



The Uplander



The Caleb Pusey House

MacQueen Hall

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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.



Everyone knows that the best way to watch a parade is sitting comfortably with family and friends, while enjoying a nice cold beverage.



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, while these local ladies (below) didn't mind waiting in line for the face painting table.



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



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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MacQueen Hall To Host 'Graduation'

Returning for an encore from last June, Main Street Elementary School's 2018 Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held at MacQueen Hall, from **9:30 to 11:00am on Friday, June 8.**

School officials recently requested the use of MacQueen Hall's second-floor banquet room, promising to "leave it as nice as we found it," and Borough Council responded by offering the building free of charge for the community event.

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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.

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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New Street Name Signs Selected

Borough Manager Mike Ciach recently polled Borough Council members as to their preference on four designs of street-name signs, as the borough prepares for a planned signage upgrade. After the opinions were tallied up, the apparent preference was a two-sided design that featured the borough logo on top.

The new street signs will cost an estimated \$25,000, and will be covered by monies received from the Liquid Fuels Fund, as the signage upgrade qualifies as a street improvement.

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 on Memorial Day weekend 2019.

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Additional AV Roof Work Approved

The low bid that the borough recently received to reroof two Auburn Village buildings was so low that Borough Council has decided to double their pleasure by adding two more AV buildings to the roofing contract with Ram Siding Company, Inc., out of Douglasville, PA. At Council's May 8 meeting, another \$40,000 was tacked on to the original contract to bring the total to \$80,000 for four buildings to be reroofed this year.

The AV buildings that are now on deck for a new roof include Fern Lane, Willow Way, Hemlock Lane, and Golden Lane units.

Hometown Heroes Flags Flying

A total of 75 Hometown Heroes flags were ordered in March and hung on Upland street poles in May, just in time to help Upland Borough celebrate Memorial Day 2018 by honoring our hometown military veterans. Each flag features a photograph of the veteran, along with his/her military branch and dates of service.

The cost to order a red, white & blue vinyl 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.

The Hometown Heroes flags will be 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.

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Main Street Students of the Month

The following Main Street Elementary School students were named Student of the Month for April 2018....**Congratulations to all!**

Aiva Johnson, Aliyah Thomas, Kayla Imani, Dior Johnson, Deshon Price, Kalik Brown, JaMye Starks, Hailey Johnson, Takai Jones, Kanayah Tucker-Day, John Lauber, LaShae Burton, Arianna LeBron-Vicks, LaQuann Hannum, Khanye Hill-Jackson, Francesca Longer-Simms, Charles Sullivan, Amaya Marasco, Bahayah Carmichael, Don'Shamire Williams, Prentice Cottrell, and Shamarr Warner

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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 April 2018, Upland officers issued 229 citations, all but 14 of which were traffic citations. The year-to-date total for citations issued is 637. Fifty-eight parking tickets were also written in April, bringing the 2018 total up to 152.

Four motor vehicle accidents were reported on borough roadways in April.

A total of 48 vehicles have been towed in 2018.

The UPD answered a total of 614 calls in April, in addition to making 44 assists to other local agencies. As of the end of April, the total call volume for this year is 1,871 calls.

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Visit www.uplandboro.org to find an expanded version of the borough's monthly newsletter, a current events calendar, public health notices, borough ordinances, council meeting minutes, and photo galleries of recent community events.

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

mcrawford@uplandboro.org



Outdoor Carnival Returns!!!

Rides & arcade games open at 6pm,
Wednesday thru Saturday, June 6 to 9
at Bristol Lord Field

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Main Street Elementary Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony

9:30 to 11:00am on Friday, June 8
at MacQueen Hall

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Fried Chicken Dinner Sale

11am to 3pm on Saturday, June 9
at Resurrection Life Church, 8th & Church Sts.
Coincides with Thrift Shop summer close-out sale

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday June 12, July 10, and **Aug. 28**
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



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.





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!



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. This year, special thanks goes out to Texas Roadhouse restaurants for providing the 75 free kids meal coupons that were found inside Easter eggs.



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.



