



The *UPLANDER*

The official newsletter of historic Upland Borough
(Settled 1683; Incorporated 1869)

Winter Edition

December 2020

A message from Council President.....

"As we near the end of a year filled with some of the most trying times, faced individually and as a town, I wanted to take a minute to give thanks for the many blessings that we have in our close knit community.

While 2020 was different for all of us, your council has continued its hard work for each of you that we serve daily.

Our 8th Street park project has been completed this past summer. The cleanup of our town's focal point coming off I-95 into Upland, has received compliments from residents and visitors alike.

The restrooms at Bristol Lord Field have been built and are now ready to serve those who utilize the facility.

The Memorial Wall has been erected at Hill Street Park and on its way to being completed.

Our community affairs events, although looking much different in 2020, were tirelessly worked on to provide the same level of involvement with the residents; enjoying activities we've become accustomed to, but with a twist. We are looking forward to getting back to "normal" as we move into 2021.

I am most proud of those in our municipal services, including borough administration, our highway department and fire and police departments who throughout the most trying times, continued to keep our beloved borough up and running.

Here's to moving forward into 2021 TOGETHER and to making our town a great place to live, work and play! Stay safe!"



**Council President
Christine Peterson**

Visitors By Appointment Only

The Upland Borough Office & Police Department have been closed effective 11/16 to the public visiting either location and will be by appointment only. Currently, all other departments will continue to function as normal.

Staff will be in the office and available by phone to answer any calls. This is a precautionary measure in attempts to "flatten the curve" of the recent spike in Corona Virus cases.

Happy Holidays!

Child Care COVID-19 Support

"CCPN (Child Care Professionals Network) is thrilled to announce DELCO Council has unanimously approved and funded our proposal for 2 million for DELCO School Age Child Care COVID Support. These resources are for families who have found themselves with additional child care related costs as a result of needed school aged care for their children who are not able to attend school full time due to the pandemic."

For more information go to Child Care Professionals Network for program guidelines - ccnpna.org@gmail.com

Applications MUST be submitted between November 23 and December 23, 2020,

Holiday Decorating Contest!
Judging will be done Dec. 7th—Dec. 15th!
Winners announced at the
Jan. 12th Council Meeting.
Prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50 & 3rd \$25



Preliminary 2021 Balanced Budgets

The final adoption of the preliminary budget figures will be held at the Dec. 8th Council Meeting. The real estate tax adjustment (from the current established 2 millage rate) to address the court ordered reassessment is pending from the county. The annual trash collection fee holds steady at \$135 per household.

The preliminary 2021 general fund budget is balanced at \$4,873,949. This includes new equipment for highway, data terminals and CALEA for the police, renovations and repairs to MacQueen Hall, repairs to the Main Street Wall, as well as a pilot program for composting.

The preliminary 2021 budget for Auburn Village is balanced at \$1,183,560 with rental rates remaining the same.

COVID/Flu Testing at the Armory

Upland Borough Council in partnership with Delaware County Intercommunity Health has offered COVID testing and Flu Shots at the Armory location. Ultimately, the COVID Vaccinations will also be offered for the health and welfare of our community.

The schedule will be updated periodically on the borough website.

Delaware County COVID-19 Testing

Location: US Army Reserve
500 W. 24th Street
Upland, PA 19013

Dates: Monday, 11/30
Tuesday, 12/1
Wednesday, 12/2
Friday, 12/4

Times: 11 AM - 3 PM

- Drive-thru testing for residents 12 years & older
- Nasal Swab (PCR) test done by trained medical staff
- Open to individuals who live or work in Delaware County that meet the following criteria:
 - Have Covid-19 symptoms or were exposed to Covid-19 or are Critical/Essential workers
- Available for both insured and uninsured residents. There are no out-of-pocket costs or co-pays. Please bring your insurance card to the test site.
- Test results will take up to 4-7 days
- Residents must wear a face mask to the test site
- Registration is required. Pre-register online at www.chesco.org/4562/delco-testing.

Questions? Call 610-891-6129

In the event of inclement weather, please be aware that testing may be cancelled.

Visit www.delco-pa.gov/testing for more information on COVID-19 testing, symptoms and resources.



FOCUS ON UPLAND'S FIRST RESPONDERS



Chief Mike Irey raised in Prospect Park, attended Interboro High School, West Chester University, the DELCO Municipal Police Academy and is a recent graduate of the prestigious Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Serving as a police officer since 1993, the bulk of his career with Nether Providence Township before coming to Upland Borough in 2014. His 28 year police career, spans various task forces including the DELCO District Attorney's Office Narcotics Task Force acting in an undercover capacity.

