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**THE TRAIL** 

**STUDY** 

**CONNECTIVITY** &

WALKABILITY









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Your Township Supervisors (L to R): James Brunell, Kathy Rader, Sunny Ghai



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## IMPORTANT

## TAXINFORMATION Real Estate Tax Collection Procedures

The Tax Collector, Tracy Hodrick, does NOT maintain a permanent office in the Township Municipal Building. She is available to meet by appointment ONLY.

 Mail or Drop-off Tax Payments: UMT Municipal Bldg.

#### 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville PA, 18031

- The Drop- Box is located in the parking lot across from the main entrance doors
- IF YOU NEED A RECEIPT:
  - Include a self-addressed, pre-paid envelope with your mailed payment
  - Office staff are NOT legally allowed to provide a receipt. This can ONLY be done by the Tax Collector
  - Office staff does NOT have access to tax records or related information
  - Direct all inquiries to the Tax Collector allowing 24-48 hour response time

NOTE: Additional Tax Collector office hours during the discount period will be noted on the tax bill.

**Current Tax Rates:** Township: .64 mils. | County: 3.64 mils. | School: 15.82 mils.

## **NEWS** FOR CONSTITUENTS

By Senator Pat Browne, 16th Senate District, Commonwealth of PA Appropriations Committee Chairman

## Pennsylvania is Building a World-Class 5G Network

The pandemic has shown that access to broadband highspeed connections is vital for our state to remain competitive in the global economy, educate our children and for the delivery of vital services, such as tele-medicine.

In 2021, Governor Wolf signed into law legislation that puts Pennsylvania at the forefront in building the latest 5G infrastructure. I was proud to work with Rep. Jim Marshall to co-author this measure.

More recently, the Governor signed into law a bill to improve access to high-speed internet in unserved and underserved communities across the Commonwealth by creating the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA). I worked with the bill's House and Senate sponsors and Governor Wolf's office on this vital legislation.

Pennsylvania is guaranteed to receive at least \$100 million for broadband expansion and will have an opportunity to apply for a portion of an additional \$42.45 billion in Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program funding.

The creation and expansion of highspeed internet infrastructure in Pennsylvania is vital. I will continue to work to improve this important resource for our communities.



#### MY OFFICES ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Please contact us with any issues you are facing with the state government or legislative issues at my offices.

#### **Main District Office**

Five City Center 740 W. Hamilton Street, Suite 200 Allentown, PA 18101 610-821-8468 | FAX: 610-821-6798 Toll-Free: 1-800-280-7728

#### Western Lehigh County

Upper Macungie Twp. Bldg. 8330 Schantz Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 610-366-2327 | FAX: 610-366-2329 Both offices by appointment only

Please follow me on:

@SenatorBrowne

② @Senator Browne



# GARY DAY

#### CONSTITUENT SERVICES

- Unemployment
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- PA Tax Forms
- PennDOT Services
- Birth/Death Certificates
- Assistance wtih state agency issues

AND MORE!

610-760-7082 6299 Route 309 New Tripoli PA 18066 *gday@pahousegop.com*  **REDISTRICTING:** Boundaries of state legislative districts are being changed based on shifts in population. The PRELIMINARY plan splits Upper Macungie Township in two, with most of the township remaining in the 187th and the remainder being added to an Allentown-based district (132nd).

**PRESERVING LAND:** Agricultural land preservation helps to keep farming a viable land use in our area and balances a trend in our overdevelopment.

**PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE:** The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is available to senior citizens, widowers and people with disabilities. The New Tripoli office can help determine if you are eligible and assist with your application.

**OUT IN THE COMMUNITY:** Look for Representative Day at all the upcoming Upper Macungie Recreation events, including the Bunny Hop, movies in the park, recycling events and more.



Sally recently had surgery for acid reflux and is finally able to enjoy a family meal again. All thanks to a health partner who has the most advanced, leading-edge technology available – including robotic surgery. Here, we get you back to being you, faster. Learn more at LVHN.org/surgery or by calling 888-402-LVHN.



Your health deserves a partner.



## UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE INITIATION OF THE TRAIL CONNECTIVITY & WALKABILITY STUDY

The study is the outgrowth of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan, A Plan for Growth Management and Preservation, which placed an emphasis on walkability and connections within our municipality. The plan states: "A lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities with few transit routes connecting neighborhoods to schools, shopping centers, parks, recreation facilities, community centers, and employment centers impacts quality of life and limits travel within UMT to use of automobiles."

The study will produce a plan which will suggest a series of connectivity improvements to facilitate the safe, non-motorized movement of cyclists and pedestrians within and through the Township.

There will be a series of four (4) public meetings held over the next ten (10) months to gain the community's input for the plan. All public meetings will start at 7 PM at the following location:

Township Municipal Building 8330 Schantz Road | Breinigsville, PA 18031 Public meetings are scheduled for: Tuesday, Feb. 22 | Tuesday, May 31 Tuesday, Sept. 13 | Tuesday, Nov. 15

While in-person attendance is preferred you may also attend virtually. Please check the Township web page prior to the meeting date for instructions to attend virtually. Meeting minutes for each public meeting will be prepared and will be posted on the Township web site a week after the meeting.

