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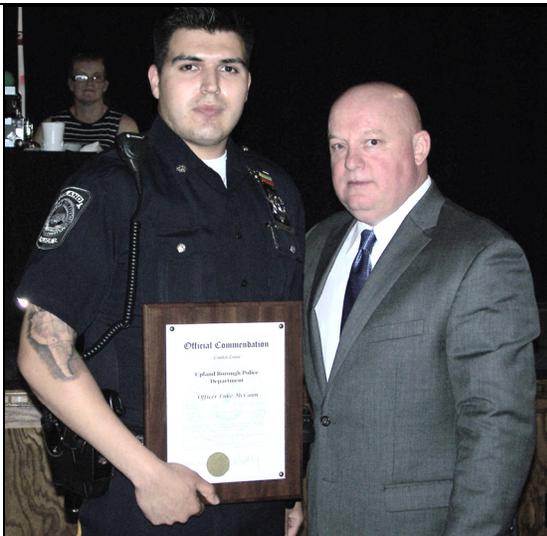
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Upland Police Officers Commended For Service



At the 3rd Annual Upland Police Department Awards Dinner on June 20, Police Chief Michael Irey presented the Chief John Easton Supervisor of the Year Award to Lieutenant Michael Curran (above) and the Captain Robert Love Officer of the Year Award to full-time Officer Luke McCann (below), who also received his second combat cross commendation.



Fifty-year Upland Resident George Patterson (with camera strapped over shoulder) is a Marine Corps League member, a skilled amateur photographer, and a familiar face at all community events, but he was surprised to be named the 2019 Upland Borough Citizen of the Year and then presented with a token of the borough's appreciation.



All Borough Council members were presented with plaques from the UPD, as an expression of gratitude for the support the police department receives from Council.

Don't miss the **Annual Fourth of July Family Picnic** - Upland Borough's premiere free event for residents - at Bristol Lord Field from 11 to 2pm on Thursday, July 4

Free Family Movie in the Park Encore (featuring *Dumbo*) at Bristol Lord Field following UPD's National Night Out starts at dusk on Tuesday, Aug. 6

UPD Officers Earn Awards

The Upland Police Department held its 3rd Annual Awards Dinner on June 20, with Police Chief Mike Irey serving as master of ceremonies. Citations were presented to Upland's finest, as officers were feted for outstanding conduct in the line of duty.

The night kicked off with a civilian award, with longtime resident and community volunteer George Patterson receiving the Upland Borough Citizen of the Year Award. George was in attendance, but thinking that he had been invited there for his usual role as community photographer. Pretty sneaky!

The successful cooperation between the police department and Upland Fire Company No. 1 was recognized, with Fire Chief Dan Smith accepting a plaque on behalf of the fire company.

The pending retirement of Parkside Police Chief John 'Jake' Egan, after a 50-year career in law enforcement, was also recognized with a plaque.

A Unit Citation was presented to Officers Tim Ervin and Kevin Molineux, and Detective Corporal Andy Nicholl for the arrest of four suspects in a home invasion/stabbing case.

Officer Ervin also received an Exceptional Duty Commendation for the rooftop arrest of a murder suspect at the Upland Shopping Center.

A Unit Citation also went to Lieutenant Michael Curran, Officer Carl White, and Detective Nicholl for their actions, which led to the arrest of a robbery/shooting suspect at Crozer Medical Center. Officer White also received an Honorable Service Commendation for his role as the UPD's records management 'point person' and his efforts serving as the department's School Resource Officer.

Officer Luke McCann received his second combat cross, after being involved in a shootout with an armed suspect for the second time in his short career. McCann topped that recognition by receiving the Captain Robert Love Officer of the Year Award later in the evening.

"...*And he's just getting started,*" Irey said of McCann, who joined the UPD just 32 months ago.

Currently, the longest-tenured member of the UPD, Lieutenant Curran received the Chief John Easton Supervisor of the Year Award. Irey noted that Curran has now served the UPD as a part-time and full-time patrolman, a detective, and now as an experienced supervisor.

