



The Caleb Pusey House

The Uplander



MacQueen Hall

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Sesquicentennial Events

Friday: **Sesquicentennial Dinner** with guest speaker Neumann University history professor Andrew Miller. Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres start at 5:30pm in borough hall council chambers.

Break at 6:00pm for **Time Capsule Dedication** at flag pole (corner of Castle Ave. & Main St.) - Residents who wish to actively participate in the burial ceremony should contact boro office. Time capsule will contain items from various borough organizations.

Buffet dinner provided by Lia's Catering starts at 7:00pm with open bar - Limited tickets available thru borough office at \$50 per person.

Saturday: **Sesquicentennial Passport** runs from 10:00am to 4:00pm - passport booklets available at borough office for \$4 each.

Passport program unites nine (9) historic locations in Upland Borough. Participants are encouraged to explore and build on connections between each location. Passport sites may have light refreshments and/or handouts for visitors.

Participants who visit all 9 locations listed in passport booklet receive stamps from each site, then qualify for grand prize drawing for 65-inch flat screen TV (donated by Upland AC) or a family-friendly gift basket. Drawing to be held at 6:00pm, prior to 'Movie in the Park.'

Free Movie In the Park, featuring "Ralph Breaks the Internet," starts at 7:00pm in Bristol Lord Field. Bring a blanket or chairs - All are welcome! Refreshments will be sold in pavilion by Upland Police Department, with all proceeds benefitting UPD's National Night Out in August.

Sunday: **Joint Church Services** by Upland Baptist Church's Rev. Brenda Shaw and Resurrection Life Church's Pastor Bryan McGrouty will be held from 10:00am to 11:30am at Bristol Lord Field - Bring a blanket or chairs...All are welcome!

Bag Lunches of two pieces of fried chicken (plus two sides, dessert & beverage) for sale for \$5 each at pavilion from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Advance orders are required, and must be submitted by May 19.

Corn Hole Tournament (similar to bean bag toss) starts at 1:00pm at Bristol Lord Field. \$10 per person entry fee (all money given out as prizes) with 20 mens and 10 womens teams - register with Don Kirby at 610-453-1599.

During Corn Hole Tournament, **Free Activities For Families** will be held until 6:00pm, including music, photos, carnival games, clowns, face painting, balloons and stilt walkers - All are welcome!

Fireworks Display starts in Bristol Lord Field at dusk (about 8:30pm), with surrounding roads closed to vehicular traffic at 7:00pm.

Prior to fireworks, refreshments will be sold in pavilion by members of Upland Fire Company No. 1.

Monday: **Annual Memorial Services** and wreath-laying ceremonies will be held in the cemetery of Upland Baptist Church, starting at 8:45am.

Annual Memorial Day Parade starts at 9:00am at Upland Baptist church, then proceeds to war memorial on Sixth St.

Annual Memorial Day Service held at war memorial, starting around 10:00am, with guest speaker veteran US Army Chaplain Rev. Wylie W. Johnson. Bugler Rick Swallow will dedicate his services to the memory of his parents.

Annual Memorial Day Picnic co-sponsored by Upland Baptist Church and Resurrection Life Church congregations; held from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Bristol Lord Field pavilion. Free hotdogs & hamburgers, along with homemade side dishes and dessert; face painting.

Sign up at MacQueen Hall from 10:00am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 11 for Sesquicentennial Dinner tickets, passports, bag lunches, and/or special Sesquicentennial merchandise.

Home Decorating Contest Announced

A special Home Decorating Contest will be held in conjunction with the borough's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Residents are encouraged to decorate their homes with patriotic themes, with judging slated for May 24-27. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-place winners.

Did You Know?: When Upland Borough was officially incorporated in 1869, it was benefactor John P. Crozer who suggested the name for the town, previously known as Chester Mills. 'Upland' is an English transcription of Oplandt, which was the original Swedish name for the riverside settlement that William Penn renamed Chester.

UPD Officers Promoted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lieutenant Curran is currently the longest tenured member of the UPD, and as such, he has become a valuable asset to Police Chief Mike Irey. He is certified as a Drug Recognition Expert, and has received numerous awards for exemplary service.

Curran's wife, Kimberly, held the Bible, while her husband was sworn in.

Congratulations to all of the promoted officers!

