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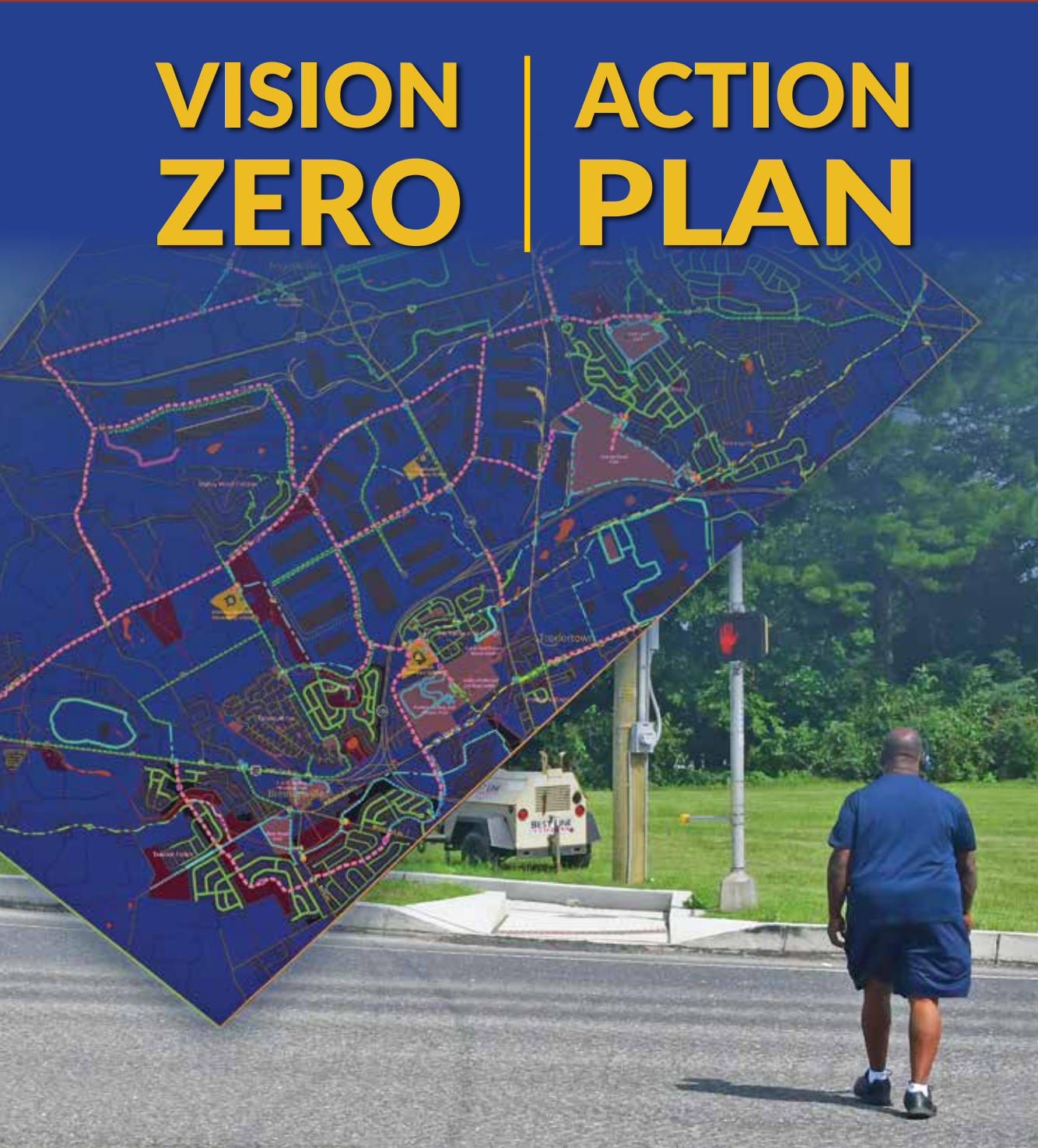
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### Your Township Supervisors

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



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Real Estate & School Taxes

The Tax Collector, Tracy Hodrick, collects Upper Macungie Township real estate taxes and Parkland School District school taxes. The Tax Collector does not determine the amount of the tax or the assessment.

Upper Macungie Township real estate tax bills are dated April 1 and cover the calendar year (Jan. – Dec.). The Parkland School District school tax bills are dated July 1 and cover the fiscal year (July – June). Property tax bills are mailed to owners of record for the current year. **If you own property and do not receive a bill you are still obligated to pay the tax.** Inquire about your property by contacting the Tax Collector by phone or email.

