

**FALL/WINTER 2021** 

# UPPERMAC NEWS

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**Your Township Supervisors** (L to R): James Brunell, Kathy Rader, Sean Gill



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### **Real Estate Tax Procedures**

On January 1, 2021, the Real Estate Tax Collection Procedure changed. The Tax Collector no longer maintains a permanent office in the Township Municipal Building, but is **available by appointment only. Tax Payments** should be mailed to the Municipal Building **OR** placed in one of two Drop Boxes (in parking lot or inside building vestibule). **To request a Receipt:** include your 2 stubs and a pre-paid self-addressed envelope.

Tax Collector: ......Tracy Hodrick
Mail Payments To: ......8330 Schantz Road,

Breinigsville PA, 18031

Phone: ......610-481-9191

Email: .....taxcollector@uppermac.org

Hours: .....by appointment only

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



# Learning from the Past to Move Pennsylvania Forward

As the Chairman of the state Senate's Appropriations Committee, it is my responsibility to guide a budget through the Legislature. This year's budget (2021-2022) presented many challenges.

During the process, I was reminded of that old saying: "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." Those words were appropriate for the decisions we made during this year's budget. Because of the Pandemic, the Commonwealth faces similar financial challenges to the ones we experienced during the Great Recession.

During the pandemic, the Commonwealth faced comparable declines in revenues to what we experienced during the Great Recession, which also created large budget gaps as costs grew. The federal government, as it did during the Great Recession, provided assistance during the pandemic. We deemed it imperative to preserve available resources so as not to place Pennsylvania's financial security in jeopardy when federal support ends. That is why we have maintained a \$2.5 billion reserve fund. This will allow us to sustain vital services based on current revenue estimates when federal funding is no longer available.

Even with maintaining a sensible reserve, we were still able to fund important priorities. For example, the 2021-22 Budget increased Basic Education funding by \$300 million and added \$25 million for the Pre-K Counts program and \$5 million for Head Start. Special Education services received \$50 million in new funding through a formula developed by the Special Education Commission, which I led. Advancing the work of the Higher Education Funding Commission, which I currently chair, the budget included \$50 million for the modernization of the State System of Higher Education.

We directed funding to help 800 Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities move from emergency waiting lists to receive services. We also took steps to protect Pennsylvania's seniors by using stimulus funds to support nursing homes, assisted living and personal care homes.

I believe the budget we passed this year takes into consideration the lessons we learned during the Great Recession by ensuring the decisions we make today put our great Commonwealth on more solid fiscal ground for the years ahead, paving a fiscally sustainable path for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians.

### MY OFFICES ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Please contact me concerning any issues you are facing with the state government or legislative issues at any of my offices listed below.

### **Main District Office**

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

### **Western Lehigh County**

Upper Macungie Twp. Bldg. 8330 Schantz Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 610-366-2327 FAX: 610-366-2329 By Appointment Only



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# How to contact Kiefer Family Orthodontics:

Whether you are interested in Orthodontics for your child, or Invisalign for yourself, reach out to a staff member today!

Call: **610-841-4711** 

# Location: 203 South Route 100 Allentown PA

(across from Fogelsville Elementary School)

#### Website:

### www.kieferfamilyortho.com

Live Chat with Staff or Submit an online form to request an appointment

### Follow them on social media:



The KFO SMILE TEAM! (Front L to R) Annie, Dayanne, Kate, Stephanie (Back L to R) Melissa, Tina, Kayla, Sue, Dr. Kiefer



# Want to have your business or organization highlighted in our newsletter?

Email recreation@uppermac.org to find out how to get your company's advertisement delivered to over 9,000 homes! Full business profiles and smaller advertisement spaces are available. Spots are limited, email today!

### **Kiefer Family Orthodontics**

Kiefer Family Orthodontics provides orthodontic care with Damon braces and Invisalign clear aligners to children and adults in Upper Macungie Township and beyond. Board Certified Orthodontist Dr. Audra Kiefer has been practicing orthodontics in the Lehigh Valley since 2008 and started Kiefer Family Orthodontics



"from scratch" in 2015. Her mission is "to make a difference in someone's life in a supremely positive way by providing high quality orthodontic care in a customer service-oriented environment, to create and perpetuate inspiration on a daily basis and to have fun while doing it."

