

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP



Spring/Summer 2015

For the Citizens and Friends of Upper Macungie Township

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2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- UMT OFFICE CLOSINGS -

- May 25 (Mon.) Memorial Day
- July 3 (Fri.) Independence Day
- Sept. 7 (Mon.) Labor Day
- Nov. 11 (Wed.) Veterans Day
- Nov. 26 & 27

(Thurs. & Fri.) Thanksgiving

■ December 24 & 25 (Thurs. & Fri.) Christmas

Scams & Burglaries:

Protection Starts with Extra Caution and Common Sense

Thieves are on the lookout for vulnerable victims throughout the year but it seems that the incidence of scams and burglaries increases with the warm weather. While our Upper Macungie Township Police Department is always on the lookout for scams (see related article inside this issue) the best protection starts by taking extra caution and using common sense when being approached by strangers in-person or on the phone.

In April, 2015, two men walked up to an elderly man outside his Fogelsville home. While one man started a friendly conversation, the second stranger disappeared, slipped into the house and stole thousands of dollars.

With home improvement season upon us, you may be hiring a contractor. Remember: every reputable contractor has a work history—so ask for three local references of previous customers. If a contractor asks for cash advances, take this as a "red flag" warning...it is NEVER necessary to pay for work until it is completed. Unscrupulous operators may try to convince you that they need cash upfront for supplies or other needs. Don't fall for it.

Even PPL Electric Utilities is seeing an increase in reports of customers being targeted by scammers pretending to be representatives of the electric company. These thieves call customers, falsely claim an overdue bill, and threaten to shut off the customer's power unless immediate payment is made with a prepaid debit card. According to PPL: "We don't accept any prepaid debit card as a payment. We don't call you and threaten to cut off your service." If you receive a call like this from someone claiming to be from PPL, hang up and call 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775).

Upper Macungie Township Police urge residents to be cautious when approached by any person they do not know who is offering to sell an item or service, asking for personal or any financial information, trying to tug on your heartstrings for financial help or to get into your home to use a phone or facilities.

If you think someone is trying to scam you, remember to get a good description of the person(s) and his or her vehicle and then get away. **Call 911** for an emergency or imminent threat of danger, and **610-437-5252** for a non-emergency.



Do You Know Where to VOTE?

New Polling Locations for Many of UMT's Voters

With the population growth of our Township has come a need for three new polling places. By the time you are reading this, every registered voter in Upper Macungie Township will have

received a letter from Lehigh County Voter Registration containing a voting card and information on which of the eight polling places you should report to. To ensure that every registered voter exercises his or her duty to vote in the upcoming May primary and beyond, here are the facts on Upper Macungie Township's current polling places.

- District 4: The Clubhouse at Coldwater Crossing, just off Rt. 100 at 8466 Mason Court.
- District 6: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8227 Hamilton Boulevard.
- Districts 7 & 8: Independent Park Community Center, 150 Independent Road.
- Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5: Unchanged from previous polling place.

FOR MORE FACTS visit **www.lehighcounty.org** — Department of Voter Registration, or contact Terri Harkins, Deputy Chief Clerk at **610-782-3194**.

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 or passport). You must own and live at your residence. If you are 65 or turn 65 by December 31, 2015, please come to the Township municipal building to apply and register by December 31, 2015 for senior citizen discount for 2016.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR 2015

SPRING IS HERE! Come out and take advantage of our beautiful parks and great recreational programs.

There have been some exciting changes in the Recreation Department including the addition of our new Recreation & Events Coordinator, Lynn Pigliacampi. Together with the Recreation Board, they are developing new and exciting programs that utilize our beautiful parks and facilities, as well as promoting and growing our successful trademark programs.

For information on any programs or rentals and to register, please contact Lynn at recreation@uppermac.org or 610-395-4892, ext. 130. We welcome your suggestions for events/programs.

Visit our website for updated recreational programs and applications at www.uppermac.org.



610-395-4892 • Registration forms available at www.uppermac.org (go to Events/Programs under Parks & Recreation)

TENNIS CLINIC

Session 1: April 6 – May 6 (5 weeks) Session 2: May 11 - June 10 (5 weeks) Session 3: June 29 – July 29 (5 weeks) Where: Ricky Park

Fee for clinic - registration is required. For details and registration, go to www.uppermac.org/tennis-clinics, or call 610-395-4892.

Movies in the Park

Night At The Museum III - Secret of the Tomb PG Friday, June 19 @ Lone Lane Park



The Maze Runner PG-13 Friday, August 7 @ Grange Park

FREE. Pre-movie activities start at 7 p.m. The rain dates will be posted on UMT Facebook or www.uppermac.org/movies-in-the-park.

FAMILY FISHING PROGRAM

When: Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Where: The Ponds at Apple Park

FREE but registration is required. Register online at www.uppermac.org/family-fishing-program.







GEOCACHING

Details coming soon. Please check www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms.