The easiest method to pay is by check, money order or cashier's check via the mail or one of the drop boxes located both outside and inside the township building. Should you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment or come in person during the hours listed on your tax bill. Please send separate checks for school and township. If you have more than one property, please send separate checks for each property. Checks must be made payable to TRACY HODRICK, Tax Collector.

**Since the tax office is separate from the other Municipal offices, no other employees of Upper Macungie Township are permitted to take tax payments or provide a paid receipt.**

**Online Banking:** Customers who utilize online banking payments will need to create a separate "Payee" for township and school taxes. Separate payments must be sent for school and township. Customers with more than one property need to send separate payments for each property. The tax bill number or the parcel identification number (PIN) must be included to ensure proper application of payments.

taxcollector@uppermac.org | 610.481.9191  
Office Hours: on tax bill or by appointment  
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**NOTE:** Additional office hours are listed on your bill and posted on [www.uppermac.org/finance-taxes/](http://www.uppermac.org/finance-taxes/)

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- Protect communities against megadevelopment

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**My New Office is Open and Ready to Serve You**

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**Help for Seniors Available at My District Office**

A variety of state-related services are available to area seniors at my district office in the Lower Macungie Township Administration Building at 3402 Brookside Road in Macungie. Our office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except holidays).

We host a Senior Day on the third Friday of every month when older residents can stop for help in filling out applications for state programs available to them. To schedule an appointment, please call 610-965-9933 or 833-933-3675 (toll-free).

My staff is also available by appointment to help eligible seniors apply for property tax and rent rebates, PACE or PACENET prescription assistance, reduced vehicle registration fees, handicapped placards, and SEPTA senior passes.

As always, I am honored to have the privilege of serving seniors and residents of all ages. If there is anything we can do to help you with a state-related issue, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# SENIOR LIVING & MEMORY CARE

- State-of-the-Art Design
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- Individual Activities
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- Fitness Area



**HEATHER GLEN**  
SENIOR LIVING

## About Heather Glen

Heather Glen is a beautiful Senior Living Community located at 415 Blue Barn Road here in Upper Macungie Township. Heather Glen is owned by Kay Builders, a local company that has been building in the Lehigh Valley for seven decades. Kay Builders felt they wanted to continue serving the Lehigh Valley customers as they aged and decided to build Heather Glen Senior Living. Wanting the best possible care, service, and attention for their residents, Heather Glen is operated by a highly experienced team.

## Why did Heather Glen choose Upper Macungie Township as it's home?

The demographics of the Township supported the need for this type of senior living community. The site we chose in Upper Macungie Township offers the best of both worlds; a serene, beautiful location with minimal congestion and noise, paired with the convenience of close by industry and highway access. We are so grateful for the support from Upper Macungie Township for the last several years!

## What sets Heather Glen apart?

With a variety of options for senior living communities, why choose Heather Glen? According to Rick Koze, President/Owner of Kay Builders, being locally owned is one of their greatest advantages. Along with being a beautiful community, residents benefit from management being local. They will not need to worry that decisions and changes are being made from another state.

They have also been nationally recognized as a leader in Senior Living. When asked what the best part of their day is, management responded, "Serving our residents with compassion and excellence. Our staff make it their mission that residents take pride in calling Heather Glen their home, and it shows."

Heather Glen is thankful for the support, training, and guidance they receive from local hospitals, health care networks, Upper Macungie Township First Responders, as well as the entire Upper Macungie Township community for their support!

# VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

The Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP) for Upper Macungie Township represents the culmination of planning work within the Township seeking to connect residents safely with the destinations and amenities that make the Township one of the fastest growing in Pennsylvania. The most basic charge of Township government is to provide for the safety of its residents. With a "vision zero" mindset, the commitment to eliminating deaths and serious injuries from traffic accidents is the foremost goal of the plan. Another goal is providing safe pedestrian and bicycling connections within the Township. Great parks, employment centers, schools, and regional attractions are in some cases just a "stone's throw" from many residential communities. However, many possible connectivity facilities are non-existent. Correcting lost opportunities that might have provided these connections and setting the groundwork for connections to future growth areas is a natural extension of the "vision zero" mindset.

