



The Caleb Pusey House

The Uplander



MacQueen Hall

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Carnival Comes To Town



The outdoor carnival's annual visit to Bristol Lord Field in early June appealed to fun-seeking families, and generated \$3,800 in borough revenue, which will be applied to future events sponsored by the Community Affairs Committee.

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Some carnival rides promoted together...



...While other rides attracted the thrill-seekers among us.



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Vet Flag Project Earns Kudos

The recent hanging of red, white & blue memorial flags to honor Upland's Hometown Hero military veterans has drawn praise and recognition for Upland Borough.

A recent Daily Times Sound Off column expressed the feelings of many who have seen the flags on display, stating: ***"I'd like to compliment Upland Borough on the use of veterans' pictures on flags on the utility poles. That's an outstanding gesture, and as a veteran, I appreciate it very much."***

If you see that a Hometown Heroes flag is damaged in any way, or needs to be rehung from a utility pole, please call the borough office at **610-874-7317**.

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Council Approves Police Purchases

The purchase of two new police vehicles and a monogrammed event tent were recently authorized by Borough Council.

At the May 22 session, Council approved the expenditure of \$43,995 for a new Chevy Tahoe, contingent on receiving a CoStars grant, which would lessen the cost. The 2018 Tahoe will replace a 2012 Tahoe with 50,000+ miles on the odometer, which could then be used by the borough's code enforcement officer.

At Council's June 26 meeting, the purchase of a 2017 Ford Interceptor sedan was authorized, to take advantage of CoStars' low price of \$23,891. This squad car will bring the UPD fleet back up to six operational marked vehicles.

The purchase of a 10 x 15-foot sideless tent for use at special events was also approved by Council. The tent will be personalized for the Upland Police Department and will cost \$1,495.

In other police business, a damaged 2011 Dodge Charger will be relisted for bids on Municibid, without reserve. The first listing drew a lone offer of \$3,800, but the vehicle has an estimated value of \$6-7,000, according to Police Chief Mike Irey.

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Reese Center Study Approved

Borough Council has authorized the expenditure of \$8,100 for an MEP assessment study of the borough-owned facilities at the Reese Center on W. 24th Street. The study will analyze the condition of all mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems at the 5-acre former Defense Department site.

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Boro Seeks Bids For 2018 Paving

Upland Borough is now advertising for bidders vying for the 2018 road program contract.

The only borough roadway slated for repaving this year is about 700 linear feet of Woodside Avenue, from Tenth Street to the terminus, or in other words, the remaining portion of Woodside that was not recently repaved.

Boro Needs Plumbing Inspector

Upland Borough is advertising for a new plumbing/mechanical inspector. Qualified persons should send a resume and introductory letter to the attention of **Borough Manager Mike Ciach, 224 Castle Avenue, Upland, PA 19015**.

In the short-run, Catania Engineering will be performing the borough's plumbing and mechanical inspection duties, as needed.

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Upland Applies For Pothole Relief

Borough Engineer Dan Archdeacon recently submitted Upland's application to the county for \$1,522 in additional funding to fix potholes.

Delco Council is making extra money available through the Liquid Fuels Fund, in recognition of a heavy-plowing winter season that created more than the usual number of potholes across Delaware County. The amount that Upland will receive for pothole repairs will be determined by the number of municipal applicants.

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Demolition Contract Awarded

Borough Council has awarded the contract for the demolition of the condemned building at #3702 Sixth Street to low-bidder BRB Contractors, of King of Prussia, in the base amount of \$13,500, with an alternate bid of \$4,445 to cover asbestos removal.

A total of five contractors submitted bids for this work, with other bids ranging as high as \$46,525.

The demolition of this vacant house should be completed this summer.

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Kerlin St. Benches Installed

The first phase of planned enhancements to the Kerlin St./Upland Ave. intersection was recently completed with the installation of two park benches and landscaping on the northeast corner of the bustling crossroads.

As of June 26, a punchlist of items that still needed attention on the improved corner included two sections of fencing and the replacement of one new planting that had died.

Security cameras and additional lighting are also pending for the site.

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AV Roof Replacement Delayed

Replacement of the roofs on a Fern Lane and Willow Way building in the Auburn Village housing complex has been pushed back one month, due to some contractual technicalities. This roofing work is now expected to be done during the month of July.

A Borough Council attempt to cash in on a low bid by adding two more roofs and doubling the contract amount has run aground, however, after it was determined that a new bidding process is needed for the additional scope of the AV roofing project.

