



UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP NEWS



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FOR THE CITIZENS AND FRIENDS OF UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP

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UMT Now On Facebook

You can now get the latest important updates from Upper Macungie Township on Facebook. This social media source for UMT news is especially important since Upper Macungie Patch is no longer providing news exclusive to our Township. Check us out soon and if you enjoy what you see, then LIKE us on Facebook. Thanks!

Scams on Rise in UMT

Protection and Prevention Tips from Upper Macungie Police

“I can’t believe I fell for it.”

Police in Upper Macungie Township are hearing these words from victims more and more in 2014, and for Chief of Police, Edgardo A. Colón, the trend is worrisome.

“Scammers typically prey on the elderly, but lately we have seen increased numbers of people of all ages reporting scams and scam attempts. The worst part is, the more successful the scam the more likely the people responsible will try it again, if not in Upper Macungie, then somewhere else.”

Our Township police cited three recent examples of these scams, advising that they are still under investigation:

- In February, an elderly resident was approached by two men about shoveling snow. While one male distracted the victim, the other entered the home and stole cash and valuables.
- Also in February, a suspect posing as a federal agent phoned a victim and threatened to have him deported if he did not pay a fee. The victim paid the fee and later realized it was a hoax.
- In January, an elderly woman was approached in a public parking lot about investing in coins. The suspects convinced the woman to make a large withdrawal from her bank account for this “investment.” They fled with the cash.



Are YOU Being SCAMMED?

Police feel confident that education is one of the best ways to fight scammers, according to Lieutenant Peter Nickischer, Commander of Criminal Investigations. “Typically, for every victim we have of one of these scams, we have a handful

of people who successfully rejected the scam or scammer,” Nickischer stated. “One way that we help people avoid becoming victims is by spreading the word about these types of crimes. People then recognize the scam attempt, and the crime is thwarted.”

Police recommend that residents be cautious when approached by

someone they do not know who is offering to sell an item or perform a service. “Don’t ever feel you need to make a decision on the spot,” emphasized Chief Colón. “Keep conversations brief and be assertive. If you’re vulnerable, don’t ever open your door to strangers.” Nickischer echoed his chief’s sentiments, and added “Always remember, law enforcement will never contact you on the phone and demand money. If money is due, that is handled through the courts.”

Police remind residents that they should always be a good witness. If you think someone is trying to scam you, get a good description of the person and his/her vehicle and then get away. Contact police immediately and be as descriptive as possible.

*Interested in crime alerts?
Register now for FREE at www.nixle.com.*

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

The Township is offering a \$30 senior citizen discount for trash and recycling for anyone over 65 with proof of age (e.g. driver’s license or passport). A senior must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2014 to be eligible for the discount in 2015. Also, you must own and live at your residence. If you are 65 or turn 65 between now and December 31, please come to the Township municipal building to **apply and register by December 31, 2014 for senior citizen discount for 2015.**



**PennDOT Closing
Schantz Rd. Between
Twin Ponds and Adams
Rd. Until July 2015**



See story on Page 6

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR 2014

Happy Spring! We had a fun 2013 and hope you did, too. The Recreation Board is working on many new programs and strive to create activities for everyone. Last year we added new programs at Independent Park including a fun-filled Family Magic Show, and are planning an exciting holiday show later this year. And we plan on adding many more programs with the completion of our Community Center. If you didn't come out and join us yet we hope to see you this year.

For information on any programs or rentals and to register, please contact Valerie Brosky at vbrosky@uppermac.org or 610-395-4892, ext. 130, or stop in the Township building located at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. 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**)



JULY IS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

National Recreation and Park Association

We are pleased to bring our communities together as part of a Lehigh Valley-wide celebration! Upper Macungie Township along with North Whitehall, South Whitehall and Lower Macungie Townships recognizes the many values and benefits of our neighboring municipalities parks and recreation and is compiling a calendar of events in the Lehigh Valley. Check back in the end of May/beginning of June for a full list of events!

We hope you get out into the Parks and celebrate **Park and Recreation Month!**

FAMILY FISHING PROGRAM

When: **Saturday, June 7 & Saturday, August 23**
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: **The Ponds at Apple Park**

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



Our Fifth Season of **Movies in the Park**

Friday, June 13 @ Lone Lane Park
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty PG

Friday, July 11 @ Breinigsville Park
Walking with Dinosaurs PG

Friday, August 8 @ Grange Park
Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3: Dog Days PG

FREE. The rain dates will be posted on **UMT facebook** or www.uppermac.org/movies-in-the-park.

TENNIS CLINIC

Clinics for: Pee Wee (ages 4-6) • Junior (ages 7-18) • Adult

When: **May 6 - June 5 (5 weeks)**

Where: **Ricky Park**

Fee for clinic - registration is required. To get a form, go to www.uppermac.org/tennis-clinics.



PET CPR & FIRST AIDE

When: **Sunday, May 18, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Where: **Independent Park Community Center**

Learn poisoning & bleeding protocols, bites & stings, heat & cold injuries, choking management, 3 CPR techniques as well as rescue breathing.