JUNIOR GOLF



When: Session 1 June 15 - July 16 Session 2 July 20 - August 13 Where: Independent Park Golf Course For registration, go to www.embraceyourdreams.org, or call 610-868-5290.



Be a part of the celebration!

July is Park and Recreation Month. Check out www.uppermac.org all summer for a full list of events!

Save The Date!

2015 Emergency Preparedness Day Saturday, September 19, 2015

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location TBD

Upper Macungie Township is teaming with South Whitehall and North Whitehall Townships to make this a community expo of grand proportions.

Stay tuned for the latest news posted at www.uppermac.org.

EXHIBITORS interested in participating can get more facts by contacting Stephanie Grim at 610-395-4892, ext. 113, or stephg@uppermac.org.



Pavilion Rentals

Enjoy our beautiful parks by having your party outdoors! Pavilions offer a great location for parties and events of all kinds.

Dates are booking up fast, so reserve yours TODAY! For rental details and an application, call 610-395-4892, or go to www.uppermac.org/rentals

Independent Park Community Center

A beautiful location for weddings, parties, meetings, classes and events of all kinds! Dates are booking up fast, so reserve yours TODAY! For rental details and an application, call 610-395-4892, or go to www.uppermac.org/community-center-rentals



5TH ANNUAL RUN/WALK FOR

PARKS

When: Sunday, October 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Where:

Lone Lane Park

Visit www.uppermac. org/5k-fun-run for details. Sponsors and volunteers wanted. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the UMT trail system.





When: Saturday, October 10 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Upper Macungie Park

FREE. Rain date: Sunday, October 11. Pet parade, DJ, shows, demonstration, costume contests, food, and lots of vendors! Kiddy Korner by Active Learning Center. Visit www.uppermac.org/barktoberfest for details.

2014 Barktoberfest 1st Place Winner: Yogi Berra/Jodi Parelli of Whitehall



Sponsorship Opportunities in Upper Macungie Township

Our community has an active roster of FREE wholesome activities and community events that attract thousands of families. But most of these events would not happen without the support of local business sponsorships. Want to support UMT Recreation? Take this tax deductible opportunity to promote your business and support our township.

2015 Sponsorship Opportunities:

- 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk for Parks on October 25
- Barktoberfest on October 10
- Movies-in-the-Park on June 19, July 11 and August 7

All sponsorships are tax deductible. They provide strategic marketing and business development opportunities for your business at a very affordable cost. 100% of the proceeds benefit park and recreation efforts in Upper Macungie Township, helping to further enhance the quality of life for families here in our community.

For more facts on the many business sponsorship options available, please contact Lynn Pigliacampi at 610-395-4892, ext.130 or recreation@uppermac.org. Additional details are available at www.uppermac.org/community-opportunities.

RECYCLING & TRASH PICK UP GUIDELINES

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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

YARD WASTE CURBSIDE PICK UP Wednesday, May 13, 2015

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

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 wastes 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 6 p.m.

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

(Next pick up: Fall 2015)

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE

Corner of Schantz & Grim Roads, Breinigsville

Spring / Summer / Fall Hours		
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	

Closed Holidays (See page 1 for UMT Holidays)

TRASH PICK UP

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK UP



May 25, 2015 - Memorial Day July 4, 2015 - Independence Day (not affected)

Sept. 7, 2015 - Labor Day

PLEASE NOTE: For holiday pick ups ONLY. Any week that a holiday falls on a pick up day, service is one day delayed.

Please place your trash cart out for collection the night before your pick up 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 bin can be placed several feet from the cart. As a reminder, any trash placed outside your cart, or not in a UMT trash cart, will <u>not</u> be collected. You can purchase another cart for \$55. There is no extra trash fee. Residents are allowed to have a maximum of two 95 gallon carts.

WASTE MANAGEMENT services the contract 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 when your trash cart will be delivered (for new construction only), which zone you are in for trash pick up, and what day your pick up will be.

All complaints or missed pick ups should be directed to **WASTE MANAGEMENT** at 1-800-869-5566.

SHREDDING EVENT

On-Site Mobile Paper Document Destruction

Saturday, June 13

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. sharp (rain or shine)UMT Public Works Building on Schantz Road

This event is for the shredding of paper documents only.

- No need to remove staples
- No photo negatives or x-rays
- No heavy plastics

A container for the recycling of cardboard will be provided. Please note there is only one event on this day.

Limit 5 bags/boxes per household

PROTECT YOUR I.D.

RECYCLING

MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED in Upper Macungie Township:

- Newspaper
- Residential mixed paper
- Glass (clear, green & brown)
- Aluminum, tin and steel/bi-metallic cans
- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastics (with a recyclable symbol, no caps, 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

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 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- UMT yard waste site on Grim Road: Monday – Friday, 3-7 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, June 6
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. sharp (rain or shine)
UMT Public Works Building on Schantz Road

Computers, monitors, printers, fax/copy machines, DVD/VCR players, TVs, radios, CD players, stereo equipment, microwaves, household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs (NO APPLIANCES).