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Free Shredding Offered

The Borough is holding two Community Shred-It Days in 2019, with one slated for **May 11** and another for **November 16**. Both of these Saturday events are free to Upland residents, and will run from **9:00am to 12:00 noon** in the MacQueen Hall parking lot.

Shred-It Days allow for the easy, safe and secure disposal of unwanted and outdated papers and files.

No Parking Lot Permits Required

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

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

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Fire Pit Approved

The borough has granted approval for the use of a fire pit at 1129 Woodside Avenue. Fire Marshal Dan Smith recently confirmed that he had inspected the property and found that all required setbacks and clearances were met to ensure safe open burning.

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Security Cameras To Be Installed

At Council's April 9 meeting, authorization was given for the purchase of security cameras for the borough-owned Reese Center and the Kent Lane Public Works garage, at a cost of \$6,575.

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Long-Awaited Digital Sign Arrives

After a three-year delay, installation of an electronic sign on the southwest corner of the Main and Sixth Streets intersection got underway in early April, with the project slated for completion by the end of April.

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PECO Retrofit Pending

Borough Manager Mike Ciach recently reported that PECO is planning to perform an electrical retrofit for MacQueen Hall and the Upland police station in the near future, with other borough-owned buildings to be done after the first phase. The total cost to upgrade all lighting fixtures and outlets in the first two buildings will be about \$9,000, but a \$5,000 credit from PECO will leave the borough with just \$4,000 to cover Phase One improvements.

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

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Fire Co. Selling Spring Flowers

Upland Fire Company No. 1 will be selling a variety of spring flowers and vegetable plants on Mothers Day weekend (**Friday thru Sunday**), **May 10, 11, and 12**, from **10:00am to dusk** each day. Sunday's hours might be shortened, if all inventory is sold out. Hanging flower baskets and a selection of landscaping annuals will be displayed in the firehouse parking lot or inside the firehouse, in the event of inclement weather.

Homemade bake sale items will also be available, as will Grill Basket raffle tickets (*Details on page 3*).

Please support this fundraiser, as all proceeds will benefit the dedicated volunteers who provide Upland Borough with fire protection.

Service Cost Recovery Coming For Fire Company

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

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

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

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Special Building Permit Discounts Now Available

Upland Borough is now offering building permit discounts to seniors and veterans. A 50% discount (up to \$250) on up to \$10,000 worth of assessed value work is available to senior citizens (age 62 or older) and certified military veterans who have been honorably discharged. A DD214 or active military ID must be produced to qualify as a certified veteran.

This discount can only be utilized once per calendar year, and only for residential building permits where the applicant occupies the residence.

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Community Clean-up Planned

An Upland Beautification Day has been slated for the weekend of **May 18 & 19**, to spruce up our borough in preparation for the Sesquicentennial Celebration on Memorial Day weekend. Council President Christine Peterson hopes that all residents will make an effort to clean up their properties for the benefit of all their neighbors.

Senior citizens and/or residents with disabilities, who might need help with yard work, can **get free help from the borough by calling the borough office (610-874-7317) no later than Monday, May 6**. Residents needing help can choose which day (Saturday or Sunday) is most convenient.

Helpers will lend a hand by cutting grass, planting **pre-purchased** flowers, or doing whatever general yard work is needed. Yard work will be done between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm, and residents requesting assistance should be at home and available to give guidance to their helpers.

Council OKs Race St. Repairs

At the request of the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House, Borough Council has approved roadway repairs to Race Street, the lone access to historic Landingford Plantation. The one-block roadway has deteriorated under the weight of trash trucks that service the three homes at the end of the street, which were built by John P. Crozer to house the families of his mill workers.

Race Street repairs will be added to the borough's annual road program for 2019.

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Fire Co. Holding Grill Basket Raffle

The all-volunteer Upland Fire Company No. 1 is now selling chances (\$1 each) for a Grill Basket. The raffle drawing will be held on **Monday, May 27**, and the winner need not be present to win.

The winning ticket will receive a new six-burner grill, a \$50 gift card, and a basket of grill-related fun. Also, a second place winner will receive a \$50 gift card.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the fire company.

