



The Uplander



The Caleb Pusey House

MacQueen Hall

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Fireworks Display Wows Crowd



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While hundreds of residents staked out their viewing spots on Bristol Lord Field (ABOVE), the volunteer members of Upland Fire Company No. 1 (BELOW) had a successful fundraiser, offering refreshments and glow sticks, and selling out virtually all items.



Spaghetti Dinner Raises Funds



The Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (which was canceled last year, due to the failing health of Master Chef/Councilwoman Sandy Miazza) was held in MacQueen Hall on Sept. 24, with Sandy's sister, Councilwoman Judy Bush (right), and Council VP Moira Crawford stepping up to handle the kitchen duties.

About 50 diners turned out to support the fundraising dinner, which will help fund upcoming family events.



And even though the Spaghetti Dinner was held to raise money, it also provided another chance for families to spend quality time together.



Veterans Getting Special Parking Spot

With the cooperation of the owners of Sam & Sam's Meats in the Upland Shopping Center, a veterans-only parking space is being created near the front entrance to the popular grocery store.

A public dedication ceremony has been scheduled for **10:30am on Saturday, Oct. 8** at Sam & Sam's Meats. All comers are welcome, but it is especially hoped that local veterans will attend.

The restricted parking space will be painted purple, similar to the way that parking spaces reserved for the handicapped are painted blue. A sign will also be posted to identify the special parking space, in the hopes that non-veterans will park elsewhere and respect the honor that is intended as a thank you to our dedicated servicemen and women.

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Marines Raising Funds With BBQ Dinners

Detachment 288 of the Delaware County Marine Corps League will be holding a fundraiser with the sale of Big-Q-BBQ dinners (formerly Nelson's BBQ) from **1 to 5pm on Saturday, Oct. 8**.

The members of Detachment 288 have served the Upland community for many years, providing military honor guards and gun salutes at the borough's annual Memorial Day festivities. Now these veterans need that community to support their ongoing efforts to maintain their aging headquarters building at 3602 Sixth Street, which was once a Crozer family home.

Each dinner includes two sides and a roll, with the main course being either BBQ pork ribs (\$15) or BBQ chicken (\$12). Dinners are packaged upon your arrival, and take-out will be available.

These delicious dinners often sell out early, so pre-ordering is recommended.

To learn more or to reserve dinners, contact Monica at 432009@hotmail.com or **610-364-6701** or email Alan at alancorporal@yahoo.com.

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Upland To Auction Off Cars

The borough office has found reasonable fees associated with using the Muncibid website to auction off used vehicles, so another one of the oldest cars in the Upland Police Department fleet has been approved for disposal through Muncibid. A 2011 Dodge Charger with 90,000 miles on the odometer will be the next used police car to be placed on the online auction block.

The borough recently got rid of its two oldest vehicles (a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria with 132,785 miles, most recently used as a Code Enforcement vehicle, and a 2008 Crown Vic with only 82,404 miles, but with a blown motor) by utilizing Muncibid, and found the process to be both painless and profitable, as opposed to selling each vehicle privately.

Sewer Lateral Jetting Made Optional

After delaying action on a proposed amendment to the sewer lateral inspection ordinance that was adopted in 2012, Borough Council voted on Sept. 13 to approve a modified version of the amended language. The issue was thoroughly discussed during Council's pre-meeting caucus session, where elected officials agreed to make pre-inspection jetting of sewer laterals an option, and not a mandate.

At its Aug. 23 meeting, Council was prepared to vote on an amendment that would have required jetting as a precursor to all lateral camera inspections. The thinking was that jetting would remove the fine debris that could cause a lateral to unnecessarily fail a video inspection. But after a resident made an impassioned plea for Council to rethink the jetting requirement, a three-week reprieve was granted.

The subsequent caucus discussion ultimately found borough officials agreeing to make jetting an option for homeowners, which would offer a potential cost savings to residents who are preparing to sell their home, but would not force anyone to spend the extra money, prior to an inspection.