Businesses should contact Kathy Lancsek, UMT Recycling Coordinator, at 610-398-9171.

Upper Macungie Township Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT

2014 Progress Update for Members of Our Community





From the Chief:

Edgardo A. Colón Chief of Police Upper Macungie Township Police Department

On behalf of Upper Macungie Township, it is my privilege to present the Upper Macungie Township Police Department 2014 Annual Report.

Through hard work and the selfless dedication of our officers and civilian staff,

this organization has been recognized as one of the finest in our region. We strive to provide excellent police service each and every day. Whether you are raising a family, working or simply visiting, we want your time in Upper Macungie Township to be safe, fun and memorable.

We continue to build on our experiences and successes with varied community service initiatives. The UMTPD is firmly committed to a geographic-policing philosophy that addresses crime and the fear of crime through a shared relationship between citizens and our officers using tools such as Nixle, Crimemapping and our "Coffee with a Cop" outreach program. We believe these endeavors connect our communities with the Department, proactively enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Our efforts to keep our streets safe from impaired drivers have continued in 2014 through targeted enforcement initiatives. I am pleased to report that no lives were lost at the hands of a drunk driver in 2014.

I am also proud to report reduced percentages of violent crimes—such as assaults and robberies—in Upper Macungie Township during the past year. I credit much of this achievement to the well-respected detective team from our Criminal Investigations Division which contends with ever-changing criminal enterprises and technology. Paired with uniformed patrol officers who are highly visible throughout Upper Macungie roadways and neighborhoods, our investigative officers work tirelessly to keep criminal activity to a minimum and arrest offenders who choose to break the law.

Planning for the future, we will be analyzing the impact of the Township's increasing traffic, population and future development. The Department hopes to launch a cooperative initiative with local corporations to address the high volume of commercial vehicle traffic, while focusing on education, motor-carrier compliance and safety.

Please take the time to review the next few pages and familiarize yourself with what your police department accomplished in 2014. I encourage all residents to get involved with our community-related events in 2015. I also thank you for your support, encouragement and the opportunity to serve you.

Committed to Service. Edgardo A. Colón, Chief of Police

IRS Phone Scams, Identity Theft On the Rise

Most of us are trusting people. Unfortunately, it seems that there are more thieves than ever taking advantage of that trust. Scams of all kinds are on the rise in communities across America...and Upper Macungie Township is no exception. In recent months we have seen a large increase in the number of reports about Internal Revenue Service (IRS) scams. Here's how a few of them operate.

A phone caller reaches you and identifies him or herself as an IRS official. He or she advises you that there is an issue with your federal taxes and that there is a warrant for your arrest, or that there will be if you don't take care of a debt that you owe to the IRS. You are told that the money you owe is for a fine, or money owed on back taxes due to miscalculation, or any number of reasons. You are then told that you need to electronically transfer the money that you owe...or else. These callers can be very intimidating and rely on inciting fear to make you react. This call is an outright lie because THE IRS DOES NOT CONTACT ANYONE BY PHONE FOR THESE MATTERS.



The second scam we have been seeing lately is based on identity theft. You go to file your taxes and then learn that someone has already filed taxes using your information. The scam here is that a thief has gotten ahold of your private financial information and filed a tax return in your name, hoping to snag your tax refund. Sadly, the first time you may find out about this is when you attempt to file your taxes.

SCAMS >> Continued from the previous page

Here's how to protect yourself from IRS and other phone scams:

- REMEMBER: The IRS will NOT call you if there is an issue with your taxes. They will contact you via traditional mail.
- Be extremely cautious of any unsolicited phone calls. Phone calls are the ways lots of scammers get into your life...and your bank account.
- Protect you personal information.
 Guard your Social Security number,
 bank information and even your
 date of birth. Most businesses and
 government agencies will not call and
 ask for this information. Thieves will.
- If someone DOES ask for this information, ask them why they need it, what they are going to do with it, and how do they protect it. Even if they give answers that sound legitimate, be wary of issuing information before checking further.

- If you get a suspicious phone call from an official sounding agency or company, tell them you will call them back. But do not use the number they provide. Go online and find the number of the agency or company. Chances are it will be different from the caller's number.
- **REPORT IT! Call 911** for an emergency or imminent threat of danger, and **610-437-5252** for a non-emergency

If You Get a Phone Call from People Alleging to Be IRS Agents:

Call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) hotline at 1-800-366-4484. There is an automated system specifically for the reporting of impersonation scam calls.

