



The *UPLANDER*

The official newsletter of historic Upland Borough
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Fall Edition

Sept. 2020

Lower End Plagued with Flooding

The week of August 2, 2020 brought heavy rains leading to flooding on Tuesday (8/4) and Friday (8/7) and emergency clean up at the Kerlin Street Bridge.

Heavy equipment was employed in order to clean out the logs and debris which came from upstream, becoming lodged at the bridge.



Flooding on Upland Avenue

Kudos to Council President Christine Peterson and Council, Borough Manager Michael Ciach, Highway Department, UPD, UFD and their volunteers who assisted many stranded motorists, home and business owners stuck in flooded water and those who came to the Borough's aide.

Residents are reminded that when torrential downpours happen humans are not the only ones to suffer but wildlife in our wooded areas are affected and displacement is a given when flooding occurs.



Debris under Kerlin Street Bridge

Flood Awards

In recognition for their life and property saving efforts, plaques were given by Mayor Dennon and Chief Irey to the following:



Awards issued to Brookhaven Fire Co. & Upland Fire Co.

Brookhaven Fire Co. & Upland Fire Co. for rescuing a motorist while in 4 feet of flood waters.

Officers Luke McCanna and Mike McConnell for being the first at the scene of and entering the flooded water for rescue.

A special thanks by Borough Council went out to our own Chief Dan Smith for the department's poise with the 2-day (in 1 week) flooding events.

Officer Keeney Saves Infant



Rookie Patrol Officer Jonathan Keeney showed poise and swift action when called upon to assist with a 10 week unresponsive infant.

Needless to say, Baby Mecca and Family will be forever friends with Officer Keeney.



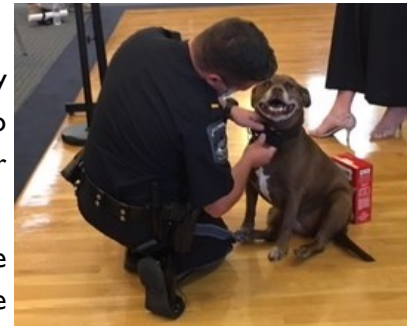
Award recognition presented to Officer Johnathan Keeney with Baby Mecca and Family & Mayor Dennon at the Council Meeting held on September 8th



Halo takes Oath to become Police Canine Officer

Halo was sworn in as Police Canine Officer for Upland Borough Police Department at the Borough Council Meeting held on July 14, 2020. In attendance was the Honorable Georgia Stone (Magistrate Judge) who administered the oath of office to "Officer Halo". Holding the Bible was his handler Lieutenant Michael Curran.

Halo was a rescue from Rags 2 Riches Animal Rescue in 2019 and has lived at the Upland Police Department since. Halo is a staple in our community and at the police station, where she is treated with respect as deserved with her station.



Lieutenant Mick Curran adhering the badge to the collar of Officer Halo

Police Annual Awards

Since this year's "Annual Police Awards" banquet had to be canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic, Police Chief Irey presented the award recipients at the council meeting held on July 14, 2020.

Capt. Robert C. Love—Officer of the Year: Patrol Officer Luke McCann

Officer McCann joined UPD in Oct. 2016 and has shown a hardworking and leadership attitude. Officer McCann is the department's lone representative with Central DELCO Tactical Team.

Chief John Easton—Supervisor of the Year: Corporal Carl White

Corporal White joined UPD in May 2016, being promoted to Corp. in Sept. 2019. Currently oversees officers in A platoon. He administers and supplies training to various law enforcement agencies on the CODY records management system. Corp. White also administers the LIVE SCAN processing equipment which interfaces state and national databases.

UPD Citizen of the Year: Pastor Brenda Shaw

Pastor Shaw consistently and continually shows her leadership, commitment, support not only to the UPD but the Upland Borough community. Pastor Shaw's constant willingness to help does not go unnoticed.



FOCUS ON UPLAND'S FIRST RESPONDERS



Officer John Zebley, Jr. is a lifelong Delaware County resident, raised for a time in Upland before moving to Prospect Park.

Officer Zebley was hired with UPD in May, 2019, (currently assigned with the Patrol Division) after servicing Yeadon, Prospect Park and Chester Housing Authority Police Departments.

John says his most rewarding aspects of a police officer is the time spent interacting and forming friendships within the community.



Upland Police Dept.
Officer John Zebley, Jr.

Michael J. YocumDavis started with UFC at the age of 16 as a junior cadet. He credits the "firehouse" as becoming "home".

Hearing the fire alarm go off would fill him with excitement and the adrenaline would rise knowing someone needed help. There was self-satisfaction in knowing regardless of individual personalities they worked as a "team" in unison to benefit someone's welfare.



Upland Fire Co. #1
Michael YocumDavis

Currently, Michael is on active duty as an Aircrew Survival Equipmentman for the United States Navy.



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 Fire Company, 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 Sun-
day mornings at 10 a.m.
and is still being live

streamed on
uplandbaptistchurch.com

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.

UPCOMING BOROUGH SPONSORED EVENTS

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions placed by the federal, state, and local officials from the COVID-19 Pandemic; events have been canceled or revised accordingly!

