





The Caleb Pusey House

MacQueen Hall

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Upland Seniors 'Do Lunch' To Celebrate St. Pat's Day



Borough Council VP Moira Crawford shares a laugh with Councilman Lee Hunter (left) and retired Judge Ken Miller on March 13. Crawford and Councilwoman Judy Bush helped cook the meal the night before, then led a small crew of dedicated Community Affairs Committee volunteers to serve up the annual St. Patty's Day Ham & Cabbage Luncheon For Seniors at MacQueen Hall.



Many attendees were wearin' the green to show their Irish side, and some were seen wearin' those smilin' Irish eyes.





After the free luncheon was over, members of the Upland Senior Citizens Club got down to the usual business matters that bring them to MacQueen Hall every Monday morning.

Delco Dog License Sweep

Licensing your dog not only gives Rover the best chance of returning home safely, should he ever be lost, it also happens to be state law. All dogs over three months of age are required to have licenses renewed by Jan. 1 of each year.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has notified several Delaware County municipalities that random dog licensing checks will be conducted by PDA Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement agents on **Wednesday, April 26.** The stated purpose of the door-to-door campaign is to educate the public about dog licensing and rabies vaccination laws, but owners of unlicensed/unvaccinated dogs will be subject to fines of up to \$300 for each dog.

While rabies vaccinations can only be procured through a veterinarian, getting a 2017 dog license is very easy. Dog licenses can be purchased at the Upland Borough office in MacQueen Hall or at the Delco Courthouse in Media. The cost of annual license renewal is \$8.50 per non-neutered/non-spayed dog (lifetime: \$51.50) and \$6.50 for neutered/spayed dogs (lifetime: \$31.50). Senior citizens (65 and older) and persons with certified disabilities get a \$2 discount on all licenses.



Council Calls For Resignation

Councilman Edward Mitchell has not attended a Borough Council meeting since he was arrested last December on charges of violating the public trust. Mitchell's trial for 41 felony counts and an alleged kickback scheme that reportedly netted him \$133,000 is pending, but in the meantime, he is still a duly-elected member of Upland Borough Council.

At Council's March 28 meeting, however, a unanimous vote supported a motion requesting Mitchell's immediate resignation from Council. Councilman Dick McClintock made the motion, after he read a prepared statement from Council President Christine Peterson, as follows:

"We are appalled and strongly condemn the alleged activities and behavior of Councilman Ed Mitchell," Peterson stated. "For the good of the borough and local residents, we call upon Mr. Mitchell to do the right thing and immediately resign his position on Borough Council.

"Serving the community as an elected official is a privilege that I and the other board members take very seriously," Peterson continued. "It is a responsibility that we are proud to do with honesty and integrity, and each of us are disgusted by the alleged malfeasance of Mr. Mitchell.

"While we all understand that the law presumes that Mr. Mitchell is 'innocent until proven guilty,' in light of the severity of the pending charges, together with the duty to always uphold the public trust, we all call for the immediate and unconditional resignation of Mr. Mitchell from his position as councilman in the Borough of Upland. We believe that by retaining that office, Mr. Mitchell brings disrepute upon the borough," Peterson concluded.

Council Weighs Flood Plain Post Replacement

Former Borough Councilman Harold 'Ray' Peden recently resigned from the position of Flood Plain Administrator – a post he had held for several years, at no charge to the borough. Peden's exit creates a vacancy that will likely need a professional to fill.

This post, which requires ongoing education and state certification, is important in a town that has frequently seen the flooding of Chester Creek, since the Flood Plain Administrator serves as Upland's point person, for both federal (FEMA) and state (PEMA) relief efforts in the event of a flood.

Upland Borough has two qualified replacement options in Plumbing Inspector Tom Kennedy and Catania Engineering, but exactly how much each professional option would charge for as-needed services was unknown at Council's March 28 meeting. After a brief discussion, the topic was tabled until Council's April 11 session, to allow time to determine the relative costs.

