then the property owner would need to call Mr. Strickler directly (at **610-485-2770**) to find a solution to the problem.

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## Neighbor Suspects Illegal Tenants

A Scott Avenue resident recently came before Council to ask what the borough can do to determine if too many renters are occupying a house.

After months of observation, the suspicious resident is convinced that the rental property next door is over-occupied. He claims that groups of three or four different tenants "come in shifts," often arriving at night and carrying luggage. He noted that it is difficult to be sure how many people are living in the rental unit at any given time, but guessed that the head count has exceeded a dozen on occasion.

Under the borough code, no more than two people can occupy a bedroom, so a dozen tenants living in one rental unit would clearly be a code violation.

The borough tries to keep tabs on building occupancy through Use & Occupancy permits, but renters who are shuffling tenants in and out on a regular basis could be difficult to monitor and regulate.

Council thanked the resident for reporting the potential code violations and asked him to remain vigilant, noting that over-occupying a house is a fire safety hazard.

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## Boro Changes Security Vendor

Borough Council voted unanimously on June 14, registering its intent to change vendors for building security services. The contract with Logan Technologies LLC, of Eddystone, will be terminated and replaced with a contract with Global Security Systems, of Chester.

### **Upland PD Needs New Wheels**

It is no secret that police work is hard on vehicles, and a series of recent mishaps are proving to be a hardship on the officers of the Upland Police Department, who are now short one motorcycle, one car, and one SUV in the vehicle fleet.

The Upland PD currently has six operational vehicles, including vehicles for the police chief and a detective. The oldest vehicle in the fleet, a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria with 81,500 hard miles on the odometer, recently went down with a blown engine.

The borough is tentatively planning to sell the motor-less car for \$400 to a company that will use it for parts, then the borough will purchase or lease a new car as soon as possible. The purchase or lease of a new Chevy Tahoe will be delayed until the fall.

Depending on the cost of insurance and a vehicle maintenance contract, a new car would be expected to cost between \$34,000 and \$39,000, if purchased. If leased, the car would cost about \$11,900 per year for a three-year lease or \$9,000 per year over four years.

The police motorcycle will be replaced using money from the insurance company, but the new car and Tahoe will be unbudgeted expenses in 2016.

Council VP Moira Crawford, who chairs the Finance Committee, suggested that the borough may want to start an annual lease rollover program for police department vehicles, which would upgrade the fleet with a new vehicle each year, while leveling out annual expenditures.

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### **Carnival Raises Funds For Entire Community**

The outdoor carnival that visited Upland from May 25-28 generated a total of about \$6,000 in revenue for the Community Affairs Committee, which will help fund other community activities this year.

Free activities that are on deck for Upland residents this summer include the Annual Fourth of July Family Picnic, the Annual Youth Magic Show, and the Annual Labor Day Fireworks display...ENJOY!!!

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### **Fire Co. Needs Shrub Removed**

A shrub that is growing next to the Upland firehouse, located on the side where a new fire truck bay was added a couple of years ago, is starting to cause problems and needs to be cut down.

Fire Chief Dan Smith reported the intrusive shrub to Borough Council at its June 14 meeting. He noted that the shrub has now grown to be the size of a small tree and that the root system has apparently penetrated the nearby sewer lateral, as evidenced by recent sewer line backups at the firehouse.

The firehouse and the property it sits on are both owned by the borough, not the fire company, so the report was tantamount to a renter informing his landlord of a property issue. Council agreed that the shrub needs to be removed ASAP, and then the sewer lateral will have to be inspected via video camera to determine the extent of the root damage.

### **Sewer Repair Ordinance Revisited**

In January 2012, Borough Council unanimously adopted an ordinance that requires all homeowners to have their sewer lateral inspected if and when their property is put up for sale. Under the ordinance, all laterals that fail the video inspection for ground water infiltration must be replaced at the homeowner's expense, prior to property sale.

Enacting the sewer repair ordinance was intended to help address the countywide problem of stormwater infiltration, which adds millions of gallons of rain water to Delco's aging sewer system annually. Processing all that rain water at the DELCORA plant in Chester, in addition to the actual sewage, puts unnecessary stress on the processing plant and drives up the cost of sewer service for all customers.

But while Council's intentions were good, the sewer ordinance has not been well received by many Uplanders. One resident recently told Council that she was facing a \$9,000 sewer lateral repair bill that she could not afford, while several other residents have complained about the lateral-testing mandate since its inception.

Now, recent complaints have spurred a new Council discussion of the sewer repair ordinance, though no promises are being made about repealing or even amending the ordinance as it now stands.