The inspection ordinance language changes that were approved are as follows:

1. ***Closed Circuit Video recordings shall be used as the primary testing/inspection method for all laterals that have been in service for 10 years or more.***
 - A. ***Proper cleaning of lateral by jetting may be voluntarily completed prior to video recording.***
 - B. ***Evaluation of the said lateral will be performed by the borough engineer or his/her designee.***

"If you don't want to have (jetting) done, and want to take your chances and have the camera run, feel free," Council President Christine Peterson said during caucus.

The heart of the ordinance, which requires all residents to get a sewer lateral inspection prior to selling their home, remains unchanged and intact.

Council members did note, however, that the borough's list of "approved" inspection companies is only a suggestion list. Residents can hire any qualified agent to do the lateral inspection, provided that the proper equipment is used.

It was also noted that Upland Borough's plumbing inspector, Tom Kennedy, who is state certified as a sewer lateral inspector, has the final word on whether a lateral passes or fails a video inspection.

After Council had voted unanimously to adopt the modified amendment to the sewer lateral ordinance, the same resident who stopped the August vote made one last attempt to get the ordinance revoked, once again arguing that the borough had no authority to regulate private property.

"I respect your opinions, but it's not going to change. It is what it is now," Peterson told the complainant. *"People asked us to revisit (the ordinance), and we*

did revisit it...Now we've beaten this to death," she added.

When the resident tried to keep the discussion going, Peterson turned to Council.

"Is anyone inclined to look at this one more time?" Peterson asked her fellow Council members, receiving no answers. "Okay then, it's done!" she asserted, bringing the sewer lateral inspection debate to a close.

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Modified Wall Project To Be Rebid

The next step in the ongoing saga of a wall extension and landscaping that will beautify the southwest corner of the Sixth & Main crossroads is another rebidding, but this time, the grant-funded improvements have been scaled back.

In the hopes of getting a price around the \$38,500 in Community Development Block Grant money that is paying for this project, the borough engineer has changed the project specs to build the proposed wall extension out of poured concrete, abandoning the original plan to extend the stone wall that bounds Auburn Village on Main Street.

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Fire Company Plans Christmas Tree Sales

Members of Upland Fire Company No. 1 will be holding a holiday-related fundraiser in December.

For the first time, our fire company will be selling Christmas trees in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Upland firefighters are teaming up with the members of the Ogden Fire Co. to split the proceeds from tree sales, but the trees will be displayed at the Ogden firehouse, located on the south side of Naaman's Creek Road (#4300) in Upper Chichester Township (Boothwyn).

Any pre-paid tree can be delivered to Upland residents for free, if requested.

For more information or to place an order, send email to ufcfund57@yahoo.com or contact Monica at 610-364-6701 or 432009@hotmail.com.

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Police Officers Kept Busy

According to the police activity summary read at Borough Council's Sept. 13 meeting, Upland police officers have been busy keeping the borough's roadways safe for residents.

During the month of August 2016, 135 citations were issued, 122 of which were traffic citations.

Twenty-five parking tickets were issued in August (bringing the 2016 total up to 210), and there were 10 motor vehicle accidents on borough roads that month.

Upland police have towed a total of 102 vehicles so far this year.

The Upland PD answered 305 calls in August, and made 44 assists to other agencies. The total call volume for this year now stands at 2,758 calls.

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Monday Night VBS

6 to 7pm every Monday evening
at Upland Baptist Church

Open to children pre-K to 5th grade

Includes activity/craft, Bible lesson, and dinner

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Blessing of the Animals

3pm on Sunday, Oct. 2

at Upland Baptist Church

Please bring your pet on a lease or in a crate

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Veteran Parking Space Dedication

10:30am on Saturday, Oct. 8

at Sam & Sam's Market, Upland Shopping Center

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Marine Corps League BBQ Fundraiser

1 to 5pm on Saturday, Oct. 8

at Sixth Street HQ of Delco Detachment 288
(next to Camp Upland Park)

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Annual Shady Maple Trip For Seniors

on Monday, Oct. 10 (Columbus Day)

Transportation provided, but seating is limited

Sign-ups on a first come/first serve basis

(Must be a senior citizen resident of Upland)

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Welcome Day Celebration

12 to 4pm on Saturday, Oct. 29

at Caleb Pusey House on Race Street

Free Admission; Food and drinks available

Featuring Colonial Re-enactor Noah Lewis as Ned Hector

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Annual Youth Halloween Party

