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# The Uplander



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## Fundraiser Tastes Souper



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



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



Led by Councilwomen Moira Crawford and Judy Bush (back row, center), these are the Community Affairs Committee volunteers whose tireless efforts made the Soup & Salad fundraiser possible.

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

(See story on page 2)



## **Borough Has Big Plans For Vacant Corner**

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

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

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

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

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

Look for more information on this exciting public improvement project in upcoming editions of *The Uplander*, as the sketch plan is further developed and Upland Park moves closer to being a reality.

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## **Yet Another Setback For Wall Extension**

It is doubtful that the Chinese faced as many pitfalls when building the Great Wall as Upland Borough has faced when trying to extend a wall at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & Main. The 2014 Community Development Block Grant-funded project is now in its third year of 'pending' status, and just when it appeared that all the hurdles had been cleared, PA ONE found a gas line directly under the wall construction site.

The discovery forced changes in the design of the Main Street wall extension. The changes will ultimately add a long triangular sliver of new sidewalk alongside the new wall, which will now be set back slightly further from the curb, so as to not disturb the gas line.

The amended design of the wall extension equates to a \$4,600 change order being added to the approved \$28,240 contract to extend the wall and landscape the corner. The county will cover the additional expenditure as part of the CDBG.

If there are no further unexpected setbacks, this public improvement project should be completed this spring.

## **Council Approves Auditor**

At Borough Council's Feb. 14 session, the contract for auditor services was extended with Mingis, Gutowski & Co., LLP for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Council had considered approval of a four-year contract, but voted unanimously to limit the auditing contract to two years.

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## **Mayor Ciach To Be Honored**

Upland Mayor Michael Ciach will be among four honorees at a special event to be held by the Omega Chapter of the Prince Hall Lodge on March 4. Ciach will be recognized for his 30 years of community service, including 20 years as a youth and men's sports coach, 12 years as a borough councilman, and 11+ years as Upland's mayor.

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## **Tax Collector Office Hours**

Upland Borough Tax Collector Linda Mitchell will have extended office hours at MacQueen Hall throughout the month of March, for the convenience of borough taxpayers.

The tax collector will be at the borough office from 9am to 12 noon on the following Mondays and Wednesdays: March 13 and 15, March 20 and 22, and March 27 and 29.

Call the tax collector directly at **610-874-9378** to learn more about her availability or to arrange a special appointment.

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## **Council Amends Tax Collector's Pay**

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

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

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

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

### **Upland Police On Duty**

The Upland Police Department continues to maintain its vigilance to keep the borough's streets safe for all residents, pedestrians, and motorists. During the month of January 2017, Upland officers issued 210 citations (most of which were traffic citations) and 155 parking tickets were written. A total of seven motor vehicle accidents were reported on borough roadways in January. The UPD answered a total of 360 calls in January, while also making 41 assists to other agencies.

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### **Parking In Yard Is Illegal**

In response to a resident's question, Council recently confirmed that parking a vehicle in a yard on a continual basis is illegal in Upland, as is jumping the curb to get the vehicle into the yard. The only off-street parking that is permitted in Upland is on a paved/hardened driveway. Council noted that the police department can be called for instances of illegal parking in front of a driveway entrance, but the issue of illegal yard-parking must be handled by the borough's code enforcement officer.

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### **Borough Must Rebid Demolition**

Although three contractors attended the pre-bid meeting to get the specifications for the demolition of 227 8<sup>th</sup> Street, no bids were actually received, so the public improvement project will have to be rebid. The long-planned razing of the vacant residence is a precursor to the creation of a small off-street parking lot for 8<sup>th</sup> Street residents and a cut-thru drive that will give Upland police officers a second avenue of access to their headquarters building next to MacQueen Hall. Borough Engineer Lisa Catania speculated on the reason that no bids were received, suggesting that the bid timing was simply not good for some contractors, while others may need an asbestos removal sub-contractor, which serves to complicate the bidding process.

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### **All Seniors Welcome**

If you are a senior citizen (you don't have to be an Upland resident), feel free to come out and join the Upland Senior Citizens Club for cards, games, and plenty of good conversation **every Monday from 9am to 3pm at MacQueen Hall**, March 6 thru December. Councilman Leland Hunter, who has served as USCC president for the last six years, has extended a general invitation to local seniors to join the fun and games when the group reconvenes in early March.