*"I did put a committee together to discuss the sewer lateral testing,"* Council President Christine Peterson said on June 14. *"We are still in discussions, but should have something soon as to whether we are going to add to, take away, or leave (the current ordinance) the same."*

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### **Grant Covers Road Program**

A 2016 Community Development Block Grant from the county has been awarded to Upland Borough in the amount of \$99,000. This year's CDBG grant has been earmarked for road resurfacing, and will cover the entire 2016 road-paving program, which came in with a low bid of \$82,480.

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In another grant-funded matter, the borough engineer has prepared the bid specs for the proposed wall extension and corner landscaping at Sixth & Main Streets, and will soon be comparing new bids for the project. Although 2014 CDBG funds have been set aside to pay for this public improvement, the previously awarded low-bidder has failed to complete the project in a timely manner, so the project is being rebid.

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### **Community Affairs Committee Needs Volunteers**

Upland Borough's Community Affairs Committee needs volunteers for upcoming community events.

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

## Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session  
Tuesday, July 12, **Aug. 23**, and Sept. 13  
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall  
**PLEASE NOTE: August meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

## Annual Fourth of July Family Picnic

11am to 2pm on Monday, July 4  
at Bristol Lord Field

## Summer Youth Magic Show

3 to 5pm on Saturday, Aug. 27  
at MacQueen Hall

**ALL Upland children with proof of residence are welcome!**  
Pizza and ice cream sundaes will be served

## Annual Labor Day Fireworks

Start at dusk on Sunday, Sept. 4  
at Bristol Lord Field

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

4 to 6pm on Saturday, Sept. 24  
at MacQueen Hall

**Admission tickets now available at boro office:**  
\$6 – children under 10; \$8 – seniors; \$10 – adults  
(add \$1 for take-out orders)

## FCPH Planning Unique Welcome Day

If you enjoy learning about the rich colonial history of the Delaware Valley, you might want to mark Saturday, Oct. 29 with a red star on the calendar.

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House will be holding their Annual Welcome Day celebration on Race Street that day, recognizing the New World arrival of the sailing ship *Welcome* (bearing William Penn and the Pusey family) in late October 1682. But this year's Welcome Day promises to be a very special event, as the FCPH has engaged local reenactor Noah Lewis to perform in the person of Revolutionary War hero Ned Hector.

Hector was a free black volunteer in the Continental Army and served gallantly as a member of a cannon crew at the Battle of Brandywine, and later at Germantown. At Brandywine Creek, Hector risked his life by stubbornly refusing to let his team of horses fall into British hands. Despite his dedication to the cause, Hector was repeatedly denied a pension by Congress, because he was black.

Lewis' portrayal of Hector covers his wartime service and postwar life (he lived to be 90), and features interactive segments that call for audience participation, such as the firing of a (make-believe) cannon, which requires a crew of seven.

Lewis' portrayal of Hector will be an ongoing performance from 1 to 4pm. Other attractions, including other reenactors, colonial crafts, and free tours of Landingford Plantation's three historic buildings (Pusey House (1683), Pennock Log House (1790), and Crozer Schoolhouse (1849)) will all start at 12 noon, while food and refreshments will be available all day long.

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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*

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

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**Did You Know?:** The pitcher who was on the mound when the Phillies won the World Series in '80 wore #45 (Tug McGraw), while the last pitch of the Phillies' '08 World Series win was thrown by #54 (Brad Lidge).

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## Free Historic Pusey House Tours

are available (no appointment needed for individuals or small groups) every Saturday, from 1 to 4pm, from May thru October.

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Noah Lewis (above) will portray real-life local American Revolution hero Edward 'Ned' Hector at the Welcome Day celebration on Oct. 29.

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**Rain Can't Dampen  
Memorial Day Festivities...**



Even though Upland Borough's Annual Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to early morning rain on May 30, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Picnic went off as planned, co-sponsored by the congregations of Upland Baptist and Resurrection Life Churches.



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**...As Upland Remembers  
Fallen Veterans**



Three memorial services, which included gun salutes and the laying of wreaths at the graves of Rev. David & Dorothy MacQueen and Civil War hero Captain Theodore Blakeley, and at the war memorial in Upland Memorial Park, were postponed until 5 PM on May 30.



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**Ciach Poised 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 moving 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 were 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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**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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**Council Reaching Out To CUSD**

Upland Borough Council is still trying to get information directly out of the Chester-Upland School Board (CUSD), but the ongoing efforts have yet to yield results. Since last October, Council's monthly meeting agenda has featured a slot for a report from the borough's lone school board representative, Cephus Richardson, but the Upland resident has not yet made an appearance at a Council meeting, let alone give a report.