You can also report IRS scams through their website: www.tigta.gov

2014 UMTPD Community Events

- National Drug Take Back Initiatives
- Child Safety Seat Installations/ Inspections
- Station Tours
- DARE
- Senior Safety
- Police Lecture Series
- Women's Self Defense at Leading Edge Martial Arts

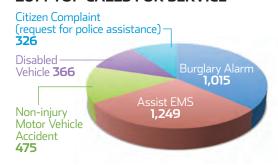
- National Night Out
- Students/Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- Halloween Safety
- Bicycle Registrations
- Emergency Preparedness Day
- Coffee with a Cop
- Safe Sitter Babysitting Class

Thanks for participating!

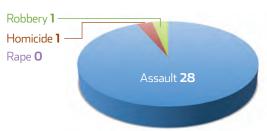
Notable Arrests, Incidents & Recognition

- Arrest of Desmond Cole, who police attempted to stop for traffic violations on the Rt. 222 bypass. Cole refused to stop and fled into Berks County where he eventually struck another vehicle, illegally passed other vehicles and eventually struck and damaged a home. He was taken into custody and fully prosecuted.
- Recognition of Officer: In November, 2014, Lieutenant Peter Nickischer was awarded the Officer David M. Petzold Memorial Foundation's "Beyond the Badge Award" for Outstanding Community Service in his work as Commander of UMTPD's Criminal Investigations and Community Services units. The annual award is named for an Upper Saucon Township Police officer and family man who was tragically killed in 2006.
- Arrest of Raul Lopez-Sanchez and Angel Perez-Sanchez, who illegally entered a parked vehicle and stole a firearm. The incident happened in the parking lot of a hotel in the Township.
- Arrest of Jennifer Freeman, who attempted to pass a forged prescription for pain killers at a pharmacy located in the Township.
- Arrest of two juvenile males, who illegally entered a private residence, stole a vehicle and then committed a hit-and-run with the same vehicle.
- Arrest of Michael Ebright, who attempted to illegally purchase a gun with falsified documents at a Township firearms retailer.
- **Arrest of Robert Morgan,** who stole a high-value wedding ring from a private residence.

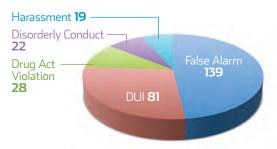
2014 TOP CALLS FOR SERVICE



2014 PART I VIOLENT CRIMES



2014 TOP ARREST TYPES



2014 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



2014 CITATIONS



Community Connection HIGHLIGHTS



National Night Out:

Crime-Fighting Education and Fun

Our local celebration of "America's Night Out Against Crime" drew a crowd of more than 350 UMT residents to Lone Lane Park on August 5, 2014 for an evening of crime-fighting consciousness and old-fashioned fun. Given the heat of the night, it was almost refreshing, and certainly comical, to see Chief Colon and other commanding officers get dumped into the Dunk Tank, with all proceeds going to support our local D.A.R.E. program to fight drug abuse. Other attractions included demonstrations by the Upper Macungie Township Police Department K-9 Unit and Motorcycle Unit, tours of the BearCat tactical response vehicle by the Lehigh County Emergency Response Team and turns driving the Drunk Buggy which simulated the dangers of alcohol on driver response reaction time. UMTPD's own Detective Darren Simmers was back again

this year to spin the tunes as DJ. The 2015 National Night Out is scheduled for August 4, so mark your calendars. Location to be announced. Check **www.uppermac.org** regularly for the details.

Community Police Academy

The 2014 Community Police Academy was a success as cadets from our Township experienced a 6-week curriculum to learn about the inner workings of law enforcement. The future crimefighters experienced the UMTPD facilities, Officer Ryan Rhoads and his partner K-9 Pako provided a special presentation, Officer Michael Cardell and Lieutenant Peter Nickischer instructed them on the actions of the Lehigh County Emergency Response Team and additional sessions taught techniques on evidence

collection, traffic stops and weapon safety. On a tour of Lehigh County Prison, cadets even got to taste the infamous "food loaf" that is served to prisoners. Many thanks to our guest speakers from the Lehigh County Coroner's Office and Gang Task Force. Congratulations to all 2014 Community Police Academy cadet

graduates. Residents can receive updates about 2015 police-related adult classes by subscribing to Nixle at www.nixle.com.

Lieutenant Nickischer (left) congratulates academy graduate William Neely of Schnecksville.



2015 Junior Emergency Services Academy Classes Forming Soon

The 2014 Junior Services Academy was a great success, as the UMTPD teamed with UMT Fire Department and Cetronia Ambulance Corps in a week-long opportunity to learn about the first-response professions. More facts on this wonderful

experience for our Township youth are presented in the Fire Department section of this issue. Residents can receive updates about 2015 police related adult classes by subscribing to Nixle at www.nixle.com.



