



The Caleb Pusey House

# The Uplander



MacQueen Hall

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## Fireworks Put Some Pop In Labor Day Weekend



Upland Borough's Annual Labor Day Weekend Fireworks Show drew hundreds of Uplanders to Bristol Lord Field on Sept. 3, to see a spectacular pyrotechnics display.



Above) Before the show, this dedicated team of Upland Fire Co. volunteers seized the opportunity to sell a variety of foods & beverages and glow stix & bracelets to the crowd as a fire company fundraiser.

Below) Meanwhile, friends and families gathered together on the field and staked out their prime viewing spots.



In cooperation with the Upland Baptist Church, the Upland Fire Co. also held a Classic Car Show on Sept. 2. Unfortunately, a rainy forecast scared off most of the registered car owners, but the handful of classics that did turn out left a lasting impression.



While visitors strolled amongst the hot wheels, they could also enjoy hot dogs, 'walking' tacos, and free popcorn!

## **Council Amends Sewer Lateral Ordinance**

In response to persistent complaints from residents, Borough Council voted unanimously on Sept. 12 to amend the sewer lateral inspection ordinance. The ordinance requires video inspection of sewer laterals prior to the sale of any Upland property.

Key changes to the ordinance include:

- Allowing property owners to use any NASSCO-certified (National Association of Sewer System Companies) plumber to perform and and evaluate the video inspection. Standards established by the Pipeline Assessment Certification Program (PACP) will be used to determine if a lateral passes or fails the inspection. If a property owner does not prefer a particular NASSCO-certified plumber, the borough's engineering firm (Catania Engineering, Inc.) will perform and evaluate the video inspection.

All certified plumbers must register with the borough office prior to starting work.

- A two-way lateral cleanout will be required prior to the video inspection, to ensure accurate test results.
- The cost of the cleanout, inspection, and any corrective measures can be borne by the property seller or buyer. This determination would be part of the sale negotiation.

*"We changed as much as we possibly could to make it fair for everyone,"* Council President Christine Peterson stated.

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## **Marines Honor Their Own**

Marine Corps League, Delco Detachment 288 members gathered on Sept. 7 to re-dedicate a refurbished outdoor pavilion to three deceased comrades: USMC Gunnery Sergeant Edward 'Mac' McGrainer, Gunnery Sergeant Paul Simpson, and Corporal Richard 'Leonard' McClintock.

McGrainer served in Viet Nam and died in 1987. Simpson served with the Marines in World War II and later as the Delco Detachment 288 chaplain. McClintock served stateside, joining the Marine Corps in 1973 and just missing service in Viet Nam. He died earlier this year at age 61.

"I was really humbled and very pleased with it. It was really a nice occasion," Borough Councilman Dick McClintock said of his son being one of the posthumous honorees.

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## **Fire Pit Burning Regs Clarified**

The owner of the borough's first approved fire pit recently came before Council to clarify the rules and regulations that restrict the use of his pit, including a prohibition on burning lumber, treated wood, and any type of building or construction materials.

The fire pit owner was assured that he is allowed to burn any type of natural wood, regardless of where it once grew.

## **UPD Increases Training Pay**

Borough Council has unanimously agreed to revise the compensation schedule for new Upland police officers during their six-week field training period. Field officer training requires 240 hours on duty. A few years ago, new officers were only paid for 40 hours of this time, but recently have received pay for 80 hours of training. Now, pending revisions to the compensation policy will see freshmen officers getting paid for 120 hours (the last three weeks) of the mandatory field training program.

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## **Council Approves Procurement Cards**

In an effort to further tighten controls on borough-authorized spending, Council has approved the issuance of individual procurement cards to replace the use of credit cards. In addition to greater control over borough expenditures, the borough will now get cash back on all purchases of goods, services and supplies.

Finance Committee Chairwoman/Council VP Moira Crawford noted that the procurement cards will not be used as a substitute for the public bidding process for major improvement projects. Each card will have established spending limits; will have specific purchasing parameters; and will require receipts for all purchases made on the card.

Two procurement cards will initially be issued – one for Council President Christine Peterson and one for Borough Manager Michael Ciach.