Limited to 8 people. Fee for clinic - registration is required. To get a form, go to www.uppermac.org/pet-cpr-first-aide.

A NIGHT with Lauri Moore

When: **Wednesday, June 4, 7 - 8:30 p.m.**

Where: **Independent Park Community Center**

Join us with Psychic Medium Lauri Moore, an Investigator / Spiritual Consultant, who has worked with: Lights Out Paranormal; NEPA Paranormal; The Pennsylvania Paranormal Association.

\$10 per person - registration is required. To get a form, go to www.uppermac.org/eventsprograms.

GEOCACHING



When: **Saturday, July 19, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Where: **Upper Macungie Park**

FREE - No registration required. Open to everyone regardless of your geocaching experience. Visit www.uppermac.org/geocaching for details.

BARKTOBERFEST

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

Where: **Upper Macungie Park**

FREE. Rain date: Sunday, October 12.

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.



Run/Walk for Parks: 5K & FUN RUN

When: **Sunday, November 2, 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.

On-Lot Sewage Management Update: System Inspections Mandatory in 2014 for District 2 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 are required to have their septic systems pumped and inspected in 2014 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 2 boundaries and requirements, please contact Renee Faust at [610-398-9171](tel:610-398-9171), ext.125 or reneef@uppermac.org.



As you can see on Page 2 of this issue of *Upper Macungie Township NEWS*, our community has a very active roster of FREE community events that attract thousands of families with wholesome activities and entertainment. But most of these events would not happen without the support of local business sponsorships. Here is your chance to SHINE!

2014 will be a banner year for UMT's top three community events:

- **5K & Fun Run** on November 2
- **Barktoberfest** on October 11
- **Movies-in-the-Park** on June 13, July 11 and August 8

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 Valerie Brosky at [610-395-4892](tel:610-395-4892), ext.130 or vbrosky@uppermac.org. Additional details are available at www.uppermac.org/community-opportunities.

Water Quality of UMT's Streams: What UMT Is Doing & How You Can Help

Our Township follows conservation design regulations to preserve environmentally sensitive areas including large reaches of Schaefer Run. We have also used grant funds from the Dept. of Environmental Protection to plant and protect trees to form natural "riparian buffers" which filter, treat and shade these waters that stream into the Little Lehigh.

UMT has also received grants to improve water quality of Haasen Creek affected by the Fogelsville Dam. This dam was built in 1905 as a source of production water for Lehigh Portland Cement Company. It now impairs the health of Haasen Creek by containing and warming waters which should naturally be a free-flowing cold water stream. The current project will lower the dam height, create vernal pools and riparian buffers with the planting of thousands of new trees.

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART in our community's quest for higher quality streams by:

- Only use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly, if at all
- In landscaping, select native plants that require less watering
- Keep your property grounds vegetated or covered with mulch
- Cover dirt piles to keep sediments from running into storm drains
- Use commercial car washes which recycle water
- In all vehicle and household maintenance, keep oils, fuels and other toxic fluids from entering our storm sewers

FIREWORKS ON SAT., JULY 5

All Upper Macungie Township residents are invited to celebrate American independence at the 30th annual Breinigsville Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular to be held at **Earl Adams Memorial Park (Breinigsville Park)**. This free event kicks off at 7:15 p.m. with patriotic music at 8:30 p.m. and fireworks at dusk. The night skies will bloom and boom with one of the greatest fireworks displays to be seen anywhere in the Lehigh Valley. **The rain date is Sunday, July 6.**

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Independent Park Community Center

Now taking reservations for parties, meetings and gatherings. Call [610-395-4892](tel:610-395-4892), or go to www.uppermac.org/independent-park for details and to get an application form.



RECYCLING & TRASH PICK UP GUIDELINES

Curbside Collection for YARD WASTE: Wednesday, May 14

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. Information on both disposal choices are detailed below. The next pick up will be scheduled for Fall 2014.

WHAT: Leaves from trees, bushes and other plants, shrubbery clippings and tree trimmings. (See maximum size, detailed below in "How to Prepare")

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.

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE

The Spring, Summer & Fall hours are in effect on **Monday, April 7**

Summer Hours

MONDAYS	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
TUESDAYS	3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS	3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
THURSDAYS	3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
FRIDAYS	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
SATURDAYS	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
SUNDAYS	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closed Holidays

(See page 1 for UMT Holidays)

WASTE MANAGEMENT Holiday Trash Schedule

May 26, 2014 Memorial Day

Jul. 4, 2014 Fourth of July

Sept. 1, 2014 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 **not** be collected. However, you can purchase another cart with no additional monthly cost. 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.

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
- All plastics: soda bottles, laundry detergent containers, milk and water jugs, ketchup and mustard bottles, etc. will be accepted (from categories 1 to 7 with a recyclable symbol, rinsed and cleaned out.)



UMT offers single-stream recycling. All the above items can be placed in one container, NOT separated, tied or bagged.

