



The Caleb Pusey House

The Uplander



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St. Patty's Luncheon Is Traditional Treat For Seniors



Councilman Lee Hunter, who serves as president of the Upland Senior Citizens Club, was dressed for the occasion at the Annual St. Patty's Day Ham & Cabbage Luncheon For Seniors, held in MacQueen Hall on March 12.

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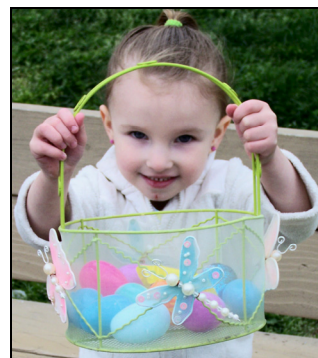


There was no shortage of desserts available to go along with the main course of ham, cabbage and potatoes.



Led by Council VP Moira Crawford (above right), this cheerful group of Community Affairs Committee volunteers (below) served up the free luncheon to about 30 grateful seniors. Councilwoman Judy Bush was unable to attend, after she had spent the entire previous day preparing the meal in 'Sandy's Kitchen' at MacQueen Hall.





Don't miss this year's Easter Egg Hunt at Bristol Lord Field...Start time: 9:00am sharp

Council Hears Pitch From 1-800-GOTJUNK

Borough Council's March 13 caucus session featured an inquiry by Allan Remer and his attorney, who were in Upland to gauge the interest in setting up a 1-800-GOTJUNK retail location in the former Concord Lumber site, prominently located at the Upland Avenue/Kerlin Street intersection.

Remer is one of the original 1-800-GOTJUNK franchise owner/operators, and currently has an office/collection center in King of Prussia, but he is looking to expand, due to the growth of the home and business clean-out service. Remer wants to buy the entire corner lot building, which currently includes other tenants, but those established businesses would not be forced out, Remer noted.

Two or three trucks and three or four employees would work out of the proposed 1-800-GOTJUNK collection/retail store, where all dumpsters would be kept inside the building. Remer said that he was aware of the borough's plans to create green space at this intersection, and accordingly, he promised to keep the site clean.

"We reuse, recycle, and refurbish only the good stuff," Remer said of the proposed retail store.

The building may need some renovations and remodeling, but the borough looks forward to receiving more detailed plans from Remer, in order to move forward with official planning and/or zoning review.

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Fundraiser Produces Souper Results

The Annual Soup-n-Salad Dinner Fundraiser that was held on Feb. 17 drew the largest crowd since the inception of this particular fundraiser in 2010, and not surprisingly, garnered the best payoff as well. According to Borough Council VP Moira Crawford, who serves as co-chair of the Community Affairs Committee with fellow Councilwoman Judy Bush, the 2018 Soup-n-Salad event raised \$500, which is a giant leap forward from last year's \$300 net profit and the \$200 cleared in 2016.

After disappointing turnouts at recent Soup-n-Salad fundraisers, there was some question as to whether or not to continue this mid-winter tradition, but after a record-breaking performance this year, it's safe to say that the All-U-Can-Eat Soup-n-Salad Dinner Fundraiser will be back next February.

Ms. Crawford and Mrs. Bush expressed their gratitude to the volunteers who helped prepare the salad bar and dessert table and served up the homemade soups and chili, and also thanked the dozens of residents who turned out to eat their fill and make this fundraiser a huge success.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will help cover the cost of the many free family offerings that Upland Borough sponsors every year.

Road Repairs Pending

Although a specific date has not been set, PennDOT is promising to repave and smooth out the pock-marked obstacle course that portions of Main Street have become over the past year. Now that the Chester Water Authority has located and fixed an underground leak, the roadway repairs planned for Main Street and parts of 6th Street and Upland Avenue can commence this spring, as weather permits.

In the mean time, borough officials are seeking bids to repair a sinkhole at the intersection of 9th & Church Streets. The roadway collapse is related to an underground stormwater trench that has deteriorated. The sinkhole repair will cost an estimated \$18,000.