While Upper Mac has always prioritized the safety of residents, the adoption of the VZAP by the UMT Board of Supervisors in June of 2023 marks a renewed emphasis on safety and equity in the transportation systems within the Township. Inspired by the priority established in our recent Comprehensive Plan Update, and with the help of a dedicated Steering Committee, the VZAP is presented as a "blueprint" toward the goal of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries from traffic crashes by the year 2032. In the process, we will improve the connectivity of our community for pedestrians of all abilities, bicyclists, and all those residents who rely on non-motorized access to reach their destinations. The VZAP lays out suggested improvements which will be implemented over the next few decades, the costs for which will be paid for through federal and state grants, as well as the normal budgeting process of the Township utilizing available funds. No new direct fees or taxes are proposed to complete these improvements.



The Vision Zero Action Plan is available to download from our website by visiting [UpperMac.org](http://UpperMac.org) and searching for VZAP.

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# 100% VOLUNTEERS



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Fire Chief: Brad Rader  
484.239.4414



Good Will Fire Co. #1  
Trexlertown Station #25  
Fire Chief: Leroy Gross  
610.841.8239



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

To learn more about ANY of UMT's fire companies, or to become a volunteer please contact: Peter Christ, Fire Commissioner, 610-395-4892 ext. 145 pchrist@uppermac.org or contact the Fire Chief at any of our 3 fire companies.

## SPECIAL FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

### FOGELSVILLE FIRE CO. STATION 8

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO!

Kitchen opens at 5:30 pm and Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. For more information, please call or text Vickie, 484.505.8417, email us at fvcauxiliary@gmail.com or follow our Facebook page: Fogelsville Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

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#### 3RD WEDNESDAY HOAGIE SALE!

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2nd Sunday of the month, 8 am till noon, November through May. For more information, please call 610.395.8678.



### \*\*\*PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*

You may have received a solicitation request from our friends in the Allentown Fire Department. Please note that while we all work together to provide crucial services for the area, the volunteer fire departments who serve Upper Macungie Township (YOU) are the Fogelsville Fire Co., Station 8, Good Will Fire Co. No. 1 of Trexlertown, Station 25, and Upper Macungie Township Station 56.

To support your local fire departments, please go to [UMTfire.com](http://UMTfire.com)!



If a disaster struck our community and caused emergency responders to be delayed, what would you do? If you would try to help your neighbors until the emergency responders arrived, then the time to get involved is now...Join CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)!

CERT is about "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" in your own neighborhood during an emergency. Following a disaster, these citizen-responders use their training as part of their neighborhood team to help others when professional responders are not immediately available.

Upper Macungie Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members are being recognized for their 15-years of helping residents of Upper Macungie Township/Lehigh County. A group of 15 residents from Applewood completed the CERT training in December of 2008. The group has added additional members over the past 15 years.

This group of individuals have been activated to assist with the following events: H1N1 Clinics; Shelter Operations for Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, Frankenstorm 2011, Superstorm Sandy, Warming Shelters for Utility Outages, Brush Fires; Heather Glen Senior Living Facility Evacuation and COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics.

The Upper Macungie Township CERT Team continues to be instrumental in making their community safer, stronger, better prepared and more resilient (e.g. in the areas of public education, training and engagement; government/non-government partnerships and integration of services and capacity building.)



## Join CERT! Community Emergency Response Team

To learn more about CERT, please contact MaryEllen (Mel) Shiels, Upper Macungie CERT Team Leader. Mel18051@gmail.com 610-391-8044

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS A VOLUNTEER!



Fogelsville Volunteer Fire Company  
Good Will Fire Company No. 1 of Trexlertown  
Upper Macungie Township Station 56 Inc.

[UMTfire.com](http://UMTfire.com)



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# WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?



Lehigh County Emergency Management presented the staff of Upper Macungie Township with their Basic EM Certification from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Thank you to Peter Christ for leading your staff in better preparing for emergencies in Upper Macungie Township. Congratulations Upper Macungie Township!



