

# Upper Mac NEWS

The Official Community News Publication of Upper Macungie Township

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Community policing, crime stats & more

# Welcome to Upper Mac NEWS

Fall/Winter 2019-2020 Edition

## New Look for Your UMT Newsletter

In our ongoing efforts to reach more UMT residents with community news, we've redesigned our twice-yearly newsletter into this new magazine format and titled it *Upper Mac NEWS*. You'll find all the important facts and dates inside, as well as new features to keep you informed about the quality-of-life assets, issues and opportunities we all share. We hope you like it!



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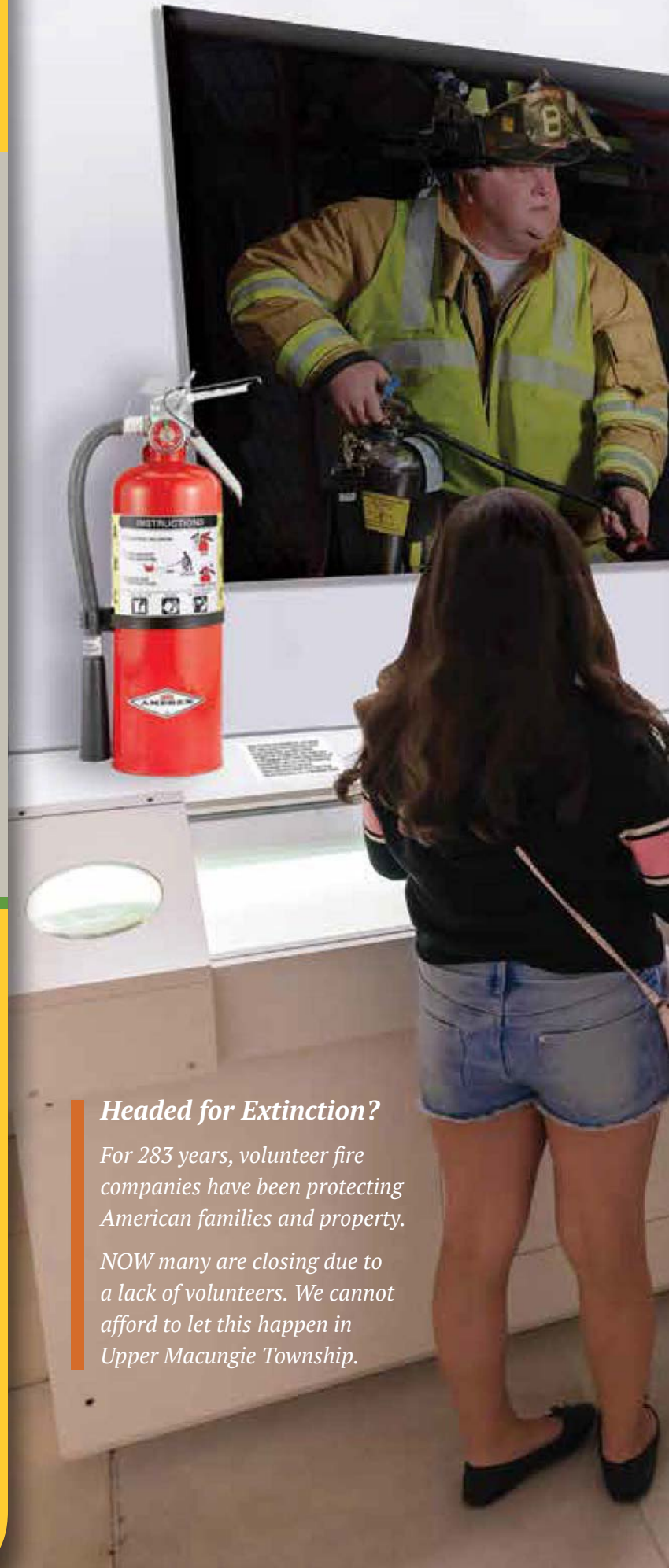
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## Headed for Extinction?

*For 283 years, volunteer fire companies have been protecting American families and property.*

*NOW many are closing due to a lack of volunteers. We cannot afford to let this happen in Upper Macungie Township.*



# Volunteers

## – An Endangered Species

Do you know that firefighting services to Upper Macungie are provided by volunteers? And across the U.S., municipalities like ours are facing a critical shortage that is threatening the existence of an American mainstay: **the volunteer fire company.**

Pennsylvania is being hit particularly hard. In the state where Benjamin Franklin started America's first volunteer fire company in 1736, the number of volunteer firefighters has plummeted from 300,000 in the 1970s to 38,000 in 2018, according to the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute (PFESI).

In 2016 at the annual conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS), Upper Macungie's elected leaders found out firsthand about the volunteer crisis in Pennsylvania. The conference seminars warned of the volunteer shortage and offered ideas on recruiting and retaining volunteers to sustain our community fire services.

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Those suggestions have been put into action and the Township is helping by:

- Supporting/funding a Live-In program at Fogelsville Fire Co. Station #8
- Funding a stipend program for responders
- Administering a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant that includes; incentives for serving, a media campaign (newspaper articles, brochures), attending community events to raise awareness and recruit volunteers

Our community is blessed with dedicated volunteers, and we know of the long hours that are spent on training and middle-of-the-night responses to fire alarms. The Township’s goal is to recognize and show appreciation for the work they do as volunteers. According to UMT Emergency Management Coordinator Grant Grim, the three companies are holding their own; but we still need the help of the community to keep the current system working.

Our message to those thinking about volunteering is: *If you care, you qualify!* Please check the Township’s website ([www.uppermac.org](http://www.uppermac.org)) for links on how you can make a difference in your community. You are not just serving the community but providing yourself an opportunity with incredible, diverse training, standout

portable skills and know-how for life. Plus, the quiet pride of becoming part of a family of first responders that dates back to Benjamin Franklin with noble, lifesaving community service that’s as timeless as our nation.

*Please contact the Fire Chief at any of our three fire companies listed on next page. **Now, it’s up to YOU!***

### Upper Macungie’s Fire Protection Rated Among the BEST in Nation



The leading national evaluator of community fire response quality ranks Upper Macungie’s among the best in the U.S. **ISO (Insurance Services Office)** provides fire suppression capability data analysis that is the standard of performance for fire departments, municipalities, insurance companies and regulators nationwide.

**ISO ranked UMT’s services in the top 4 percent of all firefighting organizations in the U.S. and in the top 13 of more than 2,200+ firefighting organizations serving Pennsylvania.** ISO rated UMT’s performance in Class II, putting it in an elite level of the top 1,600 of more than 40,000 fire protection organizations in America. In Lehigh County, only UMT has Class II firefighting services.

## What can YOU do to help?

**3 Ways You Can Help** to keep UMT’s volunteer firefighting services protecting our community families, property and future:

### 1. JOIN Our Team

We value dedicated volunteers of ALL ages and skill sets. Our motto is: If You Care, You Qualify!

Yes, 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.

But we also value volunteers to help as:

- **“Kitchen Commandos”** 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!

### 2. CONTRIBUTE to The Cause

We welcome ALL contributions to help UMT’s volunteer fire companies. Financial support, manufactured products—from food for fundraisers, fuel, maintenance supplies, computer and communications technology, etc.—or ANY resources *will* make a difference.

UMT’s citizens and corporate neighbors have always been here to help for the past 100 years. Now, more than ever in our proud history, your continued support is critical to keep our VOLUNTEER fire companies working to protect our community families, property and future.