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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Upland Fire Company No. 1 held another successful flower sale fundraiser on Easter weekend. The volunteer members of Upland's lone fire company are grateful for the support they receive from the community they protect.

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UPD Utilizes Grant \$

Upland Police Chief Mike Irey was recently applauded by the Mayor and Borough Council, after he had successfully applied for and received a \$10,000 grant that will allow the purchase of hi-tech mobile ID/fingerprinting equipment and officer training, all at no cost to the borough.

"This (mobile ID device) will actually save the borough money," noted Mayor Bill Dennon.

Chief Irey already has his eye on a potential grant from Walmart, so to make his pursuit of outside funding easier, Council recently passed a resolution that gives the Upland Police Department the freedom to pursue grant funding whenever possible, so long as there is no cost to borough taxpayers.

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Parking Lot Contract Awarded

Council has awarded the contract to create an eight-space public parking lot where a empty lot now stands at #227 Eighth Street. John McPhillips & Sons, of Havertown, was the low bidder among four competing contractors, offering to do the job for \$56,756. Grading and paving the new parking lot will commence this spring, as weather permits.

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.

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Construction/Demolition Work Pending

The plan to create green space at the Upland Avenue/Kerlin Street intersection was delayed by the extended winter weather we had this spring, but the installation of benches and some landscaping on the northeast corner of the crossroads should be completed by May 30, according to Borough Engineer Dan Archdeacon.

Meanwhile, the borough is seeking bids for the demolition of the vacant house at #3702 Sixth Street. This structure will be razed over the summer. The contract for the demolition of #2, #4 and #6 Hill Street was recently awarded, so that work should get underway very soon. Once this demolition is complete, the southwest corner of the Upland/Kerlin intersection will be turned into a new public park.

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Borough Makes Donations

Borough Council recently authorized making its annual donation to Delco Detachment 288 of the Marine Corps League, headquartered on Sixth Street in Upland. An additional \$500 was requested by the veterans organization, and Council accommodated the request, bringing this year's borough donation up to \$2,500.

Members of Detachment 288 volunteer to provide honor guards for the borough's annual Memorial Day parade and memorial services.

A first-time donation request was also recently honored by Council, when a \$1,500 donation was unanimously approved for Joan's Dance Studio, located on Sixth Street.

Joan's Dance Studio is owned and operated by Cheryl Filbert, and has been serving local youth since 1929. The dance training center was named Best of Delco for 2016 and 2017, according to Filbert.

Borough sponsorship was sought by Filbert to help some of her students defray costs for an upcoming trip to Disney World/EPCOT in Florida, where two of her students will be performing.

"I support anything that keeps our children off the street corners," said Council President Christine Peterson.

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Newly-hired part-time Upland Police Officers Brent Roller (left center) and Kai Greene (right center) are congratulated by Police Chief Michael Irely (far left) and Mayor Bill Dennon.

Part-Time Officers Hired

A pair of part-time police officers were sworn in by Mayor Dennon on April 10, making Officers Brent Roller and Kai Greene the newest members of the Upland PD.

Officer Kai Greene was sworn in first, while his mother Charmane held the Bible and a framed photo of her father, who had also been a police officer.

Greene, age 22, grew up in West Goshen Township; attended B. Reed Henderson High School and Cheyney University; and graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy in December 2017. His Upland posting is Greene's first law enforcement position.

Officer Brent Roller took the oath while his mother Karen held the Bible and father Steve proudly looked on.

Roller, age 22, is from Media, and graduated from Penncrest High School in 2014, then from the Delco Police Academy in June 2017. He has spent the past four months working part-time for the Bethel Township Police Department.

Congratulations and welcome aboard, Officers Roller and Greene!



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 Approves FBI Training

At its April 10 meeting, Borough Council authorized the expenditure of \$1,400 to send Upland Police Corporal Detective Anthony DeLuise to a weeklong FBI training session that will be held at Princeton University from June 10-15. Other Upland officers have been sent to past FBI training programs, where the knowledge gained is deemed to be a benefit to the entire Upland Police Department.

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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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Tax Collector Exonerated For Delinquent Taxes

Borough Tax Collector Linda Kirby has been 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.

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.

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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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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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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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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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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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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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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