Fire Co. Fund Drives See Declining Support

Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith delivered a sad and shocking report to Borough Council on March 28, detailing the lack of financial support that the allvolunteer Upland Fire Company No. 1 receives from borough residents and businesses. The fire company depends heavily on its annual fund drive to generate operating funds for the entire year, but recent fund drives are showing a steady decline.

Smith noted that the 2016 Fund Drive produced \$7,800 in donations, most of which came from individual residents. In contrast, the 2015 Fund Drive generated \$9,415, while the 2014 Fund Drive brought in about \$11,000, according to Smith.

Of the donations that were received last year, 184 came from Upland's 1,150 residences; 10 came from the borough's 111 businesses; and only one of Upland's 61 apartment units (not including Auburn Village) contributed.

The contribution numbers add up to less than 15% of the community supporting Upland's lone fire company.

"We're going to have to figure out some way to convince the residents that this fund drive helps us with our finances," Smith lamented.

Boro Seeks Bids For CDBG Work

Upland Borough is advertising for bidders for the 2017 Road Paving Program, which will be funded by a 2016 Community Development Block Grant from the county. Bids will be accepted and reviewed in April, and a paving contract will probably be awarded at Council's May 2 meeting.

The award of 2017 CDBG funds will be announced in April. Upland's first choice for new CDBG funding assistance is the Kerlin Street/Upland Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project.

Upland Submits C2P2 Application

C2P2 sounds as if it might be the robotic child of Star Wars' C3PO and R2D2, but it is shorthand for a Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant, like the one that Upland Borough has applied for through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Upland will be vying with other small municipalities hoping to secure a base grant of \$20,000, with another \$40,000 available on a 50/50 match basis. Borough Council would use a C2P2 award to help finance the creation of a new public park at the intersection of 8th & Hill Streets. The grant would cover the installation of trash cans, benches, a tot slide and swing set, and construction of two handicapped-accessible parking spaces.

Council Awards Demolition Contract

The pending demolition of the vacant home at 227 8th Street will pave the way for the creation of a small public parking lot and a second access drive to Upland police headquarters.

Council has awarded the demolition contract to A.J. Jurich, of Aston (the lone bidder) in the base amount of \$49,000, which includes asbestos removal, with a \$8,800 unit price for additional work, if more asbestos than anticipated is found.

No specific timetable has been set for the demolition work to begin.

Fire Company Continues Easter Flower Sales

Volunteers of Upland Fire Company No. 1 will be holding their Fourth Annual Easter Flower Sale fundraiser on Easter Weekend – Friday, April 14 thru Sunday, April 16.

A wide variety of potted spring flowers, including tulips, daffodils, and hyacinth, will be offered throughout the weekend, but the best selection will be available on Friday.

A baked goods table will offer incredible edible items on Saturday only.

Please support this fundraiser by visiting the firehouse on McClintock Drive on Friday or Saturday, from 9am to dusk, or on Sunday, from 1pm to dusk or until sold out.

Pusey House To Host Spring Plant Sale Encore

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 13, from 11am to 3pm**. This fundraiser will offer potted herbs, vegetable plants, landscaping annuals, and an assortment of flowering baskets all 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 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.

Shred-It Day Slated For May

Another Community Shred-It Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 13, 2017**. Upland residents can drop off boxes (<u>up to 6 boxes per household</u>) of old paper documents, bills, and records for disposal from **9am to 12 noon** in the parking lot at MacQueen Hall.

Utilizing a mobile shredding truck, Shred-It Day offers residents a safe and secure (and <u>FREE</u>!) opportunity to dispose of outdated files. There is no need to remove paper clips and staples, but papers must be removed from binders.