Curran then called UPD Secretary Christine Peterson to the podium to receive a token of appreciation from the entire department.

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Boro Receives Insurance Payout

At the June 25 Borough Council session, the borough received a check from Zurich American Insurance Company in the amount of \$180,353.25 as compensation for losses. The insurance payout settles the lawsuit of Upland Borough v. Ed Mitchell.

Seniors Seeking Seniors

The Upland Senior Citizens Club meets at MacQueen Hall every Monday, from 9am to 3pm. The group convenes weekly for cards, games and good conversation; for day trips and holiday events; and for special lunch and dinner events.

Parkside Borough also has a senior citizens group, which meets every Thursday morning at 9:30am for card games and BINGO at the county's Redwood facility, located off Sixth Street.

Coincidentally, both seniors groups are looking for new members to join their weekly gatherings. Both groups have an annual \$5 membership fee, which is a token fee, considering the many benefits that members enjoy.

Neither group has a residency requirement for members, nor are there any age requirements. So if you are retired, spending too much time alone, and looking for something new to help fill your time, joining one or both of these groups of active seniors may be the social jumpstart that you've needed.

To learn more about senior citizen opportunities, call Gwen Taylor at home **(610-874-9470)** or on her cell phone **(267-319-6948)**.

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Sesquicentennial Home Decorating Winners Named

The three winners of the Sesquicentennial Home Decorating Contest were announced at Council's June 25 meeting. The theme was patriotic, with the judging being done by Borough Council members.

1st place – 25 Church Street (\$100)

2nd place – 208 Ninth Street (\$50)

3rd place – 23 Church Street (\$25)

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all those residents who showed their American colors.

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Borough Plans Memorial Brick Sales

The creation of a short memorial wall and/or walkway is being planned for the upper end of the Hill Street playground, which was recently renovated with new equipment. Engraved bricks for the project will be sold 'In-memory-of...' to raise funds for construction.

More information regarding memorial brick sales will be forthcoming as soon details are finalized.

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2019 CDBG Earmarked For Restrooms

Upland Borough has received a 2019 Community Development Block Grant from Delaware County Council in the amount of \$33,500, which will be applied to the construction of public restroom facilities at Upland Park.

Borough Council President Christine Peterson noted that, now that sufficient funding is in place, Borough Council will have to decide exactly where the permanent restroom facility will be located.

Contract Awarded For Road Program

The 2019 Road Program contract has been awarded to hometown contractor A. F. Damon, Inc., the lone bidder for a joint contract between Upland and Parkside Boroughs.

The two neighboring boroughs pooled their repaving needs in an effort to get a better overall price. The joint contract's financial split breaks down to Upland paying \$149,417, while Parkside covers \$58,797 of the total amount of \$208,214.

The Upland roadways slated for fresh asphalt include: Race Street (2 blocks), Main Street (near Upland Baptist Church), Kent Lane (entire length), Sixth Street (Main St. to Church St.), Church Street (Sixth St. to Tenth St.), and Eleventh Street (Main St. to boro line).

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Free Movies Eyed For Next Summer

A good turnout for free Movies in the Park (such as *Ralph Breaks the Internet*, shown on May 25 as part of Upland's Sesquicentennial Celebration, and *Dumbo*, to be shown on Aug. 6, after National Night Out events) has encouraged Borough Council to consider showing three family movies next summer, with one planned for June, July and August 2020.

As co-chair of the Community Affairs Committee, Council VP Moira Crawford noted that the sparsely attended Annual Youth Magic Show in August may not be rescheduled next year, if the movie slate is expanded.

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Council Weighs Soccer Dome Proposal

A private investor has floated a plan to purchase the 13-acre W. 24th Street estate of the late Sen. Clarence Bell from Widener University, with the intent of erecting a quasi-indoor soccer stadium on Reese Center grounds, adjacent to the existing outdoor soccer field.

The proposed inflatable soccer dome would cost an estimated \$6 million to construct, housing a 30,000 to 35,000-sq. ft. turf field underneath. Upland Borough would incur no expenses for the project.