He was appointed as the acting police chief in Feb. of 2016 before being officially appointed as permanent Chief in May of 2018. Chief Irey lists amongst his accomplishments, National Night Out to the borough, mobile video records and body worn cameras to foster transparency and trust with the citizens and a variety of school programs fostering positive interactions between the borough police officers and the community.

Chief Irey prefers to be called Mike and the thing he loves most about being UPD's Chief is the opportunity to interact, get to know the people who call Upland Borough home and be given the opportunity to positively influence those lives of the community.



**Upland Police Dept.
Chief Michael Irey**

The Upland Fire Co. #1 was organized on January 26, 1926. Throughout the past (almost) 95 years, the UFC has serviced our community as well as surrounding areas. Taking pride in the fact the UFC is entirely on a volunteer bases, the organization is always looking for others who would like to come on board to assist our community. We encourage those interested to contact the UFC- your involvement would be greatly appreciated.



Upland Fire Co. #1



AROUND THE BOROUGH

Food Bank

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.

Upland Seniors Club & Marine Corp. League

All events are currently on hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines.

Upland Baptist Church

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

Upland Fire Company

Christmas Tree Sale

Once again the
UFC will be selling
Christmas
trees starting
11/27/2020!

Monday—Friday
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m.—9 p.m.

Prices start at \$25

UPCOMING BOROUGH 2021 SPONSORED EVENTS

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

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Day of Service

January 18, 2021
Details forthcoming!

Soup & Salad Fundraiser

February 13, 2021
Tickets go on sale in January 2021 &
Available at the Borough Office!
Depending on any restrictions, will be held in
MacQueen Hall or Take-Out

Designer Bag Event Fundraiser

February 27, 2021
Tickets go on sale in January 2021 &
Available at the Borough Office!
Depending on any restrictions, will be held in
MacQueen Hall or Bristol Lord Field
or Online

FREE Senior Citizen Ham & Cabbage Luncheon

March 8, 2021
Sign-up will be available in February 2021!
Depending on any restrictions, will be held in
MacQueen Hall or Take-Out

Easter Egg Hunt

March 27, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
Bristol Lord Field

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 27, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.
Depending on any restrictions, will be held in
MacQueen Hall or Bristol Lord Field
or Take-Out

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



BOROUGH OFFICE

Address:

224 Castle Avenue
Upland, PA 19015

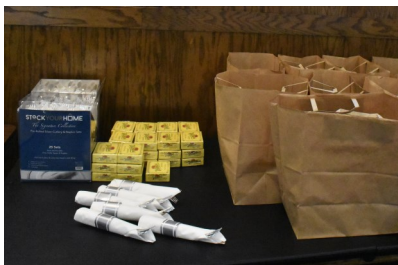
Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Telephone: (610) 874-7317**Fax:** (610) 874-7045**Website:** uplandboro.org**Facebook:** Upland Borough DELCO PA**Twitter:** @Upland PA**Instagram:** uplandborough

Community Affairs Events

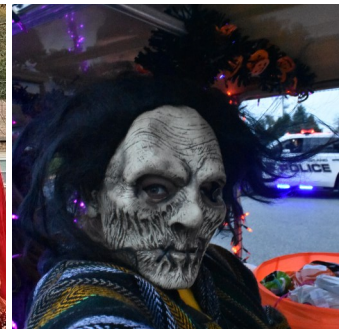
Our community may still be in the middle of a worldwide pandemic; but, the Community Affairs Committee has not lost a step. The events may not be as exactly as before; however, changed up & enhanced.

**Halloween Parade -**

held on 10/24/20 with the participation of the UFC, UPD and costumed members of CAC & UFC walked the borough giving out gift bags.

Seniors Thanksgiving

Dinner - held on 11/7/20 with a twist. All signed up seniors were able to pick up a complete dinner (turkey, stuffing, sides, drink, dessert) or if warranted, the meals were delivered.



Holiday Tree Lighting - as in years past Santa came to Borough Hall to light the town Christmas Tree and refreshments followed - this year, keeping with regulations, the refreshments were held in Bristol Lord Field.

The CAC has proved with some "out of the box" ideas - servicing the community is a go.

First annual Halloween Parade through the borough

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

Councilwoman Judy Kirby Bush is a life long Upland resident (60 yrs.) "and don't plan on leaving". Judy stepped in the position of councilwoman after her sister Sandy Kirby Miazza's death. Judy has served for the past 4 years sitting on the Buildings & Grounds, Community Affairs, Streets & Equipment Committees. Judy is married to Rich for 21 yrs. And they share a

daughter, Meghan (who also loves to volunteer). Judy loves shopping, baking, watching Hallmark movies & spending time with family.



Councilwoman
Judith Bush