Heroes and Helpers Spread Holiday Cheer

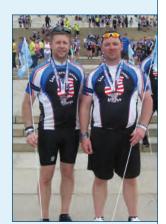
In early December of 2014, UMTPD was invited to join South Whitehall Township Police Department in a unique partnership with the retail store Target. The "Heroes and Helpers" program partnered one local youngster with one police officer. The youths were selected by the Parkland School District. With the help of each police "hero," the youngsters were provided with \$100 from Target to buy holiday gifts for family and friends, and even a small gift for themselves. When the shopping was completed, everyone rode in police cars to a celebration with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the South Whitehall Township Building. The experience brightened the holidays for everyone involved.

Special thanks to those who joined with Upper Macungie Township Police Department in making the holidays brighter for kids in need: Parkland School District, Wakefern Corp., Target and South Whitehall Police.

Chief Colón and student share a laugh while waiting to begin their holiday shopping.



Two UMTPD officers cycled from Reading to Washington DC to raise funds for the families of officers killed in the line of duty. The grueling 250-mile ride was completed by Sergeant Cory Reader and Officer Michael Cardell as part of the 2014 "Road to Hope" program conducted by Law Enforcement United, a national organization which drew more than 400 law enforcement professionals to the 3-day event. Inspired by their efforts, the UMTPD now has five officers



Sergeant Cory Reader (left) and Officer Michael Cardell.

committed to making the fund-raising trek in 2015.



Coffee with a Cop

UMTPD conducts our "Coffee with a Cop" every quarter. The goal of the program is to break down barriers, build lasting relationships, and familiarize the public with officers who are here to protect and serve in the community.

"Coffee with a Cop" events are scheduled throughout 2015. Check our Facebook page for future events and we hope to see you there. www.facebook.com/UMTPD

Interested in hosting a "Coffee With A Cop" event? Contact Officer Bill Rohrbach at 484-661-5911 or wrohrbach@uppermac-pd.org.

Meet UMTPD's Newest K-9 Officer "Bico"

Since a dog's sense of smell is up to 10,000 times more sensitive than humans, it's probably appropriate that UMTPD's newest K-9 Officer is named "Bico," which translates in Portuguese to "beak." But a super-powered nose is just one of the assets that this canine cop brings to his job here in our community.

Following the retirement of police service dog "Hassan," our newest four-legged enforcer was recruited **thanks to a generous donation from UMT corporate citizen Bimbo Bakeries**. Bico came to the United States from Holland at the tender age of 14 months. He is a Belgian Malinois, bred for centuries to protect livestock but now considered one of the premier breeds for law enforcement purposes. At 15 months, Bico began his formal training with Progressive K-9 Academy and upon graduation earned his certification with the National Police Canine Association as a dual-purpose K-9 for both

Patrol Service and Narcotics Detection.

In just four months of active duty, Bico has assisted in numerous seizures of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. He also bravely pursued a fleeing suspect and very convincingly



encouraged the offender to surrender to UMT's human officers. Along with tracking down criminals and illegal drugs, Bico's jobs within the UMTPD include building searches, area searches and searchand-rescue duties. Police Service Dog (PSD) Bico is teamed with Officer Matthew Gardner.

And should any criminals get the idea that UMTPD's new canine cop is more smell than speed, they should probably "paws" and think again. Our police pooch proved to be a top athlete in all categories of the most recent Lehigh Valley K-9 Trials...and in the Fastest Dog competition, Bico came in first place.

UMTPD OFFICER INSIGHTS:

"Community Service" Comes First in Both Job Title and Personal Fulfillment for Officer Bill Rohrbach

A veteran patrolman in our Township for more than nine years, Bill Rohrbach was appointed Upper Macungie
Township's full-time Community Service Officer just over a year ago. In this recent interview with Officer Rohrbach—affectionately known as "Officer Wild Bill" by local school kids—it is apparent that "community service" comes first in his outlook as well as his job title.

Q: What do you like best about your role as UMTPD's Community Service Officer (CSO)?

A: Can I have two favorites? First, I love being in the schools on a daily basis and seeing the kids' reactions. Introducing an officer into the elementary school culture is a great step toward building lifelong relationships between police and community. Children get a chance to see me as more than a uniform. Plus, there is nothing better than being able to get in a game of kickball with kids at recess.

Second, as a patrolman you often see people during crises, the worst times in their lives. As the CSO, I have the wonderful experience of seeing the public in happier times...like at most of our community events. This aspect of my new position has really rejuvenated me...both personally and professionally.

Q: Which community event do you enjoy the most and why?

A: National Night Out would have to be my favorite. It takes a ton of time and energy to plan, and then it goes by so quickly. But to see the families all turn out and join together with their community police is worth all the effort. It gives us a chance to share our skills, like in the police motorcycle demonstrations. Oh, and the public definitely got to show off their throwing skills in the "Dunk-A-Cop" booth. We have so many great events throughout the year...I encourage everyone to check out our website and Facebook page to see what's coming up next.

Q: You were recently recognized for helping a student during a potentially life-threatening incident at one of our local elementary schools. What happened?