This becomes evident after one visit to their website, where Dr. Kiefer shares her journey of becoming a dentist and opening her practice with humor and sincerity (https://kieferfamilyortho.com/your-doctor/). "I treat each patient how my orthodontist and family did when I was a kid. They made me feel special, worthy, and helped me to recognize that I had limitless potential! In every patient I treat, I see limitless potential. It's really fun for me to try to show them what I see!"

# Why did you choose Upper Macungie as the home of your business?

"I chose UMT because of the awesome community and location, which is in close proximity to multiple schools, making it as convenient as possible for our families to make orthodontics an easy part of their day. We get to develop connections with families in the community and share the joy of watching their kids grow!"

### What sets Kiefer apart from other Orthodontic Practices?

According to Dr. Kiefer, it's the passion for what she does and for the people she treats. "We have an amazing team and I love what I do. I have a true passion for orthodontics and connecting with people. It fulfills me to watch the kids challenge themselves and mature as they care for themselves during orthodontic treatment. The best part of our day is interacting with our patients and each other, hands down! We love having fun at work! Our motivation is creating the best experience possible."

New patients are welcomed by a custom image drawn on the KFO Art Wall chalkboard wall for them. At the end of their treatment, they place their thumbprint on the KFO Family Tree (a custom painting by one of their patients). "We know everyone by name and truly bond with those we are lucky enough to treat. Our patients are our family, and we enjoy making their journey as experienced based, positive, and memorable as possible!"

Like most UMT businesses, this has been a difficult time. Kiefer closed completely for nine weeks at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Amidst this struggle, Dr. Kiefer and staff kept their connection with patients and were grateful for the patience and kindness received back. When they were finally able to reopen, Dr. Kiefer gave each patient an inspirational message expressing gratitude and motivating everyone to stay positive.



# ALLIANCE FOR WATER STEWARDSHIP

# BLUETRITON'S ALLIANCE FOR WATER STEWARDSHIP: HOW THEY ARE WORKING TO PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY

Upper Macungie Township is home to two BlueTriton Brands (formally known as Nestlé Waters North America) bottling facilities which, in 2018, received the prestigious Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) certification. AWS is widely applicable framework and has been adopted by leading organizations in agriculture, textiles, electronics, telecommunication, food and beverage, etc.

BlueTriton manages Deer Park spring water sources by monitoring spring flows, aquifer conditions, and wildlife habitats to ensure continued sustainable use. At the bottling facility, water use is carefully metered at various locations in the process to identify opportunities to improve efficiency. Resultant water use reduction measures include water processing, bottle filling, and bottling line sanitation optimization projects. Tom Strowe, Factory Manager explains "If we cannot eliminate water waste from a process, we aim for reuse, which includes utilizing treated process wastewater in our cooling towers." Annually, these and other initiatives result in tens of millions of gallons of water savings.

According to BlueTriton, water leaving the site, whether process wastewater or stormwater, is carefully managed to ensure all applicable permit requirements are met. Additionally, they meet with stakeholders to understand and work together to improve shared water challenges within the watershed. Recently, a group of BlueTriton employees proudly partnered with UMT employees to conduct stream cleanup activities on Iron Run; such efforts benefit the watershed by improving quality of stormwater runoff through removal of trash and other debris. BlueTriton is excited to continue commitments to water stewardship and encourages other interested businesses to contact them for more details about AWS.









### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**



The Upper Macungie Township Bureau of Fire is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety." This year's campaign, October 3-9th, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe.

"It's important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you must take action!" said Peter Christ, Director Bureau of Fire and Emergency Management Coordinator. "Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer's instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online."

To support this year's Fire Prevention Theme, The Upper Macungie Township Bureau of Fire will be visiting our Elementary Schools and daycares.

# **SAFETY TIPS** TO HELP YOU "LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY."

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, means smoke or fire.
  - Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.



### **SPECIAL FIRE COMPANY** EVENTS

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

STATION 25 www.goodwillfirecompany.com



# BREAKFASTS AND HOAGIE SALES

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



### CRAFT SHOW

9 am - 3 pm



### **SANTA RUNS**

Information available closer to December.