VBS Nights

**6 to 7pm on Mondays, May 6, 13 and 20
at Upland Baptist Church**

**Dinner at 6:00pm, followed by Bible lesson
and creative activity from 6:30-7pm**

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Mothers Day Spring Plant Sale

**10:00am to dusk on May 10, 11 & 12
at Upland firehouse on McClintock Drive**

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Community Shred-It Day

**9:00am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 11
at MacQueen Hall parking lot**

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Borough Council Meetings

**6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesdays May 14, **June 25** and July 9
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall**

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Community Clean-up Weekend

9am to 3pm on Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19

All residents are asked to participate

See adjacent page 3 details, if you need help

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Upland Sesquicentennial Celebration

Friday, May 24 thru Monday, May 27

(See front page for event details)

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Annual Fourth of July Festivities

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

Easter Hops In Upland



The Easter Bunny made his annual visit to Upland on April 20, much to the delight of his fan club. Special thanks to Upland firefighter Jason Tarbutton for escorting the Easter Bunny safely to and from MacQueen Hall.



Families enjoyed the delicious breakfast served up by volunteers from the Community Affairs Committee.

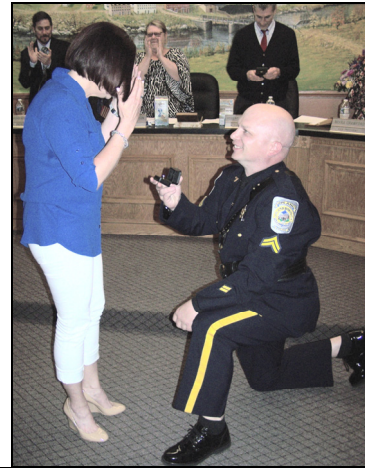


Morning rain delayed the Annual Easter Egg Hunt by a few hours, but once it started, it was over in the blink of an eye, with three age groups of children collecting colorful loot.

Upland Officers Promoted



Flanked by Police Chief Mike Irey (far left) and District Judge Charles Nistico (far right), four UPD officers were sworn in to promoted positions on April 9, including (left to right) Full-time Officers Larry Porter and Luke McCann, Detective Corporal Andy Nicholl, and Lieutenant Mick Curran.



While all the promotions were applauded by the roomful of family and friends, the loudest cheers came when Corporal Nicholl surprised his girlfriend, Trisha Frassetto, with a marriage proposal...And just for the record, she said 'Yes'!





On April 13, for the third consecutive year, Mayor Bill Dennon led a volunteer effort to clean up trash and debris from Upland Borough, in conjunction with CRC Watersheds. Due to overnight rain creating high water, this year's efforts were mainly land-based, focusing on the length of Upland Avenue, Incinerator Road, and the area around the Caleb Pusey House, with a wide variety of discarded items being collected (see photo below). Two dozen environmental-minded volunteers turned out, including students from Widener University and Neumann University, the Delco Citizens Corps, and Delco Detachment 288 of the Marine Corps League, et al. Planet Earth says thanks to all!



Sesquicentennial Merchandise On Sale Now

Baseball caps (screen print-\$10; embroidered-\$20), car magnets(\$5), t-shirts(\$10; 3XL-\$15), and acrylic Christmas tree ornaments(\$10), all bearing the special logo for Upland Borough's 150th birthday celebration are now available at the borough office during regular business hours. These special sesquicentennial logo items will also be sold at upcoming public events and during the many planned festivities on Memorial Day weekend.

Now is the time to get your Upland gear on!



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UBC Food Bank Accepting Donations

Local residents can go to Upland Baptist Church any Wednesday morning, from 9 to 10am, to pick up groceries to help feed their families. The UBC Community Food Bank recently added locally-grown fresh fruits and vegetables to its list of available food items – all free for the asking.

The UBC Food Bank is continually in need of canned and dry goods to keep a well-rounded selection of nutritional foods on hand. Please donate to support this community outreach mission. To make a donation to the UBC Food Bank, or for more information, call Louise at **610-876-1857**.

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Residential Safety Inspections Underway

According to Upland Fire Marshal Dan Smith, the mandatory annual fire safety inspections for residential rental properties began in March and will continue through the spring, until completed.

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Tax Collector Exonerated For Delinquent Taxes

At Borough Council's March 12 meeting, Borough Tax Collector Linda Kirby was formally exonerated from the collection of delinquent 2018 real estate taxes and trash collection fees.

A total of \$24,588.10 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.

The stated totals for unpaid taxes include the penalties that are assessed to tax scofflaws.