4 to 6pm on Saturday, Oct. 29

at MacQueen Hall

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Annual Trunk-or-Treat

6 to 7pm on Monday, Oct. 31

at Upland Baptist Church



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Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, Nov. 6 – Turn clocks back one hour

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Free Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors

6 to 8pm on Saturday, Nov. 12

at MacQueen Hall

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Holiday Tree Lighting /Santa Visit

Starts at 6pm on Friday, Nov. 25

at MacQueen Hall

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Prior to the Labor Day fireworks display, the pavilion at Bristol Lord Field became a biker hangout.

No Bidders For Police Motorcycle

A scheduled bid opening on Aug. 25 found that no bids had been received for the Upland Police Department's new motorcycle unit.

It is most likely all the extra equipment and accessories that a police motorcycle needs that dissuaded the general public from presenting any bids on the heavy-duty bike, speculated Borough Engineer Dan Archdeacon, filling in for Lisa Catania. Despite the apparent lack of interest, the borough will offer the opportunity for open bidding one more time. If no bids are received again, the borough will move to buy the motorcycle through other channels. The Upland PD has been without a motorcycle unit since last October, when the department's two-year-old 1600cc Harley Davidson was totaled in a traffic accident at the Kerlin St./Upland Ave. intersection.

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Council Moves To Fund Pensions

At Council's Sept. 13 meeting, the Minimum Municipal Obligation for two borough employee pension plans was committed to the 2017 budget. The state generally contributes about 70% of the total required to fund municipal pension plans. Next year's estimated payroll for the Upland Police Department is \$279,700. The pension plans are funded at a percentage of total payroll, which means that the borough will be setting aside \$64,334 to fund this pension plan in 2017. Police officers will not have to make any contributions to their own pensions.

Next year's estimated payroll for non-uniformed borough employees is \$375,588. The borough will earmark \$42,677 to fund this pension plan in 2017. Similar to police personnel, non-uniformed employees will not have to contribute any portion of their wages to fund their own pension plans.

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

mcrawford@uplandboro.org



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

FCPH Offers Special Welcome Day

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House will be holding their Annual Welcome Day celebration on Race Street on **Saturday, Oct. 29**, recognizing the Chester landing of the sailing ship *Welcome* (bearing William Penn and the Pusey family) in late October 1682. 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.

Hope to see you there...and bring a friend! Free parking on premises.

IN MEMORIAM – REST IN PEACE



Councilwoman Sandra (nee Kirby) Miazza passed away on July 4, after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer.

Sandy Made Good On Promises

Sandy Miazza was serving her third elected term as a member of Upland Borough Council, when she passed at Taylor Hospice on July 4. At that time, the Sixth Street resident was the longest continuously tenured Council member, having served more than a decade at the post.

Sandy served on several different committees during her 10+ years on Borough Council, but she was most proud of her work as chair of the Community Affairs Committee.

A lifetime Upland resident, Sandy came to Council in 2006, promising to provide more activities for the borough's youth and senior citizens. During her tenure, she fulfilled that promise beyond expectations, organizing and acting as hostess to several family events every year.

Prior to joining Council, Sandy was a frequent volunteer at Upland Athletic Club and Upland Senior Citizens events, where she enjoyed cooking for a crowd – a skill she continued to put to good use as Community Affairs Committee chairwoman. A "Sandy's Kitchen" wall plaque now hangs in MacQueen Hall, in recognition of the many meals that Sandy prepared and served to her fellow Upland residents.

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Council Welcomes New Member; Appoints New Vacancy Chair

At Borough Council's July 12 meeting, Judy Bush resigned from her post as chair of the borough's Vacancy Board, so that she could be appointed to Council as Sandy Miazza's replacement.

"I'll do my best for the people of the borough. I've lived here myself all these years and I think we can have an even better community," Bush said after her first session as a councilwoman.