At Council's May 10 meeting, the continued lack of a school board report prompted Council President Christine Peterson to update the static situation.

*"We have reached out to the Chester-Upland School District, and they have not returned our calls,"* said Peterson.

### Council Denies Demolition Permit

At Borough Council’s May 10 meeting, a 5-1 Council vote upheld the recommendation made by the Upland Historical Commission (UHC) in April by denying the issuance of a demolition permit for Sunnyside House on Upland Avenue. Councilman Lee Hunter cast the lone vote in dissent, noting that the property could earn tax revenue for the borough, if converted to a free-standing Family Dollar store, whereas the vacant building currently generates no tax dollars.

Sunnyside House was built in 1863 by industrialist John P. Crozer, to serve as the home for one of his nieces. The residential structure has been owned by Crozer-Chester Medical Center since the 1970s, and has been utilized for different purposes, though it has sat vacant for the past six years.

The Sunnyside case was the first formal development plan review that the recently-formed UHC has handled. The five-member UHC voted unanimously on April 6 in recommending denial of a demolition permit. UHC Chairman Lou Brown said at the time that he felt CCMC had not actively sought out other potential uses for the former residence, while allowing the vacant structure to deteriorate in recent years.

After its own review, the Delaware County Planning Department supported denying the permit and subsequent new development plan, citing traffic concerns.



**Crozer-Chester Medical Center officials want to demolish this vacant building on Upland Avenue, known as Sunnyside House, which was built in 1863 to be the home of a niece of John P. Crozer.**

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### Council Frustrated By Project Delays

An extension of the Main Street stone wall that would round the corner to the bus stop on Sixth Street has been pending for nearly two years, and Borough Council is getting tired of waiting.

Utilizing county money from a 2014 Community Development Block Grant, Council has taken all the necessary steps to bid out the project and secure a contractor to do the work, but low-bidder Ellis Construction, Inc. has not proven to be reliable.

Councilman Ed Mitchell recently inquired as to what the borough had to do to change the contract award on a grant-funded project.

“That wall should have been up and done by now,” Mitchell stated at Council’s May 10 meeting.

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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 features 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**, first select the ‘Departments’ link, then ‘Floodplain Management,’ then ‘Answers to Questions about the NFIP’ (National Flood Insurance Program).

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**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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### Eighth Street Beautification Project Making Progress

An overview of the ongoing Eighth Street Beautification Project was accepted as presented by Council on April 12. The project summary lays out the series of past and future steps that are necessary to improve the overall appearance of the area surrounding the bustling intersection of Eighth Street, Hill Street, Kerlin Street, and Upland Avenue.

In recent months, Council has purchased two vacant housing lots (#4 Eighth St., which has already been demolished, for \$600, and the Pileggi property on Kerlin St. for \$15,000) and has bid on another lot (#6 Hill St.), with the intention of tearing down the empty buildings to make room for landscaping with more eye-appeal.

“This is the entrance coming into Upland,” noted Councilman Ed Mitchell. “If you look at it down there, it’s kind of shabby... We’re hoping to clean up that eyesore.”

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## Carnival Comes To Town



The outdoor carnival returned to Upland from May 25-28, providing food and fun for the entire family.



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### Police Department Has Been Busy

According to Mayor Michael Ciach, the Upland Police Department has been a presence on the borough's roadways lately.

A total of 137 citations were issued in the month of April, bringing the year-to-date total up to 548 citations issued in 2016.

There were 10 reported motor vehicle accidents in Upland during April, and the Upland PD has had a total of 59 vehicles towed this year.

Upland officers issued 39 parking tickets in April, pushing that total up to 121 for 2016.

The Upland PD received 319 calls in April, bringing the call volume up to 1,395 calls for the year.

Ciach ended his monthly report on May 10 by noting that it was National Law Enforcement Week. The mayor asked residents *"to remember both fallen and active officers, and keep them in your prayers this week."*

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### 2016 Road Program Awarded

This year's road resurfacing contract has been awarded to low-bidder A. F. Damon, Inc., of Upland, in the amount of \$82,480. Only one other bid was received, and that bid was \$5,620 higher than that of the hometown company.

The 2016 road program will include the re-paving of the entire length of Eighth Street, and one block of Upland Avenue, from Eighth Street to Seventh Street.

Upland's annual road paving is typically done early in the summer, and will likely be completed in June.