A: Last December I was doing my normal walk-through at Fogelsville Elementary. I went into the cafeteria because lunch is a great time to interact with the students. I was sitting at the table with some fourth-graders when the boy across from me began choking on a piece of hot dog. With the assistance of one of the lunch aides, we stood the boy up and dislodged the hot dog from his windpipe with some backslap techniques. That boy was seriously choking and I was a lot more nervous than him...but as soon as he was breathing again, he just wanted to get back to eating lunch! I was so thankful that, just two months before, I had become a certified CPR, AED and First Aid Instructor. It's interesting how, in this job, I can be in the right place at the right time...and this time it may have saved a life. But...(with a chuckle)...I still get a little nervous on hot dog days in the cafeteria.

Have an idea for a community program? Want a police officer to speak at your next community event? Have questions about our Upper Macungie Township Police Department? Contact Officer Bill Rohrbach at 484-661-5911 or wrohrbach@uppermac-pd.org.



Contact Us

Upper Macungie Township Police Department 37 Grim Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

Non-Emergency: Lehigh County . . . 610-437-5252

Administration . . **484-661-5911** Fax. **610-841-4922**



Remembering Sam Ashmar:

Township Supervisor, Volunteer Firefighter, Neighbor and Friend

For those of us who knew Samir "Sam" Ashmar, it is still hard to believe that this dedicated family man and community leader left our world suddenly on November

20, 2014 at the age of 51. For many years Sam shared his considerable talents and precious time as Upper Macungie Township Supervisors' Vice Chairman and Fire Marshal. He also served on the UMT Planning Commission and Authority since 2006. For the past 32 years, Sam had been a volunteer firefighter, serving with Good Will Fire Company No. 1, Trexlertown, Lower Macungie Township Station 30, and most recently as fire marshal and EMT for Upper Macungie Township Station 56. Sam was also an assistant to the Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal and served on the Board of Directors for the Burn Prevention Foundation from 2000 to 2009.

During this difficult process of dealing with the loss of Sam Ashmar, our thoughts and hearts are with the wonderful Ashmar Family. We can never replace a selfless community member like Sam, but we will always do our best to remember him...a true friend of Upper Macungie Township.

Summer Job Hunting?



Part-time Workers Needed

Upper Macungie is looking for responsible part-time workers to help keep our parks and greenways in prime shape this summer. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age and enjoy working in the great outdoors. If interested, please pick up an application at the Township building.

Bad Checks Are A Serious Crime

Passing a bad check is considered a crime in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the payment of money that will not be honored by the underlying bank because of insufficient funds. Failure to make good on a returned check will result in a bad check crime report being filed with the Lehigh County District Attorney James Martin. In addition to paying restitution, first time offenders are given the opportunity to avoid criminal prosecution by attending a mandatory intervention class. Any fines are determined by the District Attorney.

Official Insights:

Meet **Sean Gill**, Vice Chairman Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors

An active community volunteer for more than a decade, Sean was appointed to the interim post of Upper Macungie Township Supervisor following the untimely passing of Sam Ashmar *(see related article at left)*. He is a retired Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army reserves and serves on the board of the South Parkland Youth Association, Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board and Neighborhood Crime

Q: Judging from your accent, you are not a native of the area. What brought you here?

A: I'm originally from Rhode Island. My job as a terminal manager brought me to the Lehigh Valley over 10 years ago. The quality of life in this community brought us to Upper Macungie. My wife and I have two children, ages 12 and 13, so the excellence of the Parkland School District was a big deciding factor for us.

Q: You have now been a Township Supervisor since December, 2014. How has the experience been so far?

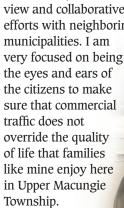
A: Very educational. First, I've learned that no one can truly replace Sam Ashmar...he was a remarkable guy and probably the best friend this community will ever have. I've also learned how passionate citizens are about managing our Township properly to maintain the quality of life as we continue to grow into the future.

Q: What are your priorities in managing the growth of UMT?

A: There are many but my top two priorities are taxes and traffic. In my professional life, I'm responsible for a \$50 million annual budget, so effective cost management is one of my strengths. The Township's budget is about \$20 million but the principles of managing variable costs still apply. Effective cost management and planning ahead are ways to keep taxes down.

Q: And your other top priority is managing our traffic volume?

A: Absolutely. I've been in the transportation business for 24 years. I know a lot about commercial trucking and what it takes to manage traffic flows and what effect issues like warehousing locations have on community neighborhoods and roadways. All the Township Supervisors are working closely with our civil engineering professionals, and South Whitehall and Lower Macungie Townships, on planning compatible road systems for the future. It's a critical issue we must tackle now to sustain the quality of life that is our greatest community asset...not only for the present but for 20 years from now and beyond. It takes a long-term view and collaborative efforts with neighboring municipalities. I am





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What is the NDPES MS4 Program?