Sandra Deldeo was subsequently appointed to fill the void and serve as the new chairwoman of the Vacancy Board. Deldeo also serves her community

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Mrs. Judith (nee Kirby) Bush, of Sixth Street, was sworn in on July 12 to complete the remaining 17 months of the unexpired Council term of her older sister, Sandy Miazza. While Mayor Michael Ciach swore in the new Council member, her daughter, Meghan, held the Bible. Bush, age 56, is a lifetime Uplander, who has previously served the borough as a member of the Vacancy Board and a Community Affairs Committee volunteer, while also serving the past 10 years as a Republican committeewoman.

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 recently prepared the specifications for Upland's next five-year trash contract (covering 2017 to 2022), borough officials are now thinking that January (at the start of the new contract) would be the best time to make changes to recycling collections.

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Trash Contract Awarded

After receiving three bids for the next trash and recycling collections contract, which will cover the years 2017 through 2022, Borough Council awarded the contract to B & L Disposal Services – the low bidder and the borough's current collector.

Under the approved contract, the borough will pay \$97,035 for the first year of the contract, then a sliding scale will incrementally bring the annual charge up to \$109,165 for the fifth year.

The new contract includes the collection of regular trash (every Monday and Thursday, excepting holidays), recycling (on the first and third Friday of each month), and bulk trash pick-ups (on the last Wednesday of each month).

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Ciach Poised For 2nd State House Run

The Republican Party has endorsed Upland Mayor Michael Ciach for another run at the vacated 159th Legislative District seat in the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives. Ciach challenged incumbent Democrat Thaddeus Kirkland in 2014, but came up short, although he 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 on Nov. 8 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."

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.

Enormous Pothole Discussed

A pothole in the alleyway behind 22nd Street homes has grown to be several feet in width and a depth that presents a risk to the undercarriage of cars.

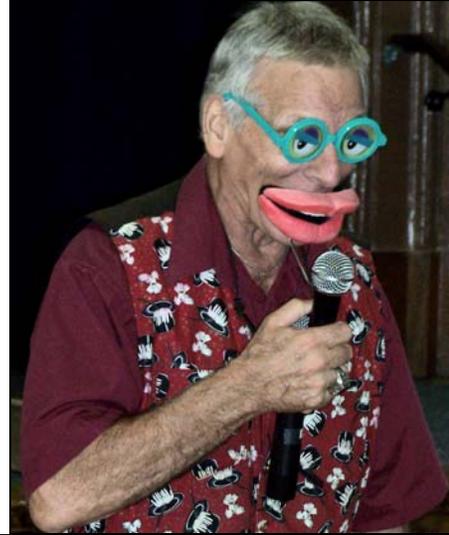
A concerned resident returned to Borough Council on Aug. 23 seeking a solution, but found that the legal status of the alley is the root of the problem.

The alleyway is not a dedicated public road, so the borough has no responsibility to maintain it, yet residents' vehicles and trash trucks use the alley every day, so it functions as a public roadway, even though it is technically private property.

"(The alley) is somewhere between private property and a borough road", suggested Borough Solicitor Robert O'Connor.

In an effort to bridge the legal gap, borough officials will look into the possibility of extending the property maintenance code to cover alleyways, similar to the way that sidewalks are public property that must be privately maintained by the property owner.

Youth Enjoy Magic Show



The Annual Summer Youth Magic Show was held at MacQueen Hall on Aug. 27, where about 15 kids and a like number of adults were entertained by Constantine.



But it was no surprise that the pizza and the make-your-own ice cream sundaes were the stars of the show.



Fire Chief Earns Certifications

Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith recently completed the course work required to earn two federal fire safety certifications, including Technical Search Specialist (utilizing sonar devices to locate persons trapped inside a collapsed building) and Structural Collapse Technician.

Smith received the special training and FEMA certifications as a member of the Delaware County Tactical Rescue Team.

Street B-ballers Draw Complaints

Some residents are not abiding by the borough ordinance that prohibits the use of temporary curbside basketball backboards, while the children of some residents are not being very respectful of their neighbors.

Two Upland residents came to Council on July 12, asking for help with a group of belligerent teens who insist on playing basketball in the street on a nearby corner. The b-ballers have damaged property and parked cars, and often obstruct traffic and refuse to move out of the way. When they do move, the concession is often followed by a profane remark. Worse yet, one adult from the neighborhood has been equally aggressive and rude in support of the kids.

