



The Caleb Pusey House

# The Uplander



MacQueen Hall

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### 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.



...But only one word is needed to describe the iced cupcakes that were served after breakfast: Yummmmmmy!



## **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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## **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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## **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.

## **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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## **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.

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## **New Borough Staff Hires OK'd**

Council recently approved the hiring of a full-time maintenance person to fill a vacancy in the Highway Department. The new employee has a current CDL.

The hiring of a part-time borough office employee was also authorized by Council. The new office staffer will work no more than 20 hours per week.

Both positions have already been filled and the new hires will start work soon.

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## **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.

### **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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### **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 March 2018, Upland officers issued 194 citations, all but five of which were traffic citations. The year-to-date total for citations issued is 408. Thirty-four parking tickets were also written in March, bringing the 2018 total up to 94. Thirteen motor vehicle accidents were reported on borough roadways in March. A total of 34 vehicles have been towed in 2018. The UPD answered a total of 468 calls in March, in addition to making 55 assists to other local agencies. As of the end of March, the total call volume for this year is 1,257 calls.

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### **Pusey House To Host Spring Plant Sale**

The Friends of the Caleb Pusey House will once again be hosting a Spring Plant & Herb Sale at their historic location on Race Street **from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, May 12**. This fundraiser will offer potted herbs, vegetable plants, landscaping annuals, and an assortment of flowering baskets - all below-retail prices, just in time for Mothers' Day. Tour guides will be on hand to present the rich history of Landingford Plantation, so consider adding 15 minutes to your visit to take a tour of the 1683 Caleb Pusey House – the only building still standing in America that can document multiple visits by William Penn.

### **Free Disposal Events Slated**

Two dates have been scheduled to give Upland residents chances to dispose of old and unwanted papers, documents and files for free. A pair of Shred-It Days for secure paper disposal have been slated for **Saturday, May 19** and **Saturday, Nov. 10**. Both events will be held from 9am to noon in the MacQueen Hall parking lot.

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### **VBS Night at UBC**

**6 to 7pm on Mondays, May 7, 14 and 21  
at Upland Baptist Church**

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

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### **Borough Council Meetings**

**6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session  
Tuesday May 8, June 12 and July 10  
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall**

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### **FCPH Annual Spring Plant & Herb Sale**

**11am to 3pm on Saturday, May 12  
at historic Caleb Pusey House on Race Street**

**Wide variety of flowering annuals, vegetables,  
herbs and hanging baskets**

**All proceeds benefit historic preservation**

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### **Shred-It Day**

**9am to 12 noon on Saturday, May 19  
at MacQueen Hall parking lot**

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### **Annual Memorial Day Festivities**

**on Monday, May 28**

**Parade starts at 9am**

**Service at War Memorial starts about 10am  
Family Picnic at Upland Park starts at 11am**

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### **Outdoor Carnival Returns!**

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

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### **Annual Fourth of July Family Picnic**

**11am to 2pm on Wednesday, July 4  
at Upland Park**

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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 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)**





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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### Logo Contest Winner Named

In connection with plans that are now being made to celebrate Upland Borough's 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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!



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### M.E.S. Students of the Month

The following Main Street Elementary students were named Student of the Month for March 2018:

Aubrey Clark, Aamir Bennett, Ayden Tyree, Taylor Bradshaw, Airyn Forney, Jade Mills, Leah Ewing, Balqees Shah, Samiyah Jackson, Las'Shae Townsend, Devon Mosley, Kayden Wilkens, Amar Turner, Kahsir Wilkins, Mahogany Winchester, Tyree Grant, Mason Dixon, Milayna Gray, and Amonte Raymond....**Congratulations to all!**



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!**

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

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## Luncheon Is Treat For Seniors



Councilman Lee Hunter, president of the Upland Senior Citizens Club, dressed for the occasion at the St. Patty's Day Ham & Cabbage Luncheon For Seniors on March 12.