Untreated or uncontrolled storm water runoff is the number one cause of impairment in our local waterways. Polluted runoff is often transported through drainage systems until it eventually discharges into streams. lakes, and rivers untreated. An "MS4", or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer **S**ystem, is comprised of drainage systems, including streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels and storm pipes. As part of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Township is required to have a permit to cover these storm water discharges and to maintain compliance with their permit. The Township continues to: provide storm water management education materials. increase public participation/involvement and create a system to keep track of yearly inspection reports of storm water facilities within the Township and the pollution prevention program for the Township.

We encourage residents to learn more by attending Township Planning Commission Meetings (the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm) and visiting; The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) MS4 Website:

water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater/ Municipal-Separate-Storm-Sewer-System-MS4-Main-Page.cfm

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) MS4 Website: www. depweb.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/ community/municipal_stormwater/21380

Upper Macungie's Annual Fireworks a Labor of Love for the Schmoyer Family

For more than three decades, UMT residents have enjoyed some of the most spectacular Independence Day fireworks displays seen anywhere in the U.S. But even more stirring than these exquisite pyrotechnics is how a local family sparked them into one of Upper Macungie Township's most enduring and memorable traditions.

"Our family had been staging neighborhood fireworks displays since the 1970s, but in 1984 we took it to a new level," explains Carl F. Schmoyer III, of Schmoyer Funeral Home, a fifthgeneration family business based in Breinigsville. "That was the first year that Dad and I got into the family's Pontiac station wagon and, with legal permits in hand, drove out to Ohio to bring home enough fireworks for our first really extensive display."

Every year thereafter, the events held in the Schmoyer's backyard boomed bigger. By 2003, more than 1,000 folks packed onto the Brookdale Road property for the show. "That's when my good friend Grant Grim (now UMT Fire Commissioner) looked around at the crowd and told me we needed to find a bigger venue," Schmoyer recalls. "Our Township Supervisors generously offered Earl Adams Park and that's where we have staged them ever since."

In 2014, for the 200th anniversary of Francis Scott Key's penning of "The Star Spangled Banner," the exhibition attracted 15.000 and drew them to their feet with a rare "Double Grand Finale" synchronized to the spirit-stirring audio of our national anthem. Producing a show of this magnitude requires considerable commitment. The display is more than 40 minutes long and it takes almost two hours to design just one minute of it. There are tens of thousands of pyrotechnic effects employed. "We're now up to more than 20 individuals to man the displays and traffic the crowds plus another 40 volunteers for set-up and clean-up over a six day span," says Schmoyer.

So, why has his family continued to ignite this most awe-inspiring of Upper Macungie traditions, now in its 31st year? Schmoyer replies with a characteristic smile: "It's our family's way of giving back and making great memories for other families here in the community that we have always called home. It's our labor of love for Upper Macungie Township."



Carl F. Schmoyer Jr. and Carl F. Schmoyer III

On-Lot Sewage Management Update:

System Inspections Mandatory in 2015 for District 3 Properties

This 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 PA Department of Environmental Protection and implemented by municipalities.

District 1 requirements were implemented in 2013 and we received tremendous support from residents. District 2 owners had their septic systems pumped and inspected in 2014. District 3 inspections are now underway in 2015 with reports due by December. Scheduled maintenance of your on-lot septic system helps protect and maintain a healthy environment for future generations and reduces high costs incurred by property owners if their septic system fails. For more facts on District 3 boundaries and requirements, please contact Renee Faust at 610-395-4892 x125 or reneef@uppermac.org.



Village of Breinigsville **INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015

(Rain Date: Sunday, July 5)

Earl Adams Park, Breinigsville

- CONCESSIONS OPEN 3 P.M.
- MEET CWTAP TV PERSONALITY Uncle Jeffrey, broadcasting live from 3 p.m. on SECTV Channel 126
- LIVE MUSIC by the Allentown Municipal Band starts at 7 p.m.
- OLD-FASHIONED AMERICAN SING-ALONG starts at 8:15 p.m.
- PATRIOTIC READINGS begin approximately 9:10 p.m.
- GRAND FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR starts at dusk
- Can't make it to Breinigsville? It will also be on SECTV Channel 126

Teen's Lifesaving Training, Action Saves Senior Family Member

Just Months Before, She Learned CPR at UMT Junior Emergency Services Academy

December 28, 2014 started out as a typical Christmas season get-together. Caitlin Slack, 13, and her family had traveled to New Jersey for a holiday reunion. While watching an NFL game, Caitlin's 66-year-old great uncle suddenly slumped over, unresponsive and unconscious.

As the adults rushed to call 911, Caitlin sprang into action. Fortunately, she had been trained in CPR during the summer of 2014 at Upper Macungie Township's Junior

Emergency Services Academy. She directed two adults to position the victim on the floor and she immediately began chest compressions while instructing another family member how to perform mouth-to-mouth breathing. Caitlin had delivered two rounds of chest compressions by the time the EMS team arrived with an automated external defibrillator (AED) to shock-start the victim's heart, regain a pulse and begin his breathing. He was then rushed to a hospital.