There will also be a public opinion survey so that area residents can express opinions about the plan as well as an online interactive mapping tool to provide information to the trail planners. The opinion survey and the map will be available starting March 18th at the following internet addresses:

**Opinion Survey on Trails & Connectivity** www.surveymonkey.com/r/UpperMacungieSURVEY

Interactive Map https://wikimapping.com/Upper-Macungie-Trails.html

Simone Collins Landscape Architecture of Norristown, PA, was the consulting firm chosen by the Township for this project. They are joined by Spotts, Stevens & McCoy Engineers.

A 32-person Steering Committee will work with the consultants over the next ten months as an important part of the community participation for this initiative.

#### For additional information about the plan, you may contact Kalman Sostarecz, Jr., Township Secretary & Executive Assistant at (610) 395-4892 x116 or at ksostarecz@uppermac.org



## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROJECT UPDATE

On October 3, 2019 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2019-50 which revised the Upper Macungie Township Comprehensive Plan.

The revised plan's purpose is to:

- Manage land use and shape the character, timing, and layout of future development.
- Preserve and conserve agricultural land, forests, historic landmarks, and cultural resources.
- Protect the environment and natural resources.
- Plan for the reliable supply of water.
- Meet the housing needs of present and future residents.
- Revitalize and enhance historic villages.
- Identify and implement transportation and capital improvements.
- Provide for community facilities, utilities, and services needed by a growing population.

The Plan balances its purpose with important community issues and implications related to traffic congestion, large-scale warehouse distribution, community connectivity, preservation and conservation of land, community character and sense of place, housing quality, choice and affordability and redevelopment of commercial and industrial properties.

These goals will be achieved through township ordinance amendments and adoption of new plans and studies. The Plan provides recommendations by listing action items or implementation items. The Implementation Plan can be found in the executive summary.

Since adoption of the Plan, UMT has passed legislation related to Code Compliance and 5G Small Wireless Facility regulation amendments which modernize the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

UMT has also awarded, by RFP, a contract for preparation of a Trail and Walkability Study which will consider additional regional connections.

Lastly, UMT continues to collaborate with LANTA, LVEDC, companies and employees to discuss needs & determine feasibility of bus service, stops & sidewalks during the SALDO process.

Draft Zoning Amendments are underway and are presently under review by the UMT Planning Commission. These amendments include;

- The addition of Agricultural and Resource Conservation Zoning Districts
- A proposed Mixed Use (residential/retail) Zoning Overlay District
- Revisions to the Light Industrial Districts to set levels of intensities and Industrial Buffer Zones
- The addition of the Community Development Goals and Objectives outlined within the Plan.



# **VOLUNTEERS** WANTED



To learn more about ANY of UMT's BIG 3 fire companies, please contact: Peter Christ, Director of UMT Bureau of Fire 610-395-4892 ext. 145 | pchrist@uppermac.org Or contact the Fire Chief at any of our 3 fire companies.



Fogelsville Fire Co. Station #8 Fire Chief: Brad Rader 484.221.3318



Good Will Fire Co. #1 Trexlertown Station #25 Fire Chief: Gary Mattox 610.841.8238



Upper Macungie Twp. Station #56 Fire Chief: Matt Sadrovitz 610.841.5690

## We value dedicated volunteers of ALL ages and skill sets.

#### Our motto is: If You Care, You Qualify!

We're always recruiting new volunteers for fire protection, fire police, community safety education, search & rescue and other field responsibilities. We provide required training and equipment cost-free. We also value volunteers to help as:

#### "Kitchen Commandos"

They are essential to the success of our community breakfasts, bingo, food sales and other fundraising efforts.

**Vehicle and Station House Specialists** Mechanically-inclined individuals are highly valued for their skills in equipment and facility servicing and maintenance.

#### **Business & Tech Team Members**

If you have skills in computer technology and connectivity, bookkeeping, purchasing or any other business skills, we need you!



## SPECIAL FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

### GOOD WILL FIRE CO. NO. 1 OF TREXLERTOWN, PA

**MODEL A/AA** 

lvmodelaclub@gmail.com

**CAR SHOW** 

484-548-0632

9 am - 3 pm

STATION #25 www.goodwillfirecompany.com

**BREAKFASTS AND** 



HOAGIE SALES (continuous) Call 610-395-8678 for details.

#### SANTA RUNS

Information available closer to December. Please check our UMT Website, Social Media and Fire Websites later in the year.

APRIL

### FOGELSVILLE FIRE CO. STATION 8

WEDS.

TBD

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!

Kitchen opens at 5:30 pm and Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. For more information call 610-395-2771.

Remember that per the US Fire Administration, no matter the kind of detector, smoke detectors should be tested at least once a month. The batteries for the detector should be replaced, at a minimum, once or twice a year. The US Fire Administration also states that smoke detectors usually have a lifespan of 10 years.

## FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM

A fire sprinkler system is an active fire protection method, consisting of a water supply system, providing adequate pressure and flowrate to a water distribution piping system, onto which fire sprinklers are connected. Although historically only used in factories and large commercial buildings, systems for homes and small buildings are now available at a cost-effective price. Fire sprinkler systems are extensively used worldwide, with over 40 million sprinkler heads fitted each year. Even though Fire Sprinkler Systems are a Life Saving System and are not designed to protect the building, 96% of buildings that had fires and were completely protected by fire sprinkler systems were controlled by the fire sprinklers alone.

