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Bird-Lovers Enjoy Eagles' Big Win



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





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

CAC Serves Up Souper Fundraiser



(Above) The Community Affairs Committee was assisted by the volunteers who served up the homemade chili and soups that are a staple at the Soup-n-Salad Dinner, while Meghan Bush (below) took a much-deserved break from keeping the salad bar stocked with fresh veggies.



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Borough Manager Mike Ciach congratulated CAC organizers Council VP Moira Crawford (seated) and Councilwoman Judy Bush on another successful fundraiser.

Council Holding Logo Contest

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

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

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

***** There are no restrictions on who *****

***** can submit a logo design entry. *****

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

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

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Holiday Decorating Winners

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

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

2nd place – 17 Second Street (\$50)

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

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

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Council Renews Contracts

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

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

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

Prescription Medication and Driving:

A Message from Corporal Michael Curran

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Road Program Yields \$ Credit

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

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Expenses Covered For Tax Collector

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

Have You Paid For Your Family's Hometown Heroes Flag?

Upland Borough Council's plan to launch a streetscape project to honor hometown military veterans is moving forward, with a total of 68 Hometown Heroes flags being ordered, though only 42 had been prepaid as of Feb. 20. As a result, **the deadline for payment has been extended to Monday, March 5**, at which time only prepaid flag orders will be submitted.

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

The cost for a family to order a Hometown Heroes flag is based on the total number of flags ordered. A \$50 donation per flag is required from each ordering family, while the Borough covers the rest of the cost. Call the borough office at **610-874-7317** and ask for Shannon Strigle to get more information on the Hometown Heroes Flag Project.

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Roofing Contractor OK'd

Upland Borough recently held a bid opening, with five bidders vying for a contract to install new roofs on two of the borough-owned Auburn Village buildings. Although the low bidder was clear, with Ram Siding Co., Inc. of Douglasville, PA coming in at \$33,700, the low bid was so low in comparison to the other bids that quality concerns were raised. With Ram Siding offering to do the job for 40% less than the average bid (\$56,337) of their competitors, Council tabled the contract award until the low-bidding contractor could be investigated.

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

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

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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.

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 2018, Upland officers issued 98 citations, all but seven of which were traffic citations.

Twenty-six parking tickets were also written in January.

A total of 11 motor vehicle accidents were reported on borough roadways in January.

Upland officers have towed a total of 10 vehicles so far in 2018.

The UPD answered a total of 426 calls in January, in addition to making 58 assists to other local agencies.

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VBS Night at UBC

**6 to 7pm on Mondays, March 5, 12 and 19
at Upland Baptist Church**

**Includes dinner at 6pm, followed by Bible lesson
and creative activity from 6:30 to 7pm**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session

Tuesday March 13, April 10, and May 8

on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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Annual St. Patty's Day



Ham & Cabbage Luncheon for Seniors

starts at noon on Monday, March 12

at MacQueen Hall

Free to all Upland senior citizens

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Upland Strong Beef & Beer Benefit

5 to 9pm on Saturday, March 24

at MacQueen Hall

(See back page for more information)

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Maundy Thursday Service

7:30pm on Thursday, March 29

at Upland Baptist Church

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Good Friday Service

7:30pm on Friday, March 30

at Upland Baptist Church

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt



& Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

starts at 9am on Saturday, March 31

at Bristol Lord Field and MacQueen Hall

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



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Website Provides Valuable Info

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

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

mcrawford@uplandboro.org

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Are You Upland Strong?

Marching under the banner of ***Upland Strong***, our community is coming together to support one of our own. Nick 'Nacho' Baratelle, the 22-year-old son of Annie Godley-Baratelle and grandson of Tommy and Connie Mumley, has relapsed with a rare form of brain cancer. To help defray ongoing medical expenses for Nick's family, a beef & beer benefit will be held from **5 to 9pm at MacQueen Hall on Saturday, March 24**. Admission: \$30 per person. Organizers are seeking monetary donations, gift cards, basket/raffle items, food, and paper products – no donation is too small to help Nick and his family during this challenging time.

For more information or to donate raffle items, call: Sherry Kilgore at **610-357-8473**; Patty (Crawford) McKeone at **610-818-7373**; or Terri (Morris) Crowley at **484-767-0730**.

To donate food, disposable items, and/or monetary gifts, contact:

Shannon Crawford at smec725@gmail.com or **610-256-1946**; or Nancy Lyman at nli1226@rcn.com or **610-322-2695**.

Now That's Ironic!