Numerous definitions and explanations of what Emergency Management is and how it is described can be found when you look up the word. One defines Emergency Management as the judicious planning, assignment, and coordination of all available resources in an integrated program of **PREVENTION, MITIGATION, PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY** for emergencies of any kind, whether from man-made, natural, or human-caused sources. I would define Emergency Management in Upper Macungie Township as a team of township employees, volunteers, and key members of our community and beyond, that work to **PREPARE, RESPOND, RECOVER, and MITIGATE** together to lessen the effects of disasters and respond to emergencies within our Municipality. As your Emergency Management Coordinator, Prevention and Preparation are the 2 key components of my continual focus to ensure the effects of emergencies in the Township are reduced and less impactful to our residents and our businesses. The **MITIGATION** phase involves our public works department who are constantly ensuring our storm drains are cleaned adequately prior to storms, cleaning roadside stormwater ditches, installing new pipes, and all methods of keeping our roadways clear of stormwater runoff during severe flooding events. Even though we spend countless hours trying to prepare and mitigate the effects of flooding, we still have areas of the township that, during major storms, have flooded roadways. The National Weather Service has a campaign to



warn people of the dangers of flooded areas, **TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN**. For additional information visit Turn Around Don't Drown @ (weather.gov). I remind you to never drive through flooded roadways. You never know what the road conditions are below the water. A mere 12 inches of rushing water can move your vehicle. Always adhere to signs posted in commonly known flood-prone areas, and never go around signs indicating that the roadway is closed.

Emergency Management is the process of preparing for and responding to all types of emergencies. Anything from natural disasters such as hurricanes, human-caused disasters, and chemical spills. Emergency Management is most often thought of during natural disasters such as hurricanes and other severe weather events, but that is only one aspect of the involvement in Emergency Management. As mentioned previously in the article, we have many team members from Upper Macungie Township staff and beyond. This includes the Bureau of Fire, our volunteer Fire Departments, Police, Public Works, Codes, Administration, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) as well as our EMS provider. Many common emergencies occur and involve the process of Emergency Management. Examples of more common emergencies include fire,

medical emergencies, crime, chemical spills, and cyber-attacks.

Do you know who your neighbors are? Individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs are also affected by disasters and emergencies. Some of our community members may not be able to adequately prepare themselves for a disaster. Learn who your neighbors are, as you may be able to aid someone in need of preparing for and recovering from a disaster or emergency incident.

No matter the emergency, we are here to assist the community before, during, and after an emergency. One of the most crucial phases of Emergency Management is recovering from an event. We need to work together as a team after a disruption of normal day-to-day life to help each other get back on our feet, to get our businesses fully operational, and our residents back to enjoying our community. **BE PREPARED** and help us keep Upper Macungie Township a safe place to work and live. Please see our website [www.uppermac.org](http://www.uppermac.org) during inclement weather for alerts and for more preparedness information.

Peter Christ, Fire Commissioner

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## ZONING: A PLANNING TOOL

This is the second in a series of articles which are dedicated to the general topic of Community Development. This article covers the planning tool that is Municipal Zoning. Keep an eye out in future editions of Upper Mac News for articles that will cover additional topics such as the Comprehensive Plan, Official Map, Special Exceptions and Conditional Uses, and other land use topics.

Zoning is the means by which a municipality regulates the use of land and structures and the extent and character of development. Zoning, along with a subdivision and land development ordinance, are two principal means to help achieve planning objectives outlined in a comprehensive plan. Zoning is an ordinance designed to protect public health, safety, and welfare and to guide growth. In basic terms, it divides all land within a municipality into districts and creates regulations that apply generally to the municipality as a whole as well as specifically within individual zoning districts.

When zoning was first utilized its primary purpose was to prevent a property owner from using his or her property in ways which were a nuisance or harmful to neighboring property owners. Over the years, the scope of zoning has expanded, and its technical provisions have been improved to better fit communities, are more easily comprehended by the general public, and deliver a more effective approach for achieving the development that will benefit the community. Zoning does not act as only a "negative" tool to keep certain land uses out of a neighborhood, it is also a "positive" tool for encouraging certain development. Modern zoning ordinances encourage preservation of natural and historic features, including farmland and agriculture, and promote innovative techniques such as form-based zoning, conservation design, and flexible building setbacks.

The power to adopt a zoning ordinance is granted to local governments by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), which also establishes the basic rules which a municipality must follow to enact, amend, administer, and enforce a zoning ordinance, as well as the authorized purposes and regulatory content of the zoning ordinance. Municipalities also are required to follow the body of law established by the decisions of the courts when administering matters under the MPC. The MPC requires that a zoning ordinance be designed to achieve the following objectives, among many others:

- promote, protect, and facilitate the public health, safety, and general welfare;
- preserve prime agriculture and farmland considering topography, soil type, and present use;

- provide for the use of land for all residential housing encompassing all basic forms of both single and multi-family dwellings;
- accommodate reasonable community growth, including population and employment growth and opportunities for development of a variety of residential and non-residential uses.