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8th St. Parking Lot Expanded

The recent demolition of the vacant building at #227 8th Street was originally meant to pave the way for the creation of a three-space public parking lot and a secondary access driveway to the police station. But now that the access drive has been deemed impractical, the scale of the planned parking lot has been increased.

According to Borough Engineer Dan Archdeacon, the parking lot that will soon be built on the empty 8th Street lot will offer eight off-street spaces to nearby residents on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"It's tight, but it's doable," Archdeacon said of creating the extra parking spaces.

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Tax Collector Exonerated For Delinquent Taxes

At Borough Council's March 13 meeting, Borough Tax Collector Linda Kirby was formally exonerated from the collection of delinquent 2017 real estate taxes and trash collection fees.

A total of \$14,694.81 in unpaid real estate taxes will now be forwarded to the Delaware County Tax Bureau for collection, while a total of \$14,701.50 in outstanding trash fees will now be turned over to Credit-Tec for collection.

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Demolition Contract Awarded

A contract for the demolition of the vacant buildings at #2, #4, and #6 Hill Street has been awarded to low-bidder BRB Contractors, of King of Prussia, in the amount of \$49,000. Razing these three lots on the corner of 8th & Hill Streets is a precursor to the creation of a new public park and other improvements that will spruce up the Kerlin St./Upland Ave. intersection, which serves as the eastern gateway to Upland Borough.

"I'm really excited that this project is starting to move along. I can't wait!" Council President Chris Peterson said of the pending improvements.

Upland Cops Nab Bank Robbers

A recent bank robbery at the Citizens Bank in Brookhaven was brought to a swift conclusion by Upland police officers. After hearing of the robbery in progress on the radio, Upland officers positioned themselves along Edgmont Avenue to take up the pursuit. When the suspects' car passed by, en route to the southbound I-95 ramp, two Upland patrol vehicles gave chase and eventually cornered the suspects, after their car hit another vehicle, spun out of control, and hit a guard rail near Highland Avenue. The two suspects were caught red-handed with the dye-covered cash and arrested, while no police injuries or vehicle damage were suffered. At Borough Council's March 13 meeting, Upland Mayor Bill Dennon congratulated the four Upland officers involved for "thinking outside the box."

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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 February 2018, Upland officers issued 116 citations, all but four of which were traffic citations. The year-to-date total for citations issued is 214. Thirty-four parking tickets were also written in February, bringing the 2018 total up to 60. A total of eight motor vehicle accidents were reported on borough roadways in February. A total of 18 vehicles have been towed in 2018. The UPD answered a total of 363 calls in February, in addition to making 48 assists to other local agencies. As of the end of February, the total call volume for this year is 789 calls.

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Scholarship Fund Established

To honor the March 2017 passing of Upland native David Oronzio, his father George has established a scholarship fund for students pursuing careers in fire, police, or EMS work. The Dave Oronzio First Responders Foundation is aiming to hand out a \$500 scholarship to a deserving student each year. The first scholarship award will go to a volunteer member of Middletown Fire Company Station 50, with whom Dave Oronzio ran for 15 years. To learn more, visit www.daveoronzio.com.

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Free Disposal Events Slated

Three dates have now been scheduled to give Upland residents chances to dispose of old and unwanted papers and electronic items for free. A pair of Shred-It Days for secure paper disposal have been slated for **Saturday, May 19** and **Saturday, Nov. 10**. Both Shred-It events will be held from 9am to 12 noon in the MacQueen Hall parking lot. An Electronic Recycling Day will be held in the MacQueen Hall parking lot from 9am to 1pm on **Saturday, April 21**.

Upland Fire Co. Easter Flower Sale 10am to 6pm on Friday & Saturday, March 30/31 (Bake Sale on Saturday only!)