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Street Demolition On Deck**

Longstanding plans to demolish the vacant residence at 227 8<sup>th</sup> Street and create a new public parking lot for neighboring residents and a second access to Upland police headquarters are coming to fruition, with contractors poised to begin the building demolition by the end of September. Once completed, the new parking lot will offer off-street parking on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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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 the month of August 2017, Upland officers issued 146 citations (all but 11 of which were traffic citations), bringing the year-to-date total up to 1,446. Thirty-one parking tickets were also written in August, bumping that year-to-date total up to 494.

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

As of the end of August, Upland officers had towed a total of 83 vehicles in 2017.

The UPD answered a total of 311 calls in August, while also making 46 assists to other agencies. These calls brought the year-to-date count to 2,325 calls.

*(Previous year-to-date figures have been corrected)*

### AV Inspections Underway

During the month of September, the borough office began the annual process of inspecting all 156 Auburn Village rental units for general safety and maintenance issues. The goal of these inspections is to ensure that each borough-owned AV unit is "safe and livable," according to Borough Manager Mike Ciach.

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### Shady Maple Sign-ups Still Possible Thru On-Call Waiting List

Although all the seats have been reserved on the 50-seat bus that will take Upland seniors out to Lancaster County to enjoy the borough-sponsored Annual Shady Maple Luncheon, interested parties can still sign up to be on the on-call list for **Monday morning, Oct. 9.**

The bus is slated to leave MacQueen Hall at 10:00am, but there are often a few no-shows or last-minute cancellations that would open up a seat on the bus. All on-call sign-ups should leave a phone number with the borough office and be ready to go if/when a call is received on short notice on Oct. 9.

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### Play Bingo For Good Cause

The Chapter 9 Unity Tour will challenge local law enforcement officers to ride a bicycle from Philadelphia to Washington, DC in May 2018. The grueling four-day, 262-mile road trip is done every year to raise money for the law enforcement memorial wall in our nation's capitol, with each rider personally challenged to raise \$1,900 in donations and/or sponsorships.

These riders are committed to reach their goals, as each rides in the memory of a fallen police officer who was killed in the line of duty. Seven of next year's bike riders will be officers from local municipalities, and you can help them out by playing **Designer Bag BINGO at MacQueen Hall on Oct. 21.** Designer handbags and purses are among the prizes that will be won on BINGO cards, while other items will be raffled off. The evening is BYOB, with admission being \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. To get tickets or to make a donation, call Barbie Holland at **610-357-8300.**

For more information, visit the website at **www.policeunitytourchapter9.com.**

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### Park Bench Dedication Slated

Borough Council has approved a request submitted by the Upland Athletic Club to dedicate a bench at Bristol Lord Field in the name of Joseph 'Parker' Ferguson. Ferguson has served the borough as its building inspector for many years, and is an appropriate choice for recognition at the ballfield, since he played professional baseball with the Dodgers organization as a young man.

An official bench dedication ceremony will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2pm.** The public is invited.

**Free tours** of the **Historic 1683 Caleb Pusey House** will be available from **1 to 4pm every Saturday in October** to close out the 2017 touring season

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### Reactors Comedy Club Fundraiser

on Saturday, Sept. 30

Doors open at 7pm; Show starts at 8pm  
at Wyndham Gardens Hotel,

Rtes. 202 & 1 intersection in Concord Twp.

**Tickets cost \$20, half of which benefits Community**

**Affairs Committee and First Responders Fund**

**If getting tickets online at [www.reactorscomedyclub.com](http://www.reactorscomedyclub.com),  
mention Upland Boro and Mayor Bill Dennon**

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### Annual Shady Maple Trip For Seniors

10am on Monday, Oct. 9

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### Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session

Tuesday Oct. 10, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12

on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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### Police Unity Bingo Fundraiser

Doors open at 6pm on Saturday, Oct. 21

at MacQueen Hall

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### 'Parker' Ferguson Bench Dedication

2pm on Sunday, Oct. 22

at Bristol Lord Field

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### Annual Youth Halloween Party

4 to 6pm on Saturday, Oct. 28

at MacQueen Hall

**For Upland children up to age 13**

**Must have boro ID for admittance**

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### Halloween Night



Official trick-or-treating hours will be restricted  
to **6 to 8pm only on Tuesday, Oct. 31**