SHREDDING EVENT

On-site Mobile Paper Document Destruction

Saturday, June 14

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Rain or shine)

UMT Public Works Building on Grim Road

This event is for the shredding of **paper documents only**.

- No metal (except for staples or paper clips)
- No photo negatives or x-rays
- No heavy plastics

A container for the recycling of cardboard will be provided.

There is a limit of 5 bags/boxes per household.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, June 14

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Rain or shine)

UMT Public Works Building on Grim Road

We will accept computers, monitors, printers, fax/copy machines, DVD/VCR players, TVs, radios, CD players, stereo equipment, microwaves, but

NO APPLIANCES.

There is **NO CHARGE.**

You can check the UMT website for more information.



CARDBOARD RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Upper Macungie Township has two 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 flatten cardboard to UMT and put it into the recycling containers.

ANNUAL REPORT

A 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 – first Annual Report.

In 2012, the Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors determined that the township would best be served by a police department focused solely on keeping the residents of Upper Macungie Township safe. This included a police station headquartered within the township's boundaries, so that residents could expect quick responses to emergencies and easy access to the officers that serve them. To say that I was honored when I was selected to command this new police department would be an understatement.

In 2013, Upper Macungie Township Police Department officers immediately took to the streets and neighborhoods and made a notable impact on crime and traffic-related issues within the township. In addition, officers embraced the community with such events as National Night Out and the Citizens Police Academy.

Please take the time to review the next few pages and familiarize yourself with what your police department accomplished in 2013. I encourage all residents to get involved with our community related events in 2014 and get to know the officers who work here on a daily basis. Take pride in your police department, just as I do.

In 2014, we look to expand upon the success we experienced in 2013. Our officers will work tirelessly not only to arrest offenders, but to think of new, creative and innovative ways to prevent crimes from occurring in the first place. We thank you, the residents, for enabling us to protect and serve you and your family.

Committed to Service,

Edgardo A. Colón, Chief of Police

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Upper Macungie Township Police Department is to enhance the quality of life and serve the citizens of Upper Macungie Township by providing quality and professional police services. The broad philosophy of the Department will embrace a wholehearted determination to protect and support individual rights while providing for the security of persons and property in the community. In meeting this objective, it is the responsibility of the Department to function as a public service organization and to [at all times] work in cooperation with community agencies and groups to promote understanding of and competence in our law enforcement efforts. A founding principle will mandate all officers to fully and continuously demonstrate the Department's mission to be...**Committed to Service.**



COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Because Crime Prevention Starts at the Community Level

The Upper Macungie Township Police Department's Community Services Division consists of three officers who specialize in crime prevention and community relations.

Lieutenant Peter Nickischer, who commands the unit, has served residents of Upper Macungie for over ten years. In 2007, Nickischer created the Upper Macungie Township Crime Watch Association, which brought residents together to help police fight crime and help strengthen the bond between the community and the police department. In addition, Nickischer played a crucial role in the success of **Nixle**, an emergency alert system designed to keep residents aware of crime in the neighborhoods.



Lt. Nickischer, Detective Miller and Officer Mathias shown with UMT youngsters during Community Bicycle Registration event.

Detective Adam Miller came to Upper Macungie Township Police well-prepared for community service. As a sergeant with the Lehigh University Police Department, Miller worked hard developing programs to decrease alcohol consumption among college students, as well as combating on-campus crime. In Upper Macungie, Miller enjoys teaching crime prevention and making a difference in the lives of children.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES >> Continued from the previous page

Officer William Rohrbach (*left*) has assumed the responsibilities of Community Services Officer following the departure of Officer Pamela Mathias who will follow career pursuits in another locale. Her passion for community service will be missed. We welcome the energy and experience that Officer Rohrbach brings to the post and look forward to a future of successful community engagement and events like Upper Macungie's National Night Out.

Community Connection HIGHLIGHTS

National Night Out

A celebration of "America's Night Out Against Crime"—this community event was enjoyed by young and old, large and small. A large turnout of residents was on-hand to see K-9 demonstrations, a cupcake contest, and even a first responders softball game. In addition, police proudly held a blood drive with the help of Miller-Keystone Blood Bank. The event received much praise from the residents who attended, and we are looking forward to 2014's celebration on **August 5th, 5:00-8:30 p.m. at Lone Lane Park.**



Junior Emergency Services Academy

Do you have a son or daughter considering a career in law enforcement or firefighting? 2013 showcased a new and revamped emergency services academy that

taught children the latest in police forensics and tactics, as well as firefighting technology and fire prevention. This program is so popular that we often have attendees return for their second and even third year.

Citizens Police Academy

Many people are simply fascinated by police work and the tactics used by police to bring offenders to justice. Held at police headquarters, this exciting course allowed members of the public to learn from the officers that perform this function on a daily basis. Courses covered included SWAT and hostage negotiations, prison systems, death investigations, and more. We look forward to a new class in 2014, but be warned—register early! 2013's class demand was large enough that some applicants had to be turned away.