Please check our UMT Website, Social Media and Fire Websites later in the year.



# THE FAMOUS FASTNACHT SALE!

Orders can be placed the end of January, early February. Order Pick-Up: Feb. 26-28 contact - 610-398-3152.





### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!**

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



### JOIN THE BIG THREE

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: Doug Gernerd
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





# PETER CHRIST APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE

UMT is proud to announce the promotion of Peter Christ, Director of the Bureau of Fire/Emergency Management Coordinator.

Peter has been serving Upper Macungie residents as a Fire Inspector since 2010. In his time as a UMT Fire Inspector, he utilized his tremendous amount of emergency services experience and building and electrical maintenance experience to help the department complete approximately 850 fire inspections per year, helping to keep countless township structures in safe condition. In addition to inspections, our Fire Inspectors teach Fire Prevention & Fire Safety to the schools, daycares, businesses within our township, and respond to emergency calls in the Township.

In addition to his full-time role with the Township, Christ has been a volunteer firefighter with the Community Fire Co. of New Tripoli since 1986. In that time, he has held positions such as: Fire Marshal, Forest Fire Warden, Assistant Fire Chief, and lately Fire Chief (2010 - 2021) and continues to volunteer as a Firefighter for the department.

Emergency Service Personnel, and especially Firefighters, are required to do an enormous amount of continuous education: recertifications, obtaining new certifications, completing hours of required courses and trainings. With his 34 years of experience, Christ carries numerous certifications including the following:

Fire Science Certificate Recipient | Certified Fire Inspector and Commercial Building Inspector | Certified Fire Officer | Certified Fire and Life Safety Educator | Certified Emergency Medical Technician | American Heart Association BLS Instructor

# **CONGRATULATIONS** CLASS OF 2021!









Rest easy, Upper Macungie...our next generation of emergency response professionals is off to a great start. The 2021 Junior Emergency Services Academy was bursting at the seams with 21 Graduates! The number of interested students exceeded our capacity and were referred to a neighboring Academy! Ages of the cadets ranged from 12- 16 years old, and we are proud to all say that all 21 graduated from this rigorous program with flying colors.

Conducted annually by the UMT Bureau of Fire along with the UMT Police Department, Cetronia Ambulance and the three UMT 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 2022 Junior Emergency Services Academy will open in May of 2022. For more information, visit www.uppermac.org/fire/

# **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 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 (left), 25, 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!"

For more facts contact: Chief Doug Gernerd, doug.gernerd@rcn.com





### FIRE PIT SAFETY: "DID YOU KNOW"

With many of us spending more time at home in 2020, the use of outdoor fire pits increased tremendously. In anticipation of the beautiful fall weather, we wanted to remind residents of fire pit safety. Did you know portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material? Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material and 25 feet from any property line. When in use, outdoor fire features must be constantly attended until extinguished. Hot ashes from recreational fires can cause a major safety issue when not handled correctly. Allow ashes to cool for several days prior to disposal. Do not dispose of hot ashes with yard waste or in a plastic or combustible receptacle. The main difference between an outdoor fireplace and a recreational fire is the way the flame is contained. The pictures to the left are examples.

Please visit our website for additional information listed under Chapter 7, Ordinance #2020-16





# UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP

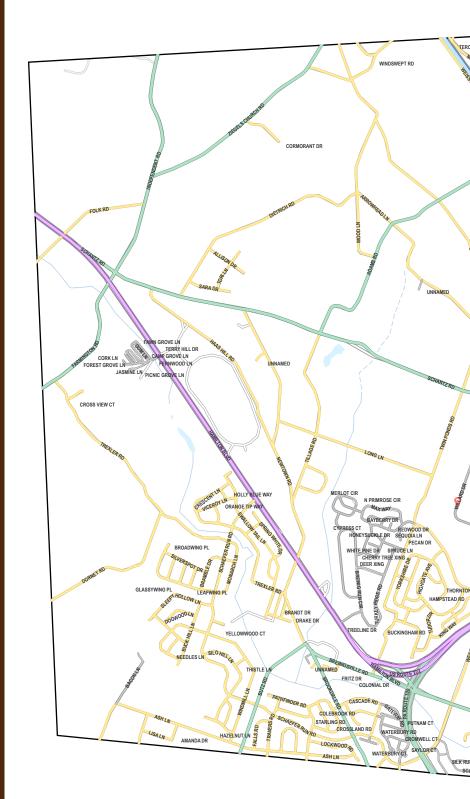
# WHO OWNS WHAT STREET?