**All costumed children and handing-out homes are  
asked to respect these hours for community safety**

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### Annual Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner

6 to 8pm on Saturday, Nov. 4

at MacQueen Hall

**A family-style sit-down dinner for all Upland seniors**

**Attendees must sign up in advance**

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### Annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Santa Visit

6pm on Friday, Nov. 24

at MacQueen Hall

**Residents must register children age 13 and under  
in advance to receive a gift from Santa**





**Mayor William Dennon swore in part-time police Officer Sean Mullen on Sept. 12, while his father Patrick held the Bible. Mullen, age 23, is an Oxford, PA native. He recently completed four years at Alvernia University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sports management. Mullen's Upland Police Department position is his first law enforcement post.**

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**(Below) Upland Police Chief Michael Irely (left) and Mayor Dennon (right) congratulate the newest member of the Upland PD.**



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***Police Chief Irely recently announced that the Upland Police Department has been named to receive a \$1,000 grant from the Vest-A-Cop Program to use for the purchase of another bullet-proof vest to help protect another Upland police officer in the line of fire. Meanwhile, a \$5,000 grant will be utilized to purchase two forensic software licenses for the UPD.***

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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)**



## Calling All Hometown Heroes

Upland Borough Council hopes to launch a streetscape project to honor hometown military veterans, but the amount of time, energy and money that will be invested in this project will depend entirely on the response of Upland residents.

The borough wants to hang Hometown Heroes flags on utility poles, to honor the service of Upland residents and their families. The flags are made of heavy vinylized-canvas, so they will be durable enough for outdoor display over an extended period. The borough is planning to hang the flags in May 2018, then leave them up until the holiday season. Once the flags come down from public display, each ordering family will get the flag as a keepsake.

The exact cost for a family to order a Hometown Heroes flag will be determined by the total number of flags ordered. Simply put: the more flags ordered, the cheaper each one becomes. Council is considering splitting the cost of each flag, which would require a \$75 donation from each ordering family, but the actual cost cannot be determined until the order is placed in Spring 2018. **A minimum of 40 flags is required for an order to be placed, and only 27 have been ordered so far.**

Each flag ordered will need a photograph of the serviceman/woman; branch of military service; and dates of service and/or theater of operation.

Call the borough office **NOW** at **610-874-7317** to order a Hometown Heroes flag.



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**A refurbished outdoor pavilion was recently re-dedicated to honor local Marines at the Sixth Street headquarters of Delco Detachment 288 of the Marine Corps League.**

***(See details on page 2)***



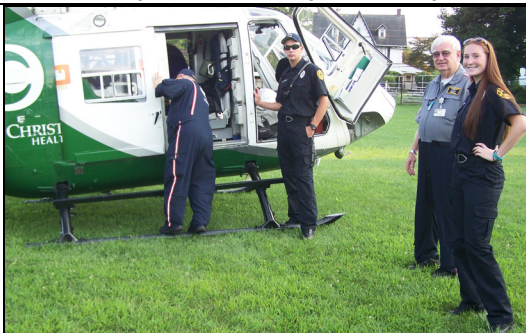
## UPD Hosts NNO Event



On Aug. 1, the Upland Police Department held an Open House to participate in the National Night Out Program, with hundreds of residents in attendance. The free event offered Uplanders a chance to meet and chat with their police officers, as well as tasty grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, courtesy of grillmaster Detective Anthony Deluise (Below).



Attendees enjoyed a police K-9 demonstration, a taser demo, and handouts from the Upland Fire Co., and were also able to check out police vehicles up close and personal.



Walk-through tours of a medi-vac helicopter was another popular National Night Out attraction.

## Tag Day Request Put On Hold

Council's response to a request from the Chester Cheetahs football team to hold a Tag Day fundraiser at the intersection of Kerlin Street and Upland Avenue has been held back, until the youth organization can produce proof of insurance and agrees to only adults standing roadside to collect donations. A serious injury to a veteran Upland firefighter during a Tag Day at this location in June has led Borough Council to approach Tag Day requests with an abundance of caution.

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The Community Affairs Committee hosted the Annual Youth Magic Show on Aug. 19. Constantine the Magician amazed and entertained the audience...