More Street Lighting Requested To Curb Vehicle Break-ins

Upland residents, along with neighboring communities, have recently been the victims of a series of overnight vehicle break-ins. **Residents are urged to take care to close car/truck windows and lock all doors at night**, as these thieves are generally looking for the easy pickings provided by unlocked vehicles.

Two Church Street residents came before Council on June 26 to report frequent vehicle break-ins in their neighborhood, with most occurring between the wee hours of 2 to 4am. They noted that one neighbor has already been hit by thieves "three or four times."

"Whoever is doing this, they keep coming back over and over and over again," lamented one resident.

Although there are security cameras in the area, the captured images are too dark to discern faces, the residents said. The situation led the concerned residents to ask Council for more street lights and more early morning police patrols to improve security on Church Street.

Council VP Moira Crawford vowed to look into the possibility of adding more street lighting, but noted that such an improvement could be costly and would require extensive coordination and cooperation with PECO.

In the meantime, the best defense against vehicle break-ins is for every resident to use common sense and be vigilant.

"If you see anything out of the ordinary, call the police immediately," Councilman Dick McClintock advised residents.

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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 May 2018, Upland officers issued 167 citations, all but 13 of which were traffic citations. The year-to-date total for citations issued is 804.

Forty parking tickets were also written in May, bringing the 2018 total up to 192.

Ten motor vehicle accidents were reported on borough roadways in May.

A total of 60 vehicles have been towed in 2018.

The UPD answered a total of 544 calls in May, in addition to making 58 assists to other local agencies. As of the end of May, the total call volume for this year is 2,415 calls.

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**Free tours of the historic
1683 Caleb Pusey House on Race Street
are available every Saturday,
from 1 to 4pm, through October.**

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday July 10, **Aug. 28**, and Sept. 11
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall
(Please note: **Aug. meeting on fourth Tuesday**)

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UBC Summer Lunch Program

Six weeks of activities and free lunch
for any child (18 and under)

Activities from 11:00 to 11:45am;

Lunch from 11:45 to 12:15pm

Monday thru Thursday, June 25 to Aug. 2

at Upland Baptist Church

Monday – Bible stories and activities

Tuesday – Craft Day

Wednesday – Board Game Day

Thursday – Library Day with guest reader

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Annual Fourth of July Family Picnic

11am to 2pm on Wednesday, July 4

at Upland Park

Free food & fun for all Upland residents

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UPD National Night Out

Open House

6:30 to 8:30pm on Tuesday, Aug. 1

at MacQueen Hall parking lot

Police demonstrations & equipment on display

Free food & information

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Annual Youth Magic Show

3 to 5pm on Saturday, Aug. 18

at MacQueen Hall

With pizza party & make-your-own ice cream sundaes

Attendees must show proof of residency

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Annual Labor Day Weekend

Fireworks Display

Starts at dusk (about 8:45) on Sunday, Sept. 2

at Bristol Lord Field

Food and refreshments available at pavilion

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Classic Car Show

on Saturday, Sept. 8 (rain date: Sept. 22)

at Upland Baptist Church parking lot

**This re-scheduled event is a fundraiser
for the Upland Fire Company**

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

4 to 6pm on Saturday, Sept. 15

at MacQueen Hall

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The wide variety of tasty food that was available at the carnival kept hungry attendees happy.



Police Officers Promoted



Mayor Bill Dennon swore in two promoted UPD members on June 26, with Officer Andrew Nicholl (above) being assigned as the department's new detective and Officer Carl White (below) moving from part-time to full-time status. During the swearing, the ceremonial Bible was held by Nicholl's girlfriend, Trisha Frassetto, and by Mrs. Theresa White.



After the oath was administered, the newly promoted officers relaxed, smiled, and posed for this photo along with Mayor Dennon (far left), Upland Police Chief Mike Irey (behind officers), and Officer White's two daughters.

Website Provides Valuable Information

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

Upland Celebrates Memorial Day



(Above) Memorial Day festivities kicked off with a wreath-laying ceremony at Rev. David & Dorothy MacQueen's gravesite in the cemetery of Upland Baptist Church. (Below) Gun salutes were given by an honor guard made up of members of the Marine Corps League Delco Detachment 288 at three memorial services.



The Annual Memorial Day Parade gave several marching bands and local groups a chance to strut their stuff.