Caitlin's great uncle had gone into cardiac arrest, an electrical malfunction of the heart in which blood stops pumping to the brain and other vital organs. According to the American Heart Association, with cardiac arrest episodes "death occurs within minutes if the victim does not receive treatment."

EMS professionals and doctors later informed the family that his life was saved by Caitlin's fast and effective delivery of CPR. One very grateful great uncle has since made a full recovery and now proudly refers to his courageous grand-niece as "My Miracle." All of us here in Upper Macungie Township heartily agree and salute the bravery and preparedness of our newest hometown hero: Caitlin Slack.



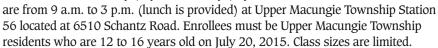
Caitlin Slack, 13, with UMT Fire Commissioner Grant Grim (right) and UMT Fire Inspector/CPR Instructor, Peter Christ.

2015 Junior Emergency Services Academy

Enrollment Begins in May

The Junior Emergency Services Academy is a weeklong experience for Township youngsters ages 12 to 16 to learn fundamentals of the first-response professions. It is provided by the UMT Bureau of Fire and UMT Police Department with additional support from Cetronia Ambulance Corps.

The 2015 Junior Emergency Services Academy will be conducted from Monday, July 20 to Friday, July 24. Classes



FOR MORE FACTS and a registration package, please visit **www.uppermac.org** in May.



Upper Macungie Township is served by three 100% volunteer fire departments: Fogelsville Volunteer Fire Company, Good Will Fire Company No. 1 Trexlertown and Upper Macungie Township Station 56.

These volunteers respond to approximately 1,500 emergency calls each year within and outside our Township. Studies show that the number of volunteers has declined over the years. Yet many people do not realize how many rewarding ways there are to becoming a volunteer with these important departments that protect our families and property. Here is an overview on some volunteer options:

FIREFIGHTER (ages 18 and up): A firefighter with the correct training has the ability to conduct fire suppression, vehicle extrication and basic first aid. Some additional responsibilities include attending weekly training, and promoting fire safety and educational sessions for Township residents.

QUICK RESPONSE SERVICE (ages 16 and up): These members assist in providing basic life support functions prior to the local ambulance service arrival, assist local ambulance service in patient care, packaging and documentation. This type of membership is perfect for those looking to get into pre-hospital care careers, or even those who are registered in the nursing field that want to gain experience in pre-hospital care.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER (ages 16 to 17): Assist firefighters in performing duties in the station and at emergency scenes. Participants become familiar with all types of equipment and procedures, gaining a general knowledge of firefighting through proper training. All Junior Firefighters must follow all regulations set forth by the Pennsylvania Child Labor Laws and curfews set forth by the departments.

FIRE POLICE (ages 18 and up): Assist the fire and police departments in traffic and crowd control at emergency scenes to help ensure that other emergency responders have a safe area to operate in. Fire Police may be summoned by other departments and/or municipalities for assistance at emergency scenes or public events.

ACTIVE MEMBER (ages 18 and up): Active members are those who do not wish to partake in emergency situations but want to assist the department in administrative functions. These members partake in fundraising or may choose from a wide variety of administrative roles.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in exploring the rewards of becoming a volunteer at one of our fire stations, or know someone who does, please stop by one of the stations during our normal Tuesday night training sessions to find out more.





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UMT Office (7:30 a.m4 p.m.) Fax	610-3	95-9355
UMT Authority Office (7:30 a.m4 p.m.).		
Upper Macungie Township Police – Emergency		911
Non-Emergency: Lehigh County	610-4	37-5252
Administration	484-6	61-5911
Magisterial District Judge for Lehigh County Michael Faulkner	610-3	98-1167
Senator Pat Browne's Office (at UMT Bldg.)	610-3	66-2327
State Dog Enforcement – Orlando Aguirre	484-2	23-9107
Lost & Found (for UMT Parks Only)	610-3	95-4892
Hazardous Waste – Lehigh County Hazardous Waste & Recycling	610-7	82-3073
Trash or Recycling – Waste Management	800-8	69-5566
Water Questions – Lehigh County Authority	610-3	98-2503

Call Before You Dig! – PA One Call System 800-242-1776 or 811
Street Lights Repair & Maintenance – PPL Utilities 800-342-5775
State Roads – PennDOT
Railroad Signals – Norfolk Southern R.R 877-201-4265
West Nile Virus – Mosquito Info Line 610-366-8345
Youth Organizations
South Parkland Youth Association (www.spya.org)
Warehouse (Tues. 6-8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m12 p.m.) 610-395-9878
Breinigsville VFW Youth Activities
Humane Society
The Sanctuary at Haafsville (for animals)
Voter Registration 610-782-3194