If you have traffic or maintenance concerns regarding roads within Upper Macungie Township, this map shows what agency is responsible for each road, and helps you determine who to contact.

For PennDOT Road Concerns: 1-800-FIX-ROAD https://customercare.penndot.gov/

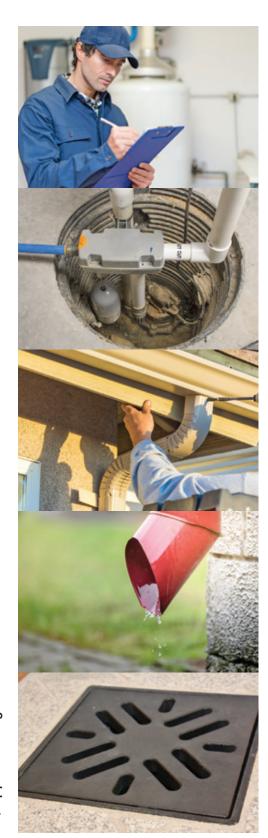
For Upper Macungie Township Road Concerns: 610-395-4892 x140.

The roads throughout Upper Macungie Township are owned and maintained by various entities. This map depicts the ownership of the roads throughout the township.



### FALL | WINTER 2021

# SUMP PUMP & FLOOR DRAIN INSPECTION PROGRAM



In 2020, the Township was to begin a program of home basement inspections to identify and eliminate sources of clear water (rain and groundwater) entering our sanitary sewer system. The affected area included the neighborhoods of Oakland Park, Briarwood, and Holiday Hills; all areas served by one of the Township's sanitary sewer pump stations. However, with the COVID-19 restrictions in place during this time, the Township has delayed the program until 2022.

The reason for this inspection program is that during rain events and periods of wet weather there is an excessive amount of clear water that enters the sanitary sewer system. This clear water, along with the normal flow of wastewater, is sent to the City of Allentown's Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment. This increased flow puts an enormous strain on the plant's ability to treat all the wastewater. To reduce this strain, all municipalities that connect to the Plant are required to follow a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved plan to eliminate sources of clear water.

The Township has been very proactive in repairing leaks in our pipes and manholes but that is not enough to meet our goals. An inspection of residential properties will allow us to identify and help eliminate other sources of clear water into the sanitary sewer system.

Updates and notifications will be sent to all homeowners in the inspection area prior to the start of the program with all pertinent information. Specifically, the inspector will review that your down spouts, sump pump and floor drain in your basement or garage are not being discharged to the sanitary sewer system (UMT Ordinance #2007-6). The inspection will be conducted at no cost to you and will take approximately 30 minutes.



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### STORMWATER

### STORMWATER CONCERNS ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Upper Macungie Township partnered with the Lehigh County Conservation District, the Penn State Extension, and the Lehigh County Authority to provide residents with a virtual rain barrel workshop and information about how you can reduce stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution reaching our local waterways.

Rain barrels offer a great way to conserve water by collecting and storing rainwater from your roof through a connection to your downspout that would otherwise be diverted to storm drains, streams, and rivers.

More than 60 registrants attended the Virtual Rain Barrel Workshop on September 11th and will receive their free Rain Barrel to install on their property. Due to the tremendous interest in this program, we are looking into options for additional workshops. If you are interested in attending a Rain Barrel Workshop, or would like to suggest another related workshop call or email the municipal building at 610-395-4892, frontdesk@uppermac.org.



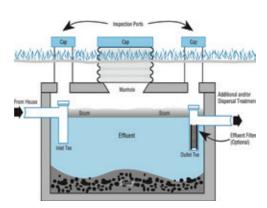


Financial and other support for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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

### **SEWAGE SYSTEM INSPECTIONS MANDATORY IN 2021 FOR DISTRICT 3 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 2 met all requirements with no complications in 2020. District 3 property owners are required to have their septic systems cleaned and inspected by a registered pumper/hauler before December 31, 2021. 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.