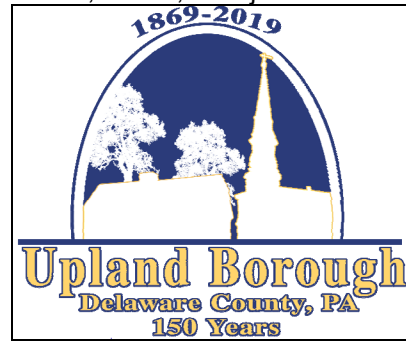


But nothing draws a crowd like the free food served up at the 15th Annual Memorial Day Picnic, co-sponsored by Upland Baptist and Resurrection Life Churches. Reverend Brenda Shaw and Pastor Bryan McGrouty (above) were pleased with the turnout.

Logo Contest Winner Named

In connection with plans that are now being made to celebrate Upland Borough's 150th Anniversary in May 2019, Borough Council held a contest to create a special Upland Borough logo. A cash prize of \$250 was offered for the winning logo design, with Borough Council and the appointed members of the Sesquicentennial Committee determining which design was the best. 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.

A total of four unique design ideas were submitted. At its April 10 meeting, Council declared the winning entry to be that of Vinnie Caroselli, a lifelong Upland resident who is currently majoring in graphic design as a sophomore at Juniata College. Caroselli's logo design features the silhouette of the Upland Baptist Church steeple and the Caleb Pusey House, representing two of Upland Borough's most recognizable historic structures (see below). Congratulations, Vinnie, on a job well done!



Main Street Paved!!!

...Pothole Relief Coming

In late April, PennDOT road crews repaved the section of Main Street that had been riddled with temporary repairs and patches over the past year...and there was much rejoicing! The fresh coat of asphalt has turned what had become a nightmare for local drivers into a velvet-smooth sweet dream of a ride.

Upland Borough Council had petitioned PennDOT last year, urging remedial action on the uneven road surface, and to the state's credit, PennDOT responded in just a matter of months.

The issue of persistent potholes is an ongoing countywide problem, however, and Delaware County Council is offering some help. In recognition of a winter season that saw an above average 11 plowing/salting events, and hence a high number of potholes, the county is allowing Delco municipalities to apply for a share of extra funding for pothole repairs. How much each applicant will receive will depend on the number of towns seeking a share of the additional \$250,000 Liquid Fuels Fund total.

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The Upland Police Department held its annual awards dinner on May 17, with Officer Glenn Greenwalt (center) receiving the Captain Robert C. Love Officer of the Year Award. Greenwalt was congratulated by former Upland police head Love (left) and current Upland Police Chief Michael Irely.

UPD Officers Earn Awards

At the 2nd Annual Upland Police Department Awards Dinner, several officers were recognized (some multiple times) for their outstanding service to the community over the past year. Police Chief Mike Irely was a gracious master of ceremonies, while handing out engraved plaques to the deserving recipients, including:

Corporal William Meyer was recognized for his role as a motorcycle escort for the Police Unity Ride – a fundraising bicycle ride from Philadelphia to Washington, DC – and **Officer Samantha Wilding** was applauded as a bike riding participant in the 2018 Unity Ride.

Officer Carl White, who is also a volunteer fireman, received a Life-Saving Award for his rescue of an occupant of a burning house.

Corporal Michael Curran and **Officer Luke McCann** earned Exceptional Duty Awards for their arrest of two burglars last summer.

Exceptional Duty Awards were also given to **Corporal Anthony Deluise**, **Officer Sean Dougherty**, and **Officer Glenn Greenwalt** for their handling of a carjacking situation at a local gas station, which ultimately led to the arrest and prosecution of a multiple offender.

Commendations were given to **Corporal Anthony Deluise**, **Corporal William Meyer**, and **Officer Ryan Eastman** for their joint efforts to turn an interrupted burglary into a successful investigation that eventually led to a suspect and solving a host of burglary cases.

Commendations were also bestowed on Deluise, Meyer, and **Officer Joshua Van Horn**, along with **Officer Joseph Dougherty** (a Chester PD K-9 officer), for their cooperative roles in a successful suicide prevention in April.

Officer Dan Lemmon and **Officer Luke McCann** were both commended for their actions in a May pedestrian stop that led to a shoot-out.

Special recognition was given to **Parkside Police Chief John Egan**, as he approaches retirement after a 49-year career in law enforcement. Egan, along with former **Upland Chief John Easton** and **Officer Glenn Greenwalt**, were all thanked for their valuable mentoring of younger officers.

The 42-year career of **Officer Glenn Greenwalt** was recognized with the 2nd Annual Captain Robert C. Love Award. Greenwalt humbly thanked his co-workers for the unexpected recognition.

"Upland is a great place to grow up. It's a special place," said Greenwalt, an Upland native.