Fundamental requirements of the MPC are that no part of any municipality enacting a zoning ordinance may be left unzoned, different districts may be created and different rules may apply within these zoning districts, and the different districts created must be delineated on a map and included as part of the zoning ordinance. The regulations contained within a zoning ordinance include:

- Use Regulations – Control the use of the land, for example, residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial uses. This approach of segregated uses is traditional to zoning and seeks to assure compatibility between land uses.
- Dimensional Regulations – Regulations establishing lot and building sizes and density and intensity of use.
- Additional regulations – Zoning ordinances usually contain additional regulations addressing use of land and buildings and for parking and signs. These types of regulations are used to promote public safety and enhance community character objectives.
- Nonconforming Uses and Structures – When any zoning ordinance is enacted or amended, lawfully existing structures, lots, and uses of land may not comply with new zoning regulations. These are known as nonconforming uses, lots, or structures and the right of such nonconformity to continue is constitutionally protected. Such nonconformities may continue until abandoned.

The zoning ordinance is administered by a Zoning Officer, an individual who is appointed by the governing body to apply the provisions of the zoning ordinance. The governing body also appoints a Zoning Hearing Board, a quasi-judicial body that renders decisions on specific types of land use appeals and applications. Look for a future article in this series outlining the roles of the Zoning Office and Zoning Hearing Board in greater detail.



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**Another “New” thing to happen at UMTPD in 2023**, is the addition of a new Community Service Officer (CSO), Officer Julia Poapst. With the transition of Officer “Wild Bill” Rohrbach to a full-time School Resource Officer at Upper Macungie Township’s elementary schools, the UMTPD Command looked to find an officer who had shown compassion, care, and a strong desire to work hand in hand with the community. Officer Poapst has served with the UMTPD for over 2 years, and during that time, she has proven that building a strong bond with our residents and business community is her top priority. As the department’s CSO, Officer Poapst will become an integral part of planning station visits, community events (such as National Night Out and the UMT Junior Emergency Services Academy), and running the Upper Macungie Hub. “As a CSO, I understand that a trust-based relationship between the UMTPD and the citizens we serve is key to achieving effective crime reduction. I am excited to work closely with our residents and look forward to introducing new and exciting programs for our community!”



As the end of the year fast approaches, it’s easy to start thinking about the coming New Year and all the new things 2024 may bring. But 2023 is not over yet, and many new things have been happening at UMTPD! So before we focus our attention on what’s to come in 2024, let’s take a moment to reflect on everything new that has happened in 2023 – Starting with some new faces! That’s right, UMTPD is growing again, and we are excited to welcome five new Officers to our ranks!

## Welcome our New UMTPD Officers

### James Baker



The first new Officer we’d like to introduce is James Baker. James is a 2012 graduate of Mahanoy Area High School. He received his bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from East Stroudsburg University in 2017 and then completed his Act 120 (police officer) certification through the Allentown Police Academy in 2018. James worked full-time at the City of Easton Police Department before being hired by the UMTPD in March of 2023. In addition, Officer Baker is currently a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army 337 HHC Engineer Battalion in Danville, Pa. In his free time, he loves to work out and go hiking!

### David Fritsche



The second new Officer we’d like to introduce is David Fritsche. An Upper Macungie resident since age 5, David has lived here most of his life and has been serving our Township since the age of 16 as a volunteer firefighter with Station 56! Over the last 10 years, David has climbed the ranks at the Fire Department and is currently serving as their Captain. But his dedication to service doesn’t stop there. After graduating from East Stroudsburg University with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, David worked for the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control. He then parlayed his experience and education into a Police career with the City of Bethlehem. When not on duty, David and his wife enjoy spending time outdoors and spending time with their friends and family!



### Riley Miller

Our third new officer we’d like to introduce is Riley Miller. Riley is a 2011 graduate of Avon Grove High School. He studied Criminal Justice at Kutztown University before completing his Act 120 certification in 2019 from the Montgomery County Community College. Riley worked full-time at the Southern Chester Regional Police Department where he received lifetime DUI and Officer of the Year awards before starting his employment with the UMTPD in March of 2023.