**3. CONTACT Us Today!** (See next page.) ▶▶▶

## Saving Money & Helping to Save Lives:

### UMT's LIVE-IN Program Ideal for Young People Interested in Living Cost-Free While Serving 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? No advanced training is required...just the motivation to save money while helping to save local lives.

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 freshly renovated

apartment above Fogelsville Fire Co. Station #8, complete with comfortable living spaces, full kitchen, washer/dryer, WiFi, big-screen TV and Sony PlayStation®. In exchange, Live-In volunteers are required to perform some station duties, attend training and meetings, and respond to emergency calls.



"It's great for anyone who wants to save on living costs while still having time for college studies or a part-time job," says Nick Bosga (photos left & below), 24, a Live-In volunteer who also works as a local contractor. "I love the flexibility and, because I live here, I'm the first guy at the station when an emergency call comes in!"



Live  
COST-  
FREE!

### 4 LIVE-IN Program Openings Are Still Available!

If you're not a firefighter now, that's okay. Qualified applicants will receive free training and equipment. Must be 18. Male or female, college students, part-time employees, millennials seeking meaningful career paths...reach out now and see if this opportunity is right for you!

For more facts contact:

**Deputy Chief Doug Gernard:**  
[doug.gernard@rcn.com](mailto:doug.gernard@rcn.com)

Join  
the  
BIG 3!



**Fogelsville Fire Co.  
Station #8**  
Fire Chief:  
**Jacque Creamer**  
610-657-0187



**Good Will Fire Co.  
#1 Trexlertown  
Station #25**  
Fire Chief:  
**William Gillespie**  
610-841-8238



**Upper Macungie  
Twp.  
Station #56**  
Fire Chief:  
**Leroy Gross**  
610-841-5690

To learn more about ANY of UMT's BIG 3 fire companies, please contact:

**Grant Grim** (right), Director of UMT Bureau of Fire, at 610-395-4892 ext.127; [ggrim@uppermac.org](mailto:ggrim@uppermac.org) or the Fire Chief at any of our 3 fire companies.



## UMT Bureau of Fire Innovating Strategies to Recruit & Retain Volunteers

**“Results are encouraging” so far in innovative communication tactics funded by FEMA grant**

To address the threat of fewer citizen volunteers to sustain the existence of America’s volunteer fire companies, Upper Macungie Township has launched a series of communication initiatives to recruit new members and retain existing members.

“We can’t afford to do nothing,” says Grant Grim, Director of UMT’s Bureau of Fire. “Our commitment to community safety is too important and our traditions run way too deep to take a ‘wait and see’ attitude toward this national decline in volunteers. We studied our options and have innovated a pro-active approach to boost recruitment and retention. So far, the results are encouraging.”

Funded with grants available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Bureau launched a multi-year communications and community outreach plan in 2018 which includes the following:

- New website at **UMTfire.com** with upgraded content, connectivity and analytics.
- **Profiles In Performance:** an ongoing series (*shown*) published in the Parkland Press recognizing real firefighters at UMT’s three fire companies and their own reasons for making such a personal commitment to protect their community.
- Digital billboards in high-traffic routes showcasing real UMT firefighters with an appeal to join in the cause. Many thanks to caring community partners Adams Outdoor and Lamar Advertising for contributing the billboard space.
- Increased recruiting outreach and enhanced marketing presence at community events and venues throughout the calendar year.
- Attractive incentives for all volunteers—firefighters, fire police, support service specialists and more—which include free health club memberships, life insurance and stipends.

In addition, the Bureau is currently planning advanced digital marketing and other “new media” tactics to reach a broader audience of prospects. “It’s an ongoing effort,” says Grim. “We are exploring all the tools and techniques available to keep our message out there and sustain our volunteer levels.”

## Are You Protected by the City of Allentown Fire Department?

### Are You Sure?

A common misconception among many UMT residents is that because they have an “Allentown, PA” mailing address at their homes, their fire protection is provided by the City of Allentown Fire Department.





This is not the case. In fact, if you received this Township newsletter in your mailbox, it is a certainty that your primary fire protection is provided by one or more of Upper Macungie Township’s three volunteer fire companies.

The City of Allentown has a very proficient, professional fire department which costs taxpayers several millions of dollars every year. As such, their primary responsibilities are to respond to calls within the Allentown city limits.

Families and property within Upper Macungie Township are protected first and foremost by our three volunteer fire companies. The volunteer structure of this community service saves *more* than lives and property...it also *saves UMT taxpayers millions of dollars every year*. Now that you know this fact, perhaps the need to support your UMT volunteer fire organizations hits a bit closer to home. We sure hope so. Visit **UMTfire.com** for more facts.



 **See Calendar pages  
for upcoming  
Fire Company EVENTS** 

# Junior Emergency Services Academy

*Congratulations  
Class of 2019!*



Rest easy, Upper Macungie...our next generation of emergency response professionals is off to a great start. The Class of 2019 for our Junior Emergency Services Academy included local youngsters ages 12 to 16 and all of them graduated from the rigorous summer program with flying colors.

Conducted annually by the UMT Bureau of Fire in concert with our three volunteer fire companies, the UMT Police Department and Cetronia Ambulance Corps, the Academy provides students with hands-on lifesaving skills in multiple first response disciplines

- and early experience for possible future careers in
- firefighting, law enforcement and EMS. All students
- earn certification in Heartsaver CPR/AED and first
- aid, proper use of fire extinguishers, firefighting
- search and rescue techniques, digital forensics,
- hostage negotiations and more. The free program
- concludes with a demonstration of their new skills
- at a family picnic.
- Enrollment for the 2020 Junior Emergency Services
- Academy starts in May. For more facts, visit
- [www.uppermac.org/emergency-services-academy](http://www.uppermac.org/emergency-services-academy).



## Fire Prevention OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, OCTOBER 5**

**11 am – 3 pm**

**Fogelsville Fire Co. Station #8**

7850 Lime St., Fogelsville, PA 18051

**ALL THREE** of UMT's fire companies are teaming up to present a very special event bursting with food, fall safety education, self-participation experiences, lifesaving demonstrations, free giveaways and loads of good, wholesome family fun.

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY** to the **Fire Prevention Open House** sponsored by the dedicated volunteers of the Big 3: Fogelsville Station #8, Trexlertown Station #25 and Upper Macungie Township Station #56.

## **ATTENDING WILL MAKE YOUR FAMILY MORE SAFETY SMART!**

As we head into the colder months when most home fires occur, this is an important opportunity for UMT families to get "safety smart."

The knowledge you and your kids gain could be a real lifesaver! **DON'T MISS IT!**



# Grape Expectations

## Upper Macungie Township's Vintners and Wine Lovers Have Reason To Be Optimistic About Results of 2019 Growing Season

**P**ennsylvania is now the eighth-largest wine producing state in the U.S. and the growing popularity of local wines has earned our home region the distinction of its own official American Viticultural Area (AVA) designation: the Lehigh Valley AVA.

Blessed with some of the finest natural requisites for growing wine grapes here in the Keystone State, Upper Macungie Township is also growing in renown as the “Vineyard Capital of Eastern Pennsylvania.”

Further burnishing those blessings this year is the early cooperation of Mother Nature. The 2019 growing season conditions have been favorable and hopes are high for a flavorful finish in early autumn.