10am to 1pm (or until sold out) on Sunday, April 1
at Upland firehouse on McClintock Drive
Great selection of spring flowers,
including tulips, daffodils, and hyacinth
All proceeds benefit Upland firefighters

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

& Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
starts at 9am on Saturday, March 31
at Bristol Lord Field and MacQueen Hall
Children eat breakfast for free; Adults: \$5

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Easter Sunday Services

6:30am (Sunrise Service) and 10am
on Sunday, April 1
at Upland Baptist Church

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VBS Night at UBC

6 to 7pm on Mondays, April 9, 16, 23 and 30
at Upland Baptist Church
Includes dinner at 6pm, followed by Bible lesson
and creative activity from 6:30 to 7pm

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday April 10, May 8, and June 12
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Earth Day Community Clean-up

8:30am on Saturday, April 21
Volunteers will gather at MacQueen Hall parking lot
Bring work gloves; Trash bags provided

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Electronic Recycling Day

9am to 1pm on Saturday, April 21
at MacQueen Hall parking lot

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FCPH Annual Spring Plant & Herb Sale

11am to 3pm on Saturday, May 12
at historic Caleb Pusey House on Race Street
Wide variety of flowering annuals, vegetables,
herbs and hanging baskets
All proceeds benefit historic preservation

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Shred-It Day

9am to 12 noon on Saturday, May 19
at MacQueen Hall parking lot

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Annual Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day Services
Family Picnic in Upland Park
Events start at 9am on Monday, May 28

Fundraiser Turnout Is Upland Strong

Marching under the banner of *Upland Strong*, our community came together on March 24 to support one of our own. To help defray ongoing medical expenses for Nick 'Nacho' Baratelle (the 22-year-old son of Annie Godley-Baratelle and grandson of Tommy and Connie Mumley) and his family, a beef & beer benefit was held at MacQueen Hall.

Regrettably, Nick has relapsed with a rare form of brain cancer, but the turnout of hundreds of his loving family members, friends and supporters at this fundraising event showed exactly what being *Upland Strong* is all about.



Nick Baratelle (center) was surrounded by love on March 24, starting with (l to r) his sister, mother, and grandparents.

Hometown Heroes Flags Ordered

Upland Borough Council will be honoring hometown military veterans later this spring, after a total of 75 Hometown Heroes flags were recently ordered.

The Borough will hang the red, white & blue vinyl flags on utility poles to honor the service of Upland residents and their families. The flags will be hung in May 2018, then left up until the holiday season. Once the flags come down from public display, each ordering family will get their flag(s) as a keepsake.

The cost to order a Hometown Heroes flag was based on the total number of flags ordered. A \$50 donation per flag was required from each family, while the Borough covered the rest of the cost.

Call the borough office at **610-874-7317** and ask for Shannon Strigle to get more information on the Hometown Heroes Flag Project.

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 photo galleries of recent community events.

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

mcrawford@uplandboro.org

Council Holding Logo Contest

In connection with plans that are now being made to celebrate Upland Borough's 150th Anniversary in May 2019, Borough Council is holding a contest to create a special Upland Borough logo. The sesquicentennial logo design should reflect and promote Upland's storied history since its formal founding in 1869.

A cash prize of \$250 is being offered for the winning logo design, with Borough Council and the appointed members of the Sesquicentennial Committee determining which design is the best. The winning designer will surrender all control and royalty rights with acceptance of the prize money, to give the borough a free hand in the variety of ways that the logo can be presented and reproduced.

The logo contest has run from January through March 2018, so time is running out. Significant lead time is needed, since this special borough logo will be applied to several giveaway items at the 150th Anniversary celebration, to be held over the 2019 Memorial Day weekend.

***** There are no restrictions on who ***
*** can submit a logo design entry. *****

As of Council's March 13 session, only two logo entries had been received, so Council members are urging any and all graphic artists, history buffs, and/or citizens who just like to draw pictures to send in their logo design ideas promptly.

All submissions should be sent to the borough office at **224 Castle Avenue, Upland, PA 19015, c/o the Sesquicentennial Committee.**

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Pusey House To Host Spring Plant Sale

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House will once again be hosting a Spring Plant & Herb Sale at their historic location on Race Street **from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, May 12**. 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.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up after your dog when walking along our residential streets. Old bread bags make excellent dog poop-collection bags.