Borough Council Meetings

Held the 2nd Tuesday of the month
6pm Caucus; 7pm regular voting session
Public Meetings will be held in MacQueen Hall until further notice

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Scheduled for September 12, 2020

Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser

Scheduled for October 10, 2020

Senior Citizen Shady Maple Trip

Scheduled for October 12, 2020

CANCELED

Youth Halloween Party

Scheduled for October 24, 2020

REPLACED WITH

Halloween Parade

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

The Community Affairs Committee, UPD and UFC will go around the borough distributing goodie bags to borough children 13 years and younger.

Parents are instructed to have children wait on sidewalk; practice social distancing & wear masks as required!

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner

Scheduled for November 7, 2020

REPLACED WITH TAKE OUT DINNER

Interested Borough senior citizens **MUST** sign up for Pick-up from MacQueen Hall or delivery, if needed

Proof of residence required!

Form is available on borough website (uplandboro.org)

Completed form must be received by 10/23/2020

Holiday Tree Lighting

Scheduled for November 27, 2020

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Outdoor Event Only!

Gifts will be available to borough children 13 and under who have signed up—Parent/Guardian must pick up gift at event! Proof of residence required!

Form is available on borough website (uplandboro.org)

Completed form must be received by 11/6/2020

**PLEASE VISIT THE BOROUGH WEBSITE AT
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

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Website: uplandboro.org

Facebook: Upland Borough DELCO PA

Twitter: @Upland PA

Instagram: [uplandborough](https://www.instagram.com/uplandborough)

Community Affairs Events



CAC Co-chair Moira Crawford & member Julie Kerns with a borough family getting ready to watch "Wonder Park" on the 40 ft screen

Scheduled Events revised to address Covid-19 restrictions

Unfortunately, the Community Affairs Committee (CAC) is required to address the ongoing restrictions put in place by Governor Wolf for Covid-19. These restrictions have affected all scheduled events but instead of canceling everything for the year, the CAC has tweaked events to accommodate the current restrictions.

The following scheduled events have been **canceled**:

- ◆ Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- ◆ Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser
- ◆ Senior Citizen Shady Maple Trip

These events were revised to adhere to the current restrictions:

- ◆ Youth Halloween Party—The CAC will instead parade around the borough on October 24th with the UPD and UFC giving out treat bags to borough children 13 and under.
- ◆ Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner—The CAC will continue to do a free home-cooked dinner for borough seniors who sign up however; it will be for pick-up or delivery. No in-house dining is allowed. Forms are available on uplandboro.org and borough office.
- ◆ Holiday Celebration—The CAC will continue to have the tree lighting ceremony. Gifts will still be available to signed up Borough children 13 and under but the adult/guardian must pick up the gift. Forms are available on uplandboro.org and borough office.

For the last six months our lives have been doing things differently but with the same result. Case in point, we held two "Drive-In Movie" nights for summer entertainment.

July 4th came and although we could not picnic as usual in Bristol Lord Field, there were boxed lunches for those who signed up in advance for pickup and/or delivery.

Our end of summer salute, fireworks for Labor Day, were performed and the aerial spectacular could be seen from your "own" back yard or live on the borough's Facebook page.

With this ever-changing scenario "we on the Community Affairs Committee with the support of Borough Council will try to accommodate our normal agenda. Although, it may come to you in a changed version; we are still here to serve."

Ordinance I of 2020 Amending §170-13 Car Covers - has been changed to allow clear car covers which helps to identify automobiles & keep them protected for their owners.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

Newly appointed Councilman Matt Steigerwalt has lived in Upland since 2002, raising his children Mark, Abby & Emily along with his wife, Jennifer.

next adventure with his family.

Matt enjoys nature; visiting Longwood Gardens, Bom Bay Wildlife Refuge and Cape May among his favorite places to go.



**Councilman
Matthew Steigerwalt**

Matt looks forward to his



FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF IREY...

“As our country goes through significant issues relating to police/community relations, I wanted to take a minute to inform our community how to file a compliment or a complaint as a result of your interaction with an Upland Borough Police Officer.

Our department strives every day to provide responsive, respectful, and professional police services to those whom we come into contact. Sometimes, due to many different factors, situations arise in which a citizen feels that their interaction with our officers is not on par with what should be expected.

It is important to know that our officers go through a rigorous field training program upon being hired. As part of this training, the officers are required to study and understand a lengthy list of policies and procedures which govern how we do business on a daily basis.

Section 2.3.0 of our policy manual covers our *Internal Affairs* procedures. When a citizen has cause to make a complaint against an officer, the citizen is required to make such complaint in writing upon our *Internal Affairs* form. This form can be obtained at the police department or by emailing the Chief of Police at mirey@uplandboro.org. When a written complaint is submitted an *Internal Affairs* investigation form is initiated, and an investigation conducted by the Administrative Lieutenant who is responsible for the initial investigation. Following the investigation, which typically includes review of the complaint, interview, and review of our mobile video recorders footage, a recommendation is submitted to the Chief of Police for determination. The Chief of Police will then send a letter to the complaining party informing them of the status of the investigation and final determination. Please note that due to employment rights, the complaining party will not be informed of the discipline imposed on the officer but only if the complaint was deemed to be founded or unfounded. If the issue is so egregious, the investigation is forwarded to the Office of the Mayor and The Upland Borough Police Committee.

As always, you have my personal commitment that the men and women of our department will be held to a higher standard. Our goal is quality of service to all those whom we come in contact and we take seriously any issues that put that goal in jeopardy.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at (610) 872-3040 or by email at mirey@uplandpolice.org should you have any questions. “