### **Fire Company Continues Easter Flower Sales**

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

A wide variety of spring flowers, including tulips, daffodils, and hyacinth, will be offered throughout the weekend, but the best selection will be available on Friday. Please support this fundraiser by visiting the firehouse on McClintock Drive on Friday or Saturday, from 9am to dusk, or on Sunday, from 1pm to dusk or until sold out.

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### **Shred-It Day Coming In May**

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

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

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### **Borough Council Meetings**

**6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session**

**Tuesday March 14, April 11, and May 2**

**on ground floor of MacQueen Hall**

**(please note: May meeting moved up one week to avoid conflict with the PSAB Conference, May 7-10)**

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### **Monday Night VBS**

**6 to 7pm every Monday evening**

**at Upland Baptist Church**

**Open to children pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Includes activity/craft, Bible lesson, and dinner**

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### **Annual St. Patty's Day**



### **Ham & Cabbage Luncheon for Seniors**

**starts at noon on Monday, March 13**

**at MacQueen Hall**

**Free to all Upland senior citizens**

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### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**



### **& Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

**9am at Bristol Lord Field;**

**9:30 to 11:30am at MacQueen Hall**

**on Saturday, April 15**

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### **Memorial Day Festivities**

**Starting at 9am on Monday, May 29**





**While fellow Upland Fire Company President Doug Scott held the Bible, Mayor Michael Ciach swore in Paul Michalkiewicz to serve as a volunteer fire police officer, at Borough Council's Feb. 14 meeting.**



## **Veteran Firefighter Steps Up To Fill Needs**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Upland Fire Co. Had Active 2016**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **AV Roof Contract Awarded**

Council recently awarded a contract to Ronald Menna Roofing, of Norwood, in the amount of \$16,500 for the installation of a new roof on the Fern Lane building in the Auburn Village complex.

The awarded contractor was the low bidder among the three proposals received, with the other submitted bids ranging as high as \$19,450.

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**When your daffodils look like this - six inches out of the ground and starting to set blossoms - Spring must be right around the corner.**

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## **Website Provides Valuable Info**

Visit [www.uplandboro.org](http://www.uplandboro.org) to find an expanded version of the borough's monthly newsletter, a current events calendar, historical narratives, public health notices, borough ordinances, council meeting minutes, live surveillance video feeds, and lots of photo galleries of recent community events.

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

**[mcrawford@uplandboro.org](mailto:mcrawford@uplandboro.org)**



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

### **Firing Range Aims For 2017 Opening**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **Home Decorating Winners Named**

The 2016 Holiday Home Decorating Contest winners were announced at Borough Council's Jan. 10 meeting. This holiday season, the judging was done by first-year Councilwoman Judy Bush.

**Howard Novak**, of 1115 Church Street, moved up to first place this year, after finishing third last year and second in 2014; **Jason & Jennifer Tarbuton**, of 402 Juniper Lane, claimed second place; and **Elizabeth Collins**, of 17 Second Street, took third.

The first-place winner received a \$100 cash prize, while second place netted \$50, and third place brought home \$25.

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### **Fire Inspections Completed**

Fire Marshal Dave Favinger recently reported the completion of his annual round of fire safety inspections on the borough's commercial properties. During the month of December, Favinger visited 58 rental properties and 16 business properties to complete the 2016 safety inspections.

### **Kids On Bikes Creating Safety Issues**

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

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

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

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

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### **Oak Lane Streetlight Returns**

In response to a recent request from a resident, Borough Council has approved the installation of a new streetlight for the Oak Lane alleyway.

The total cost for Lenni Electric Corp. to install the new light is \$719. The number is low, since the utility pole and the aluminum arm for the streetlight are already in place. The missing streetlamp had been 'borrowed' by the borough a few years ago, to be utilized in a new public parking lot on Sixth Street.

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### **Code Enforcement Summary**

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

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

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

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

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### Police Log Busy Year

According to the police activity summary read at Borough Council's Jan. 10 meeting, Upland police officers were diligently keeping the borough's roadways safe for residents throughout 2016.