## LIVE-IN PROGRAM Help Save Lives AND Save Money

#### UMT's Live-In Program is Ideal for Young People Interested in Living Cost-Free While Serving the Community

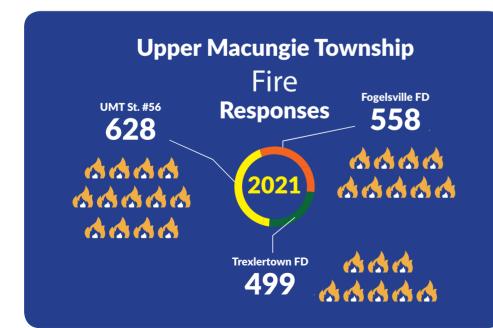
Do you know any college students or young singles interested in **living cost-free** in a comfortable apartment while helping to serve our community as a part-time volunteer firefighter?

Live-In programs sponsored by UMT's Bureau of Fire and other volunteer fire companies across the U.S. are aimed at bolstering 24/7 support for community fire protection while providing young adults with a financially smart alternative to paying rent or living at home.

Qualified candidates for UMT's Live-In program reside in a newly renovated apartment above Fogelsville Fire Co. Station #8, complete with comfortable living spaces, full kitchen, washer/dryer, WIFI, big screen TV and Sony PlayStation<sup>®</sup>. In exchange, Live-In volunteers are required to perform some station duties, attend trainings, meetings, and respond to emergency calls.

"It's great for anyone who wants to save on living costs while going to college or working a full-time or part-time job," says Matt Roth (right), 33, a Live-In volunteer who also works as a maintenance mechanic for the County of Lehigh. "I love the flexibility and family-like atmosphere, and because I live at the firehouse, I'm the first person at the station when an emergency call comes in!"

## For more facts contact: Chief Brad Rader brader802@aol.com













## THE SALDO UPDATE: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT WE UPDATE OUR ORDINANCES.

The Township updates its ordinances for several reasons. More often it is due to a change in State or Federal Laws such as stormwater or sewage facilities, a change in the Zoning Ordinance calls for an update in the SALDO, or the ordinance is outdated and needs updating to account for today's uses.

The Township recently updated several sections in its SALDO including, but not limited to, plan submission requirements, plan recording requirements, stormwater and impervious coverage requirements, and revised design standards for walkways and sidewalks.

## WHAT IS SALDO?



The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) is the most common form of land use regulations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It sets standards and regulations for activities such as dividing land or making new lot lines (Subdivision) or improving the land for various purposes (Land Development). The Upper Macungie Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance can be found in Chapter 22 of the Municipal Code Book or at ecode360.com.

## CURRENT PLANNING PROJECTS

(APPROVED AND/OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

### HIDDEN MEADOWS

112 townhome units located along Werley Road adjoining the Woodmont Apartment Development to the west. (Under Construction)

## WRENFIELD ESTATES, PHASE 1

44 townhome units located along Route 100 adjoining the St. Luke's Health Center in Fogelsville. (Under Construction)

## **LEHIGH HILLS**

273 apartments, 230 single-family homes and 25 townhome units located along Glenlivet Drive and Nursery Street. (Under Construction)

### HAMILTON WALK (FORMERLY SCHAEFER RUN COMMONS)

134 single-family homes located between Weilers Road and Route 222. (Under Construction)

### **TOWNS AT SCHAEFER RUN**

128 townhome units located near the intersection of Route 100 Bypass and Weilers & Shaefer Run Roads in Breinigsville. (Proposed & Approved by BOS)

### SHEETZ CONVENIENCE STORE

Construction of 6,000 square foot Sheetz store with fuel sales located on the corner of Trexlertown Road, Cetronia Road, and Ruppsville Road. (Proposed & Approved by the BOS)

### YOURWAY FACILITY EXPANSION

Construction of a 76,417 square foot warehouse building and a 14,180 square foot – 5 story testing facility to the existing Yourway Transport Building located in the Iron Run Business Park along Snowdrift Road. (Proposed & Approved by BOS)

### MEMBER'S 1ST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Construction of a 3,110 square foot bank located on the corner of Nursery Street and Route 100, in front of the Health Center at Fogelsville Building. (Proposed & Approved by BOS)

### SHOPPES AT TREXLER PLAZA

Construction of a new vehicle wash station and a strip retail consisting of 3 buildings totaling 4,000 square feet located at the corner of Tilghman Street & Blue Barn Road. (Proposed & Approved)



Please contact the UMT Zoning/Building Code Office at 610-395-4892 with any questions.

## Property Owners — Friendly Advice from the Code Office

Now that you have selected a project to do around the house and selected a contractor, what is the next step to properly start this project?

- 1. Is a permit required? Permits and inspections are required for all work subject to the PA UCC & UMT Ordinances. This includes, structural, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, decks, sheds, pools, patios, fences, walls, etc. Inspections are completed to make sure zoning/building codes are followed for placement & safety. Every permit needs an inspection of some type.
- 2. Did you know that the property owner is ultimately responsible for permits? When relying on a contractor to secure permits, make sure the permit is posted in your front window or door prior to allowing any work to take place. Before issuing a permit, our office will verify the contractor has the proper insurances and is qualified to do electrical/plumbing work.
- **3.** How do you know when a project is properly completed? A certificate of completion is issued by the Building Code Administrator for all UCC projects.