# YARD WASTE REMOVAL GUIDELINES

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

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).



# 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) one-time 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 **ONLY** to Township Residents. Contractors and businesses are **NOT** permitted to use this facility.

### YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE HOURS:

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

Closed on UMT Observed Holidays & Federal Holidays

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

Drop-off site located on Grim Road next to the Public Works Garage. UMT residents may drop-off 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 no longer than 4 feet long and 5 inches wide are accepted.

# **WASTE REMOVAL/RECYCLING GUIDELINES**



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

Email uppermac@whitetaildisposal.com or call 610.754.0103, Option #2 Text "UPPERMAC" to 24587 to receive text alerts regarding your Trash & Recycling Service



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

#### WHITETAIL DISPOSAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25th) - Pickup delayed to Fri., Nov. 26th, Fri. pickup delayed to Sat, Nov. 27th Christmas Day (Dec. 25th) and New Year's Day (Jan. 1st) (no service days affected) Christmas Trees will now be picked up!

(Jan. 10 - 28, 2022 on your regular pickup day)



#### UTILITY BILLING REMINDERS

PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE! www.uppermac.org/sewer-payments/

Sewer and Refuse bills will be mailed together, but payments must be separate with account numbers on checks

Pay entire year by March 31st for a 5% discount

### NEW BULK ITEM PICKUP INSTRUCTIONS

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

Cardboard & Plastic Recycling Dumpsters are now located at the Public Works Garage



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

New Residents must fill out a moving permit. You will receive a map showing which zone you are in for trash pickup along with what day your pickup will be. 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 (you may select any size) and one 35 or 65 gallon recycle cart. You may purchase ONE additional trash and recycling cart per residence. There are three different sizes.

35 gallon cart for \$40 | 65 gallon cart for \$50 95 gallon cart for \$75 (effective Oct. 2, 2021) | 35 or 65 gallon recycle cart, \$40, \$50 PLEASE NOTE: Carts are not returnable. Used carts cannot be exchanged for new ones.



### SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

The Township offers a \$30 discount for trash/recycling services to anyone over 65. You must be 65 years of age by Dec. 31, 2021 to be eligible for the 2022 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, 2021 (just apply once).

### MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED

Visit www.uppermac.org/recycling-3/ for a full list of accepted recycled materials



# **2022 RECYCLING EVENTS:**

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

9 APRIL	HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING EVENT Grange Park   8 am- 1 pm   \$10 per vehicle Must pre-register for a time slot.	
<b>7</b> MAY	ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT Grange Park   9 am- 1 pm	
TBA	SHREDDING RECYCLING EVENT For a complete list of accepted Recycled items www.uppermac.org/recycling-3/	



## **2021 LEAF COLLECTION**

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.

Leaf Collection for 2021 will run from October 11th through December 3rd during the hours of 7 am- 3 pm. We highly recommend residents put leaves out in the evenings, so they are ready to be picked up. Make sure you put leaves out prior to the LAST PICK UP DAY Friday, December 3rd.

See more information about Leaf Collection at www.uppermac.org/public-works/leaf-collection/

# OCTOBER 11TH THROUGH DECEMBER 3RD

IT'S TIME TO GATHER

**LEAVES FOR PICKUP!** 



- 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'T

- 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.

For questions regarding leaf collection, please contact the Public Works Department at 610-395-4892, ext. 140.

# **UMT SNOW REMOVAL FAQs**

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.

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.

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.

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 right-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.

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 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.





# **UMTPD IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

# **UMTPD SUPPORT SIGNS** CREATED TO BENEFIT FAMILIES/VICTIMS OF WAWA TRAGEDY:

Did you know that your local police department is now selling UMTPD support yard signs?

These signs mean so much more than just supporting your local police. Thanks to our friends, the family and staff of the Schmoyer Funeral Home in Breinigsville, The Trexler Funeral Home and the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home both in Allentown, 100% of the proceeds of this sale of these signs will go to benefit the families and victims of the tragic shooting that occurred at the Upper Macungie Wawa in April of this year.





