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# The UPLANDER

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# **Remembrance Service**

On September 11, 2021 the Borough in conjunction with Upland Baptist Church and Resurrection Life Church held a candlelight vigil to commemorate those we lost during



9/11 and the pandemic.

Pastor Brenda Shaw and Pastor Brian McGrouty officiated and Mrs. McGrouty led observers in a rendition of "America the

Beautiful" as well as "Peace on Earth".





# Labor Day Fireworks

The annual Labor Day Fireworks were held on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at Bristol Lord Field. A giant thanks for the





incredible display to Upland Borough Council.

At the same time the UFC #I held a fundraiser

with 2 food trucks in attendance for this event, Auntie Anne's & Kona Shaved Ice.

# **MacQueen Hall Renovations**

Construction will commence in the upper floor of MacQueen Hall.

A CDBG Grant was awarded to add an addition to accommodate a larger restroom



and to renovate the existing restroom. The bathrooms will be enlarged on either side of the stage to accommodate visitors to events.



## **Police Bike Ride**

Officer Lawrence Porter participated in

"The Ben to the Shore Bike Tour" that was held August 29<sup>th.</sup>

This fundraiser which raises money to provide financial relief for families of fallen or critically injured first responders and to cultivate positive relationships/ interactions between police officers and the children in the communities they serve.

The route is a 65-mile ride from

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Atlantic City, New Jersey or the slightly shorter 50-mile route from Berlin, New Jersey.

Upon arrival at the finish line at the Showboat Hotel, riders are greeted by friends and family, volunteers and supporters where they celebrate their amazing physical accomplishment and raise additional funds at the after party.

## **CUSD** Appreciation Award

The Chester Upland School District ("CUSD") Appreciation Award was given to honor Chief Irey and the men and woman of the Upland Police Department during the CUSD Convocation Ceremony held on August 24, 2021.



## **Buy-A-Brick**

Please contact the Borough Offices to purchase commemorative bricks. This could be a very nice holiday gift for your family. What a better way to leave your mark in Upland Borough history by purchasing this unique item.



# FOCUS ON UPLAND'S FIRST RESPONDERS



Born and raised in Delaware County, Patrolman Joshua VanHorn has served the Borough of Upland since 2015. In 2015 Josh was employed by the Upland Police Department as a part time officer and has since been promoted to a full time officer as of 2018. Over the years Josh has received numerous law enforcement, fire department, and emergency management certifications, and is currently a field training officer for the department.

Josh is a graduate of Gwynedd Mercy University where he received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice before graduating

from the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy.

Josh is a husband and father of two. Off duty Josh coaches his son's little league baseball teams, enjoys family vacations, fishing, grilling, and further serving his community as a volunteer firefighter.



Upland Police Dept. Officer Joshua Van Horn Marsha Scott has been a lifelong resident of our Borough and admits to "loving my hometown".

A 1985 graduate of Cardinal Ohara and married her "best friend" Doug that same year.

Following her family's call to service (her father Sargent Morris Albany UPD who passed away in the line of duty), Marsha joined the Upland Fire Company #1 in 1989.

Doug and Marsha have been blessed with three children and six grandchildren.

In her spare time, Marsha is teaching herself to crochet.

Upland Fire Co. #I

Marsha Scott

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At this trying time and the spirit of neighbor helping

neighbor, the Food Bank is in operation at the Upland Baptist Church every Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



All residents of the Borough are welcome to



participate. Proof of residency (ID or mail with borough address) is required.

Simply visit on Wednesdays between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., sign

after declaring income (proof is NOT required), as per Reverend Brenda Shaw.

# **Upland Baptist Church**

The Upland Baptist Church has resumed in church worship on Sunday mornings at 10 .a.m. and is still being

The Upland Baptist Church will hold its "Annual Blessings of the Animals" on October 13th at noon in front of live streamed on uplandbaptistchurch.com

the church. All pets and their borough humans are welcome.

# UPCOMING BOROUGH 2021 SPONSORED EVENTS

Events may be revised, canceled or adjusted depending on restrictions in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

> Community Remembrance Service 20th Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> Covid-19 Pandemic

September 11, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. War Memorial - Bristol Lord Field

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#### Movie in the Park Family Friendly Movie— "Doolittle"

September 18, 2021 @ dusk Approximately 7:30 p.m. Held in Bristol Lord Field Free popcorn provided while supplies last!

Fall Festival in Bristol Lord Field

October 16, 2021- All day Event! Weather permitting - Held in Bristol Lord Field Flea Market starts at 10:00 a.m. Tables \$25 FREE activities including Pumpkin Painting FREE Halloween Movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

> See Event Flyer on uplandboro.org or borough office \*\*\*\*\*

#### Halloween Parade

October 23, 2021—starts at 4:00 p.m. Goodie bags will be distributed to borough children \*\*\*\*\*

## Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner Take-out

November 6, 2021—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested Borough senior citizens MUST sign up for pick-up from MacQueen Hall or delivery, Form is available on uplandboro.org or borough officemust be received by 10/29/2021 \*\*\*\*\*

### Holiday Tree Lighting

November 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Bristol Lord Field Gifts will be available for borough children 13 & under who have signed up-Parent/Guardian must pick up gift at event! Form is available on uplandboro.org or borough officemust be received by 11/5/2021 \*\*\*\*\*

> PLEASE VISIT THE BOROUGH WEBSITE @ UPLANDBORO.ORG FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION!



## **BOROUGH OFFICE**

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## **Community Affairs Events**

The Community Affairs Committee held a couple events since our last newsletter:

#### Designer Bag Bingo - June 26<sup>th</sup>

Some "hens" and "roosters" came out for a fun evening at the CAC Designer Bag Bingo. There were designer purses, door prize, bonus bag and baskets for chances to win. However,



everyone came out a "winner" with laughter and friendship overflowing....BINGO.

## July 4th Celebration - July 4th

As with last year, the Borough celebrated July 4th, by distributing fried chicken boxed lunches (with all the fixin's) to those residents who pre-registered. Kudos to Borough Council and the Community Affairs Committee for once again adapting to the situation while still providing exemplary service.

#### Humane Cat Traps Available for Rent

To assist in trying to address the stray cat population in the borough, Council President Christine Peterson announced that "Cat Traps" are available for loan at the Upland Borough Police Department.

There is a \$50 refundable deposit. This is a convenient & humane way to catch stray cats to be sent to the Brandywine Valley SPCA for processing for possible adoption and/or tagging, neutering, and release if deemed unadoptable.

Upon trapping a targeted stray cat, you MUST contact 911 and the cat with the trap will be picked up. Any wild animals trapped you must release immediately.

If interested in renting a trap, please contact the Upland Borough Police Department.





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

Upland's own Brenda Shaw grew up in Indiana, receiving a BS from Franklin College in 1996, in 1999 a MSS from Bryn Mawr College and graduating from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2000.

Brenda began serving as Pastor of the Upland Baptist Church 9/10/2000. She has been married to John since June 11, 2005 and they are proud parents to Stephen & Matthew. If you ask Brenda what she has been up to during the Pandemic, you will be told Brenda learned to crochet.



Pastor Brenda Shaw Upland Baptist Church