A new form, called "Important Notice to Property Owners", has been attached to all permits. This form makes the owner aware of their responsibilities under the code and requires their signature.

#### Always remember the 4P's – Proper Planning Prevents Problems!

Plan your project, contact our office for help & once permits are issued, be sure to read the instructions & follow through on them. When in doubt, please call our office for assistance.

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## FIND UMT ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

The official Upper Macungie Township Facebook Page had been unpublished and made inaccessible due to technical difficulties Facebook was experiencing. Facebook was unable to correct this issue, so we created a NEW page! Make sure to LIKE the NEW Upper Macungie Township Facebook Page! We suggest "unliking" the old page, or any other unofficial pages to avoid confusion!



#### **Upper Macungie Township** https://www.facebook.com/UpperMacTwp

UMT is on Instagram! Love Instagram? Don't worry, we are posting and sharing all of our updates here too! Make sure to Follow Us!

@uppermactwp https://www.instagram.com/uppermactwp/



NEW- UMT is now on Twitter! Follow UpperMacTwp on Twitter to get the latest Township new and recreational information.

@UpperMacTwp https://twitter.com/UpperMacTwp

For the most up-to-date Township news and recreational program updates, be sure to follow us on our Social Media accounts, and check our website at www.uppermac.org!



The Board of Supervisors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the large meeting room of the Municipal Building. These meeting are open to the public and we encourage UMT residents to come and get involved in their local government! Supervisor meetings are now live streamed! Search for Upper Macungie Township on YouTube.

## INTRODUCING SUNNY GHAI

## NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sunny Ghai is a longtime resident of Upper Macungie Township, having first moved here in 1973. He graduated from Parkland High School in 1980, earned a BS in Industrial Engineering from Penn State University in 1984, and has completed master's level graduate work at Johns Hopkins University.

Sunny has had an extensive manufacturing and supply chain career at numerous startup and Fortune 500 companies. He currently heads the procurement organization for a flexible packaging company.

Prior to being elected Township Supervisor, Sunny had been active in municipal government in several capacities – he served as a member of the UMT Planning Commission for three years, participated in the development of the 2019 Township Comprehensive Plan, and worked with our previous Chief of Police, Edgardo Colón, helping to lead the inception of the Good Neighbor Coalition (GNC) in 2015. Sunny, who is married and has three adult children, enjoys gardening, hiking, kayaking, or simply "geeking" out on smart home automation projects.

#### Please welcome Sunny Ghai to the UMT Board of Supervisors.



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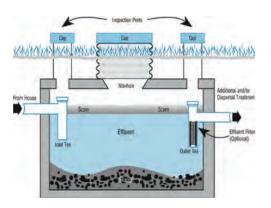


## SPRING | SUMMER 2022

### **ON-LOT SEPTIC TANK PUMPING UPDATE:**

#### **SEWAGE SYSTEM INSPECTIONS MANDATORY IN 2022 FOR DISTRICT 1 PROPERTIES**

This is an ordinance mandated by DEP to monitor the proper function of on-lot sewage systems to protect our water table and overall environment.



This directive is divided into three districts. The residents in District 3 met all requirements with no complications in 2021. District 1 property owners are required to have their septic systems cleaned and inspected by a registered pumper/hauler before December 31, 2022. A list of registered pumper/haulers can be found on our website, uppermac.org.

Scheduled maintenance of your on-lot septic system helps reduce high costs incurred by property owners should their septic system fail but ultimately protects and maintains a healthy environment for future generations.

For more information about the On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance please contact Renee at 610-395-4892 (ext. 136) or reneef@uppermac.org.

### **ARTSQUEST'S SANGRIAFEST IS COMING BACK TO GRANGE PARK!**

#### Save the Date: Saturday, September 3, 2022 (all attendees must be 21 or older) Where: Grange Road Park (360 Grange Rd, Allentown, PA 18106) Event Details: more details coming soon!

ArtQuest partners with South Italy Imports to bring you SangriaFest Upper Macungie. Attendees can sample different sangrias all made with light and refreshing wines imported by South Italy Imports from family-owned vineyards throughout Italy. A sampling includes the Strawberry Sangria made with Italian Rosato wine, Cocchi Americano, Cointreau, peaches and garnished with strawberries, as well as Limoncello Sangria featuring Pinot Grigio, limoncello, water, club soda and assorted fruit.

The event will also feature live music by popular acts, as well as Bocce courts, volleyball and food available for purchase from vendors and food trucks.

Proceeds from SangriaFest Upper Macungie support the nonprofit ArtsQuest's free music, arts and education programming for the region. Every guest who attends the event will receive a commemorative wine glass upon exiting.



Ticket information available shortly. Designated driver tickets will also be available. Stay Tuned! Visit www.uppermac.org and https://www.steelstacks.org/events/.

## YARD WASTE REMOVAL GUIDELINES

MAY

#### Sandi Herman | 610-395-4892 x140 | sherman@uppermac.org | www.uppermac.org/public-works/

For your convenience, Upper Macungie Township provides property owners with the means to properly dispose of their leaves and yard waste. We conduct curbside pickup twice a year in the spring (May) and the fall (October). www.uppermac.org/public-works/yard-waste-drop-off-site-information/

#### **CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICKUP** PLEASE PUT YOUR YARD WASTE OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE PICKUP.