The borough would, however, enjoy the benefits of several proposed upgrades to the 5-acre Reese Center property, including increased parking and improvements to the gymnasium on site. The borough would also be able to generate revenue by renting out the site for any number of sporting or public events.

The soccer season would run from November through March (Monday-Friday, 5pm to 10pm; Weekends, 8am to 8pm) but the dome would also be used for various purposes (such as practices and team gatherings) during the non-peak months.

Borough Council is now considering the project, following submission of a formal written proposal.

Main Street Wall To Be Repointed

The deterioration of some of the mortar in the stone wall that runs along Main Street, from Sixth Street to Fourth Street, will soon be addressed with repointing.

According to the borough engineer, Borough Council does not have to bid out the repointing work, since it is maintenance to an existing structure, but three bids will be sought by Catania Engineering anyway, to ensure that the lowest price is being paid.

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Annual Fourth of July Festivities

**11:00am to 2:00pm on Thursday, July 4
at Bristol Lord Field**

**Free food and family fun for all Upland residents
Music, face-painting, water slide, moon bounce**

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Borough Council Meetings

**6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesdays, July 9, **Aug 27**, and Sept. 10
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall**

**Please note: August Council meeting
will be held on fourth Tuesday of month**

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UPD Hosts

3rd Annual National Night Out

**6 to 8:30pm on Tuesday, Aug. 6
at Upland Police Station, Castle Avenue**

**Community Affairs Committee presents FREE movie
(*Dumbo*) at Bristol Lord Field (starts at dusk)**

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Annual Youth Magic Show

**3 to 5pm on Saturday, Aug. 24
at MacQueen Hall**

**Includes pizza & make-your-own ice cream sundaes
Proof of residency required**

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Annual Labor Day Weekend

Fireworks Display

**Starts at dusk (8:30pm) on Sunday, Sept. 1
at Bristol Lord Field**

**Refreshments & glow sticks sold by Upland Fire Co.
Surrounding roads closed at 7:00pm**

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Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**4 to 7pm on Saturday, Sept. 14
at MacQueen Hall**

Take-out available

**Tickets: Adult-\$12; Senior-\$10; Children under 10-\$8
All proceeds benefit Community Affairs Committee**

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Designer Handbag BINGO

**6 to 11pm on Saturday, Oct. 19
at MacQueen Hall**



Extensive improvements were made to the playground in Upland Park this spring. In addition to new playground equipment, including a climber and a handicapped swing, the child-safety mulch was replaced. A rain garden (to absorb runoff) and underground drainage lines were also installed, to stop the mulch from washing out in heavy rains.



And while engineering runoff solutions is very important, it is still the simple fun that kids can have that makes the playground a popular community attraction.





Part-time Patrolman John Zebley, age 42, joined the Upland force on May 14, after he was sworn in by Mayor Dennon. Zebley is an Upland native, though he graduated from Interboro High School, prior to graduating from the Delco Police Academy in 2007. He has worked as a part-timer for the Prospect Park Police Department for the last 12 years.

More Part-timers Join UPD



The newest members of the Upland Police Department were sworn in on June 25, including (left to right) Officers Kyle Cassidy, Mark MacKrell, and Jonathan Keeney.

Officer Kyle Cassidy, age 20, grew up in Secane. He graduated from Ridley High School in 2017, and from the Delco Police Academy in June 2019. Cassidy's part-time posting in Upland is his first law enforcement position, but he has served three years in the US Army Reserves. Kyle's father, Joe Czachorowski, proudly held the Bible while his son took the service oath.

Officer Mark MacKrell, 46, is originally from Brookhaven. He is actually being rehired by the UPD, having already served two years (2015-2016) of part-time duty. MacKrell has also worked part-time at the Milbourne Police Barracks since 2015.

Mark's son, Logan, held the Bible while his dad was sworn.

Officer Jonathan Keeney, 20, is a Prospect Park native. He graduated from Interboro High School in 2017 and from the Delco Police Academy in June 2019. Kenney's Upland posting is his first law enforcement job.

Jonathan's girlfriend, Estelle Fields, held the Bible while he was sworn in by Mayor Dennon.



