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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.



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. (Below) Some lucky attendees even earned cash prizes by participating in the many games and contests that were held.



Council To Amend Sewer Lateral Ordinance

In response to persistent complaints from residents, Borough Council voted unanimously on Aug. 22 to advertise the intent to amend the sewer lateral inspection ordinance at its Sept. 12 session. 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 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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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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Mosquito Spraying On Deck

As part of the ongoing battle to stop the spread of West Nile Virus, Upland will soon be scheduling mosquito spraying for low-lying and historically wet areas of the borough, where mosquitoes are most likely to breed. Once set, the exact dates for insecticide spraying will be announced.

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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.

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.

Park Bench Dedication Planned

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.

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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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Community Vols Appreciated

Community Affairs Committee Chairperson Moira Crawford recently thanked all the volunteers who have helped the CAC at 2017 borough events. She noted that the popular events that the borough sponsors throughout the year could not be held without the assistance of caring volunteers from the community, as well as the preparatory work put in behind the scenes by borough employees.

If you would be willing to offer a few hours of time as a volunteer at an upcoming community event, please call the borough office at **610-874-7317**.

**You Know It's Time
To Change Your Habits, When:**

- *Your favorite restaurant features a drive-thru lane.*
- *Your 'morning coffee' involves making more than one pot.*
- *You haven't needed to buy bath soap or shampoo in more than a year.*
- *The amount you spend on cigarettes for a week exceeds what you spend on food.*
- *The Tastykake truck delivers directly to your house.*
- *Your daily exercise walk is only to the mailbox and back.*
- *There's a visible collection of crumbs gathered at the bottom of the water jar in the fridge.*
- *You're on a first name basis with the cashiers at Taco Bell.*
- *You go out for a fancy dinner and order a Coke with your meal.*
- *They have a bar stool reserved just for you at the local taproom.*
- *Every trip out of the house includes a stop at Starbucks.*
- *You talk in your sleep on Sunday nights, shouting out things like "Omaha, Set, Hut!"*

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 July 2017, Upland officers issued 150 citations (all but 11 of which were traffic citations), bringing the year-to-date total up to 1,500. Forty-two parking tickets were also written in July, bumping that year-to-date total up to 540. A total of seven motor vehicle accidents were reported on borough roadways in July. As of the end of July, Upland officers had towed a total of 78 vehicles in 2017. The UPD answered a total of 372 calls in July, while also making 26 assists to other agencies. These calls brought the year-to-date count to 2,418 calls.

Seniors Planning Wildwood Trip

Upland seniors will be joining other local senior citizens on an activity-packed five-day trip to Wildwood, NJ, **from September 17-21, 2017**. All interested parties are invited to join the fun-filled outing, which includes lodging at the Windward Motel, three meals each day, and activities. The cost is \$399 per person for double occupancy. To learn more about this low-cost off-season vacation offer, call Gwen Taylor at **267-319-6948**.

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For reasons beyond the control of the borough, the Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser planned for Sept. 16 has been postponed.

Classic Car Show

10am to 2pm on Saturday, Sept. 2
in UBC parking lot at 4th & Main Sts.
Co-sponsored by Upland Fire Company
and Upland Baptist Church
Free admission...Rain or shine

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Labor Day Fireworks Display

starts at dusk (8:30pm) on Sunday, Sept. 3
at Bristol Lord Field
Roads will be blocked to traffic around 7pm
Fire Co. volunteers will be selling refreshments
at pavilion prior to fireworks

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First Day of School
for Main Street Elementary students
Tuesday, Sept. 5

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Borough Council Meetings

6pm caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Tuesday Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14
on ground floor of MacQueen Hall

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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,
mention Upland Boro and Mayor Bill Dennon

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Annual Shady Maple Trip For Seniors

Monday, Oct. 9
Attendees must sign up in advance

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Police Unity Bingo Fundraiser

on Saturday, Oct. 21
at MacQueen Hall

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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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Annual Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner

6 to 8pm on Saturday, Nov. 4
at MacQueen Hall
Attendees must sign up in advance

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**Annual Holiday Tree Lighting
& Santa Visit**

6pm on Friday, Nov. 24
at MacQueen Hall



The Community Affairs Committee hosted the Annual Youth Magic Show on Aug. 19. Slices of pizza were served up by Councilwoman Judy Bush (center), Council VP Moira Crawford, and Moira's niece Aryn Strigle.



Constantine the Magician amazed and entertained the audience of grade-schoolers, toddlers, and parents...



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

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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



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.

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 about 25 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.