Semi-annually each year, there are fall (October) and spring (May) onetime curbside pickups of yard-waste for leaves from trees, garden residue, shrubbery trimmings, and tree trimmings. See restrictions below. Limbs and branches tied and bundled to a maximum of 48" x 18" x 18". If branches and limbs are not tied & bundled, they will not be picked up.

#### NO PLASTIC BAGS, STONES, LUMBER, GRASS CLIPPINGS OR ROOTS WILL BE COLLECTED!

Items improperly bagged or bundled will not be accepted. Leaf waste can be placed in open trash containers, no larger than 32 gallon capacity and less than 60 pounds. A combined maximum of six (6) bundles or containers per household will be collected.

#### IF YOU MISSED THE PICKUP DATE:

Yard waste may be deposited at the UMT Yard Waste Drop-off Site located near the intersection of Schantz & Grim Roads, next to the Public Works garage. Drop-off services is made available to **RESIDENTS ONLY**. Contractors and businesses are **NOT** permitted to use this facility.

#### YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE HOURS: CLOSED ON UMT OBSERVED HOLIDAYS & FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

#### Spring/Summer/Fall Hours

April 1 - November 7 Mondays | 7 am - 7 pm Tuesdays | 3 pm - 7 pm Wednesdays | 3 pm - 7 pm Thursdays | 3 pm - 7 pm Fridays | 7 am - 7 pm Saturdays | 9 am - 5 pm Sundays | 9 am - 5 pm Winter Hours November 8 - March 31 Mondays | 7 am - 5 pm Tuesdays | Closed Wednesdays | 7 am - 5 pm Thursdays | Closed Fridays | 7 am - 5 pm Saturdays | 9 am - 5 pm Sundays | 9 am - 5 pm

#### **DROP-OFF INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Drop-off site located on Grim Road next to the Public Works Garage. ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** grass clippings, leaves, shrubs and small trees. All waste must be removed from bags. Please remember that grass must be separated from other yard-waste. Shrubs and small trees accepted IF they are no longer than 4 feet long and 5 inches wide.

**The Township offers FREE mulch year-round** as a benefit to residents. During the month of May, Township staff will be available on weekends between 9am-1pm to help load.

## WASTE REMOVAL/RECYCLING GUIDELINES



#### **REFUSE & RECYCLING PICKUP MISSED PICKUPS OR SERVICE QUESTIONS?**

Email uppermac@whitetaildisposal.com or call 610.754.0103, Option #2 You must leave a message with your Name, Address, and Phone Number WhitefailDisposal



#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Visit www.uppermac.org/refuse/ for complete details

• Text "UPPERMAC" to 24587 to receive text alerts regarding your Trash & **Recycling Services** 

#### WHITETAIL DISPOSAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Memorial Day (May 30th)
- Independence Day (July 4th)
- IMPORTANT

**FILL OUT** 

MOVING

PERMIT

PURCHASE

ADD'L CART

No pick-up for the above holidays. ALL SERVICE DAYS FOR THE WEEK WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE DAY

#### UTILITY BILLING REMINDERS

- PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE with NO SERVICE FEES!
  - www.uppermac.org/sewer-payments/
- Sewer and Refuse bills are mailed together in January. Payments can be mailed back in one envelope but MUST be SEPARATE CHECKS with your account number written on the two checks.

#### BULK ITEM PICKUP INSTRUCTIONS

Each resident is allowed one bulk item per week - Notify Whitetail by email or phone prior to 11:00am on your scheduled pickup day.

#### **ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT?**

New Residents must fill out a moving permit. You will receive a map showing your trash pickup zone along with your scheduled pickup day. Those moving into new construction will be given a trash cart delivery date. Make sure to review the important information within this newsletter! Questions - 610.395.4892 Option #4.

#### TRASH & RECYCLING CART QUICK FACTS

UMT provides newly constructed homes with one trash cart and one recycle cart. You may purchase ONE additional trash and recycling cart per residence. You may select any size. PLEASE NOTE: Carts cannot be exchanged or returned.

35 Gallon Trash Cart for \$40 | 35 Gallon Recycle Cart for \$40 65 Gallon Trash Cart for \$50 | 65 Gallon Recycle Cart for \$50 95 Gallon Trash Cart for \$75



#### **SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT 2023**

The Township offers a \$30 discount for trash/recycling services to anyone over 65. You must be 65 years of age by Dec. 31, 2022 to be eligible for the 2023 discount. Proof of age must be shown (e.g. driver's license) and you must own and live at your residence. Apply at the UMT municipal building by Dec. 31, 2022 (just apply once).

#### MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED

Visit www.uppermac.org/recycling-3/ for a full list of accepted recycled materials Cardboard & Plastic Recycling Dumpsters are now located at the Public Works Garage



June 13 -Aug. 5 Monday - Friday 9am- 3pm Kids Ages 6-12

Sports, games, team building, arts and crafts, fitness, and nature-based programs Registration Fee includes eight weeks of summer camp fun and supervision



#### FUN - EDUCATIONAL - SOCIAL - PHYSICAL - SPORTS - GAMES - ACTIVITIES - MEMORIES

### TOWNSHIPS PARTNER TO LAUNCH NEW PARKLAND AREA SUMMER REC CAMP!

We are extremely excited to announce that Upper Macungie Township has partnered with South Whitehall Township and North Whitehall Township to create a Summer Recreation Camp that will serve the entire Parkland Area (PASRC).