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session Tuesday April 11, May 2, and June 13 on ground floor of MacQueen Hall (please note: May meeting moved up one week to avoid conflict with the PSAB Conference, May 7-10)

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

UFC Easter Flower Sale

9am to dusk on Friday/Saturday, April 14/15 and 1pm until sold out on Sunday, April 16 at firehouse on McClintock Drive

Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Egg Hunt: 9am at Bristol Lord Field; Breakfast: 9:30 to 11:30am at MacQueen Hall on Saturday, April 15

Adult breakfast: \$5; Children 12 and under with boro ID eat free; Children without ID: \$3 Photos with Easter Bunny: \$3 ***Kids must be accompanied by an adult for breakfast***

Free Community Shred-It Day

9am to 12 noon on Saturday, May 13 at MacQueen Hall parking lot

FCPH Spring Plant & Herb Sale

11am to 3pm on Saturday, May 13 at historic Caleb Pusey House on Race Street

Memorial Day Festivities

Parade starts at 9am; Service at war memorial starts about 10am; Church-sponsored picnic from 11am to 2pm on Monday, May 29

Outdoor Carnival Fundraiser Wednesday thru Saturday evenings, June 7-10 at Bristol Lord Field * * * * *



After three years of technical delays, construction of a wall extension and landscaping of the southwest corner of the Sixth & Main Streets intersection began in earnest in late February, but the onset of frigid weather in early March temporarily delayed the grantfunded public improvement project once again.



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Souper Fundraiser Made Money

The annual Soup-n-Salad Dinner fundraiser that was held at MacQueen Hall on Feb. 18 was not only tasty, but a fiscal success as well, raising about \$300 that will help fund other community events later this year.

Council Vice President and Community Affairs Committee stalwart Moira Crawford noted that the revenue generated by a "light turnout" of about 50 diners (along with 20 takeout orders) "was better than last year."

Upland Police On Duty

The Upland Police Department continues to maintain its vigilance to keep the borough's streets safe for all residents, pedestrians, and motorists.

During the month of February 2017, Upland officers issued 356 citations (most of which were traffic citations), bringing the year-to-date total up to 566. Eighty-eight parking tickets were also written in February, bumping that year-to-date total up to 235.

A total of five motor vehicle accidents were reported on borough roadways in February.

As of the end of February, Upland officers had towed a total of 29 vehicles in 2017.

The UPD answered a total of 319 calls in February, while also making 31 assists to other agencies. These calls brought the year-to-date count up to 679 calls.

Seniors Planning Wildwood Trip

Upland seniors will be joining other local senior citizens on an activity-packed five-day trip to Wildwood, NJ, from September 17-21, 2017. All interested parties are invited to join the fun-filled outing, which includes lodging at the Windward Motel, three meals each day, and activities, such as a sightseeing/whale-watching cruise and a sidetrip to an Atlantic City casino, et al.

The cost is \$399 per person for double occupancy. To learn more about this low-cost off-season vacation opportunity, call Gwen Taylor at **267-379-6948**.

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As was the case over the last few years, the early blooming of spring flowers like daffodils, narcissus, and crocuses met with an untimely demise, as a warm winter gave way to cold temperatures in early March.



...But things got much worse in the wake of the March 14 snowstorm, when a week of icy conditions delivered the death blow to the harbingers of spring.

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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 <u>mcrawford@uplandboro.org</u>

Fundraiser Tastes Souper



The Annual All-U-Can-Eat Soup & Salad Dinner Fundraiser was held at MacQueen Hall on Feb. 18, with about 50 hungry supporters attending and 20 take-out orders filled.



And while the salad bar was popular, it was the homemade soups and chili that kept them coming back for more.

Boro Names CAO For Pension Plans

Under the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act of 1984, the state requires that all pension plan reports be prepared under the supervision of a municipality's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). To comply with these requirements, Upland Borough Council recently appointed Borough Manager Greg Grillone as the CAO of the borough's Police and Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plans.

New AV Roof Completed

The return of moderate weather allowed the new roof on the Fern Lane building in the Auburn Village complex to be completed in late March. The roof installation was done by low-bidder Ronald Menna Roofing, of Norwood, at a cost of \$16,500.