If you haven't met yet, this is Halo, the rescue dog who was adopted by the Upland Police Department to serve as their live-in mascot and good will ambassador. Halo is especially fond of children. Mark's Auto Body (on Main Street) recently welcomed Halo to the community with a \$100 donation to the UPD, which will help cover her food and vet expenses.

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, 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 Enjoys Sesquicentennial Events...



The four-day celebration of Upland Borough's official 150th birthday started with the burial of a time capsule next to the flag pole across Castle Avenue from MacQueen Hall. Above, Borough Manager Mike Ciach (left) and Mayor Bill Dennon lower the locked and sealed capsule into the ground.

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At the May 24 Sesquicentennial Dinner at MacQueen Hall, longtime Borough Building Inspector Joseph 'Parker' Ferguson received a plaque in recognition of his role as an honorary shovel-tender in the time capsule dedication. The plaque was presented by Borough Council Vice President Moira Crawford (left) and Borough Council President Christine Peterson.



The next day, residents collected Passport stamps from nine different sites around the borough, including the 1683 Caleb Pusey House on Race Street, where the first chapter of Upland and Pennsylvania history was written.



On Saturday night, residents enjoyed a free Movie in the Park at Bristol Lord Field, where the first family to arrive got the best seats in the house. Below, UPD Detective Corporal Andy Nicholl kept the movie munchies coming from the pavilion, where he grilled hot dogs and bagged popcorn.



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Sunday, May 25 started off with a joint worship service for Upland Baptist and Resurrection Life Churches, followed by an afternoon of free carnival games (for kids of all ages) and a Corn Hole Tournament at Bristol Lord Field.



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Memorial Day began with the annual wreath-laying ceremonies at the Upland Baptist Church graves of Rev. David & Dorothy MacQueen and Captain Blakeley, followed by the Annual Memorial Day Parade.



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The church-sponsored 16th Annual Memorial Day Family Picnic drew a large crowd by offering free burgers and hot dogs off the grill, as well as tons of fun for the children – none of which required the use of an electronic device.

...And Parties To Celebrate 150th Anniversary

A year and a half of planning and preparation went into Upland Borough's sesquicentennial celebration, which ran from Friday, May 24 thru Monday, May 27. Borough Council Vice President Moira Crawford chaired the Sesquicentennial Committee, while the contributions of dozens of volunteers helped make the four-day Memorial Day weekend a success.

All of the Sesquicentennial events were well-attended, starting with the time capsule burial on Friday evening.

The time capsule contains items from several borough organizations, including Upland Borough Council (group photo of current Council members, 1869 meeting minutes, 1969 Centennial items, and 2019 Sesquicentennial items), Upland Police Department (UPD patch & badge, photo of Sgt.

Albany), Upland Fire Company No. 1 (t-shirts, badges), Upland Athletic Club (charter members, photos), Upland Baptist Church (original piece of stained glass, 150th anniversary brochure), Resurrection Life Church (historic building and congregation photos), Main Street Elementary School (miscellaneous items), Chester Community Charter School (student 'thumbprint' tree art), Friends of the Caleb Pusey House (replica of Pusey spoon), Cheshire House (original nail, brochure), Marine Corps League (Detachment 288 charter, photos), and a congratulatory letter from President Donald Trump and his wife, Melania.

A copy of two local newspapers and the May 2019 edition of *The Uplander* were also put into the capsule for future readers to enjoy, 50 years from now.

'Parker' Ferguson was recognized for his lifetime of service to Upland Borough, and shared the honor of shoveling the first soil onto the buried capsule with two students from the Community Charter School: Savannah Worrell and Manny Lopez.

The Sesquicentennial Dinner that followed the time capsule dedication packed MacQueen Hall to capacity. A delicious buffet dinner was served up by Lia's Catering, while guest speaker Neumann University History Professor Andrew Miller drew analogies between today's Uplanders and those who lived through the hardships of the American Revolution. In the end, Professor Miller decided that Mayor Dennon should not be tarred and feathered, despite his refusal to let the Continental Army take half of his family's food as provisions.