Expanding from South Whitehall Township's established and highly regarded Summer Playground Camp, this program will grow from three existing sites in South Whitehall Township to five sites in three different Townships! Parkland Area residents will have the option of attending one of the five sites, offering convenience to parents and the opportunity for more children to participate.

#### SITES:

**Upper Macungie Township (Full):** (\$275 Resident Fee)

• Veterans Memorial Elementary

North Whitehall Township:

(\$325 Non-Resident Fee)

• Ironton Elementary School

**South Whitehall Township:** (\$325 Non-Resident Fee)

- Orefield Middle School
- Kratzer Elementary
- Parkway Manor Elementary
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#### **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Registrations must be submitted through the South Whitehall Township Recreation Portal. southwhitehall.recdesk.com/ Community/Home

Choose the Parkland Area Summer Rec Camp Location of your choice! New accounts must be approved to verify residency.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- Must have completed Kindergarten AND be 6 years old.
- May not turn 13 prior to August 1st of the current year)

Due to the incredible registration turnout, the UMT site was full on the first day of registration, HOWEVER, there are spots left at other sites! All sites offer the same curriculum and reopen for registration at 8 am on March 24th! Don't miss your chance to register for a spot!

## **NOW HIRING SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS!**

The Parkland Area Summer Rec. Camp (PASRC) is looking for quality candidates to be Summer Camp Counselors. PASRC Counselors enjoy competitive pay, great hours, and get to be outside all summer! Counselors must be 16 year of age or older and should love working with children and being outdoors.

Parents, this is a great opportunity for college students returning home for the summer! Counselor spots will fill quickly, apply today! Application available at- https://www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/ summerreccamp/. Email Recreation@uppermac.org with any questions.



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## 2022 RESIDENTS ONLY RECYCLING EVENTS:

#### ID REQUIRED. YARD WASTE CARDS NOT ACCEPTED.

A convenient spectrum of services for the regular disposal or recycling of standard household wastes are provided to Upper Macungie Township residents. Guidelines for the proper usage of these services are detailed on the Refuse and Recycling sections of the UMT website. Should you have any questions, please contact Upper Macungie Refuse and Recycling Departments at 610-395-4892 Option #4.

#### HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Grange Park | 8 am- 1 pm | \$10 per vehicle Must pre-register for a time slot. For a list of acceptable items and to register go to: www.uppermac.org/recycling-3/

#### **ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT\***

APRIL

MAY

Grange Park | 9 am- 1 pm Accepted: TV Monitors (3 max), computers/monitors, microwaves, household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs (NO APPLIANCES). For drop off instructions go to: www.uppermac.org/recycling-3/



#### SHREDDING RECYCLING EVENT

Grange Park | 9 am- 11 am Accepted Items: PAPER DOCUMENTS ONLY. Staples do not need to be removed, limit 5 bags/boxes per person. www.uppermac.org/recycling-3/

\*If you missed the UMT Electronic Recycling event, below are two other options:

- CleanEarth (formerly AERC) 2591 Mitchell Avenue, Allentown, PA (off Emmaus Ave.) Open to Public on Fridays only from 9-4. Small fee for TV's \*\*\* Does not accept Appliances.
- FreeCycle- 795 Roble Rd, Allentown (Near LV International Airport) | 610-217-3868 Drop off Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9-12 and 1-4. Also the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-12 noon. There may be a fee.

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## **ANNUAL REPORT** 2021



## LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

### U M T P D D I V I S I O N S

#### MICHAEL SITOSKI CHIEF OF POLICE



I am extremely proud of the brave men and women that I have the pleasure to

work with at the police department. The continued success of this department depends on its ability to recruit, develop and field officers who not only understand their role as traditional police officers, but who also recognize their responsibility to their community. With that in mind, our department will see some growth over the next year as we welcome new officers to the force to help meet the demands of the ever growing township. We strive to have police officers that will continue our mission of building trust within the community in order to encourage participation and lasting partnerships.

Our members will remain committed to working alongside the community and not above it. We believe this approach helps us to solve community problems together and proactively address all the issues within the township. The prevention of crime will always be our main goal and building, cultivating and maintaining community trust is a key part in accomplishing this objective.

As the Chief of Police, I am committed to respect and honest communication with the community, and a desire to work with members of the public to enhance the quality of life that makes Upper Macungie Township such a unique place to reside, visit and work.

Please enjoy Upper Macungie Township and all that is has to offer.

Sincerely,

Michael Sitoski Chief of Police





CRIME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION COMMANDER Lt. Peter V. Nickischer





ADMINISTRATION OFFICE MANAGER Keri L. Diehl

> Administrative Assistants



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## WITH OFFICER DAVE MALISCHEWSKI AND K9 YARA

## Tell us a little about yourself. How did you become interested in becoming a K9 officer?

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"I have worked for UMT since February 2015, prior to that I worked for Coopersburg Borough PD. My major in college was Criminal Justice. I am also certified to do level three DOT inspections. The K9 position is something that I have always been interested in. It started after observing the senior K9 officers and the bond they formed with their furry partners."



## Can you describe what your initial training was like for you and your K9 partner?

"The selection process was very stringent. I was selected and first met my partner at JFK Airport. She went home with me and immediately became a member of my family. We had a brief period together to get to know one another, before starting the K9 Academy. The academy was 8 hours a day for 8 weeks. Yara excelled due to her prior training and I tried my best to keep up. She passed all of her federal certifications and began patrol work immediately."