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Fines Raised For Illegally Parked Vehicles

Borough Council has addressed the illegal parking of commercial vehicles on public streets by increasing the fines that can be issued to violators.

At Council's March 12 session, a motion was unanimously approved to raise the maximum fine for illegal street parking up to as high as \$600, plus court costs. In default of payment of said fine, a violator will be subject to no more than 30 days in jail. Each day of failure to comply with the borough's parking laws will constitute a separate violation.

The previous fine for parking a commercial vehicle in the street overnight was a flat \$25. The new fine limits were effective immediately upon adoption.

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.

Upland Seniors Enjoy Ham & Cabbage Luncheon



On March 11, senior citizens were treated to a traditional meal of ham & cabbage to celebrate St. Patty's Day, courtesy of the Community Affairs Committee.



Councilman Lee Hunter, who also serves as president of the Upland Senior Citizens Club, was dressed for the occasion.



Special thanks goes out to volunteers extraordinaire Councilwoman Judy Bush (Co-chair of the CAC) and her daughter Meghan, who were once again among the handful of community-minded residents who spent many hours preparing and then serving up the Irish feast.

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.

Upland Turns Down PHL Search & Rescue Offer

A proposal from a N. Philadelphia-based search and rescue company was unanimously rejected by Borough Council at their March 11 caucus session. The search and rescue firm uses trained dogs and agents to track down missing persons on land, and employs boats to conduct water search/rescues. Looking to expand their operations into Delaware County, the company had hoped to secure storage areas for boats and equipment in Upland, either at the Reese Center or the borough's Lane K property. According to Mayor Bill Dennon, the inquiring firm was offering little or no compensation for Upland Borough, other than being the home base of a search and rescue operation.

Fire Chief Dan Smith noted that Delco has its own search and rescue team, which could create a conflict for Upland, so the proposal was dismissed.

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Council Approves New Processing System For UPD

Borough Council has authorized the expenditure of \$47,750 to purchase a Live Scan System to expedite the processing of prisoners for the Upland Police Department. The cost of the state-of-the-art computer system breaks down to \$37,750 for the system, \$3,500 to install a new phone line, and \$6,500 for the first year of maintenance.

The purchase was spurred by Upland officers often spending hours in Chester, waiting in line for prisoners to be processed.

Council President Christine Peterson noted that Upland will be able to charge other local police departments that wish to take advantage of this new system's streamlined prisoner processing.

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Claim Your Veteran Banners Now

The canvas banners that boasted Upland's military veterans last year were taken down to make room for holiday decorations. If the families who ordered vet banners to honor their favorite veterans want their flags to be displayed again this year, please advise the borough office immediately. Ordering families that would like to claim their banners for personal use can now pick up their vet flag(s) at the borough office during regular business hours.

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Upland Applies For Road Program Aid

Upland Borough has submitted an application to Delaware County for an allocation from the County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund in the amount of \$40,050, to cover the cost of the borough's 2019 road program. The estimated cost to repave Upland's roughest roadways this year is \$40,000.

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Fundraisers Are Souper



A pair of successful Community Affairs Committee fundraisers were held at MacQueen Hall in February, starting with the Annual Soup-n-Salad Dinner on Feb. 16.



Above, Councilwoman Julie Kerns (right) serves up a heapin' helpin' of homemade chicken and dumplings (made by Councilwoman Judy Bush), while below, Councilman Dick McClintock and his wife, Betty, visit the salad bar.



Fundraisers Generate Revenue

Community Affairs Committee Co-Chair Moira Crawford recently announced that the two borough fundraisers held in February were both successful ventures.

The annual Soup-n-Salad Dinner, held on Feb. 16, raised about \$400, while the Designer Handbag BINGO event on Feb. 23 pulled in about \$5,000. These monies will be utilized by the CAC to help fund several free borough-sponsored events later this year.

A sincere thank you goes out to all of the attending Upland residents and their families, who collectively helped make these fundraisers a resounding success.

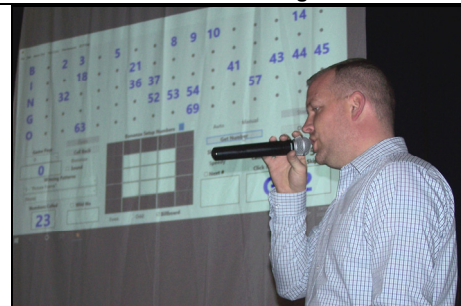
Auburn Village Maintenance Emergency?