Enforcing Truck Safety

To ensure the safety and compliance of tractor trailers and other large commercial vehicles traveling in our community, UMTPD is engaged in the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's **Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)**. This is a joint effort with the Pennsylvania State Police and the police departments of South Whitehall and Emmaus. 2013 performance highlights include:

- 3 UMTPD officers trained to MCSAP standards
- 188 motor carrier inspections conducted
- 121 violations observed; majority issued warnings
- 38 traffic citations for violations issued
- 23 "out of service" orders enforced on-site for vehicles/drivers not fit to be on roadways



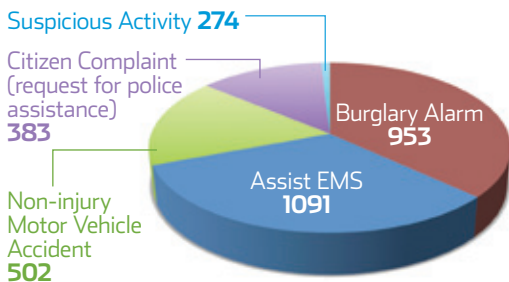
2013 UMTPD Community Events

- National Drug Take Back Initiatives
- Child Safety Seat Installations/Inspections
- Station Tours
- Student Interview and Job Shadowing
- DARE
- Senior Safety
- Students/Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- Halloween Safety
- Motorcycle Safety
- Bicycle Registrations
- Emergency Preparedness Day
- Parkland School District PALS Program

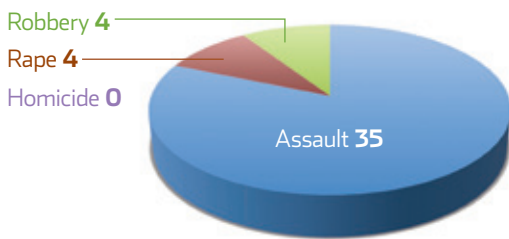
Notable Arrests, Incidents & Recognition

- **Arrest of Kevin Drake**, contractor who defrauded multiple Upper Macungie victims out of \$125,000 and never completed the contracted work.
- **Recognition of Officer Bravery:** Officer Steven Kress recognized by Lehigh Valley Crime Stoppers for efforts in January after chasing a theft suspect from Redner's Warehouse Markets and taking him into custody.
- **ARIDE:** 16 UMTPD officers received certification in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, to assist in stopping and arresting impaired drivers.
- **Arrest of Demar Campbell:** During an argument in his vehicle with his female passenger, Campbell stabbed the victim in her abdomen. Campbell was arrested for numerous crimes including Aggravated Assault.
- **DRE Certification:** Sergeant Cory Reader, Traffic Unit Supervisor, successfully completed Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training. This extensive training puts him in a lead role to reduce the number of impaired drivers on UMT Roads.
- **Fatal Motorcycle Accident:** A male was killed when the motorcycle he was sitting on accidentally went into gear and struck a brick wall. There were also two other fatal crashes in 2013, including one on Rt. 100 and one at Rt. 222 and Weilers Rd.
- **Bank Robberies:** In November the Bank of America was robbed by a male who threatened to shoot tellers. The same suspect is responsible for two other bank robberies in Upper Macungie in late 2013 and early 2014. These incidents are still under investigation.

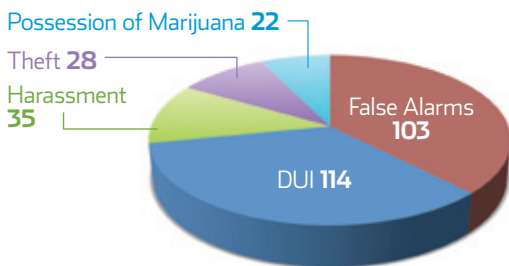
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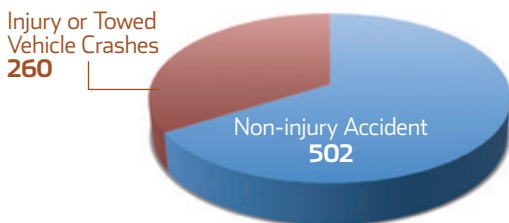
2013 PART I VIOLENT CRIMES



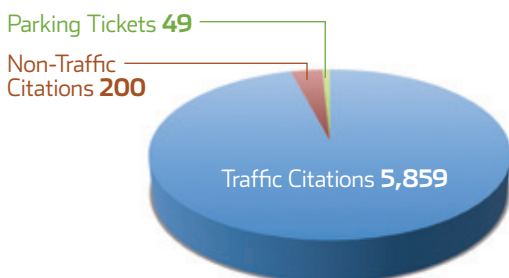
2013 TOP ARREST TYPES



2013 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



2013 CITATIONS



THE HEROIN EPIDEMIC: Use On the Rise in All Communities

“Unlike the heroin scourge of the late 1960s to early 1980s which was concentrated in urban centers, today’s epidemic is ravaging suburbs and rural areas as well.”