## What is your favorite part of patrolling and being K9 Yara's handler?

"I enjoy all aspects of being a K9 handler. An unexpected benefit is people that live and work in the township approaching me and asking about Yara. It has been a great way to meet new people and give an inside view of what police work is."



Yara's daily briefing



Yara loves her job



Yara on patrol

EMERGENCY	911
LEHIGH COUNTY (NON-EMERGENCY)	610.437.5252
UMTPD HEADQUARTERS	484.661.5911
UMTPD TIP/TEXT LINE	484.273.0336
Upper Macungie Township Police Departr 37 Grim Road   Breinigsville PA 18031 www.uppermac.org/police	nent



## **RECREATIONAL** PROGRAMS 2022

#### www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation | 610-395-4892, ext. 130 | recreation@uppermac.org

Creating an account in the UMT Recreation Portal allows you to; view pavilion availability, reserve pavilions, register for programs/events, and purchase your Splash Park Membership all Online! **NEW- UMT is now absorbing credit card fees!** Online reservations and payments are even more convenient! Visit www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/ for details and the link to our Recreation Portal.



www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/walkwithadoc/

## **RECREATIONAL** PROGRAMS 2022



Official Township Tacebook Page - www.facebook.com/UpperMacungieTownship Official Township Instagram - www.instagram.com/uppermacrec/ Official Township Twitter - https://twitter.com/UpperMacTwp

SEE PAGE 24 TO LEARN ABOUT BEING A PROGRAM/EVENT SPONSOR!

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## **PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS** HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!

Did you know that most of our Recreational programming is funded by the Friends of Upper Macungie Township Parks & Recreation 501c3? Our generous community partners make these free community programs possible. Donations to this 501c3 not only benefit UMT Parks & Recreation, they are tax deductible too!

For more details on Donation and Sponsorship opportunities: recreation@uppermac.org, 610.395.4892.

#### THE BUNNY HOP TRUNK HUNT | APR. 9



Grange Park | (rain date 4/10/22) A Trunk or Treat-Style Egg Hunt! Various sponsor levels available! www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/bunnyhop/

Thank you previous Bunny Hop Sponsors





#### **MOVIES IN THE PARK | 4 MOVIES IN 2022**

Various Sponsor levels available | | Participate in Pre-Movie Activities! www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/movies-in-the-park/

Thank you Movie Sponsors!



### BARKTOBERFEST | OCT. 8



Grange Park | 11am-3pm | Free to Attend | (rain date 10/9) Vendors & Sponsors wanted! Various Sponsor levels available, donations of goods and prizes welcome! | \$25 vendor fee. www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/barktoberfest/

Thank you previous Barktoberfest Sponsors!







Your Pet, Our Passion.

### KID'S NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY | JAN. 1, 2023

Goodwill Fire Co. Trexlertown, PA, Station #25 | 10:30 am - 1:30 pm Various sponsor levels available, raffle prize donations welcome! www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/kids-noon-years-eve/

Thank you previous Kid's NYE Party Sponsors!











### Have your party at one of our beautiful parks!

Breinigsville Park | Lone Lane Park Grange Park | Ricky Park Upper Macungie Park (Rt. 100 Park)

Our park pavilions book up fast, reserve your 2022 event date now!

Reserve ONLINE: Create an account in our Recreation Portal to see availability, make your reservation AND pay Online. Visit www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/ rentals-2/ for more details.

> For more information, contact 610.395.4892 or recreation@uppermac.org



#### The 2022 Splash Park Membership:

UMT's Splash Park's season is similar to a public pool, running from June - August. During open season, the Splash Park hours are 10:00 am - 7:00pm everyday (Monday-Sunday). An Access Card/ Membership is needed to gain entry to the facility. Visit https://www.uppermac.org/ parks/grange-park/ for more details.

#### How to Purchase a Membership:

Reactivating? If you are reactivating your membership, you can complete the form and make your payment ONLINE! Simply login to our Rec. Portal https://uppermac.recdesk.com/Community/Home. We will remotely activate your card as soon as possible.

#### New Member or Need a New Card?

All New Cards must be picked up at the Township building. However, you may complete your form and make your payment ONLINE then come pickup your card at your convenience! New Cards are immediately activated.

#### Fees:

**Resident Membership Fee:** \$10 Annual Membership Fee plus a \$10 Card Deposit (if purchasing a new card)

#### **Non-Residents Membership Fee:**

\$20 Annual Membership Fee plus a \$10 Card Deposit (if purchasing a new card)

## GRANGE PARK

#### **Park Features:**

Area: 165 acres | Hours: 7:00am- 9:00pm Parking: Free lot – 201 spaces | Fenced-in Dog Park

4 Rentable Pavilions | Capacities are all 100 people, all day rental fee of \$100/resident, \$150/non-resident Electricity | Picnic tables | lights on a timer | charcoal grills

Beautiful modern playground and Splash Park (Membership Access card must be purchased for Splash Park)

Soccer fields | Baseball field | Football field | Lacrosse field

Restroom: Available seasonally (lights/locks on a timer) | Water fountains: Available | Trash receptacles: Available

Restrictions: No alcohol, No smoking | Wi-Fi: None

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Directions: Rt 100 S, left onto Schantz Road, right onto Ruppsville Road, left onto Grange Road. Entrance across from Segan's Bloomin' Haus.