## FCPH Plant Sale A Resounding Success

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House want to thank all of their supporters who turned out on May 7 to make the second annual Spring Plant & Herb Sale fundraiser a multi-level success.

A total of just under \$200 was raised to continue the preservation and upkeep of the 1683 Pusey House – the oldest English cottage in America. With about \$100 worth of plants left over, the FCPH was also able to restock the herb garden that grows next to the Pusey House, and could even share a few potted plants with some of their most loyal supporters.

The greatest success of the day, however, was the opportunity to give Pusey House tours to another two dozen visitors, allowing the FCPH to show off the crown jewel of Upland's history.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Plant & Herb Sale was held at the historic Caleb Pusey House on May 7.



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### Upland Rejects SPCA Offer

The issue of where to take stray dogs and cats that are captured by Delco Animal Control officers remains unresolved. A recent offer from Brandywine SPCA (formerly Chester County SPCA) didn't help the matter, as the proposal was seen as one-sided by Upland Borough officials.

Under the rejected proposal, the borough would have to enter into a three-year contract for boarding services; would have to pay an annual fee of \$2,000, plus a monthly fee of \$500, plus from \$150 up to \$400 for each stray; and would have to cover the cost of insurance for Brandywine SPCA.

After reviewing the proposed contract, Borough Manager Greg Grillone labeled the pact as "an outrageous deal." He recommended that Upland go without stray boarding services, once the current contract with the Delaware County Animal Control Board expires on April 30.

*"Some municipalities are using local vets, and others are just going to let whatever happens happen, and they'll continue to use their own animal control people to work with local shelters,"* Grillone told Council on April 12. *"The good thing is that we don't get that many animals during the course of the year,"* he noted.

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### McClintock Back On Council

Councilman Harold 'Ray' Peden has resigned from his seat on Borough Council, effective March 22, prompting the Vacancy Committee to recommend Richard B. McClintock to Council for approval. McClintock has already served a total of 20 years on Council, the last six of which were as Council president, prior to his own mid-term resignation in 2008. The retired Mulberry Street resident brings a unique mix of experience to municipal government, having previously worked as an Upland police officer and the director of security at Crozer-Chester Medical Center. He is also an honorary life member and a past president of Upland Fire Company No. 1, as well as a veteran and past commander of Upland American Legion Post 871. Other service positions on McClintock's resume include former president of the Upland Athletic Club, past president of Brookhaven Lions Club, former master of his lodge, past member of the ChesterUpland School Board, and life member of the southeastern PA Police Chief's Association. Furthermore, McClintock has been the mayor of Upland Borough and a former member of the Delaware County Association of Boroughs, having served the latter as secretary and second vice president. He has also logged 25 years of service on the Delaware County Parks Board. "It's great to be back!" McClintock said, after being sworn in once again on April 12. "I've served a long time in the Borough of Upland, and I really look forward to coming back."

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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.

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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### Website Visitors: Up, Up, & Up!

Council Vice President/Webmaster Moira Crawford created Upland Borough's website when she joined Council in 2008, and now the renovated site draws more and more visitors each month. Each month of the new year has seen the website establish a new single-day high for number of visitors, with 195 visitors on Jan. 17 being edged by 196 visitors on Feb. 23, and then a new benchmark of 208 visitors being set on March 8.

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

In related business, Borough Council has approved the expenditure of an additional \$135 to bring the borough's digital/electronic storage space up to 25 gigabytes, to accommodate greater use of the borough's website and email accounts.

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Three more part-time police officers were sworn in on May 10. Posing here with Acting Chief Michael Irely (far left) and Mayor Michael Ciach (far right), the new hires include (l to r) Off. Jevin Downs, Off. William Welsh, and Off. Carl White.

### New Officers Sworn In

Three part-time Upland police officers were sworn in by Mayor Michael Ciach on May 10.

**Officer Jevin Downs**, age 28, grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Lansdale Catholic High School in 2006. He also graduated from Berks County Community College in 2010 after earning a degree in criminal justice, then graduated from the Montgomery County Police Academy in March 2016.

**Officer William Welsh**, 26, is a Bethel Township native, who graduated from Garnet Valley High School in 2008. He then spent three years serving in the U.S. Army, before taking online college courses at the American Military University. He graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy in December 2015, and has worked for the Department of Homeland Security for a year.

**Officer Carl White**, 35, hails from Norwood, and graduated from Interboro High School in 1998. He has an associates' degree in applied sciences from Allstate Career School. He has used his EMS skills working as a paramedic for the last 19 years. He has worked as a part-time police officer with the Collingdale PD since 2013, and has been running with the Collingdale Fire Company for the past year.

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