There was no shortage of desserts available to go along with the main course of ham, cabbage and potatoes.



Led by Council VP Moira Crawford (far left), this cheerful group of Community Affairs Committee volunteers served up the free luncheon to about 30 grateful seniors. Councilwoman Judy Bush was unable to attend, after she had spent the entire previous day preparing the meal in 'Sandy's Kitchen' at MacQueen Hall.

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## 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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## Fundraiser Produces Souper Results

The Annual Soup-n-Salad Dinner Fundraiser that was held on Feb. 17 drew the largest crowd since the inception of this particular fundraiser in 2010, and not surprisingly, garnered the best payoff as well. According to Borough Council VP Moira Crawford, who serves as co-chair of the Community Affairs Committee with fellow Councilwoman Judy Bush, the 2018 Soup-n-Salad event raised \$500, which is a giant leap forward from last year's \$300 net profit and the \$200 cleared in 2016.

After disappointing turnouts at recent Soup-n-Salad fundraisers, there was some question as to whether or not to continue this mid-winter tradition, but after a record-breaking performance this year, it's safe to say that the All-U-Can-Eat Soup-n-Salad Dinner Fundraiser will be back next February.

Ms. Crawford and Mrs. Bush expressed their gratitude to the volunteers who helped prepare the salad bar and dessert table and served up the homemade soups and chili, and also thanked the dozens of residents who turned out to eat their fill and make this fundraiser a huge success.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will help cover the cost of the many free family offerings that Upland Borough sponsors every year.

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## CAC Serves Up Souper Fundraiser



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



(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.

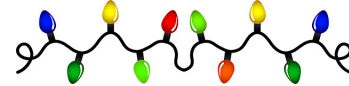


As is always the case, it was Upland families and friends who turned out to commune and dine together that made this year's Soup-n-Salad Fundraiser a big success.



## Holiday Decorating Winners

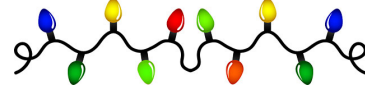
The three winners of this past holiday season's Home Decorating Contest were announced at Borough Council's Feb. 13 meeting, as follows:



**1<sup>st</sup> place – 1035 Church Street (\$100)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place – 17 Second Street (\$50)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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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## 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.

## Fundraiser Turnout Is Upland Strong

Marching under the banner of *Upland Strong*, our community came together on March 24 to support one of our own. To help defray ongoing medical expenses for Nick 'Nacho' Baratelle (the 22-year-old son of Annie Godley-Baratelle and grandson of Tommy and Connie Mumley) and his family, a beef & beer benefit was held at MacQueen Hall.

Regrettably, Nick has relapsed with a rare form of brain cancer, but the turnout of hundreds of his loving family members, friends and supporters at this fundraising event showed exactly what being *Upland Strong* is all about.



Nick Baratelle (center) was surrounded by love on March 24, starting with (l to r) his sister, mother, and grandparents.

## Tax Collector Exonerated For Delinquent Taxes

At Borough Council's March 13 meeting, Borough Tax Collector Linda Kirby was 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.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> & 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.

## 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."

## Hometown Heroes Flags Ordered

Upland Borough Council will be honoring hometown military veterans later this spring, after a total of 75 Hometown Heroes flags were recently ordered.

The Borough will hang the red, white & blue vinyl 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 to order a 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.

Call the borough office at **610-874-7317** and ask for Shannon Strigle to get more information on the Hometown Heroes Flag Project.

## 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](http://www.daveoronzio.com).

## 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.





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.

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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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in May 2019.

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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.

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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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## 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 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.

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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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### 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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### Council Submits CDBG Application

Upland Borough Council has settled on a wishlist of public improvement projects that could potentially be funded through a 2018 Community Development Block Grant. Delaware County Council will 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.

Upland Borough has also received a grant in the amount of \$39,100 from the PA 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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