CAC Serves Up Souper Fundraiser



Diners lined up to enjoy the all-u-can-eat Soup-n-Salad Fundraiser held in MacQueen Hall on Feb. 17.



(Above) The Community Affairs Committee was assisted by the volunteers who served up the homemade chili and soups that are a staple at the Soup-n-Salad Dinner.

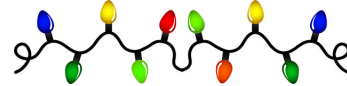


As is always the case, it was Upland families and friends who turned out to commune and dine together that made this year's Soup-n-Salad Fundraiser a big success.



Holiday Decorating Winners

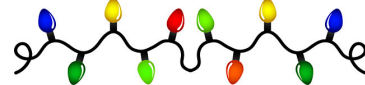
The three winners of this past holiday season's Home Decorating Contest were announced at Borough Council's Feb. 13 meeting, as follows:



1st place – 1035 Church Street (\$100)

2nd place – 17 Second Street (\$50)

3rd place – 3436 Eleventh Street (\$25)



Congratulations and thank you to the residents who made their homes a glistening sight to behold, making the holiday season just a little brighter for everyone in our community.

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Prescription Medication and Driving:

A Message from Corporal Michael Curran

We've all been there...to the doctor, I mean!

The use of prescription medications is on the rise, but many patients may not realize how legal drug use can affect their daily lives.

A common misconception is that, because a doctor prescribed medication, it's not against the law to take it and drive. But even if your medication is legally prescribed, you can still be charged with driving under the influence if you are found to be operating a motor vehicle while impaired. Obviously, no one wants to be arrested for driving under the influence or potentially harming others while behind the wheel.

In the last 20 years, prescriptions filled for American adults and children have increased by 85 percent, so the question we must ask is: How can we protect ourselves and our loved ones on the road?

Doctors have the ability to prescribe medications that can help us on a daily basis, but they don't always consider all the ramifications. When given a prescription, you need to ask your doctor these questions:

-Is this drug a controlled substance, such as codeine or hydrocodone?

-Is it necessary to take a potentially addictive drug or are there alternative methods of pain management available that won't present a risk when operating a motor vehicle?

The consumer must also be aware of potential symptoms, such as drowsiness and delayed reflexes, and make sure you know exactly how the medication affects you before you start the engine.

Remember, the average four-door vehicle weighs approximately 4,000 pounds. That's a deadly weapon with an impaired driver behind the wheel, so let's be safe out there, people.

Bird-Lovers Enjoy Eagles' Big Win



The wearin' o' the green came six weeks early to Philadelphia Eagles fans this year, as Bird Believers flocked to get behind their Super Bowl-winning team. Leading the cheers were Upland homes with eye-catching displays. The Scott Avenue home of Steve and Jen Cunrod (above) was judged to be the winner of Mayor Bill Dennon's Eagles Pride Day decorating contest.

Council Renews Contracts

Two one-year contracts were renewed by Borough Council at its Feb. 13 meeting.

The contract with People Ready (previously Labor Ready) for temporary help was renewed at the same rate of \$16.37 per hour per person. Temps are used to deliver *The Uplander* to homes and businesses each month, and for miscellaneous projects on an as-needed basis.

The contract with Cintas was renewed for maintenance of the fire sprinkler system in police headquarters, at a cost of \$2,925 for the current calendar year.

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Road Program Yields \$ Credit

The borough's 2017 road paving program was completed late in the year, but the wait was worthwhile, as the price of asphalt dropped enough over the course of the year to give the borough a \$9,605 credit with A. F. Damon, Inc., the hometown contractor who was awarded the contract in May with a low bid of \$85,115. Upland's 2017 road program was financed in part through a 2016 Community Development Block Grant.

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Kudos Given To Road Crews

Two borough residents publicly thanked members of the Upland Borough Highway Department at the Jan. 9 Council meeting, on the heels of a string of early-winter snowfalls that required street plowing and salting.