We can't thank Carl F. and Carl F. Schmoyer III, their staff and families enough for their generous donation that enabled the purchase of these signs to help those in need.

Signs are \$10 each, and available for purchase at the UMTPD Department Headquarters. Questions - email Lt. Peter Nickischer - pnickischer@uppermac-pd.org.

# **UMTPD** SERGEANT EARNS RECOGNITION

UMTPD is proud to announce the recognition of Sgt. Dathan Schlegel who was recognized for his efforts in DUI and traffic enforcement by the Lehigh Valley DUI Highway Safety Task Force at a ceremony held at the New Tripoli Fire Company.

This type of enforcement keeps the motoring public safe from aggressive drivers and impaired motorists. As a result, injuries and fatalities associated with motor vehicle accidents are reduced and hopefully, eliminated.



Thank you Sgt. Schlegel for your hard work and dedication to the citizens of Upper Macungie Township!

### **UMTPD** WATER BALLOON FIGHT

This summer, UMTPD units were dispatched for a large crowd of children armed with water balloons in the area of Ash Lane in the Coldwater Crossings neighborhood. Upon their arrival, responding police units were met with a barrage of airborne water balloons. Luckily, the brave officers came prepared with their own arsenal of water bombs and fought back the assaulting children (and yes, even some parents) until they were able to safely retreat to their patrol cars, at which time they left the area.

No arrests were made as a result of the melee, but we're pretty sure we made some great memories!





The UMTPD wishes all Upper Macungie Township students a safe, healthy, and happy school year.
Also, a special thank you to parents and teachers for their unconditional support of our young learners!

EMERGENCY...... 911

**LEHIGH COUNTY (NON-EMERGENCY) ........ 610.437.5252** 

UMTPD HEADQUARTERS ...... 484.661.5911

Upper Macungie Township Police Department 37 Grim Road | Breinigsville PA 18031 www.uppermac.org/police





# WHAT'S UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN UMT?

### 1. HIDDEN MEADOWS

112 townhouse units located along Werley Road adjoining the Woodmont Apartment development to the west. (In Progress)

### 2. WRENFIELD ESTATES, PHASE 1

44 townhouse units located on Route 100 adjoining St. Luke's Health Center, Fogelsville. (In Progress)

# 3. HAMILTON WALK (FORMERLY SCHAEFER RUN COMMONS)

134 single family homes located between Weilers Road and Route 222. (In Progress)

### 4. LEHIGH HILLS

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

### 5. NFI REAL ESTATE

Construction of a 384,500 square foot warehouse/distribution facility located along Oldt Road. (In Progress)

### 6. ATAS INTERNATIONAL INC.

Construction of a 478,400 square foot manufacturing facility located on Old Route 22 west of Fogelsville. (Proposed & Approved)

# 7. AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS, INC.

Construction of a 526,000 square foot Administration Building, a 100,000 square foot Research & Development Building and a 6-story Parking Structure located on Mill Creek Road near Route 222. (In Progress)



PARTING STRUCTURE

Rendering of the New Air Products Headquarters

TOHNSVILLE

# WHEN ARE PERMITS REQUIRED?

at 610-395-4892 with any questions.

Zoning regulations deal with use & placement of structures and buildings. Zoning permits are required for practically everything from pools & fences to decks & sheds and even paver patios & walls.

Building Code regulations deal with elements of construction or how to build something that will be safe & last. Building permits are required to:

Make alterations & repairs such as: re-roofing; creating additional living space in a basement, attic or garage; replace a furnace, hot water heater, HVAC unit; install or upgrade electrical wiring or plumbing; install a generator; install or replace swimming pools & decks; detached accessory structures exceeding 500 square feet in size.

When in doubt, please call our office to see if a permit is required.