...But the highlight of the event may have been the free pizza and the make-your-own ice cream sundaes.

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## Committee Set Up For 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The 150<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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.



At a special police recognition dinner on June 15, Upland Police Chief Michael Irey presented the Sgt. Albany Memorial plaque, which will be displayed in the police station.

### Upland PD Honors Its Own

Borough officials held a special event on June 15 to pay tribute to Upland's finest, both past and present. The police recognition dinner at MacQueen Hall featured a number of highlights, including the dedication of a memorial plaque for Sergeant Morris J. Albany Jr., who was mortally wounded in 1976, when the off-duty officer intervened in a Chester robbery. Albany remains the only Upland police officer ever killed in the line of duty.

Meritorious service commendations were presented to part-time Officers Mark Mackrell, Carl White, and Daniel Lemmon for their outstanding police work.

Police Chief Michael Irey also unveiled a new annual award that honors the past community service of former Upland Police Captain Robert Love. The retired Love was on hand to help present the Captain Robert C. Love Officer of the Year Award to part-time Officer Joshua Van Horn, who is now starting his third year on the Upland force. Van Horn, 25, is a Brookhaven native and a volunteer firefighter in his hometown.

Love was among four former Upland police officers who were recognized for their past service with the presentation of retiree badges. Councilman Dick McClintock was also among those so honored.

A special award was bestowed on Michael Ciach, who has served Upland 12 years as a councilman, 12 years as mayor, and now as borough manager. Mayor Bill Dennon was also a proud participant in the award ceremonies, and thanked the organizers.

*"I want to praise everyone involved, from Chief Irey, President Christine Peterson, and Council members down to the caterers and volunteers for making our first of many awards dinners a huge success,"* Dennon stated.

*"I am proud to work alongside such deserving individuals. The awards of merit for Officers Mackrell, Lemmon, and White are well-deserved, as is the Officer of the Year Award for Officer Van Horn for his neverending energy to be consistently over-achieving for our borough,"* the mayor added.



Upland Officer Joshua Van Horn is the first recipient of the Captain Robert C. Love Officer of the Year Award, which will now be awarded to an outstanding Upland officer each year.

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### Council OKs Police Tech Tools

At its Aug. 22 meeting, Council authorized three expenditures that will benefit the Upland Police Department and the borough at large.

The purchase of two more Watch Guard systems was approved through the state's COSTARS program, at a total cost of \$37,673. Watch Guard units are installed on police vehicles and automatically read license plates and check for stolen vehicles. The UPD already has two such units in operation.

Two Alert System licenses were renewed, at a cost of \$3,000 per license. The renewal allows the UPD to maintain its current electronic reporting system.

The Fleetmatic System for vehicle management was also approved, at a cost of \$8,000. This system keeps track of maintenance on all borough-owned vehicles, which currently stands at about a dozen, between the police department and highway department. According to Borough Manager Mike Ciach, this "soup to nuts" tracking system will ultimately save the borough money.

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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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Resurrection Life Church held its Annual Block Party on Aug. 12, drawing scores of local residents. (Above) The hosts served up a free BBQ lunch, featuring chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, pasta salad and chips, while also offering free clothing from the RLC Thrift Shop and a drawing for Sam & Sam's Meats and Shop-Rite gift cards.

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### Auburn Village Maintenance Emergency?

Auburn Village residents faced with a maintenance emergency should call the borough office at **610-874-7317** during regular business hours, but if the emergency occurs during off-hours (after 4:15pm & before 8:00am), residents should call the answering service at **610-359-8334** to report their situation. Maintenance emergencies include no heat, broken water pipes, no electric, hot water tank leaks, broken windows or doors, stove or oven problems, and issues related to the aftermath of a fire.

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### Residents Enjoy Fourth of July Family Picnic



Over 200 residents turned out, including some first-timers, to take advantage of the free food and fun at the borough-sponsored Annual Fourth of July Family Picnic.



...But many attendees just wanted to get wet and cool off.

### Upland Supports CWA Decision

At Borough Council's July 11 meeting, a resolution was approved supporting the recent unanimous decision of the Board of Directors of the Chester Water Authority (CWA) to reject the Aqua America proposal to purchase CWA's assets and customers. The unanimously adopted resolution stated: "Upland Borough Council stands behind the Chester Water Authority Board to act in the best interest of the good residents and businesses of our borough, and to continue to reject any and all offers tendered by a for-profit company that could further subject the residents and businesses of Upland to substantial rate increases and additional costs for water service."