## GET TO KNOW FRIENDS OF UMT PARKS & RECREATION

The mission of The Friends of Upper Macungie Township Parks & Recreation Inc. 501 c3 is to support the growth and development of parks, and recreational programming and events within Upper Macungie Township.

Below are several ways our organization has worked to accomplish this mission:

#### **Park Improvement**

- Donation of the fencing for the dog parks at both Grange Park and Rt. 100 Park
- Donation of two shade structures at the Grange Park Splash Park

#### **Recreational Programming**

• Annual sponsor the following UMT Recreational programs: Movies in the Park | Barktoberfest | Kid's Noon Year's Eve The Bunny Hop



#### Friends of Upper Macungie Township Parks & Recreation

#### Thinking about donating?

All donations are Tax Deductible and all proceeds to towards benefitting Park & Recreation efforts in Upper Macungie Township

Want to get involved? Join The Friends of UMT Board! Email recreation@uppermac.org for more information.

## **GIRLS ON THE RUN**



Check out the amazing Girls on the Run Program at Grange Park. Learn how you and your daughter can get involved together as a Coach and Registrant!

Email Jessica Younker to get involved. (younkerj@diakon.org) www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/ eventsprograms/girls-on-the-run-allentown/



### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Ad Size	One Issue	Two Issues
Business Card	\$150.00	\$245.00
Quarter Page	\$300.00	\$580.00
Half Page	\$600.00	\$1,150.00
Whole Page	\$1,200.00	\$2,300.00
Business Profile - full page with article, pictures, logo	\$1,500.00	\$2,900.00

#### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Contact Info & Artwork Submission: Lynn Matula, Recreation & Events Coordinator recreation@uppermac.org 610.395.4892 x130 Payment Information: Cash or check only. Checks can be made out to Upper Macungie Township.

### **Office Hours & Holiday Closings**



#### UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

8330 Schantz Road | Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-395-4892 | Fax: 610-395-9355 General Email: Frontdesk@uppermac.org Staff Directory: www.uppermac.org/contact-umt-offices/

#### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday - Friday | 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

From I-78 and Rt 100 South, turn right onto Schantz Road. We are located next to both the Upper Macungie Police Department and State Police Department buildings.

#### UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 31 February 21	New Year's Eve Day 2022 (Observed) Presidents' Day
April 15	Good Friday
May 30	. Memorial Day
July 4	
September 5	
October 28	.Save the Date - Trick or Treat Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24	Thanksgiving
November 25	Day after Thanksgiving
December 23	. Christmas Eve (Observed)
December 26	. Christmas Day (Observed)
January 2	New Year's Day 2023 (Observed)



### **UMT Important Information**

Upper Macungie Township	610-395-4892	
UMT Office   7:30 am - 4 pm	Fax 610-395-9355	
Upper Macungie Township Police		
Emergency	911	
Non-Emergency: Lehigh Coun	·	
Administration	484-661-5911	
UMTPD Tip/Text Line	484-273-0336	
Magisterial District Judge for Lehigh County		
Michael Faulkner	610-398-1167	
Senator Pat Browne's Office		
UMT Building	610-366-2327	
State Dog Enforcement		
Orlando Aguirre	484-223-9107	
Lost & Found UMT Parks Only	610-395-4892	
Hazardous Waste Lehigh County		
Hazardous Waste & Recycling	g 610-782-3073	
Trash or Recycling		
Whitetail Disposal 6	610-754-0103 (Option 2)	
Water Questions		
Lehigh County Authority	610-398-2503	
Call Before You Dig!		
PA One Call System	800-242-1776 or 811	
Street Lights Repair & Maintenan		
PPL Utilities	800-342-5775	
Traffic Lights Repair & Maintenan		
UMT Public Works	610-395-4892	
State Roads PennDOT	610-798-4282	
Railroad Signals Norfolk Southerr	n R.R. 877-201-4265	
Youth Organizations		
South Parkland Youth Association   www.spya.org		
Warehouse	610-395-9878 (10, 201, 0/58	
Breinigsville VFW Youth Activ	vities 610-391-0658	
The Sanctuary at Haafsville Animal Rescue	484-788-8062	
Voter Registration	610-782-3194	

## **Employment** Opportunities

#### EOE | Upper Macungie Township www.uppermac.org | hradmin@uppermac.org | 610-395-4892

Upper Macungie Township is an equal opportunity employer. In order to provide equal employment and advancement opportunities to all individuals, Upper Macungie Township makes employment decisions based upon merit, qualifications, abilities, conduct, and performance. Upper Macungie Township prohibits discrimination against any employee, applicant, or any other covered person on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, ethnicity, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity, gender nonconformity and status as a transgender or transsexual individual), age (40 and over), citizenship, past, current or prospective service in the uniformed services, genetic information, having a diploma based on passing a general educational development test as compared to a high school diploma, physical or mental disability, non-job related handicap or disability, known relationship or association with a person who has a handicap or disability, use of a guide or support animal because of blindness, deafness or physical handicap, or any other characteristic protected under federal, state or local law ("Protected Characteristic"). This applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absences, compensation and training.

#### Check out the website for any job openings that the Township has available



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