Boro Moves Escrow Account

Aiming to cut costs, Borough Council has decided to move Upland Borough's escrow account to another bank. The escrow account had been at Wells Fargo Bank, where the borough was charged \$350 each month to maintain the account, but it will soon be transferred to TD Bank, where there is no monthly maintenance fee.



Veteran Firefighter Steps Up To Fill Needs

When Upland Borough and its lone fire company have been in need, the White Knight recently riding to the rescue has been Paul Michalkiewicz (above, center).

Upland Borough did not have a fire police officer, until Council's Feb. 14 meeting, when Michalkiewicz was sworn in to perform the duties of the volunteer post. A fire police officer's main job is to assist firefighters and police officers by controlling the traffic at accident and fire scenes. A less dangerous part of the fire police job is being available for parade duties.

Michalkiewicz has been an active firefighter for the past 33 years, running the last 13 years with Upland Fire Company. The Ivy Lane resident is currently a member of the UFC Board of Directors and has served as the company's safety officer. He has also been an integral part of recent efforts to organize a series of successful fire company fundraisers.

Michalkiewicz also provided a unique service to the borough at large, when he, um, shall we say, made sure that Santa Claus arrived safely for his annual visit to MacQueen Hall in November.

Thank you, Paul. Upland Borough is blessed to have civic-minded residents like you.

All Seniors Welcome At USCC Gatherings

If you are a senior citizen (you don't have to be an Upland resident), feel free to come out and join the Upland Senior Citizens Club for cards, games, and plenty of good conversation every Monday from 9am to 3pm at MacQueen Hall, March thru December.

Councilman Leland Hunter, who has served as USCC president for the last six years, has extended a general invitation to local seniors to join the fun and games.



Upland Borough Council is planning to convert this vacant corner at 8th Street & Hill Street into the centerpiece of a new public park.



Borough Has Big Plans For Vacant Corner

At its Feb. 14 meeting, Borough Council condemned the vacant building (formerly a laundromat) at #2 Hill Street. The adjacent residences at #4 and #6 Hill Street were recently purchased by the borough.

Now that all three adjoining structures are under borough control, the corner of 8th and Hill Streets will be razed as a precursor to the creation of a new public park.

The park will extend west on 8th Street, utilizing land that was cleared a few years ago, when a small vacant house (aka "the chicken coop") was condemned by Council and then razed.

As outlined on the sketch plan above, the goal in creating Upland Park will be to improve three prominent corners (8th & Hill Sts.; Hill St. & Upland Ave.; and Upland Ave. & Kerlin St.) that together constitute one of the main entrances to the borough. The sketch plan (which is available for public review at MacQueen Hall) was drafted by Catania Engineering, and delineates the proposed major features in the park's three sections, including walkways, benches, a fountain, and a clock tower.

The park project will not cost borough taxpayers a dime, since Council has used funds garnered from the commercial parking tax to purchase the properties, and will be pursuing grant funding through a variety of local sources, as well.

Look for more information on this improvement project in upcoming editions of *The Uplander*.



This long-vacant Orb Industries building, located on the south side of Race Street, has been targeted for rehabilitation and a new life as Race Street Range.

Firing Range Aims For 2017 Opening

The owners of Race Street Range have had their eye on the vacated Orb Industries building on Race Street for several months, and are now ready to start rehabbing the property for future use as a firing range.

This past fall, after flood plain concerns were addressed, the borough's Zoning Hearing Board approved the new use for the former Orb warehouse/office building, allowing the new owners to move forward with building permits. According to **info@racestreetrange.com**, construction will begin soon, with a target date of August/September 2017 for a grand opening.

Noise mitigation will be part of the rehab project, so that neighbors will not hear the sound of gunfire.

Race Street Range will offer membership packages for a fee (\$300-350 annually), while members will be expected to bring their own firearms, ammo, targets, and gear. Loaner eye and ear protection will be available.

The firing range will initially only be open in the evenings and on weekends, but will expand hours and ultimately host training classes and matches.

All shooters must pass a handgun competency test to use the facility.