Throughout the day on Saturday, May 25, the Upland Passport Program united nine important locations within Upland Borough, including Upland Baptist Church (Main St.), Resurrection Life Church (8th & Church Sts.), Cheshire House (Main St., built in 1716), Caleb Pusey House (Race St., built in 1683), Marine Corps League, Delco Detachment 288 headquarters (Sixth St.), Upland Athletic Club (Main St.), Upland Firehouse (McClintock Dr.), MacQueen Hall and the Upland Police station (Castle Ave.).

Passport participants were encouraged to explore and build on connections between each location, while getting a stamp in their passport from each stop. Participants who visited all nine sites were eligible for a drawing for a 65-inch flat screen TV (donated by Upland AC) or a family-friendly gift basket (donated by the Upland Baptist Church).

The prize drawing was held prior to the Movie in the Park, with the TV going to Joan Vandergrift and the gift basket going to Patty McKeone.

The free Movie in the Park feature was *Ralph Breaks the Internet*, which drew a good-sized family crowd. The Chick-fil-A Cow was popular with the kids, while members of the Upland Police Department served food and beverages from the pavilion.

Sunday, May 26, began with a joint church service at Bristol Lord Field, attended by the congregations of Upland Baptist Church and Resurrection Life Church. Sunday afternoon was filled with a combination of free carnival games, where every participant was a prize-winner, and a Corn Hole Tournament, where the \$10 entry fees paid by contestants made up the prize money total of \$340.

Tossing bean bags a distance of 27 feet on a hot, sun-drenched day, eight women competed in two-person teams, while the men's division saw 26 combatants go head to head as pairings. When the dust settled and a few gallons of sweat were shed, the winning ladies team was Hope Crowley and Stephanie Pysher, while the hard fought men's championship was won by the tandem of Joseph and Anthony Yannuzzi.

In addition to several carnival games, families were entertained by a stiltwalker, face-painters, and DJ Dave, while volunteers from the Community Affairs Committee and the Upland Fire Company kept the food and cold beverages flowing from the pavilion.

Sunday night was capped off with an outstanding fireworks display at Bristol Lord Field, where another fireworks show is slated for Sunday, Sept. 1.

The community events on Memorial Day, May 27 were similar to years past, including the laying of wreaths and Marine Corps League gun salutes at the Upland Baptist Church cemetery.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade featured three string bands, a fife & drum corps, antique cars, dozens of emergency vehicles, and scores of walking participants representing Upland organizations and families.

The laying of wreaths at the Upland Borough War Memorial was followed by an inspirational speech by guest speaker US Army Chaplain Rev. Wylie W. Johnson - a veteran of five American military conflicts. The memorial services concluded with Bugler Rick Swallow somberly blowing *Taps* and a moving bagpipe rendition of *Amazing Grace*.

The 16th Annual Memorial Day Family Picnic, co-sponsored by the congregations of Upland Baptist and Resurrection Life Churches, enjoyed near-record attendance and perfect weather conditions. The community was treated to a free lunch of burgers and hot dogs with homemade sides and desserts, while the children enjoyed the face painting and played with hula hoops and sidewalk chalk.

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No Parking Lot Permits Required

After further discussion and deliberation, Borough Council has shelved the notion of requiring parking permits for residents to use the off-street parking lots on Sixth and Eighth Streets.

Parking **for Upland residents only** is now allowed in the Sixth Street (20 spaces) and Eighth Street (8 spaces) lots on a first come, first serve basis.

Council Doubles Down On Hiring Grass-Cutting Help

When Borough Council recently voted to add another part-time Highway Department employee to help with summer grass cutting, as has been done in the recent past, Councilman Lee Hunter cast the lone vote in dissent.

Hunter then made his own motion to add a second part-timer, which was unanimously supported by his fellow Council members.

Each new part-time hire will work no more than 20 hours per week over the summer months. An especially wet spring has led to excessive grass growth this year, prompting the borough to concede that the extra manpower is needed.