“We are optimistic about this season’s harvest,” says John Landis, co-owner of Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery in Breinigsville. Interviewed in late August, this veteran UMT winemaker noted that much depends on the weather this fall. “We are now in the critical ‘veraison’ stage of the growing season, when grapes transform from green and hard into plump, juicy red clusters. This is when they also develop their sugars—from about 2 percent up to 25 percent. We want dry, seasonal weather so the grapes ripen slowly. If we have a nice fall, it should be a good harvest this October resulting in some notable wines for 2019.”

Here is an overview on where the wines of Upper Macungie can be sipped and savored in each producer’s own tasting rooms or wine bar. While each winery produces several types of wines, listed here are a few of our favorites. But to each his/her own. As always, the best way to decide your own favorites is to visit these nearby UMT wineries for yourself. *Salut!*



## CLOVER HILL VINEYARDS & WINERY

9850 Newtown Rd., Breinigsville  
[www.CloverHillWinery.com](http://www.CloverHillWinery.com)

Founded in 1985 by John and Pat Skrip, Clover Hill is the Lehigh Valley's largest winemaker. The second generation is now on the team and the family continues to craft some of Pennsylvania's finest wines. John Skrip III studied enology (winemaking) at Fresno State University in California; Kari Skrip studied wine marketing at University of Adelaide, Australia.



**KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF RED:** Their 2016 *Cabernet Sauvignon* is big, flavorful and absolutely unforgettable. Rich oak and vanilla notes mingled with ripe cherry, raspberry and blackberry.

**SHOWCASE CHARDONNAY:** Clover Hill's 2016 *Chardonnay* is a delightful surprise with bright apple and warm, soothing oak. Buttery with a rich, lingering finish.

**INSIGHT SIP:** Try the *Turtle Rock Red*. The flagship offering of Clover Hill, it's 100 percent Chambourcin, which grows extremely well in our area. Deep purple with broad notes of fresh berries and a tasteful tease of acidity.

## STONY RUN WINERY

Independent Park, Breinigsville  
[www.StonyRunWinery.com](http://www.StonyRunWinery.com)

Building on its decades as a high-quality winery based in nearby Kempton, Pa., Stony Run purchased the UMT Independent Park property in early 2019 and is currently establishing yet another working vineyard destination here in our community. Their estate grown wines and hospitality will be showcased in the former UMT event center with sweeping views of our beautiful countryside. While their current offerings originate a few miles beyond UMT's borders, they are well worth exploring as we welcome Stony Run to Upper Mac Wine Country!

**RED & RARE:** This 2016 *Malbec Reserve* delivers complex hints of star anise and ground clove, dark ruby blackberry jam and lavender with a beautifully integrated finish.

**RED & RARE SQUARED:** Stony Run's 2015 *Flagship Red* is a fetching Bordeaux style blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot, producing a panoply of raspberry and dried fruit with distinctive black pepper and vanilla. Smooth tannins come from aging in French, Hungarian and American oak.



## VYNECREST VINEYARDS & WINERY

172 Arrowhead Lane, Breinigsville  
[www.VyneCrest.com](http://www.VyneCrest.com)

Established in 1974, Vynecrest is the oldest operating vineyard in Lehigh County and a tribute to the timeless dedication to the winemaking craft as practiced by owners John and Jan Landis. Don't miss the magic of their Vyneskeller wine bar with tastings and live music every Friday and Saturday night.



**WELL-BRED RED:** 2017 *Lemberger* is Vynecrest's flagship wine and one taste reveals why. Dry and full-bodied, built big and bold with a rich tannic finish.

**SPARKLING WHITE:** 2016 *Vidal* is a semi-sweet sparkling wine designed to tickle taste buds with its balance of acid and fruit. Delightful with seafood or sipping solo.

**INSIGHT SIP: #39:** Created for Vynecrest's 39th anniversary, this is a "best of" blend of cellared reds described by one knowledgeable aficionado as "a perfect demonstration of what any East Coast cool climate red should strive to be."



[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

IF NOT COUNTED, Pennsylvania loses \$2,100 per person annually for 10 years. That is money that could have been spent on infrastructure, education, healthcare and human services...government funded programs. Your help can make a large difference.

## 2020 Census Call to Action Shape Your Future

The U.S. Census Bureau is dedicated to providing facts about America’s residents. Federal law protects the confidentiality of ALL responses.

### How Can YOU Help?

**The Census needs you to please respond in March/April 2020.**

1. Postcards will be mailed to your home. The easiest option is to fill out the Census questionnaire online in about 10 minutes.
  2. Mail-in and phone are other options which are available in 12 languages.
- It is easy, safe, and important to participate in the survey by any of the above options.

### Important Facts to Know:

1. It is critical that ALL residents respond, including the count of all children under 5 years of age, residing in your household as of April 1, 2020.
2. Please remember ALL RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND PROTECTED UNDER TITLE 13 – NO INFORMATION IS EVER REPORTED TO ANY AGENCY.
3. Your response helps to bring in an estimated \$675 billion in funding for communities to distribute for schools, roads, youth and senior centers, as well as important services including Medicaid, CHIP, WIC, SNAP, and many more.

To learn more about the 2020 Census, visit: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## UMT’s Winter Weather Forecast: Wild or Mild?

What kind of winter weather lies ahead for Upper Macungie Township in 2019-2020? That depends on which Farmer’s Almanac predictions you choose to follow.

Throughout our Township’s long agrarian history, many local farmers have relied upon the winter predictions of the *Old Farmer’s Almanac* (founded in 1792) while others have opted for the *Farmer’s Almanac* (founded in 1818). Both publications base forecasts on their own proprietary methods, incorporating factors as varied as sunspot activity and weather patterns to the coat density of woolly caterpillars. Oftentimes, the two sources are pretty close on their predictions. But this year, they couldn’t be further apart.

The “younger” *Farmer’s Almanac* is calling for a “Polar Coaster” of a winter. *“With colder than normal temperatures in the Northeast and above-normal precipitation expected, our outlook forewarns of not only a good amount of snow but also a wintry mix of rain, sleet and snow.”*

The more senior sources at the *Old Farmer’s Almanac*—first published during the second presidential term of George Washington—are calling for a much milder winter, *“Winter will be warmer than normal with above-normal precipitation.”* How **much** warmer is interesting. According to their forecasts, December will be 4-degrees F. above average temperatures and January will top that at 5-degrees above average.

Which prognostication you choose to believe is up to you. But whether our winter weather here is wild or mild, be assured that your Upper Macungie Township service teams will be prepared to mount any challenge Old Man Winter throws our way.

*See page 21 for the UMT Snow Removal information.*

# UMT Police Department Earns High Rating of “Very Good” by National Authority

High marks were earned by the UMT Police Department in an independent research study conducted recently by a national authority on municipal law enforcement and community safety.

Results of the study conducted in 2019 by California-based Matrix Consulting Group ranked UMTPD’s overall performance as “Very Good” and a key contributor to a low and decreasing crime rate “making Upper Macungie a safe community in which to live,” according to the study.

Highlights of the report include the following:

- UMTPD officer training hours are 43 percent higher than the national average.
- Overtime expenditures were rated “fiscally conservative”; only 2.4 percent of annual payroll used for “special events.”

- Every month UMT’s detective unit averages 14 new cases.
  - UMTPD engages well with residents and neighboring law enforcement and is “well-disciplined with **NO internal complaints**; policies and procedures follow best practices in almost every category.”
- A recommended area for improvement was to have UMTPD patrols outfitted with body cameras to augment in-car cameras already in use.
- A request by Chief Colón for body cameras was approved by the UMT Board of Supervisors, and plans are to have this new community safety enhancement deployed by late 2019.