— Wall Street Journal, February 3, 2014



With increasing volume and cheaper prices for heroin, the number of users in the U.S. has jumped almost 80% from 2007 to 2012, according to research from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Overdose deaths are also rising at an alarming rate. Undeniable fact: the heroin scourge sweeping America is a very real threat to all communities, including Upper Macungie Township. The population segment with the fastest rising rates of heroin abuse is young adults, ages 18 to 25.

At a National Institute on Drug Abuse meeting held in early 2014, 17 of 20 researchers from across the country reported that heroin was their top emerging issue. “Heroin doesn’t have any sort of geographic or demographic boundaries,” said Rusty Payne, a spokesman for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency in Washington. “It pretty much touches every segment of society.”

“According to the DEA, about 80% of people trying heroin for the first time previously used prescription pain drugs,” said Sergeant Cory Reader of the Upper Macungie Township Police Department, a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

“As law enforcement has cracked down on illegal use of prescription drugs like oxycodone, these pills become inaccessible or too expensive. Heroin is comparatively cheaper because Mexican heroin production has increased significantly. But potency and additives are unpredictable, and the potential for accidental overdose is high. Several deaths from the current heroin wave have occurred here in Pennsylvania,” Sergeant Reader said.

Upper Macungie Township Police urge residents to stay vigilant about suspected heroin abuse in our neighborhoods and especially among loved ones and co-workers. When looking for signs of heroin use in a loved one, it is important to look at all the different angles of the person’s life. But noticing the signs of heroin use in a loved one early on can save his or her life.

Some Warning Signs of Heroin Use:

- Constricted (small) eye pupils
- Chronic lying or other deceptive behavior
- Avoiding eye contact
- Sudden changes in behavior or actions
- Sudden worsening of performance in school or work, including expulsion or loss of jobs
- Substantial increase in time spent sleeping
- Decreasing attention to hygiene and personal appearance
- Cycles of hyper alertness followed by sudden nodding off
- Droopy appearance, as if extremities are heavy
- Withdrawal from friends or family; spending time with new friends with no apparent natural tie
- Repeatedly stealing or borrowing money from loved ones
- Unexplained absence of valuables
- Wearing long sleeves or long pants, even in very warm weather
- Runny nose (not explained by other illness or medical condition)
- Weight loss
- Cuts, bruises or scabs from skin picking

Should you or a family member or friend need assistance, here are a few steps/resources the UMPD recommends for prevention and intervention:

- Go to a **hospital emergency room**
- Call the **Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Program** at **610-782-3555**
- Call the **PA Dept. of Drug and Alcohol Programs** at **717-783-8200** or visit their website at **www.ddap.pa.gov**
- Call the **Lehigh County Center for Humanistic Change** at **610-443-1595**

Program Enforcing Driver Safety

In 2013 The Upper Macungie Township Police Department participated in funded programs such as **PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Program (PAADEEP)** and **Buckle Up PA**. During these programs the police department ran 33 enforcement details in the township. These programs allow for the police department to put more officers on the roadway during targeted times for enforcement. During these details, citations were issued for violations such as speeding, careless driving, traffic control signals, driving with a suspended license, and seatbelt violations. The police department also participated with the Lehigh County DUI Task Force and hosted two DUI checkpoints in the township during the 2013 calendar year. A primary goal and focus of these programs is to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities, and to create the safest environment possible for all citizens traversing throughout Upper Macungie Township.

CRIME CORNER

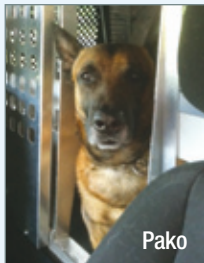
LOCK INTO SAFETY: Lieutenant Peter Nickischer, Criminal Investigations Commander



We all have routines. Perhaps it's reading the newspaper immediately after you finish your first cup of coffee, or always tucking your little ones in bed before you watch your favorite television show. Today I ask you to start a new routine- one that may help prevent you from becoming a victim of a crime. Did you know that there were 86 thefts from vehicles in Upper Macungie Township in 2013? Did you know that a large percentage of these thefts were from unlocked vehicles? Yes, these thefts could have been prevented. So, in addition to doing simple things like removing GPS units from your windshield or dash, and taking valuables like wallets, purses, and electronics inside instead of leaving them in your vehicle, I ask you to start a new routine — a new habit. Every night, before you retire to bed, double check the doors in your residence to make sure they are locked. When you do this, grab your vehicle's key fob and ensure that each vehicle you own is locked and secured. Park your cars in a garage? Take the time to check those garage doors and make sure they are LOCKED. By following this simple routine, you can help us help you. Don't be a victim of crime — lock those car doors!

K-9 Program a Howling Success

Talk about taking a bite out of crime. The Upper Macungie Township Police Department's K-9 program is proving to be one of the most effective in the region. The stars of this success story are patrol dogs Pako and Hassan. Along with their considerable apprehension and protective skills, each is trained with specialized capabilities. Pako is a drug detection expert; Hassan is a bomb detection specialist.