There's irony, and then there's *IRONY*, such as:

- *The Bible is the most shoplifted book in America.*
- *The founder of Alcoholics Anonymous asked for whiskey on his deathbed.*
- *Charlie Chaplin once entered a Charlie Chaplin Walk contest, and placed 20th.*
- *William Eno, aka The Father of Traffic Safety, who invented the stop sign, traffic circle, crosswalk, and one-way street, never learned how to drive.*
- *Al Capone's older brother, James, was a federal Prohibition agent.*
- *James Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball, is the only basketball coach in University of Kansas history with a losing record.*
- *The site where Julius Caesar was stabbed to death by Roman senators is now a no-kill shelter for homeless cats.*
- *Duct tape is not recommended for sealing air ducts.*
- *The world-famous Ice Hotel in Sweden is equipped with smoke detectors.*
- *The first man to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel died when he slipped on an orange peel.*
- *Packages of Q-Tips feature a warning to never insert the cotton-tipped swabs inside your ear canal.*
- *In 2002, a tree was planted in Los Angeles in memory of guitarist George Harrison, but the tree eventually died from a beetle infestation.*

Whole Lotta Swearin' Goin' On



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

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



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



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



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...While the group effort to swear in elected Tax Collector Linda Kirby was a family affair.

Council Leadership Gets Unanimous Support

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

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

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Upland Fire Co. Completes Busy Year

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fortunately, there were no carbon monoxide-in-structure calls, and no firefighters or civilians were injured at fire scenes last year.

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

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Kudos Given To Road Crews

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

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

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

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New Street Name Signs Under Consideration

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

Upland Seniors Party Hardy



The Upland Senior Citizens Club held its Annual Christmas Party at MacQueen Hall on Dec. 11, getting a head start on the season of good cheer.



This year, for the first time, the USCC party featured a performance by a live band, as the Legends Band of Delaware County from Senior Community Services delighted the audience with a catalog of classic tunes.

UBC Night of Music Lifts Up Holiday Spirit



Upland Baptist Church treated attendees to their favorite Christmas carols during A Night of Music on Dec. 18. Under the direction of John Shaw, the Joyful Noise Bell Choir performed many Christmas classics.

Demolition Bidders Sought

The borough is currently seeking bids for the demolition of #2, #4, and #6 Hill Street, located on the corner of 8th & Hill Sts. Razing the three adjacent buildings on the corner is a precursor to the creation of a new public park on the site.

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Annual Appointments Made

A laundry list of annual appointments (mostly reappointments) were made at Borough Council's Jan. 2 reorganization 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, Zoning Solicitor John J. Wills, Esq., and Civil Service Solicitor & Special Legal Counsel Michael L. Maddren, Esq.

The only annual appointment that represented a change was naming Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith to also serve as the borough's fire marshal. In addition to investigating the specific cause of fire incidents, the fire marshal conducts fire safety inspections on all commercial and rental properties within the borough every year. The position is paid an \$800 annual retainer, plus \$50 per inspection, which is half of the borough's fire safety inspection fee.

After two vacancies were filled, the membership of the borough's three advisory boards now includes:

Zoning Hearing Board: Dorreda Shaw, Jennifer Hostetler, Edward Klepacki, Harris Bloom, and Ronald Reynolds

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

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

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AV Rent Delinquents Listed

A list of Auburn Village residents who are delinquent on payment of their rent has been compiled by the borough office and will soon be presented to Borough Council for consideration and/or action.

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8th St. Demolition Completed

The demolition of the vacant building at 227 8th Street was completed in early November, clearing the way for a new public parking lot.

The lot where the demolished building once stood has been seeded to prevent erosion in the short run, but that open lot will ultimately be paved to create off-street parking for a handful of residents, with those parking spaces being available on a first come, first serve basis.

Council President Christine Peterson insisted that final payment of the \$49,000 that is owed to the contractor be withheld, until a borough-owned fence that was damaged during the demolition is repaired.

Santa Visits Upland



Kids of all ages gave Santa Claus a warm welcome and lots of hugs at MacQueen Hall during the Annual Youth Christmas Party on Nov. 24.



2018 Budget Continues No-Tax-Hike Streak

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

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

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

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

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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UFC Adds Drivers

In his monthly report to Borough Council, Upland Fire Chief Dan Smith noted that Upland's all-volunteer fire company has recently added a number of certified drivers to perform the critical job of safely getting the firetrucks to the fire scene.

According to Smith, three Upland Fire Company #1 members recently passed the rigorous testing required to drive the tactical unit (aka the 'Tac'), which is the smallest truck in the fleet. The addition of these three new drivers gives the UFC a total of about nine Tac drivers overall.

Longtime UFC member Steve Kalichak also recently passed the test to drive a fire engine, giving the company about six men who can skillfully operate these oversized vehicles.

The UFC also has one member currently in training to drive the squad/rescue truck, which is the largest vehicle in the fleet. Currently, there are only four active UFC responders who are certified to handle the squad/rescue truck.

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Committee Set Up For 150th Anniversary

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

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

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

More Shred-It Days Planned

Previously held free paper-shredding events have been so popular with residents, Borough Council is planning to hold two more next year.

Although the exact dates are yet to be determined, Council has authorized scheduling a Community Shred-It Day in May 2018 and another in November 2018.

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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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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Council Submits CDBG Application

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

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

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

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