## Opioid Deaths Decreased in 2018

Increased availability and application of naloxone opioid overdose medication by UMT police and their fellow first-responders statewide have helped decrease opiate-related overdose deaths by 18 percent in 2018, according to data from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Fatal and non-fatal overdose can result from the abuse of opiates such as morphine, heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone, Percocet, Percodan, methadone, codeine, and hydrocodone.

“We are certainly headed in the right direction but still have a long way to go in protecting our families from the tragedies of the opioid epidemic,” said UMT Police Chief Edgardo A. Colón who noted that his patrol officers are all equipped with naloxone kits to administer in overdose cases.

Naloxone counters the effects of an opiate which depresses the central nervous system, ultimately slowing or stopping the individual’s breathing.

- When someone is not breathing adequately because of an opiate overdose, there are only minutes to intervene. Naloxone blocks the narcotic’s ability to attach to brain cells. Although not 100 percent successful, it is proven to save lives.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Health is planning for the distribution of free naloxone kits and training to more first responders and consumers later this fall. If you know of anyone in the grip of opioid addiction, having this emergency medication readily available could save their life.
- Please visit [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov) for more facts.



*The naloxone kits contain a one-time use plunger which sprays a mist of naloxone into the nostrils of an overdose victim.*

Tomas Nevesely / Shutterstock.com



## Parks & Recreation Ongoing Programs

See details and/or register at  
[www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms](http://www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms)

### PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT CONTEST



Earn points and win prizes! Post the UMT park photos you took on the UMT Facebook page through **October 31, 2019**.

### PICKUP VOLLEYBALL



**September 17 – April 28**  
Tuesdays • 8-10 pm at  
Fogelsville Elementary School •  
Email: [recreation@uppermac.org](mailto:recreation@uppermac.org)



### PICKLEBALL Beginner Lessons

Come try the most popular sport for FREE! Learn Pickleball in a fun and easy way on our brand new courts at **Grange Park**.

The first clinic is free, then keep learning at two more clinics for only \$5 each before winter. Registration required. Limit 10 players per session. Paddles and balls are included.

### Free Trial Clinic

- **Saturday, September 28**  
Session I: 9-10 am  
Session II: 10-11 am



### Beginner Clinics (\$5/session)

- **Saturday, October 19**  
Session I: 9-10 am  
Session II: 10-11 am
- **Saturday, November 9**  
Session I: 9-10 am  
Session II: 10-11 am

Instructor: Dottie Kelly, Certified Professional Pickleball Registry Instructor

### PICKUP PICKLEBALL



(drop-in format)  
Wednesdays 4 pm & Sundays 9 am  
at Blue Barn Park (tennis courts)  
& Grange Park.  
Simply email to join:  
[ajones2429@aol.com](mailto:ajones2429@aol.com)

### PICKUP BASKETBALL



Volunteers needed!  
Email: [recreation@uppermac.org](mailto:recreation@uppermac.org)

# 2019-2020 UMT Calendar

## OCTOBER

3 | **Board of Supervisors**  
Thurs • 7 pm

5 | **Zentangle**   
Sat • 10 am-12 pm at  
Township Building • \$27/person  
Register at [www.thesentimentalgift.com/schedule](http://www.thesentimentalgift.com/schedule)

5 | **Fire Prevention Open House**   
Sat • 11 am-3 pm at Fogelsville  
Volunteer Fire Co.

9 | **Yard Waste Curbside Pickup**   
Wed • Place the yard waste  
out the night before.  
*See page 18.*

9 | **Zone Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm

12 | **Barktoberfest**  
Sat • 11 am-3 pm  
Upper Macungie Park  
(Rt. 100 Park)  
(Rain date: October 13)  
*See page 17.*



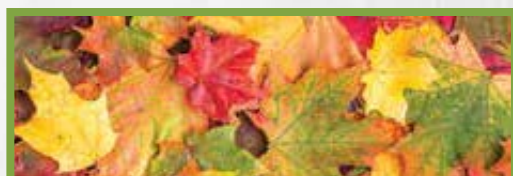
14 | **Planning Commission Work Session**  
Mon • 7 pm

16 | **Planning Commission**  
Wed • 7 pm

17 | **Recreation Board**  
Thurs • 7 pm

23 | **Zoning Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm

25 | **UMT Trick or Treat**   
Fri • 6-8 pm  
(Rain date: October 26)

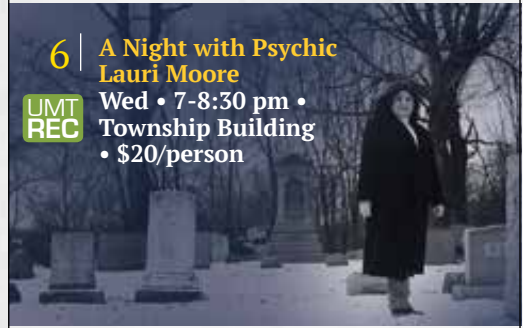


### Leaf Collection

Mon-Fri • October 14-December 6  
(Check holiday schedules.  
*See page 19 for more details.*)

## NOVEMBER

6 | **A Night with Psychic  
Lauri Moore**   
Wed • 7-8:30 pm •  
Township Building  
• \$20/person



7 | **Board of Supervisors**  
Thurs • 7 pm

9 | **Ladies Auxiliary Craft Show**   
Sat • 9 am-3 pm  
Good Will Fire Co. of Trexlertown •  
Free admission • 60+ crafters!

11 | **VETERANS' DAY**  
Mon • UMT office closed

18 | **Planning Commission Work Session**  
Mon • 7 pm

20 | **Planning Commission**  
Wed • 7 pm

21 | **Recreation Board**  
Thurs • 7 pm

28 | **THANKSGIVING**  
Thurs • UMT office closed

29 | UMT office closed  
Fri

### What's Zentangle?


**Zentangle** is an easy-to-learn pattern drawing technique that promotes relaxation and mindful moments. The method focuses on simple elemental strokes that anyone can draw regardless of creative ability. **Join us!**



### Senior Citizen Discount for 2020

Register by Dec. 31, 2019  
(See page 24)

**UMT REC** = Park & Recreation events and programs.  
Check details and/or register at [www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms](http://www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms)

 = Fire Company events.

## DECEMBER

1 | **Register for 2020 Senior Citizen Discount** (See page 24 for details)  
Registration ending: Dec. 31, 2019

5 | **Board of Supervisors**  
Thurs • 7 pm

6 | **Holiday Show with Sam Sandler**  
Fri • 6 pm • Good Will Fire Co. of Trexlertown

**NEW**

**UMT REC**



11 | **Zone Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm

16 | **Planning Commission Work Session**  
Mon • 7 pm

18 | **Planning Commission**  
Wed • 7 pm

24 | UMT office closed  
Tues

25 | **CHRISTMAS**  
Wed • UMT office closed

29 | **Kids' Noon Year's Eve Party**  
Sun • 10:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Good Will Fire Co. of Trexlertown • Free

**UMT REC**

Something fun to do with the whole family. Music, face painting, activities, games, giveaways, and Balloon Drop! Light refreshments available for purchase.