### 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.





# **RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS 2021-22**

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

ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW ACCEPTED! Create an account in our UMT Rec Portal and register for Programs, reserve Pavilions, and purchase your Splash Park Membership online! For more details on all programs visit https://www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/

**NOW** thru NOV 2021 2022 SEPT 20 thru **OCT 25** SEPT 26 thru **SEPT** thru NOV

PLANK PILATES & NUTRITION CLASS

Lone Lane Park | Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

Month Class Pass \$70 (4 weeks) | Drop-In Class Pass \$20

Instructed by Plank Pilates Owner and ASFA Certified Fitness Instructor Marlana Betesh, combines the benefits of both Pilates and Nutrition.

www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/plank-pilates/

### **SAFE SITTER**

2021 | Mon., Oct. 11th | Mon., Nov. 29th | Wed., Dec. 29th 2022 | Mon., Jan. 17th | Fri., Feb. 18th | Fri., March 11th Dates coincide with holidays/days off on the Parkland School District Calendar. www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/safesitter/

### ST. LUKE'S FITNESS CLASSES

**NEW** 

**NEW** 

• Metabolic Fitness Class - Grange Park | Sept. 20th - Oct. 11th (4 weeks) Mondays, 5:30 pm | \$10/class, \$35 for 4 week session www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/st-lukes-metabolic/

• Chair Strength & Mobility - Lone Lane Park Pavilion Sept. 20th - Oct. 25th, Mondays 9:00 am | 6 weeks, \$15 for 6 week session www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/st-lukes-chair-strength/

• Kickboxing - Lone Lane Park | Sept. 25th - Oct. 16th (4 weeks) Saturdays, 9:30am | \$10/class, \$35 for 4 week session www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/st-lukes-kickboxing/

**OCT 31** 

### **HEALTHY KIDS RUNNING SERIES**

Grange Park | Sept. 26th - Oct. 31st | Sundays, 3 pm | (rain date 11/07) www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/healthykidsrunning/

### PARTNERING WITH PARKLAND SD

**NEW** 

• Chair Strength & Mobility - 6 weeks, \$15 for 6 week session Parkland SD Admin Building (1210 Springhouse Road Allentown, PA 18104) Sept. 29th - Nov. 17th | Wednesdays 9:00 am - 10 am Class instructed by St. Luke's & sponsored by UMT Recreation! www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/ st-lukes-chair-strength/

Parkland High School Pool | Oct. 6th - Nov. 10th Wednesdays 6 pm - 7 pm | Sponsored by UMT Recreation www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/water-aerobics/

#### **PICKLEBALL**

Check out our Pickleball webpage to keep up with the latest programming for this popular sport! Ladder Leagues, Beginner Lessons, Friends of UMT Parks & Recreation Tournaments

www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/pickleball-opening-day/

Senior Water Aerobics

ONGOING



### **COMMUNITY TAILGATE WITH UMTPD**

Grange Park | 1 pm - 4 pm

Watch the Chiefs play the Eagles on a large outdoor screen with games, activities and food!

www.uppermac.org/police/police-community-events/



### BARKTOBERFEST

New location Grange Park | 11 am - 3 pm | Free to Attend (rain date 10/10) Vendors & Sponsors Wanted! | \$25 vendor fee.

Promote your Business by being a sponsor! Sponsorship levels and other details here: www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/barktoberfest/ or Email: recreation@uppermac.org



### **PSYCHIC LAURI MOORE**

Township building (8330 Schantz Road) | 7 pm - 8:30 pm | \$20/person Register & Pay Online!

www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/lauri-moore/



### KID'S NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Goodwill Fire Co. Trexlertown, Station #25 | 10:30 am - 1:30 pm Event is Free, must pre-register | Sponsors needed www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms/kids-noon-years-eve/



### THE BUNNY HOP TRUNK HUNT

Grange Park | Event is free, must pre-register (rain date 4/10) Various sponsor levels available!

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



#### **HUNTER TRAPPER**

Stav tuned for November 2021 date.

Visit our website for updated information:

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



New programs and events are always being added! Follow us on social media and visit our website for the most up-to-date program & event information!

Official Township website - www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/ Official Township Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/UpperMacungieTownship Official Township Instagram - www.instagram.com/uppermacrec/



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

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: PICK-UP BASKETBALL, PICK-UP VOLLEYBALL

Calling all Basketball and Volleyball lovers: UMT Recreation's Pick-Up programs need you! These programs were cancelled due to COVID-19, and to bring them back, we need volunteer organizers. Our Free Pick-Up programs run once a week seasonally; fall/winter indoors, and spring/summer at a UMT Park.