During the month of December 2016, 151 citations were issued, most of which were traffic citations. Upland officers handed out a total of 1,751 citations last year.

There were five reported motor vehicle accidents on borough roads during December, while 168 parking tickets were issued that month. A total of 615 parking tickets were written by Upland officers during 2016.

The Upland PD also towed a total of 167 vehicles last year.

The police department answered 390 calls and made 43 assists in December, bringing the total call volume for 2016 up to 5,254 calls.

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### 2017 Budget Keeps No-Tax-Hike Streak Intact

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

***"This is a great achievement for the borough, and we will try to continue to do this each year,"***

Council President Christine Peterson said of the three-decade-long run – currently, the longest no-tax-hike streak in Delaware County.

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

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

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

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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.

### Trash Contract Awarded

After receiving three bids for the next trash and recycling collections contract, which will cover the years 2017 through 2022, Borough Council has awarded the contract to B & L Disposal Services – the low bidder and the borough's current collector.

Under the approved contract, the borough will pay \$97,035 for the first year of the contract, then a sliding scale will incrementally bring the annual charge up to \$109,165 for the fifth year.

The new contract includes the collection of regular trash (every Monday and Thursday, excepting holidays), recycling (on the first and third Friday of each month), and bulk trash pick-ups (on the last Wednesday of each month).

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### Council Weighs Need For Drone Ordinance

With the recent announcement that Amazon.com is proposing to start making home deliveries via remote-controlled drones, Council President Christine Peterson thought it was a good idea to be proactive and start discussing the potential need for a drone ordinance in Upland Borough.

No specific action regarding the regulation of drones was taken at the Dec. 27 Council meeting, but Peterson wanted to alert Council members that the need may soon arise. She noted that borough officials can utilize a state website that offers sample drone ordinances that are currently in place or are being considered for adoption in other Pennsylvania municipalities.

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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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### Public Works Supervisor Named

Borough Council recently voted unanimously to upgrade the job title of Chuck Boyd to Facilities & Grounds Supervisor, effective immediately. Boyd has worked in the borough's Highway Department for the last 20+ years. Congratulations, Chuck!

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### Council Applies For CDBG \$

Upland Borough recently submitted an application to Delaware County Council to be considered for a 2017 Community Development Block Grant. Upland Borough Council's first choice for county funding is the Kerlin Street/Upland Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project, while a second choice would be an economic development study for the borough.





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

### **Veterans Honored With Special Parking Spot**

With the cooperation of the owners of Sam & Sam's Meats in the Upland Shopping Center, two veterans-only parking spaces have been created near the front entrance to the grocery store.

The restricted parking spaces are painted purple, similar to the way that parking spaces reserved for the handicapped are painted blue. Two signs have been posted on a light pole to identify the special parking spaces, in the hopes that non-veterans will park elsewhere and respect the honor that is intended as a thank you to our dedicated servicemen and women.

A public dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Sam & Sam's Meats, with a small crowd of locals in attendance. The event was part of the celebration of the 8-year anniversary of Sam & Sam's being at this location. Those who gathered for the dedication included five Upland Borough Council members, five veterans, two Upland police officers, and Sam & Sam's General Manager Bob Garrity.

Upland Mayor Michael Ciach gave a short speech, thanking all veterans for their service. Councilman Bill Dennon, who picked up the donated paint at a Sherwin Williams store and helped paint the spaces, expressed his hope that this method of honoring veterans (the first in Pennsylvania) will be replicated in other communities.



The turnout for the dedication included several veterans – the people the reserved parking space is meant to honor.

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### **Corner Enhancement Project Ready For Restart**

When Paul McCartney sang of the Long and Winding Road, he must have foreseen the path that would ultimately lead to the completion of the grant-funded wall extension and landscaping at the southwest corner of the Sixth & Main intersection. Extending the Main Street wall and landscaping the corner was supposed to be a 2014 Community Development Block Grant improvement, but a combination of unexpected delays and technical hurdles have kept the project in Limbo for two years. In October, Council rejuvenated the stalled project by approving low re-bidder Moore Outdoor Rejuvenation, of Glen Mills, whose bid of \$28,240 beat out three other bidders.