## JANUARY 2020

1 | **NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Wed • UMT office closed

2 | **Board of Supervisors**  
Thurs • 7 pm

8 | **Zone Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm

13 | **Planning Commission Work Session**  
Mon • 7 pm

15 | **Planning Commission**  
Wed • 7 pm

16 | **Recreation Board**  
Thurs • 7 pm

22 | **Zoning Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm

## FEBRUARY 2020

6 | **Board of Supervisors**  
Thurs • 7 pm

12 | **Zone Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm

16 | **Hunter/Trapper Course**  
Sun • 8:30 am - 4 pm  
12 years or older  
Free but register online

**UMT REC**

17 | **PRESIDENTS' DAY**  
Mon • UMT office closed

17 | **Planning Commission Work Session**  
Mon • 7 pm

19 | **Planning Commission**  
Wed • 7 pm

20 | **Recreation Board**  
Thurs • 7 pm

26 | **Zoning Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm

## MARCH 2020

5 | **Board of Supervisors**  
Thurs • 7 pm

11 | **Zone Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm

16 | **Planning Commission Work Session**  
Mon • 7 pm

18 | **Planning Commission**  
Wed • 7 pm

19 | **Recreation Board**  
Thurs • 7 pm

25 | **Zoning Hearing Board**  
Wed • 6:30 pm



### More Fire Company Events:

- ▶ **Bingo** (Fogelsville Fire Co.)  
Every Wednesday
- ▶ **Hoagie Sale** (Trexlertown Fire Co.) Call 610-395-8678 to order by 2nd Wednesday and pick up on 3rd Wednesday of the month
- ▶ **Breakfast & Bake Sale** (Trexlertown Fire Co.)  
2nd Sundays, Oct. - May,  
8 am - 12:30 pm
- ▶ **Sausage Sandwich Sale** (Trexlertown Fire Co.)  
Call 610-395-8678 to order by Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> and pick up on Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 am - 1 pm and 4-6 pm

## 1-DAY SAFE SITTER® CLASS

Choose a day from:

- Monday, Oct. 14
- Monday, Dec. 2
- Monday, Jan. 20
- Monday, Feb. 17
- Friday, Mar. 13
- Friday, Apr. 10

**Time:**  
9 am - 4 pm

**Location:**  
UMT Township  
Municipal Building  
(8330 Schantz Road)

**Cost:** \$89 per student



Safe Sitter® Essential with CPR is a 1-day class designed to prepare students to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

This engaging class provides various skills and training for all youth, along with fun games and role-playing exercises, including:

- **SAFETY SKILLS:** Indoor safety, outdoor safety, online safety, and personal safety.
- **CHILD CARE SKILLS:** Child development, child care routines (including diapering practice), and behavior management.
- **FIRST AID & RESCUE SKILLS:** Injury prevention, injury management, and choking rescue. CPR is an optional component.
- **LIFE & BUSINESS SKILLS:** Screening jobs, setting fees, and greeting employers.

Visit [www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms](http://www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms) for more details. Register at [thenannyloft.com/safe-sitter-registration-page](http://thenannyloft.com/safe-sitter-registration-page).

**UMT REC**

## PPL Electric Utilities upgrading two transmission lines for greater reliability

Two electric transmission lines are being rebuilt by PPL Electric Utilities to help ensure greater service reliability in the region.

Construction is planned to start in September on the 6-mile 500-kilovolt line between PPL's Breinigsville and Alburts substations. In October, work is expected to begin on nine miles of the lower voltage 69-kilovolt line between the Breinigsville substation and the Wescosville substation. Work should be complete on the higher-voltage line around June 2020 and on the lower-voltage line around December 2020.

On the higher-voltage line, PPL will be replacing the current H-frame poles with larger, sturdier poles because a second circuit is being added to the poles for increased reliability. On the lower-voltage line, the existing wood

poles will be replaced with taller and thicker steel poles designed to weather to a dark brown protective coating. The new poles will be much stronger and more resistant to wind and strong storms.

PPL won't need to turn off power to any homes or businesses in order to complete the projects and no additional right of way will be needed.

The transmission grid is the backbone of the electric system, feeding substations that reduce voltages so power can be used in home and businesses. Since starting focused upgrades in 2013, PPL has been able to reduce transmission system outages (of five minutes or longer) by 75 percent. The transmissions projects described here are a continuation of that effort.



PPL Electric Utilities

**Have a question or looking to contact someone at PPL?**

Reach out to Mike Biviano at [mike.biviano@contractlandstaff.com](mailto:mike.biviano@contractlandstaff.com), representing PPL Electric Utilities, or call 570.348.1620.



@UpperMacungie @PPLelectric | [www.pplelectric.com/transmission](http://www.pplelectric.com/transmission)

# Splash Park 2019



Parks & Recreation



Now in the second season of the Splash Park located at Grange Park, the Township has gotten our “feet wet” operating UMT’s first water feature. From lightning strikes to burst pipes, our Parks staff was kept busy during this stage of our learning curve. Each time, they worked smart and got the Splash Park up and running as quickly as possible!

The Township is equally grateful to our Splash Park Members for their patience during maintenance, and for the ownership and pride they showed helping to keep the Splash Park a clean family friendly environment. The thirst for a water amenity in the Township was made clear with over 1,000 memberships purchased, and a majority being UMT Residents.

### Looking Forward to 2020:

The Splash Park closed for the season on September 15, and the 2020 opening date will be announced on our website [www.uppermac.org](http://www.uppermac.org) and our Facebook page. Make sure to “Like” Upper Macungie Township on Facebook for important updates.



**REMEMBER:** With UMT’s NEW Recreation Portal you can submit your Splash Park form, check pavilion availability, put a pavilion on hold, and register for programs ONLINE! Go to [www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation](http://www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation) for details.



*Online submission of forms now available via the new Recreation Portal. (See page 24.)*



See Calendar pages for Park & Recreation events and programs, or check details online at [www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms](http://www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms)

## Want to be a Vendor or Sponsor?

Our community has an active roster of FREE wholesome activities and events that attract thousands of families. But most of these events would not happen without the support of local business or organization sponsorships. Want to support UMT Recreation by sponsoring the events shown here? **Take this opportunity to promote your business and support our Township.**

**Your  
Business  
HERE!**

For more facts, please contact UMT Recreation at **610-395-4892, ext.130** or **recreation@uppermac.org**



Visit [www.uppermac.org/community-opportunities](http://www.uppermac.org/community-opportunities) about these well-attended family-friendly events and promote your business or organization as a sponsor. Thank you.



# PAVILION RENTALS

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

UMT parks with pavilions are:

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

Reservations for 2020 begin in January and dates book up fast. Go to the new **UMT Recreation Portal** on our website [www.uppermac.org/rentals](http://www.uppermac.org/rentals) to check availability and put a pavilion on hold.

For more information, contact **610-395-4892 ext. 130** or **recreation@uppermac.org**.

*Shown: Falcon Pavilion at Upper Macungie Park*





# Barktoberfest

Saturday  
**OCTOBER 12**  
11 am-3 pm

Rain date:  
Sunday  
**OCTOBER 13**  
2019

**Upper Macungie Park (Rt. 100 Park)**

1625 North Rt. 100, Fogelsville

**FREE ADMISSION**

All pets must be on a leash at this event.

## About Barktoberfest:

Each year, Upper Macungie Township celebrates Halloween with our favorite furry friends, vendors, demonstrations, food and music. At this FREE event, pets and owners can dress up in Halloween costumes, check out a lot of pet-friendly vendors, and strut their stuff in the Pet Parade to compete for prizes. This is the MOST Halloween FUN you and your pets could have! It's impossible not to have a great time!