#### So, what does the volunteer organizer do?

- Attend the weekly Pick-Up program, play and have fun! Previous Schedule: Volleyball | Tues. 8 pm - 10 pm; Basketball | Thurs. 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Represent UMT Recreation; leave the facility in proper condition (trash clean-up, lights off in the gym, etc...)
- Maintain the Email Group for each program. Communicate any changes and add new group members.

As Pick-Up program organizer, no registration or attendance tracking is required! Email: recreation@uppermac.org



# 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.



### **BARKTOBERFEST | OCT. 9**

New location- Grange Park | 11am-3pm | Free to Attend | (rain date 10/10) 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!











### KID'S NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY | JAN. 2, 2022

Goodwill Fire Co. Trexlertown, 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!













### THE BUNNY HOP TRUNK HUNT | APR. 9, 2022

Grange Park | (rain date 4/10/22) Various sponsor levels available! www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/eventsprograms/bunnyhop/

Thank you previous Bunny Hop Sponsors











### **MOVIES IN THE PARK**

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

Thank you Movie Sponsors!











### **PAVILION RENTALS**



# Have your event at one of our beautiful park pavilions!

Pavilions are available at:

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

Reserve your 2022 Pavilion Reservation beginning January 3, 2022. Mark your calendars, our pavilions book up fast! Reserving a pavilion is easier than ever with our online portal. View availability, reserve, and pay all online!

Visit www.uppermac.org/umt-recreation/ for more details.





### **2021 WRAP UP:**

Summer 2021 marked one of our most successful seasons yet! Thank you to our amazing Public Works Parks staff for keeping this facility clean and beautiful, and running smoothly. Thank you to our wonderful park members—your thoughtfulness and vigilance helped us keep the Splash Park clean and safe!

### **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022:**

Memberships for the 2022 season will be available for purchase starting March 1, 2022. The Opening Date for 2022 will be announced on www.uppermac.org and the Township Facebook page. Not renewing? Bring your card back for your \$10 Card Deposit Refund!

We wish all of our members a happy and healthy fall and winter and we look forward to summer 2022!



### GET TO KNOW FRIENDS OF UMT PARKS & RECREATION!







# Friends of Upper Macungie Township Parks & Recreation

The mission of The Friends of Upper Macungie Township Parks & Recreation Inc. 501c3 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
- Park Improvement- donation of the two shade structures at the Grange Park Splash Park
- Recreational Programming- Annually sponsor the following UMT Recreational programs.
  - o Movies in the Park, Barktoberfest, Kid's Noon Year's Eve, The Bunny Hop

Thinking about donating? All donations are Tax Deductible and all proceeds go 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.



### **UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP**

### **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, & Meeting Schedules



### **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 2022 OBSERVED HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

December 31st	New Year's Eve Day 2022 (Observed)
February 21	Presidents' Day
April 15	Good Friday
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor 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 Eve 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 Department** 

Emergency 911
Non-Emergency: Lehigh County
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 610-782-3073

**Trash or Recycling -**

Whitetail Disposal 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 & Maintenance -

PPL Utilities 800-342-5775

**Traffic Lights Repair & Maintenance -**

 UMT Public Works
 610-395-4892

 State Roads - PennDOT
 610-798-4282

Railroad Signals - Norfolk Southern R.R. 877-201-4265

**Youth Organizations** 

South Parkland Youth Association | www.spya.org
Warehouse 610-395-9878
Breinigsville VFW Youth Activities 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.

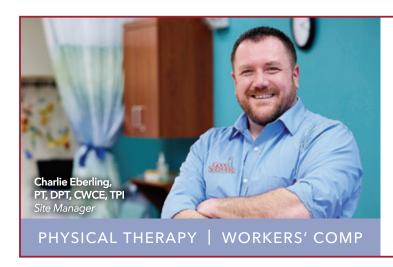
Check out the website for any job openings that the Township has available



## UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP

8330 Schantz Road Breinigsville, PA 18031-1510

> Phone: 610.395.4892 FAX: 610.395.9355 www.uppermac.org



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