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PECO Retrofit Underway

PECO has started an electrical retrofit for MacQueen Hall and the Upland police station, with other borough-owned buildings slated to be done after completion of the first phase. The total cost to upgrade all lighting fixtures and outlets in the first two buildings will be about \$9,000, but a \$5,000 credit from PECO will leave the borough with just \$4,000 to cover Phase One improvements.

According to Ciach, the greater efficiency of the new LED lighting will save the borough money through lower electric bills, so the retrofit will actually pay for itself in short order.

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Service Cost Recovery Approved For Fire Company

At its May 14 meeting, Borough Council unanimously adopted an ordinance that gives Upland Fire Company No. 1 the ability to recover some of its fire protection costs. The intent of the ordinance is "to compensate and/or reimburse the Upland Fire Co. from insurance proceeds for costs and/or expenses incurred while providing emergency services pursuant to their duties."

It is important to note that "under no circumstances shall any owner-occupied residential property owner receive a bill from the Upland Fire Co., or an attorney, or a third-party billing service for fire protection...except in cases of false alarms and/or fires which are intentionally set by the property owner."

This ordinance will allow the fire company's "officers or authorized representatives to ascertain what insurance coverage may be applicable and available under any given circumstances, and to take all necessary steps to apply for and receive reimbursement from any insurance carrier for a property owner, business owner, or vehicle owner."

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Flanked by Police Chief Mike Irey (far left) and District Judge Charles Nistico (far right), four UPD officers were recently sworn in to promoted positions, including (left to right) Full-time Officers Larry Porter and Luke McCann, Detective Corporal Andy Nicholl, and Lieutenant Mick Curran.

UPD Officers Promoted

Four Upland Police Department officers were promoted and sworn in to their new positions at Borough Council's April 9 meeting. Since Upland Mayor Bill Dennon was absent, District Judge Charles Nistico, of Brookhaven, administered the oath, while a host of family members looked on.

First up was Officer Luke McCann, a Darby native, who joined the force as a part-timer in November 2016. During his tenure, McCann, has earned a litany of certifications and specific training to further his ability to serve Upland residents.

Chris McCann, Luke's father, held the Bible while his son was sworn in as a full-time officer.

Veteran Officer Lawrence Porter, came to Upland in May 2018 as a part-timer, following a distinguished 24-year career as a police officer in Southfield, Michigan, during which he rose to the rank of sergeant and twice received the Officer of the Year Award. He is also a decorated U.S. Army veteran.

Porter's UPD partner, Officer Joshua Van Horn, held the Bible, while his mentor was sworn in as a full-timer.

Detective Corporal Andrew Nicholl, moved up from the rank of Detective. He originally joined the UPD as a patrolman in May 2015, then was promoted to Detective in June 2018.

Prior to joining the Upland force, Nicholl was employed as the director of security at the King of Prussia Mall, and then as a security manager at Crozer-Chester Medical Center.

While Nicholl was sworn in, the Bible was held by his fiancé, Trisha Frassetto.

Corporal Michael Curran was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, becoming the first UPD officer to ever hold that rank. He first joined the force in 2005 as a part-time patrolman, then became a full-timer in 2007, and then moved up to the rank of corporal in January 2018.

Lieutenant Curran is currently the longest tenured member of the UPD, and as such, he has become a valuable asset to Police Chief Mike Irey. He is certified as a Drug Recognition Expert, and has received numerous awards for exemplary service. Curran's wife, Kimberly, held the Bible, while her husband was sworn in.

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Special Building Permit Discounts Now Available

Upland Borough is now offering building permit discounts to seniors and veterans. A 50% discount (up to \$250) on up to \$10,000 worth of assessed value work is available to senior citizens (age 62 or older) and certified military veterans who have been honorably discharged. A DD214 or active military ID must be produced to qualify as a certified veteran. This discount can only be utilized once per calendar year, and only for residential building permits where the applicant occupies the residence.

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.

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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Electronic Sign Finally Installed

The digital sign at the corner of Sixth & Main Streets was installed in mid-May, and should be displaying messages of community interest by early June. Paid for by a 2014 Community Development Block Grant, the public improvement project had been delayed numerous times, through no fault of the borough.



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