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### Deldeo Appointed To Fill Council Vacancy

Mulberry Street resident Sandra Deldeo was sworn in as the newest member of Borough Council on June 13, filling the seat vacated when Councilman Bill Dennon moved into the vacated position of Upland mayor last month. Deldeo's interim term on Council will expire on Dec. 31, 2017.

Deldeo, age 76, has lived in Upland Borough for nearly 50 years. The Republican councilwoman has served as a judge of elections for six years; on the Upland Historical Commission for three years; and as chairperson of the borough's Vacancy Committee for the past year.

"It's interesting!" Deldeo said, after her first Council session. "I'm willing to do whatever I can to help."



While her husband Louis held the Bible, Sandra Deldeo was sworn in by Mayor William Dennon on June 13 as an interim Borough Council appointee.

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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.

### Road Program Contract Awarded

The contract for Upland Borough's 2017 Road Paving Program has been awarded to A. F. Damon, Inc., of Upland.

The hometown contractor was once again the low-bidder, offering to do this year's repaving work for \$85,115. Two other local contractors also submitted bids, ranging as high as \$100,250.

**The borough roadways projected for a fresh coat of asphalt this year are:**

- The intersection of Sixth and Church Streets
- Woodside Avenue, from #1032 Woodside to 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- West 24<sup>th</sup> Street, from the park to Upland Avenue
- The entire length of Willow Way

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Police Chief Michael Irely (left) and Mayor William Dennon (right) were among the first to congratulate part-time Officer Ryan Eastman as the newest member of the UPD. Eastman, age 21, is a Brookhaven native and 2014 Sun Valley High School grad. He has an Associates Degree in criminal justice from Delaware County Community College. Eastman's father, Jon, proudly stood by his son's side, while Mayor Dennon swore him in on Aug. 22.

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### Residential Fire Pit Approved

At Council's May 2 session, formal approval was given for the use of a backyard fire pit at #1115 Church Street, registering the first officially-permitted fire pit in the borough.

The Church Street resident had previously asked Council about the matter, and then had followed every step in the approval process, including filling out an application; getting verbal approval from his next door neighbors; obtaining permission from Borough Council; and passing a safety inspection by the borough's fire marshal.

Those same procedural steps will be required for each residential fire pit applicant.

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### Council OKs New Police Vehicles

The purchase of two new police vehicles through the state's COSTARS Program was approved by Borough Council at its July 11 session. The new vehicles include a 2017 sport utility police interceptor (costing \$33,891) and a 2017 sedan utility police interceptor (for \$32,914).

One new interceptor will replace the police vehicle that was recently totaled, while the other is a budgeted purchase to replace the oldest vehicle in the Upland PD fleet.

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### Residents Request Main Street Repairs

Two Upland residents have recently come before Council asking the same question: When is the roughly patched stretch of Main Street near the charter school going to be fixed?

The narrow roadway was repaired with a collection of uneven asphalt patches this spring, after the Chester Water Authority had drilled several locator holes, as part of an ongoing water main upgrade.

The asphalt patchwork has resulted in a very bumpy ride for vehicles passing by the school. The combination of recessed stormwater inlets along the curbline and the uneven patches have reportedly led many motorists to veer out of their lane to avoid the dips and bumps – a dangerous practice on such a narrow street.

While Council has sympathized with residents' complaints, there is little that the borough can do to remedy the situation, since Main Street is a state-owned and state-maintained highway. Upland Borough has formally requested that the patched road be resurfaced, but that decision rests solely in PennDOT's hands.

Unfortunately, Council President Chris Peterson could not assure the concerned residents that the rough section of Main Street would be repaired soon, despite the volume of traffic that the road sees during the school year and year-round as a SEPTA bus route. Peterson noted that the borough is trying to gain PennDOT's cooperation through the borough engineer's contacts.

*"We can't spend taxpayers' money to fix that road, because it's a state road," Peterson explained. "We've sent PennDOT a letter, so they've been apprised, and hopefully they'll do something."*

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