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.

BINGO Is a Hit



On Feb. 23, Designer Handbag BINGO returned to MacQueen Hall for an evening of BYO fun, with Upland Police Officer Carl White calling out the numbers.



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...And the lucky winners were happy to show off their prizes.



Contracts Awarded To Move Projects Forward

Borough Council recently awarded contracts to the low bidders for three grant-funded public improvement projects.

The purchase and installation of an electronic message board/Welcome sign will be handled by K.C. Sign Company, of Aston. The lone bid received for this project was in the amount of \$37,991, well within the 2014 Community Development Block Grant award of \$40,000.

Erection of this digital sign on the southwest corner of the Sixth & Main Streets intersection has been plagued by a series of delays for years – all of which were beyond the borough's control. It is now hoped that this long-awaited sign can be installed prior to the borough's sesquicentennial celebration in May.

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Four bids were received for the installation of new playground equipment at the Bristol Lord Field tot lot, with Lechmanik, Inc., of West Chester, being the low bidder in the amount of \$103,807.

The borough recently purchased several pieces of new tot lot playground equipment for Upland Park.

The new tot lot equipment was ordered through the state's CoStars program, which offers exceptionally low prices to PA municipalities. New items include three spring-riders, a climber, and a swing set, with a swing for handicapped children.

A refurbished child-safety surface of wood chips is also planned for the tot lot. The additional expense of the safety surface pushed the total project cost slightly above the 2018 Community Development Block Grant award, which will lead the borough to request an additional \$10,784 in funding from the county to complete this project.

Installation of the new tot lot will be completed this spring, according to the borough engineer.

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Five bids were received for improvements to Hill Street Park. The low bidder was once again Lechmanik Inc., submitting a bid of \$35,115. This project was estimated to cost \$40,000, and will be funded through a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant from the state.

These park upgrades will include new playground equipment and other miscellaneous improvements.

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Sewer Lateral Inspections 'In-House' Once Again

On Feb. 12, Borough Council approved an amendment to the borough code, which returns the responsibility for conducting sewer lateral inspections to the borough-appointed plumbing inspector. Catania Engineering had been handling these inspections for most of 2018, after the exit of former Plumbing Inspector Tom Kennedy.

Newly appointed Borough Plumbing Inspector Harry Kent is a fully-certified master plumber and will oversee all sewer lateral inspections in Upland, in accordance with the changes to the borough code.

The amended sanitary sewer ordinance "*brings these inspections back in-house*," noted Council President Christine Peterson. "*This will be cheaper for our residents in the long run*," she added.

Big Changes Coming to Recycling

China is poised to stop accepting recycled items soon. This will leave few options for our haulers, and unfortunately, it also means that the cost to dispose of recycling will skyrocket. Currently, the cost to dispose of recycling is just short of \$4 per ton, but the projected cost in 2019 could be as much as \$150 (or higher) per ton (a 3750% increase). There are rumored changes in the recycling industry that could possibly minimize this increase, however, these changes are out of our control. This notice is simply bringing this imminent change to light, and the borough will be getting back to residents after the beginning of the year to let you know of further changes that we may need to address in this area.

Rental Licenses & Safety Inspections Required

Upland Fire Marshal/Fire Chief Dan Smith recently had a wide-ranging discussion with Council regarding several issues surrounding annual safety inspections of rental properties in Upland. Smith has been serving as the borough's fire marshal since January 2018, and during his first year at the post, he has found a number of procedural problems that are interfering with his inspection duties.

According to Smith, one prevalent issue is property owners' lack of a rental license, which is a requirement for being a landlord, as outlined in Chapter 69 of the borough code. Smith estimates that as many as 180 rental properties in Upland do not have rental licenses, which represents an annual loss of an estimated \$15,000 in potential borough income, Smith noted.

Not only must all landlords have a rental license, but their rental properties must pass a fire safety inspection every year by May 31 to be considered safe for renting. Since one (or both) of these requirements have been overlooked in the past, some rental properties in Upland Borough have not been inspected in over a decade, Smith noted.

Landlords and/or renters are encouraged to call the borough office at **610-874-7317** with any questions regarding these safety regulations, which were adopted to protect the lives of Upland renters.

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