Councilman Lee Hunter, who recently retired from the post of Upland's code enforcement officer, understood the neighbors' complaints all too well, having personally seen similar behavior from the same crowd, not all of whom are Upland residents.

"It's a continuous problem, and it's not going to stop," Hunter asserted. *"If you tow the net away and fine them, they're going to pay the fine and put the net back. They're very defiant kids."*

The frustrated residents said that they have called the police, but even the direct intervention of the police chief did not defuse the standoff.

Acting Police Chief Michael Irey was on hand to hear the complaints and vowed to resolve the situation.

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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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Church Hosts Block Party



There was lots of clowning around going on when the congregation of Resurrection Life Church served up their Annual Community Block Party on Aug. 13, with over 50 local residents in attendance. Free food offerings included chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and chips, while prizes were awarded to game and drawing winners, and the summer heat made the addition of a water sprinkler a huge hit this year.

Neighbor Suspects Illegal Tenants

A Scott Avenue resident recently came before Council to ask how the borough can 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 keeps 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 Relinquishes 'Taken' Property

On May 1, 2015, Upland Borough filed a declaration of taking in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County to take ownership of 3702 Sixth Street, under the Eminent Domain Code.

In the interim, the borough has not made any payments, nor has the condemnee tendered possession of the property.

Since the borough has not taken actual possession of the property, pursuant to the declaration of taking, the borough has now opted to revoke the condemnation proceedings, relinquish title to said premises, and revert the condemnee with a fee simple or absolute title.

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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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Children Learn at UBC Lunch



Rev. Brenda Shaw (far left) and former service dog Neville with his handler Carol Stark (far right) flank the kids who attended the last day of Upland Baptist Church's summer lunch program on Aug. 18. Representing Canine Partners for Life, Neville provided a demonstration of service dog skills, while Mrs. Stark fielded questions and read a short story aloud as part of the Library Day program.



Among his skills, Neville showed the children how a service dog can help a person with a disability to get undressed.

Upland Historical Commission Reinstated

All five of the charter members of the Upland Historical Commission were reinstated with new two-year terms at Council's Aug. 23 session. The reappointed members include Chairman Lou Brown and Upland residents Tom Bryant, Brian Davis, Sandra Deldeo, and Brock Peterson.

Charged with the mission of preserving Upland Borough's historic resources, the UHC recently recommended Borough Council's denial of a demolition permit for Sunnyside House (built in 1863) on Upland Avenue.

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**Officer Goes 'Extra Yard'
During Traffic Stop**

The recent actions of part-time Upland Police Officer Daniel Lemmon gave law enforcement agents everywhere a welcomed shot in the arm. Officer Lemmon recently pulled over a young motorist for a routine traffic stop and found that the driver did not have all the proper paperwork in hand. Although citations could have been issued right there and then, the officer used good judgment in making a couple of phone calls to eventually get the situation satisfactorily resolved, all without punitive measures taken.

When commending Lemmon's actions, Mayor Michael Ciach and Acting-Police Chief Michael Irey did not give all the details of the traffic stop, but Irey said that Lemmon had gone "the extra yard." It was noted that the driver's grateful parent had written a letter to the Upland PD, stating that "it just goes to show that all police officers aren't out to get you."

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.**

Parking Tax Revenue Earmarked

Borough Council has taken the formal step of changing the official stated use of revenue received through the commercial parking tax that was enacted in 2010. Applicable only to the parking facilities at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, the parking tax generates roughly \$125,000 in borough revenue annually, although the dollar amounts do vary from year to year.

Previously, parking tax revenue had been earmarked for improvements to either the Reese Center (on West 24th Street) or the Netherleigh Mansion Carriage House (at Camp Upland), but now those funds are officially designated "100 percent to be allocated and accrued for Upland Borough improvement projects." By generalizing the intended use of parking tax revenue, Council gives itself greater flexibility in discretionary spending.

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Council OKs New FOP Contract

At its Aug. 23 meeting, Borough Council unanimously approved a new five-year collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police. The pact is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2016 and will be in effect until Dec. 31, 2020.

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