Code Enforcement Summary

Upland Borough Code Enforcement Officer William Kirby had an active year in 2016, staying after property owners who needed to be reminded of their civic responsibilities.

Kirby's monthly reports from last year show that he issued a total of 458 notices for borough code violations, with most violations being for accumulated trash and debris, lack of grass cutting, or other property maintenance issues. Most of the notices (330 or 72%) were issued in a six-month period from April to September 2016.

Kirby also reported a year-end total of 21 follow-ups on complaints of no Use & Occupany certificate and/or no work permit on a neighboring property.

A total of nine municipal liens were placed on Upland properties in 2016, as the borough doggedly pursues delinquent property owners who still owe the borough for unpaid code citations.

Upland Fire Co. Had Active 2016

According to their December 2016 report to Borough Council, Upland Fire Company No. 1 had a very busy 2016 and made an enormous contribution to the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Last year, the all-volunteer members of Upland Fire Company were called to action on 367 occasions, including 12 fire incidents, 123 non-fire incidents, 204 mutual aid assists, and 28 drills.

The fire incidents included three vehicle fires, two single family dwellings, two industrial sites, two vegetation/grass fires, and one trash/refuse fire.

Total property losses for 2016 include \$68,000 in structural damage, \$15,000 in lost contents, and \$5,000 in vehicle damage.

In 2016, the fire company also responded to the scene of 15 motor vehicle accidents, two fuel leak/spills, five gas/vapor leaks, four electrical lines down, and four carbon monoxide in structure calls.

Unfortunately, there were 71 false alarm responses last year, as well.

Fortunately, there were no firefighter or civilian injuries at fire scenes last year.

Our most sincere gratitude is extended to the volunteers of Upland Fire Company No. 1 for their selfless dedication to the safety of our community.

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Korean War veteran Corporal William Hilton was recently recognized by Upland Borough Council as the first vet to park in the dedicated parking spaces in front of Sam & Sam's Meats in the Upland Shopping Center. The two adjoining purple parking spaces were created in early October through the cooperation of Sam & Sam's and Council, represented here by (I to r) Vice President Moira Crawford, Mayor Michael Ciach, President Christine Peterson, and Councilman Bill Dennon (far right), who was the driving force behind the honorary parking space project.

Tax Collector Exonerated Of Delinquent Taxes

At its March 28 meeting, Borough Council formally exonerated Borough Tax Collector Linda Mitchell of the collection of all unpaid 2016 taxes.

A total of \$12,583 in delinquent real estate taxes will now be turned over to the Delaware County Tax Bureau for collection, while a total of \$14,850 in unpaid trash service fees will now be collected by Credit-Tec.

Council Amends Tax Collector's Pay

Following the lead of the Chester-Upland School District, Borough Council has voted unanimously to change the Upland Borough tax collector's compensation from 5% of collected taxes to a flat salary of \$8,000 per year, to be paid in equal monthly installments. The CUSD Board of Directors recently made the same move, offering to pay the Upland tax collector an annual fixed rate of \$6,000 for the collection of school taxes.

The borough's amended pay format for the tax collector will go into effect as of Jan. 1, 2018.

The borough's elected tax collector's duties will not change, and will still include the collection of all real estate taxes and the liening of delinquent properties. In addition to a salary, the tax collector will receive reimbursement for certain costs, such as mailing and copying costs, as determined by Borough Council.

The net effect of converting the tax collector's compensation from a percentage to a flat salary will be a reduction in base pay. According to borough officials, the amended compensation is a fair adjustment, as the collection of taxes has become much simpler and less time-consuming in the computer age.

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.

CWA Starting Two-Year Project

Representatives of Chester Water Authority spoke with Borough Council on Nov. 15, giving Upland advance notice of the two-year Water Main Rehab Project, which will commence this fall and run through 2018. The goal of the project is to upgrade three water mains located on Upland's northeast side. A 30-inch-diameter main laid in 1910 will be "sliplined", while a 20-inch main and a 24-inch main, both laid in 1888, will be replaced.