(Above) The UPD leadership of former Chief John Easton (left) was recognized by bestowing the first Chief John Easton Supervisor of the Year Award on recently promoted Corporal William Meyer (center), who in addition to his duties as a supervisor is also a squad officer, range officer, and a training officer for new members of the department. (Below) The entire UPD posed for this photo, after Chief Irely was presented with a special Appreciation Award from his "law enforcement family" to recognize his leadership.



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.

Council Makes Public Parks 'Tobacco-Free Areas'

In an effort to spare our children from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, Borough Council has declared all borough parks and playgrounds to be tobacco-free areas, where smoking on the premises is now strictly prohibited.

The borough has ordered over a dozen signs that read: **Young Lungs At Play**, which will soon be placed around the smoke-restricted public areas. The cautionary signs are provided by the state at no cost to the borough.

Installation of the signage was approved on April 10 in a Council resolution, which also provides up to a \$500 fine for offenders.

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Council Mulls Permit Discount For Senior Citizens

A borough resident recently asked Borough Council to consider waiving permit fees for disabled veterans, but since Upland only has a handful of disabled veterans, Council is discussing going a step further and offering a permit fee discount to all senior citizens.

The possibility of waiving permit fees was discussed at length at Council's May 8 caucus session, but since borough inspectors get paid for their work through those fees, waiving the fee altogether was not seen as practical. A percentage discount on certain types of permit fees, however, was generally viewed as something the borough could offer to help out seniors on fixed incomes.

The exact details of a permit fee discount program will be worked out soon and announced at a future Council meeting. Once a proposal is formalized, the borough will then be able to budget accordingly for fiscal 2019, when the proposed discounts would go into effect, noted Council VP Moira Crawford.

Easter Hops In Upland



Easter Weekend festivities started off on March 31 with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, with children up to age 4 racing to collect the goods in the Upland Park playground, where the Easter Bunny made his first appearance of the day.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is co-sponsored by Borough Council, Upland Fire Co., and the Upland Athletic Club.



The Easter Bunny also stopped by MacQueen Hall to sit for photographs with the kids, while the breakfast served up by the Community Affairs Committee was enjoyed by all.



Upland Has 'Quiet Time' Law

In response to a resident's recent inquiry, Borough Council reminds all residents that Upland Borough has a noise ordinance that calls for "quiet time" between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:30am. Your neighbors thank you for faithfully observing this law.

Recycling Costs Skyrocket

Upland Borough's trash hauler, B & L Disposal, recently notified all of its customers that "the recycling market has crashed," ever since China stopped accepting shiploads of recyclables from the US. After losing the top buyer for their recycling collections, American trash haulers are saying that their recycling processing costs will now jump, and those cost increases must be passed along to their municipal clients.

As of May 1, according to B & L's notice, the cost to process recyclables has increased from \$1.72 per ton to \$65 per ton – that's a stunning 3,779% hike! Exactly how each municipality handles the cost increase remains to be seen. While large townships are required under state law to have recycling programs, small boroughs like Upland are not. Other options for Upland Borough Council include negotiating a new contract with B & L or another trash hauler, and/or raising the \$135 per household trash collection fee, which has not been changed since it was first levied in 2008.

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Important Notice For Auburn Villagers

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

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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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Mayor Bill Dennon (third from right) led a volunteer effort to spruce up Upland Borough on April 21, in recognition of Earth Day 2018. The participation of several staff, students and parents from the Widener University Partnership Charter School was greatly appreciated. Over a dozen trash bags were filled with litter and debris removed from Bristol Lord Field and along Sixth Street.

Council Weighs Police Dog Pros & Cons

The notion of bringing a working police dog to the Upland Police Department was recently debated by Council during a caucus session. The discussion ended with no decisions made, but one fact became apparent – training, equipping, feeding, and maintaining the health of a police dog is not cheap. Research found the cost of raising and training a police dog to be about \$16,000, while the dog's designated handler (presumably a current member of the UPD) would also need three weeks of training with the dog. Specialized equipment for the dog would cost about \$1,500, and about \$4,000 a year would be needed to cover vet visits and food. One of the vehicles in the UPD fleet would also need some modifications to transport a police dog, and special insurance coverage would be necessary. Even though the expenses added up quickly, Council President Christine Peterson noted that the UPD would also develop a new income stream, as other nearby police departments would 'rent' the services of Upland's dog, especially if it was a skilled drug-sniffer. Such dogs are highly prized, and can more than earn their keep through drug seizures and confiscations.

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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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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.

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