## General Event Details:

- 🐾 Demos by area dog trainers and our own UMTPD K9 Unit
- 🎧 DJ spinning "pupular" hits
- 🎪 Fun activities and free items from vendors
- 🐾 Pet Parade and Costume Contest with great prizes!  
(See right.)

## Approximate Timeline:

- 11:00 am 🐾 event starts
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm 🐾 Pet Parade Registration at Recreation/Welcome Table
- 12:10 pm 🐾 Pet Parade line up, Pet Parade immediately follows. Pet Parade goes around the park to all of the vendors. Ends at the Demonstration area.
- 12:30 pm 🐾 Demonstrations: Passion for Paws, then UMTPD K9 Unit
- 1:10 pm 🏆 Prize winners announced after Demos are finished
- 3:00 pm 🐾 Event ends



The Best Costumes  
Win CASH PRIZES!  
(Register at event)

### PET COSTUME CONTEST/PARADE

- \$100 First Prize
- \$50 Second Prize
- \$25 Third Prize
- plus —
- \$50 for Best Pet & Owner Costume

### Special Thanks to:

#### EVENT SPONSOR:



#### SILVER SPONSORS:



#### DONATION OF GOODS:



All dogs must be on a leash and kept under control by owners at all times.

For complete facts, visit [www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/barktoberfest](http://www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/barktoberfest)

# Waste Removal/Recycling Guidelines

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION ([www.uppermac.org/refuse](http://www.uppermac.org/refuse))

For your convenience, Upper Macungie Township provides property owners with the means to properly dispose of their leaves and yard waste. There will be a 1-day-only curbside pickup of YARD WASTE. After that, yard waste may be deposited at the UMT Yard Waste Drop-off Site.

### One-Time Yard Waste Curbside Pickup Wednesday, October 9, 2019

**WHAT:** Leaves from trees, bushes and other plants, shrubbery clippings and tree trimmings. (See "HOW TO PREPARE" below for maximum size.)

**WHAT NOT:** No grass clippings, roots from trees or shrubs, or lumber. Improper bags, bundles or materials will go uncollected and tagged to notify residents of reasons why materials were not accepted.

**HOW TO PREPARE:** Yard waste must be placed in commercially-designed **open trash containers** (with sloped sides) no larger than 32-gallon capacity with a loaded weight of less than 60 lbs. each. Smaller limbs and branches must be **tied and properly bundled** to a maximum size of **48" x 18" x 18"** with a maximum weight of **60 lbs.** If branches and limbs are not tied and bundled, they will not be picked up. Ties for bundles must be made of biodegradable materials.

All containers must be out the night before after 7 p.m.

**HOW MUCH:** Combined maximum of 6 containers will be collected.

(Next pickup: Spring 2020)

## TRASH PICKUP ([www.uppermac.org/refuse](http://www.uppermac.org/refuse))



### HOLIDAY TRASH PICKUP

**PLEASE NOTE** – The service is **one day delayed** when a holiday below falls on your pickup day:

**Thurs, Nov. 28, 2019 – Thanksgiving**  
**Wed, Dec. 25, 2019 – Christmas**  
**Wed, Jan. 1, 2020 – New Year's Day**

Please place your trash cart out for collection the night before your pickup day at curb or grass area several feet away from the mailbox, landscaping, or telephone poles. It should **not be placed on the street**. Your recycle cart can be placed several feet from the trash cart. As a reminder, any trash or recyclables placed outside your UMT carts will NOT be collected.

You can purchase one additional UMT trash cart and extra recycling carts. See [www.uppermac.org/refuse](http://www.uppermac.org/refuse) for costs. There is no extra trash pick-up fee.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT** is the service provider to handle refuse and recycling collection in Upper Macungie Township. **Refuse and recycling pick up is on a weekly basis.** New residents: you must come into the Township building to fill out a moving permit. You will then be informed of the delivery date of your trash cart (for new construction only), and your zone and day for trash pick up.

**For complaints or missed pickups, please call WASTE MANAGEMENT at 1-800-869-5566.**

## RECYCLING ([www.uppermac.org/recycling-3](http://www.uppermac.org/recycling-3))



### MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED:

- Newspaper
- Residential mixed paper
- Glass (clear, green & brown)
- Aluminum, tin and steel/bimetallic cans
- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastics (with a recyclable symbol, rinsed and cleaned out) – soda bottles, laundry detergent containers, milk and water jugs, ketchup and mustard bottles, etc. will be accepted. No plastic bags.

UMT offers single-stream recycling. All the above items can be placed in one container, NOT separated, tied or bagged. Check out [RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](http://RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com).



### CARDBOARD RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Upper Macungie Township has 2 containers for recycling **CARDBOARD** which are **for UMT Residents Only**.

- UMT municipal building parking lot drop-off site: Monday – Friday, 7:30 am - 4 pm
- UMT yard waste site on Grim Road: See left for hours

Both sites are closed on holidays. This does not eliminate cardboard recycling at the curbside. It is for the times when it rains or you have a lot of cardboard. You can bring the flattened cardboard to UMT and put it into the recycling containers.

## YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE



Corner of Schantz & Grim Roads, Breinigsville

**CLOSED HOLIDAYS**  
(See Calendar pages for UMT closing dates)

[www.uppermac.org/public-works/yard-waste-drop-off-site-information](http://www.uppermac.org/public-works/yard-waste-drop-off-site-information)

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE HOURS	SPRING, SUMMER & FALL HOURS: Apr. 1 – Nov. 7	WINTER HOURS: Nov. 8 – Mar. 31
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>7 am - 7 pm</b>	<b>7 am - 5 pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>3 pm - 7 pm</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>3 pm - 7 pm</b>	<b>7 am - 5 pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>3 pm - 7 pm</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>7 am - 7 pm</b>	<b>7 am - 5 pm</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9 am - 5 pm</b>	<b>9 am - 5 pm</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9 am - 5 pm</b>	<b>9 am - 5 pm</b>

# 2019 LEAF COLLECTION

It's time for gathering leaves for pickup! Please keep in mind: due to the rate of maturity of trees within the Township, and also the fact that more trees are planted every year, it is impossible to guarantee a set pickup day for a specific street in any area.

**Monday  
OCT. 14**

THROUGH

**Friday  
DEC. 6**

Leaves will normally be picked up between 7 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Check out these DOs & DON'Ts before you prepare leaves for pickup:**

## DOs

- **Empty the contents of plastic bags or other containers into the gutter area** to be picked up by mechanical means. Crews will NOT empty bags or containers.
- **Keep all vehicles away from the area where the leaves are piled.** The crews will NOT rake piles of leaves out from between parked cars or from under them.
- **Place the leaves along the EDGE of the road** prior to the start of pickup at 7 am on Monday of each week.

## DON'Ts

- **Don't place the leaves on the road or on private property.**
- **Don't place pieces of wood, steel, rocks or concrete** on the leaves to hold them down. These objects will cause extensive damage to the leaf pickup units and put them out of service at a great expense of time and money to the Township and residents.
- **Don't place branches, shrubbery, garbage, and building materials.** These items will be left behind and it will be the responsibility of the resident for removal and disposal.

**What if leaves are not in place when the crews go by?** The leaves will be picked up on the following round through the Township. No return trips will be made to pick them up.

For questions regarding leaf collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 610-395-4892.

# On-Lot Sewage Management Update

## Sewage System Inspections Mandatory in 2019 for District 1 Properties

Slow drains are not just inconvenient, they are telling you that you might need your septic tank pumped. How long has it been since your septic tank was pumped?