At Council's Dec. 13 meeting, the borough engineer reported that formal contracts had been issued and were awaiting signatures as the final precursor to construction work getting started.

This long-planned public improvement will finally move forward over this coming winter and spring, as weather conditions permit.

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### **Officer Police Pension Contributions Amended**

At Council's second monthly meeting on Dec. 27, the 2017 final budget was officially adopted and an amendment to pension contributions for future police full-timers was formally added to the borough code.

At the Dec. 13 meeting, a unanimous Council vote exonerated all current full-time police officers of any contribution to their pension plans during 2017, carrying on what had become an annual Council resolution in recent years.

Starting in 2017, however, new full-time Upland PD officers will have to contribute 5% of the dollars needed to fund their own pension plans, once each new hire is earning his/her full base pay.

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### **CWA Starting Two-Year Project**

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

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

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

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### **Council OKs**

#### **2017 Meeting Dates**

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

Council's 2017 meeting schedule is as follows:

<b>Jan. 10 &amp; 24</b>	<b>Feb. 14 &amp; 28</b>	<b>March 14 &amp; 28</b>
<b>April 11 &amp; 25</b>	<b>May 9 &amp; 23</b>	<b>June 13 &amp; 27</b>
<b>July 11 &amp; 25</b>	<b>Aug. 8 &amp; 22</b>	<b>Sept. 12 &amp; 26</b>
<b>Oct. 10 &amp; 24</b>	<b>Nov. 14 &amp; 28</b>	<b>Dec. 12 &amp; 19</b>

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### **Council Approves 2017 Holidays**

Borough Council has approved the following 2017 dates as holidays for borough employees. Upland Borough's office will be closed on these dates:

**Monday, Jan. 2 - New Year**

**Monday, Jan. 16 - MLK Day**

**Monday, Feb. 20 - Presidents Day**

**Friday, April 14 - Good Friday**

**Tuesday, May 16 - Primary Election Day**

**Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day**

**Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day**

**Monday, Oct. 9 - Columbus Day**

**Tuesday, Nov. 7 - General Election Day**

**Friday, Nov. 10 - Veterans Day**

**Thursday/Friday, Nov. 23/24 - Thanksgiving**

**Monday/Tuesday, Dec. 25/26 - Christmas**

### **Council Makes Reappointments**

A laundry list of annual appointments (actually all reappointments) were made at Borough Council's Dec. 13 session, as follows:

Catania Engineering, Inc. will continue to provide civil engineering services to the borough, and Borough Solicitor Robert E. O'Connor, Esq. continues to serve as Upland's legal eagle.

Health Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer William Kirby will remain at his posts, while other one-year re-appointments include Building Inspector & Zoning Code Officer Joseph Ferguson, Plumbing Inspector Thomas Kennedy (doing business as Tri-County Comfort Systems), Electrical Inspector James Skulski, Health Officer Dr. Robert Crowell, MD, Fire Marshall David Favinger, Zoning Solicitor John J. Wills, Esq., and Civil Service Solicitor & Special Legal Counsel Michael L. Maddren, Esq. The membership of the borough's three advisory boards includes:

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Dorreda Shaw, Joanne Peden, Edward Klepacki, Harris Bloom, and Ronald Reynolds

**Planning Commission:** Kenneth Miller, Dana Dudek, George Oronzio, and Joseph Stephano

**Civil Service Commission:** Richard McClintock, Denise Crawford, and Dorothy Patrick

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### **Alleyway Ownership**

#### **Key To Dead Tree Problem**

A resident recently came before Borough Council to inquire as to the ownership of the Oak Lane alleyway, where three dead trees routinely drop debris on nearby properties and represent a safety hazard. While Council sympathized with the homeowner's plight, the rotting trees are located on the boundary between Upland and Brookhaven Boroughs, leaving ownership in question.

Even though past attempts to address this ownership issue have reportedly failed, Council President Christine Peterson insisted that Upland reach out amicably to its neighbor, to see if Brookhaven's cooperation might be enlisted to reach a resolution to the benefit of all parties.

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