Pako

While their daily beat is UMT, this dynamic duo is occasionally called upon for crime fighting in neighboring communities as well. High on their list of heroics are two episodes in 2013. Led by Officer Ryan Rhoads, K-9 Pako assisted Jim Thorpe Borough Police after a request for narcotics detection was made. Pako sniffed out a major drug dealer and kept 1,100 bags of high-grade heroin off the streets. With Officer Matthew Gardner, K-9 Hassan assisted the South Whitehall Township Police during a vehicle theft and pursuit that entered Upper Macungie Township. The car thief crashed the vehicle and fled on foot into a maze of dense shrubbery. K-9 Hassan apprehended the suspect who was found to be DUI and in possession of illegal narcotics.



Hassan

Apparently no one told either of the offenders that these K-9 officers have a sense of smell that's up to 100,000 more acute than humans. A special salute goes out to these crime fighting canines of the UMTPD and their partner officers.

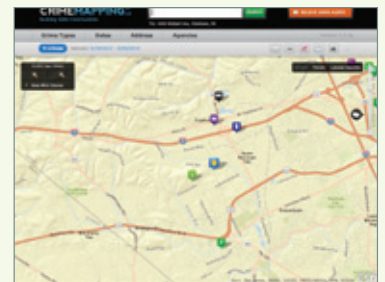
Coffee with a Cop

UMTPD recently held our fourth "Coffee with a Cop" program and it was a huge success. The goal of the program is to break down barriers, build lasting relationships, and familiarize the public with officers who are there to protect and serve in the community. Effective communication between citizens and police is a necessary component to better service the community. More "Coffee with a Cop" events will be planned in 2014. We encourage residents to check our Facebook page for future events and we hope to see you there. www.facebook.com/UMTPD.



Crime Mapping

Have you heard about Upper Macungie Township's new crime mapping software? Now LIVE, this amazing program allows the user to point to a direction location on a map, pick a date range, and view crime stats and locations instantly!



Any resident with access to the internet can map out and analyze recent crime activity in their neighborhood. Crimemapping.com also offers free Crime Alerts and simple trend alerts which help keep the community well-informed. Simply log onto www.crimemapping.com and select the "Upper Macungie Twp. Police, PA" from the "Choose an Agency" dropdown menu.



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Administration . . . **484-661-5911**
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Put Unused Prescription Drugs In Their Place

We all have them. Old or out-of-date prescription drugs that have been taking up space in our medicine cabinets for far too long. But what's the safe, smart way to dispose of them?

Many of us will simply flush them down the toilet. But research shows that flushed

pharmaceuticals can find their way into our water supplies. A nationwide study conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey found low levels of pharmaceuticals—including antibiotics, hormones, contraceptives and steroids—in 80 percent of the rivers and streams sampled. Throwing them out in the trash is not always a safe option either. They can still find their way into the hands of drug abusers or wind up in landfills and pose environmental risks.

Upper Macungie Township residents with expired or unused over-the-counter and prescription medications can now discard them safely in a permanent **MedReturn collection box** (see photo) installed in the lobby of the Upper Macungie Township Police Department building on 37 Grim Road. Medicines can be discarded Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays.

The MedReturn box and proper collection/destruction services are provided free to UMT citizens through a grant submitted by the Upper Macungie Township Police Department to the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association and partnership programs of Gov. Tom Corbett's Healthy PA Initiative. The drugs are collected regularly by detectives with the Lehigh County Drug Task Force and incinerated in an authorized facility in York County.

"This is an important initiative from a public safety and health standpoint because residents won't have accumulations of medications which may include prescription drugs abused by teens and adults," said Lehigh County District Attorney James B. Martin. "The boxes also provide an alternative to discarding medications in drains or landfills where they can end up in the water supply."

Items That **ARE Accepted** at the MedReturn Box Include:

- Prescription Drugs
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Samples
- Vitamins
- Prescription Ointments
- Prescription Patches
- Pet Medications

Items That **ARE NOT Accepted** at the MedReturn Box Include:

- Syringes
- Needles
- Sharps or other sharp objects
- Medications from businesses and clinics
- Lotions or liquids
- Aerosol cans
- Inhalers
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Thermometers

Official Insights:

Meet **James Brunell**, Chairman
Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors

Q: You're a native of the Center Valley area of the Lehigh Valley. Why did you choose to move to Upper Macungie Township 14 years ago?

A: Like many of our resident families, we were attracted by the quality of life and the school district. We built a new home here in 1999 and moved in 2000. Upper Macungie has been a great place to live and raise our two daughters. The recreational facilities are exceptional and Lone Lane Park is very close to our home. I also like the convenient access to major interstates. My company is headquartered in Reading and I regularly travel to metropolitan New York and Washington DC for business.

Q: Since you just came into office in January, what are your early impressions about the inner workings of our Township?