"I'd like to say what a great job our guys did with the snow and the ice," Councilwoman/Streets & Equipment Committee Chair Judy Bush stated during her report. *"We appreciate how clean our streets are, and so does everyone else who drives through,"* she added.

"I'd like to commend the Streets Department for the outstanding job that they did, tirelessly, because I saw them going up and down the streets 24 hours a day," said George Oronzio of Woodside Avenue.

New Street Name Signs Under Consideration

Borough Manager Mike Ciach recently polled Borough Council members as to a preference on a variety of styles of street-name signs, leading up to a planned signage upgrade. Ciach noted that the new signs would be ordered and installed in phases over the upcoming months, starting with the numbered streets off Main Street, but the ultimate goal is to have all new street-name signage in place for Upland Borough's 150th Anniversary celebration in May 2019.

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.

Upland Fire Co. Completes Busy Year

The all-volunteer members of Upland Fire Company No. 1 provided our community with another year of outstanding service during 2017, as indicated by the year-end summary presented by Fire Chief Dan Smith at Borough Council's Jan. 9 meeting.

Last year, UFC vols were called to action on 318 occasions, including nine fire incidents, 150 non-fire incidents, 124 mutual aid assists, and 35 drills.

The fire incidents included three vehicle fires, three single family dwellings, two vegetation/grass fires, and one dumpster fire.

Total property losses for 2017 include \$150,000 in structural damage, \$30,000 in lost contents, and \$7,000 in vehicle damage.

In 2017, the fire company also responded to the scene of 14 motor vehicle accidents, two fuel leak/spills, six gas/vapor leaks, and three electrical lines down.

Unfortunately, there were 89 false alarm responses last year, as well.

Fortunately, there were no carbon monoxide-in-structure calls, and no firefighters or civilians were injured 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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Expenses Covered For Tax Collector

Borough Council recently approved the expenditure of up to \$500 to purchase supplies for the office of newly-elected Tax Collector Linda Kirby. The tax collector will utilize the borough office's prepaid stamp machine to save money on the cost of postage.

Whole Lotta Swearin' Goin' On



Newly-promoted Upland Police Corporals William Meyer (above, with wife Theresa) and Michael Curran had their new badges pinned on, after the veteran police officers were sworn in as corporals by Mayor Dennon on Jan. 9.



Detective Corporal Anthony Deluise was sworn in while his wife, Brooke, and son, Anthony, held the Bible.



Mayor Dennon and Police Chief Michael Irey join all the promoted officers, including Officers Andrew Nicholl and Joshua Van Horn (far right), who moved from part-time to full-time status, and newly-minted Fire Marshal Daniel Smith (far left), who recently met all the certification requirements, after serving as Upland Fire Chief for the past 11 years.



At Borough Council's Jan. 2 reorganization meeting, Mayor William Dennon (above) and three elected Council members (below, left to right: Sandra Deldeo, Moira Crawford, and Judith Bush) were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Linda A. Cartisano. Re-elected Councilman Richard McClintock was absent, due to illness, and was sworn in a separate ceremony.



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Council Leadership Gets Unanimous Support

Choosing Borough Council's leaders for 2018 was quickly dispatched at the Jan. 2 reorganization meeting, where Council President Christine Peterson and Vice President Moira Crawford both received the unanimous support of their fellow Council members in being elected to continue as Council's leadership tandem for a third consecutive year.

Not only were Peterson and Crawford both unanimously approved, they were also the lone nominees for their respective positions.

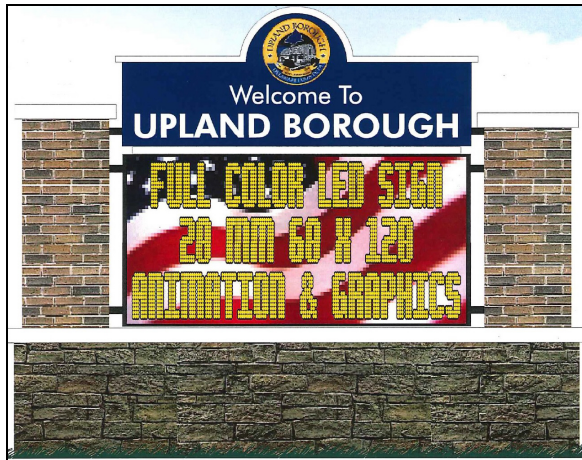
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Auburn Village Maintenance Emergency?