The On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance is a program to monitor the proper function of UMT owners' on-lot sewage systems to protect our water table and overall environment. It is a staged program which is mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and implemented by municipalities.

- In early February, **District 1** property owners were mailed a letter as a reminder to have their on-lot septic systems cleaned and inspected by a registered Pumper/Hauler before December 31, 2019.
- In 2020, **District 2** will receive the same reminder letter.

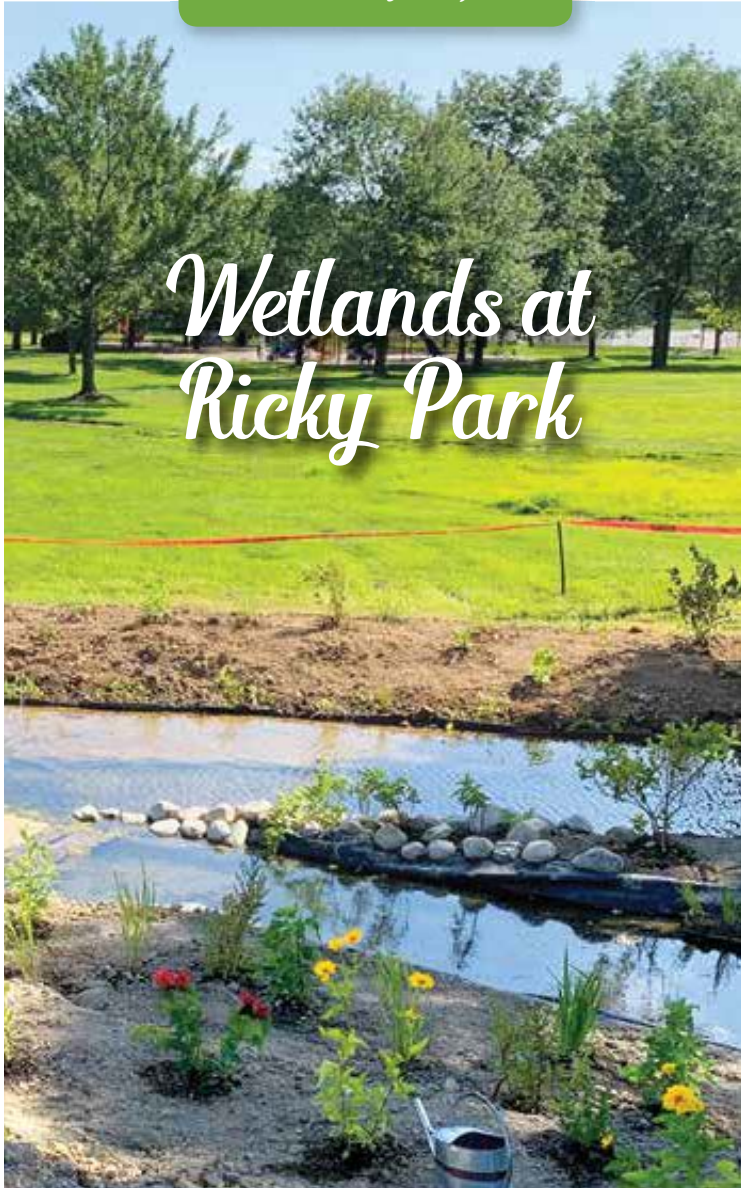
Scheduled maintenance of on-lot septic systems helps reduce high costs incurred by property owners should their septic system fail, but ultimately protects and maintains a healthy environment for future generations.

More information about the On-Lot Sewage Management Ordinance and a list of UMT's 2019 registered Pumpers/Haulers can be found online at [www.uppermac.org/sewer-information](http://www.uppermac.org/sewer-information) or contact Renee Faust at 610-395-4892 ext. 136, or [renee@uppermac.org](mailto:renee@uppermac.org).

## Conventional Septic System



# Wetlands at Ricky Park



The Sierra Club of the Lehigh Valley and Upper Macungie Township are partnering on a Native Wetland Project.

Aiming to offer an engaging educational opportunity for local residents and park users, an informational meeting was held in July at the Ricky Park Pavilion.

The Sierra Club started installing a native wetland in Ricky Park this summer to improve water quality, filter pollutants from runoff, add natural beauty, and provide habitat for local wildlife that call this park home. The fence was installed in late summer (*see inset*).

For more details about this project, visit [www.uppermac.org/parks/ricky-park](http://www.uppermac.org/parks/ricky-park). Enjoy the beautiful Ricky Park this coming season!



## Stormwater Update

Stormwater has become increasingly regulated over the last decade in an effort to better protect our streams, lakes and drinking water supply. As part of the new regulations Upper Macungie Township is in the process of updating our Stormwater Ordinance to the new model ordinance developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. This new ordinance is required to meet the regulatory requirements of the authorities in control of water quality.

Most of the changes only effect land development and not individual property owners. However, as we mentioned previously, property owners are required to maintain the stormwater controls, known as Best Management Practices (BMP), located on their property. The Township has been compiling a list of properties with BMPs based on our subdivision records and we will be mailing out information to those homeowners explaining the procedures for maintaining and inspecting your BMP later this year.

For additional information, visit the Stormwater section of the UMT website at [www.uppermac.org/groundwater](http://www.uppermac.org/groundwater), and download the Pennsylvania DEP's digital booklet titled "The Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater."

## Backup of Sewer and Drain Insurance Coverage

Upper Macungie Township invests in its infrastructure and does its utmost to maintain it in the best condition possible. We conduct routine mainline cleaning/flushing and mainline inspections using cameras for our sanitary sewer system, as well as repairing mainlines, laterals and manholes that show evidence of groundwater infiltration.

The Township also requires a lateral inspection upon the sale of every residential property, which helps the Township to meet regulatory requirements of system integrity and provides valuable information to the new homeowner.

Even with the best of maintenance, things can still go wrong. If your home has a floor drain in the basement, the most significant issue would be the backup of effluent into your basement. This may be caused by many factors and it is important to note that the Township is not liable for any damage to your property. The recommendation is that all property owners should carry coverage to protect themselves should an event occur.

Most insurance carriers provide specific coverage to reimburse property owners for sewer backup damage. However, this coverage generally must be purchased separately and added to your property insurance, as claims for sewer backups can be significant. Please also inquire specifically concerning the deductible amount for this coverage so you are aware of the exposure you may have for a claim of this type.



## UMT Snow Removal FAQs

### Q: When does snow removal begin?

A: Township crews begin preparation when the Road Department receives word from the forecasting service that a storm is on the way. Then, the crews start spreading salt on the streets. When approximately 3 inches of snow have accumulated, the crews begin to plow the streets.

### Q: When will my street be plowed?

A: Residential streets are usually plowed in this order: **FIRST, arterial and collector roads; THEN, secondary roads and cul-de-sacs** after main roads have been cleared within 18 hours after the storm ends. Of course, a blizzard could cause the time period to be longer.

There may be more snow in one area than another in the cul-de-sacs after plowing due to the circular design of these streets.