A: I think what impresses me the most is the focus on preserving our green spaces. Upper Macungie has an excellent system of parks and they are all very well maintained. When I first came into office, I asked for a map of the Township and it is truly phenomenal to see how much land is preserved for the enjoyment of our families and future generations. I think we owe a debt of gratitude to long-time Community Development Director, Bruce Wlazelek (now retired) and all the others in our Township who were instrumental in maintaining this high ratio of green space. I am also highly impressed with the quality of events run by our Recreation Board and the work of our Public Works/Parks Team.

Q: What are the biggest challenges that you see at this point in your term?

A: A top priority will be to keep the budget in check. We have to make certain that all compensation packages, including pension obligations, are sustainable and affordable over the long-term.

In the shorter-term, we have to make sure that we button up the Berks-Lehigh Regional Police pension fund liability issue correctly. It's complicated but absolutely essential that we get this right so that there is no long-term liability from the State.

Another key challenge is development and managing the traffic that comes with it. I've been involved in some of the traffic discussions with PennDOT, civil engineers and developers. We're going to work very hard on this and are keeping homeowners in mind on all traffic issues.

An immediate need that we are facing head-on is the hiring of a Township Manager. Upper Macungie Township is a \$22 million a year enterprise without a CEO. We need an experienced professional in charge of day-to-day operations and looking out for the public interest on an executive level. The search for a qualified Township Manager is now underway.

Q: What are your personal goals as an elected public servant for Upper Macungie Township?

A: Along with addressing the challenges just mentioned, my goal is to see more citizens participate in Township events and direction. Everybody has a voice and deserves to be heard. I welcome all opinions and fresh ideas to make positive changes here in our community. Township meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The more citizens that attend, the more productive our Township government will be.



James Brunell
Chairman
Board of Supervisors

PennDOT Closing Schantz Rd. Until July 2015



Project Will Eliminate Dangerous S-Curve

Schantz Road is closed between Arrowhead Lane/Twin Ponds to Adams Road/Tillage Road until July 2015. PennDOT is working on replacing a structurally deficient bridge and the removal of the “S-curve” to improve the safety of transit on that stretch of the route. The posted detour will use Route 100 and Route 222. According to Sam Ashmar, Vice Chairman of UMT Board of Supervisors, “This will make for a very challenging 15 months.”

The project involves replacing the Schantz Road Bridge over Breinig Run and removing an S-curve near Adams Road. When completed, the road will be realigned as a straight section of roadway. Originally constructed in 1928, the Schantz Road Bridge will be replaced with a concrete box culvert design that is six feet wider than the current span. Traffic volume on this stretch of Schantz Road in Upper Macungie Township is nearly 3 million vehicles per year.

For more information and a detour map, visit www.uppermac.org/streets-traffic and www.dot.state.pa.us.

NEW: Direct Phone Access for Upper Macungie Township Services

A new phone system designed to provide more direct access to Upper Macungie Township’s departments, managers and elected officials is now in operation. You can reach individual Township service providers directly by dialing in new extension numbers.

HERE’S HOW THE NEW PHONE SYSTEM WORKS:

— Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. —

- You will hear a recording before the call is answered. You can enter an extension and be transferred at that time OR stay on the line for the operator.

— Off-Hours/Weekends/Holidays —

- Press “0” for the answering service and immediate assistance.
- Press “2” for the general mailbox.
- Press “3” for the Refuse & Sewer Authority general mailbox or enter your party’s extension.

For a list of extensions, see back cover of this issue, or visit www.uppermac.org and select “Contact us by Phone” from the “About/Info” menu.

FREE MULCH!

As an added benefit to residents, the Township is offering FREE mulch. UMT personnel will be on hand with equipment to load pick up trucks **Saturdays & Sundays in May, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.** (as weather permits and as we have mulch). You may call the Township office at **610-395-4892** to see if mulch is available prior to your pick up. Please note that this mulch is **only for Township Residents**. You may drop off your yard waste, such as leaves, garden residue, shrubbery, tree trimmings and grass. **Grass must be kept separate from the other yard waste.**



Save These Dates

2014 Junior Emergency Services Academy Monday, August 11 - Friday, August 15, 2014

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Lunch will be provided.)

Upper Macungie Township Station 56
6510 Schantz Road, Allentown, PA 18014

Must be an Upper Macungie Township resident who is 12–16 years old on the date the Academy begins. Visit www.uppermac.org in June for a registration package.

2014 Emergency Preparedness Day Saturday, September 20, 2014

St. Luke’s West End Medical Center
501 Cetronia Road, Allentown, PA 18014

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.

WEST NILE VIRUS: Recognize. Prevent. Protect.

With the warmer months comes the threat of West Nile virus (WNV), a mosquito-borne infection which can result in serious diseases for humans and domestic animals. No vaccine is available at this time for WNV. The best prevention is recognition and prevention of the main carrier, the Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*).



RECOGNITION: Asian Tiger Mosquito

- Small, black mosquito with striking white marks on its body and legs
- Aggressive biter in the day-time
- Prefers human blood but will feed on dogs, cats, horses, birds, other animals.