Auburn Village residents faced with a maintenance emergency should call the borough office at **610-874-7317** during regular business hours, but if the emergency occurs during off-hours (after 4:15pm & before 8:00am), residents should call the answering service at **610-359-8334** to report their situation.

Maintenance emergencies include no heat, broken water pipes, no electric, hot water tank leaks, broken windows or doors, stove or oven problems, and issues related to the aftermath of a fire.

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This is a sample of the digital electric sign that will soon be installed on the southwest corner of Sixth & Main Streets. The Council-approved design was chosen from a list of three options, so as to differ from a similar sign in Brookhaven.

Annual Fire Co. Donation Approved

For the second straight year, Council has unanimously authorized a contribution of \$17,500 to Upland Fire Company No. 1 to help defray firehouse maintenance and operating expenses for 2018. The budgeted donation will be sent to the fire company in 12 monthly installments of \$1,425, according to Finance Committee Chairwoman/Council VP Moira Crawford.

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Roofing Contractor OK'd

Upland Borough recently held a bid opening, with five bidders vying for a contract to install new roofs on two of the borough-owned Auburn Village buildings. Although the low bidder was clear, with Ram Siding Co., Inc. of Douglasville, PA coming in at \$33,700, the low bid was so low in comparison to the other bids that quality concerns were raised.

At Council's Feb. 13 session, Borough Engineer Dan Archdeacon reported that he had checked out the credentials and work history of Ram Siding and found that the firm is indeed reputable and qualified. Most of the work done by this contractor has been in areas of upstate Pennsylvania, so they are not well-known in southeast PA.

A reassured Council awarded the roofing contract to Ram Siding in the base amount of \$33,700, with the total amount (including any change orders) not to exceed \$40,000. The AV roofing project will be done this spring, as weather permits.

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Committee Set Up For 150th Anniversary

The 150th anniversary of the official establishment of Upland Borough will be celebrated on May 24, 2019. To recognize this milestone occasion, Borough Council has created a special committee to serve the community as event planners.

Stay tuned for more details on Upland's pending birthday party.

2018 Budget Continues No-Tax-Hike Streak

At final budget adoption at Borough Council's Dec. 12 session, it was confirmed that Upland Borough taxpayers will enjoy a **31st consecutive year of the property tax millage holding steady at 2.0 mills** in 2018. Furthermore, the annual trash collection fee, which was set at \$135 per household in 2008, will remain the same for the 10th straight year.

The 2018 general budget balances at \$3,508,053. The 2018 general budget total is a new all-time high for borough expenditures, while the \$365,058 rise in spending over last year is a 11.6% increase.

Council Vice President & Finance Committee Chairperson Moira Crawford noted that the increased expenditures are primarily related to the planned addition of two more full-time police officers, potential borough property purchases, a new HVAC system for MacQueen Hall, and the creation of a new parking lot on 8th Street.

The 2018 budget for the borough-owned Auburn Village housing complex totals \$811,560, which is an exact match of the 2016 and 2017 budget totals for Auburn Village.

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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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Council Submits CDBG Application

Upland Borough Council has settled on a wishlist of public improvement projects that could potentially be funded through a 2018 Community Development Block Grant. Delaware County Council will sort through all the municipal applications for CDBG funding and make grant awards in April.

Upland Borough's 2018 CDBG application includes a funding request for municipal park improvements, and as a second choice, the creation of a master plan for the development of current and future public parks within the borough.

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On another grant-related front, Upland Borough has received a grant in the amount of \$39,100 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in connection with the Community Conservation Partnerships Program. This grant has been earmarked for improvements and upgrades to Hill Street Park.

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