Much of this work will be done along the Edgmont Avenue and Upland Avenue corridors, with the first preparatory work being the drilling of a series of small locator holes in streets, before construction starts in the spring.

Upland residents may see the locator work being done through the winter months on residential streets, including Upland Avenue, W. 24th Street and from Edgmont Avenue down to 11th Street. Most of the work will be done between the hours of 9am and 3pm, and roads will remain open to traffic. Work at major intersections, like Edgmont & Upland Avenues, will be done at night to reduce the impact.

Kids On Bikes Creating Safety Issues

The careless manner in which bicycles are being ridden on today's bustling streets generated a public safety discussion at a recent Council meeting.

One resident came before Council to complain about the aggressive actions of some kids on bikes, not all of whom are Upland residents. When a motorist is blocked by a group of adolescent bikers, any sign of driver impatience will likely draw a rude verbal response, along with a popular hand gesture. Calling 9-1-1 is "a waste of time," the resident said, as the kids leave the scene before police can arrive. "It's a safety issue and a nuisance...Someone is going to get run over," the resident warned.

Acting Police Chief Michael Irey understood the frustration, but urged residents to keep calling 9-1-1, since repeated calls from the same area will ultimately lead to more police patrols.

Another resident complained about bike riders who enjoy cruising down the hill created by the new 11th Street Extension, without regard for Mulberry Street traffic or the stop sign at the bottom of the hill. This kind of biking is a surefire way for someone to eventually get hurt.

Parking In Yard Is Illegal

In response to a resident's question, Council recently confirmed that parking a vehicle in a yard on a continual basis is illegal in Upland, as is jumping the curb to get the vehicle into the yard.

The only off-street parking that is permitted in Upland is on a paved/hardened driveway.

Council noted that the police department can be called for instances of illegal parking in front of a driveway entrance, but the issue of illegal yardparking must be handled by the borough's code enforcement officer.

Council OKs 2017 Meeting Dates

Borough Council has approved a list of 2017 public meeting dates (subject to change), with all meetings continuing to be held on Tuesday evenings. Each meeting starts with an informal caucus session at 6pm (which the public can attend), while the formal voting session starts at 7pm. Two Council meetings are slated for each month, although the second meeting is only held if deemed necessary.

Council's 2017 meeting schedule is as follows:		
April 11 & 25	May 2 & 23	June 13 & 27
July 11 & 25	Aug. 8 & 22	Sept. 12 & 26
Oct. 10 & 24	Nov. 14 & 28	Dec. 12 & 19

2017 Budget Keeps No-Tax-Hike Streak Intact

The preliminary budget figures were maintained at final budget adoption in December, hence Upland Borough taxpayers will enjoy a **30th consecutive year of the property tax millage holding steady at 2.0 mills** in 2017.

"This is a great achievement for the borough, and we will try to continue to do this each year," Council President Christine Peterson said of the three-decade-long run – currently, the longest notax-hike streak in Delaware County.

Furthermore, the annual trash collection fee, which was set at \$135 per household in 2008, will remain the same for the ninth straight year.

The final 2017 general budget total is balanced at \$3,142,995. After barely cresting the \$3 million mark for the first time in 2014, the budget held steady just below the high-water mark for the last two fiscal years. The 2017 general budget total is a new all-time high for borough expenditures, while the \$175,186 rise in spending over this year is a 5.9% increase.

The final 2017 budget for the borough-owned Auburn Village housing complex totals \$811,560, which is an exact match of the 2016 budget total for Auburn Village.

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.

Council Approves 2017 Holidays

Borough Council has approved the following 2017 dates as holidays for borough employees. Upland Borough's office will be closed on these dates: Friday, April 14 - Good Friday Tuesday, May 16 - Primary Election Day Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day Monday, Oct. 9 - Columbus Day Tuesday, Nov. 7 - General Election Day Friday, Nov. 10 - Veterans Day Thursday/Friday, Nov. 23/24 - Thanksgiving Monday/Tuesday, Dec. 25/26 - Christmas