### Q: Should we move our cars from the street?

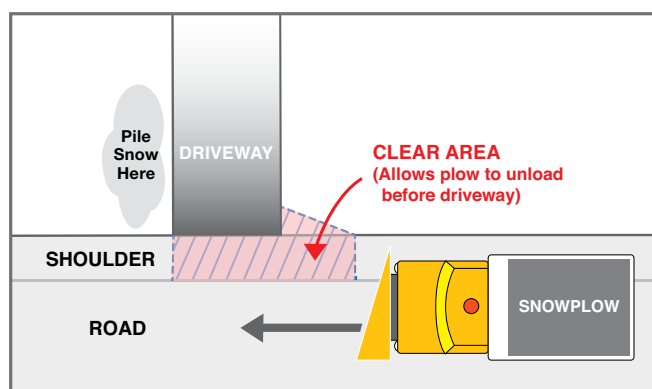
A: Yes. Keep vehicles **off the street** when possible until after plowing is completed. This allows plows to clear the entire roadway the first time through, making return trips unnecessary. Parked cars can be both a hazard and hindrance to snow removal efforts.

### Q: When should I clean my driveway and sidewalks?

A: **Wait until the streets have been cleared** if possible to avoid already cleaned driveways and sidewalks being covered with the plowed snow. The crews have no place to push the snow except to the curb.

**DO NOT shovel snow from driveways into roadways. This practice is hazardous and illegal.**

The Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code provides for a maximum fine of \$300 for this violation. Property owners are responsible for the actions of anyone they hire for snow removal.



### Q: What if my mailbox was covered/damaged during the snow plowing?

A: Occasionally curbside mailboxes may become unintentionally blocked, or heavy snow coming off the plows may damage mailboxes. The mailbox and the access to it for the U.S. Postal Service is the responsibility of the resident. **The homeowner is responsible for repairing/replacing mailboxes, fences or shrubs placed within the legally defined rights-of-way of its road. If they are actually struck by the snow removal vehicle, please fill out a complaint form at the Township office.**

### Q: My lawn or landscaping was damaged by a snowplow, what should I do?

A: As with any objects that are placed by the property owner within the legal road right of way, the Township will not be responsible for correction or replacement if they were damaged during the course of snow removal. To avoid this, please mark your lawn edge with a reflective-type stake or marker ahead of time.

**Please help in keeping your fire hydrants clear of snow.**

Thank you in advance for your efforts to help the Township keep snow removal safe and efficient.

# Spotted Lanternfly:

**Invasive sap-feeder that is a threat to Upper Macungie's trees, vineyards and fruit growers...and the plants in your back yard!**

## What To Do When You Find Them:

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, eggs, nymphs, and adult lanternflies should be killed on site.

From late September through October female lanternflies lay eggs. Look for egg masses (*see photo at right*) that were laid on:

- Tree trunks, limbs, loose bark
- Stone
- Firewood
- Outdoor furniture
- Trash barrels
- Vehicles (wheel wells, underneath the car)
- Other man-made structures

The most effective way to kill the eggs is to scrape them into a bag or container filled with isopropyl alcohol or hand sanitizer. They can also be smashed or burned.

## Spotted Lanternfly Hotline: 1-888-422-3359

Call Penn State Extension's hotline with questions on spotted lanternfly, or visit their website for more information:

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

On this website you can also find:

- How to identify
- How to manage
- Frequently asked questions
- How to report a sighting (at the location *outside* the current quarantine zone – see the map)

**Together, we can take action to limit the spread and damage from this pest.**



(Above) Adult Spotted Lanternflies on a Tree-of-heaven.



<< Eggs laid on a tree. Newly laid **egg masses** have a gray putty-like covering, which can become dry and cracked over time. Old egg masses appear as about 1-inch long, 4-7 columns of seed-like eggs.



**UPDATED in March 2019**

<< The Spotted Lanternfly quarantine map **expanded to Dauphin County**.



<< Spotted Lanternfly is particularly attracted to **Tree-of-heaven** (*Ailanthus altissima*), another invasive species proliferating in our region.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Penn State Extension

## UMT IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<b>Upper Macungie Township</b> .....	610-395-4892
UMT Office (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) .....	Fax 610-395-9355
<b>UMT Sewer Office</b> (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) .....	610-395-4892
<b>Upper Macungie Township Police Department</b>	
Emergency .....	<b>911</b>
Non-Emergency: Lehigh County .....	610-437-5252
Administration .....	484-661-5911
UMTPD Tip/Text Line .....	484-273-0336
<b>Magisterial District Judge for Lehigh County</b> Michael Faulkner .....	610-398-1167
<b>Senator Pat Browne's Office</b> (at UMT Bldg.) .....	610-366-2327
<b>State Dog Enforcement</b> – Orlando Aguirre .....	484-223-9107
<b>Lost &amp; Found</b> (for UMT Parks Only) .....	610-395-4892
<b>Hazardous Waste</b> – Lehigh County Hazardous Waste & Recycling .....	610-782-3073

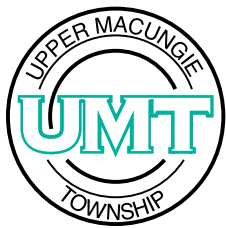
<b>Trash or Recycling</b> – Waste Management .....	800-869-5566
<b>Water Questions</b> – Lehigh County Authority .....	610-398-2503
<b>Call Before You Dig!</b> – PA One Call System .....	800-242-1776 or 811
<b>Street Lights Repair &amp; Maintenance</b> – PPL Utilities .....	800-342-5775
<b>Traffic Lights Repair &amp; Maintenance</b> – UMT Public Works .....	610-395-4892
<b>State Roads</b> – PennDOT .....	610-798-4282
<b>Railroad Signals</b> – Norfolk Southern R.R. ....	877-201-4265
<b>Youth Organizations</b>	
South Parkland Youth Association (www.spya.org)	
Warehouse (Tues. 6-8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.) .....	610-395-9878
Breinigsville VFW Youth Activities .....	610-391-0658
<b>The Sanctuary at Haafsville</b> (for animals) .....	484-788-8062
<b>Voter Registration</b> .....	610-782-3194

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## UMT Parks & Recreation

## Online Registration Now Available

UMT Recreation took a big leap forward in making pavilion rentals and program registrations easier and paperless with our NEW online **rec desk** Recreation Portal.

It's quick and easy to create a **rec desk** account on the UMT Recreation Portal page. By creating an account, you will be able to do the following ONLINE:

- View all Pavilion availability in real time
- Put a Pavilion on hold
- Submit your Splash Park membership form
- Register for Recreational Programs
- Businesses – create an account and register as vendors or sponsors for Recreation Events

As of August, we had over 1,700 accounts! THANK YOU for giving this new system a try, and for your patience as we develop and improve our UMT Recreation Portal.

### HOW DO I GET STARTED?

1. Go to [uppermac.recdesk.com/Community/Home](http://uppermac.recdesk.com/Community/Home) OR find a link to portal from the **Parks & Recreation page at [www.uppermac.org](http://www.uppermac.org)**
2. Click on the *Create Account* button and set up your profile.
3. Select what you would like to do from Programs, Facilities, Memberships, or Calendar. Follow the steps to register/reserve.
4. Print your emailed invoice for your registration/reservation, and mail it in with your payment. *DONE!*

NOTE: Payments cannot be taken online. (But we are working on that, too!)

*The new portal for UMT Recreation makes the search and registration easier for residents.*



See Calendar pages for Park & Recreation events and programs, or check details online at [www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms](http://www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms)

### Senior Citizen Discount

The Township is offering a \$30 senior citizen **discount for trash and recycling pick up** for anyone over 65 with proof of age (e.g. driver's license). You must own and live at your residence. If you turn 65 by December 31, 2019, please apply at the Township municipal building and **register by December 31, 2019 to get a discount for 2020** and beyond.



### Friday, October 25 • 6-8 pm



(Rain date: October 26)