PREVENTION: All Standing Water

Asian Tiger mosquitoes can breed in any standing water—from stagnant pools to one-quarter inch of water in a bottle cap. Look for these breeding sites NOW to prevent infection this summer:

- Bottles
- Buckets
- Tarps
- Tires
- Toys
- Plastic bags
- Garbage cans
- Flowerpots
- Plant saucers
- Screen windows and doors
- Soda cans
- Roadside trash
- Roof gutters
- Corrugated roof drains

Can’t dump it? Treat it with an insecticide that specifically targets mosquito larvae such as BTI (*Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *israelensis*). Also, “BUG ZAPPERS” DO NOT KILL MOSQUITOES! Use repellents according to label directions.

Source: www.westnile.state.pa.us

PARKS Improvements: 4 New Projects in the Grant Process

To continually enhance the quality of life here in UMT, we often rely on grants to fund Township improvement projects. A recent Recreation Needs Assessment—updated from a 2011 Park and Recreation Study—has provided the basis for UMT to apply for grants for four improvements to enhance recreational facilities for community families. Your Township has applied for these grants from the PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources and the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development. The four projects include:

- A new Splash Park at Grange Road Park.
- Four new multipurpose football/hockey/lacrosse/soccer fields at Grange Road Park.
- Breinigsville Park West (a new land parcel acquired through the conservation design) is planned as the site for four baseball fields and four soccer fields.
- New trails to connect residential properties to parks.



Pick up a copy of the updated **Parks and Recreation Resources** guide at the UMT building, or visit www.uppermac.org.

Fire Prevention Tips for News Stories: Smoke Alarms

About 3,400 Americans die each year in fires and about 17,500 are injured. You can stop the fire before it starts. Use this fact sheet to learn how to prevent a fire in your home and know what to do if you have a fire.

It is very important to have a working smoke alarm with a working battery in your home. If you have that, it greatly lowers your chances of dying in a fire.

Follow these 10 easy tips on smoke alarms:

- One of the best ways to protect yourself and your family is to have a working smoke alarm that can sound fast for both a fire that has flames, and a smoky fire that has fumes without flames. It is called a “Dual Sensor Smoke Alarm.”
- Place a smoke alarm on the ceiling of every level of your home and both inside and outside bedrooms. Children and older people can sleep through the loud sound of a smoke alarm. Make sure your escape plan includes someone that can help children and others wake up immediately to escape from the home.
- If you keep your bedroom doors closed, place a smoke alarm on the ceiling of each bedroom.
- Check smoke alarms monthly by pressing the test button.
- Never take smoke alarm batteries out to put into other items like games or remote controls.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when they hear the alarm sound.
- If there is a fire, leave the home right away by crawling low under the smoke and never go back inside.
- If smoke from cooking makes the alarm sound, press the “hush” button, if your alarm has one. You can also turn on the kitchen fan, open a window or wave a towel near the alarm until it stops making the sound. Never take the battery out of the alarm.
- Most alarms need a new battery at least once a year. Some smoke alarms have batteries that last for up to 10 years. If your smoke alarm is over 10 years old, replace it with a new alarm and a new battery.
- If you rent, talk to your landlord about placing a working smoke alarm in your home. You still need to buy a new battery at least once a year for the alarm.

Source: www.usfa.fema.gov

POTHOLES!

Potential Vehicle Damage and Danger for Drivers

After a tough winter like we just had, drivers can expect to encounter more potholes on regional roads. These depressions can be damaging to vehicles and trying to avoid them at fast speeds can cause accidents.

Here are some timely facts to help you avoid pothole problems.

What causes a pothole?

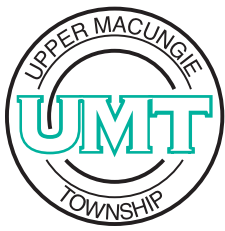
Asphalt road surfaces are constantly under stress due to traffic volume and weather. Cracks form as snow and rainwater seep into the asphalt cracks and into the gravel and dirt beneath. At night, the liquid freezes and expands, pushing out more solids and forming a hole. As vehicles pound the weakened roadway, the pothole expands.

How can you prevent pothole vehicle damage and driving dangers?

- Keep your eyes on the road. If other cars are swerving, there is probably something wrong.
- If you spot a pothole, cautiously SLOW DOWN and center your vehicle over the hole. If it's a big one, approach the hole by letting one wheel at a time enter it.
- Potholes often disguise themselves as harmless puddles. When water collects in potholes, it's often too late to avoid them. If you're not sure if it's a puddle or pothole, SLOW DOWN and approach cautiously.

Who can you contact about pothole repair?

- If a pothole is located **on a state road**, please contact 1-800-FIX-ROAD. You'll be connected to the PennDOT County Maintenance Office in the Upper Macungie area.
- **On a private road?** Contact the appropriate Home Owners Association.
- If a pothole is located **on a Township road**, please contact 610-395-4892 with the location.
- If you're **uncertain** whether the road is state, Township or private, contact UMT at 610-395-4892.



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