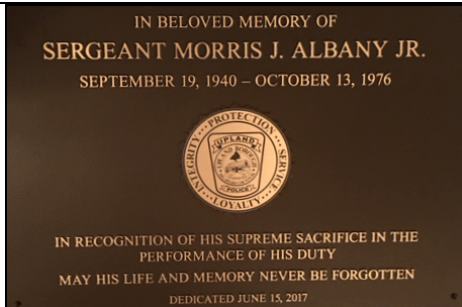
Please Scoop Dog Poop

Borough officials wish to remind residents who walk their dogs along public streets that Upland has a poop-scooper law that provides for a \$100 fine for pet owners who do not pick up their dogs' waste.

Helpful Hint: old bread bags are excellent pet waste collection tools – insert hand; grab poop; turn bag inside-out; tie knot at end; discard in trash can.



At a special police recognition dinner on June 15, Upland Police Chief Michael Irely presented the Sgt. Albany Memorial plaque (below), 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 Irely 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. Ciach expressed his appreciation in a statement for *The Uplander*:

"I was honored and humbled by this unexpected recognition," Ciach said. "My commitment to and love for this borough are without end.

"My 12 years on Council taught me to work well with others, and my 12 years as mayor taught me to lead by example, especially when things are not what they seem. I would do anything for the good of Upland, because there is a lot of good here: good people, good families, and good friends.

"Thank you to Chief Irely, Chris (Peterson), and all the officers who have served this department with pride. It's been an honor working with you as mayor, and I look forward to working even more closely with you all on the business side of the department."

Mayor Bill Dennon was also a proud participant in the award ceremonies, and thanked the organizers.

"I want to praise everyone involved, from Chief Irely, 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.



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.



The edibles handed out at the pavilion were incredible, including 40 lbs. of hot dogs served on 30 dozen rolls, 200 soft pretzels, and over 300 of Big Var's refreshing water ices...



...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."

Carnival Comes To Town



The outdoor carnival visited Upland from June 7-10, drawing a crowd each and every night. The fundraising event generated \$7,245 in borough revenue, which will be utilized to pay for upcoming free community events.



The carnival rides and games offered tons of family fun...



...While the food and beverage offerings were plentiful.

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.

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.

Mayor Ciach 'Retires' To Fill Vacant Manager's Post

After serving the last 12+ years as Upland Borough's mayor, Michael J. Ciach has retired from his elected post and filled the borough manager vacancy created by the departure of Greg Grillone in late March.

Prior to serving as mayor, Ciach also spent a dozen years serving as a borough councilman, so he is familiar with borough business from multiple points of view. During the interview process, which saw four prospective candidates reviewed for the manager's position, Ciach stood out as the *"best qualified with municipal experience,"* according to Council VP Moira Crawford.

Throughout the one month that the borough was without a manager, Ciach helped the borough office staff keep up with routine business matters, donating the hours he worked as a temporary fill-in. Ciach's hiring as borough manager was approved by a unanimous Council vote. He will be paid an annual salary of \$75,000, while serving a two-year term, which will expire in May 2019.

Ciach's official job title is now Upland Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary.

Upland Celebrates Memorial Day



Residents lined the streets to watch Upland Borough's Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 29. The procession featured four marching string bands, two fife and drum corps, fire trucks from a dozen Delco companies, and hundreds of participants on foot.



Non-Compliant Property Owners Put On Notice

According to Fire Marshal Dave Favinger's May report, he performed fire safety inspections at 34 residential rental properties and two business properties during the month.

Favinger noted that two non-compliant landlords, who have not yet paid fines that Favinger issued in 2016, will be taken to court to force payment.

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Kirby reported that he issued 75 notices for property maintenance deficiencies in May.

Kirby also filed three municipal liens on non-compliant property owners in May, representing the first liens that Upland Borough has filed in 2017.

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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Parking In Yard Is Illegal

In response to a resident's question, Council recently confirmed that parking a vehicle in a yard on a continual basis is illegal in Upland, as is jumping the curb to get the vehicle into the yard.

The only off-street parking that is permitted in Upland is on a paved/hardened driveway.

Council noted that the police department can be called for instances of illegal parking in front of a driveway entrance, but the issue of illegal yard-parking must be handled by the borough's code enforcement officer.

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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 10th Street
- West 24th Street, from the park to Upland Avenue
- The entire length of Willow Way

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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.

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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Summer Interns Approved

Borough Council has authorized the creation of two part-time summer intern positions to help out in the borough's Highway & Maintenance Departments. The interns will be local youth, and each will earn \$10 per hour for their work in July and August.

In the recent past, Council had hired one full-time summer intern, but chose to broaden the earning opportunity by hiring two part-timers this year.

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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 curblane 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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