### Courtney Funk

Another new Officer we’d like to welcome to the ranks is Courtney Funk. Courtney is a PA native as well, born and raised in Dover, Pennsylvania. Courtney found a love for sports early in life and continued to follow her passion for health and fitness through college at Lock Haven University, where she ran Track and Field and graduated with a degree in Health Sciences. After school, Courtney began work as a Physical Therapist Assistant for 7 years but felt the calling to serve more of the community and realized Policing was the best way to provide that service. Courtney is now attending the Allentown Police Academy and is expected to graduate and begin patrolling UMT very soon! When not studying at the Academy, Courtney enjoys traveling with her husband. Courtney is also a fur mom to a Mini Golden Doodle, a Bernadoodle, and a Russian Blue cat!



### Gregory McCabe

The last new Officer we’d like to introduce is Gregory McCabe. Gregory is a 2013 graduate of Father Judge High School. He studied Liberal Arts at Philadelphia Community College and completed his Act 120 certification through the Philadelphia Police Academy in 2018. Gregory worked full-time with the Philadelphia Police Department before being hired by the UMTPD in September of 2023. While off duty, he enjoys walking with his child and dog.



**So what else is new at UMTPD?** We're glad you asked. We'd like to introduce you to another new member of the Department – K9 Nyala. After the retirement of K9 Bico, UMTPD has been on the search to find a new partner for Sergeant Matthew Gardner, K9 Bico's former handler. K9 Nyala was discovered after an extensive search and was selected based on her personality, temperament, trainability, and bloodline. K9 Nyala then arrived on June 27th at JFK airport after a long flight from Holland. She was met by her new partner, Sgt. Gardner. The pair had an immediate connection...or maybe love at first sight. K9 Nyala, a 1.5-year-old Belgian Malinois, will begin her police dog training in early September. She will be certified through the National Police Canine Association by early November and start her patrol duties. K9 Nyala will be a dual-purpose police service dog with specialized training in narcotics detection and patrol work (protection, tracking, and searching).



**New Look.** We weren't kidding when we said a lot of new things have been happening at UMTPD. We've even given ourselves a new look! No, you haven't been seeing things; our patrol vehicles do look different! Thanks can be given to Chief Michael Sitoski for coming up with the new design and color scheme you've been seeing on our patrol vehicles. We're very excited about the new look! What do you think?



**As you can see, it's been a busy year at UMTPD.**

We are excited about all the new changes we've been fortunate enough to experience this year, and look forward to always increasing the level of service we can provide to the residents of



Upper Macungie Township. Be sure to look out for those new patrol vehicles in your neighborhood, and don't hesitate to say hi – it might be one of our new Officers!

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**VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS WANTED**

Are you interested in giving back to the community? The township has many boards, commissions and committees that are always looking for new members. Please visit our website for more information or scan the QR code and complete our Volunteer Board Application.



**WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS. AND IT HAS TO GO SOMEWHERE**  
Water from inside our homes goes to a wastewater facility for purification. But water from roofs, streets, and outdoor spigots goes untreated directly into storm drains – straight to our waterways – picking up all kinds of contaminants along the way!

**DID YOU KNOW?** Excess nutrients, specifically nitrogen and phosphorus, pollute stormwater run-off from urban areas, contributing to the third greatest cause of lake deterioration in the US.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The amount of phosphorus in grass clippings from mowing your lawn just once can produce up to 100 lbs. of unwanted algae if it ends up in our lakes and ponds.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Leaf "litter" and landscape trash accounts for 56% of phosphorus in urban stormwater, not to mention clogging storm drains, causing potential flooding and increasing debris in our waterways.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Just one pound of fertilizer over-application on the average lawn can equate to 34.2 lbs. of excess algae growth in streams and lakes.

**DID YOU KNOW?** When you wash your car in the driveway, you're washing about 120 gallons of grime-filled water downstream. The soap, together with the dirt, grease and grime flows untreated into nearby storm drains, which runs directly into lakes and streams.

**DID YOU KNOW?** If dog owners don't clean up after their pooches, 390 million pounds of poop can wash into our waterways every year just in Colorado! Dog waste contains 10% phosphates and 2% nitrates, contributing to algae growth.

**WHY IT MATTERS**  
Too many nutrients in streams and lakes cause rapid growth of algae. Algae looks bad, smells bad, degrades water quality and can be harmful to your health. As algae decays, it uses up oxygen in the water, leading to a decline in our drinking water quality – and makes it more expensive to treat.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

**Dispose Properly**

- Compost or bag your leaves and lawn clippings
- Don't blow leaves or lawn clippings into the street
- Sweep up any spills or overspray of fertilizers on sidewalks or streets

**Fertilize Efficiently**

- Always follow the manufacturer's application recommendations. More isn't better!
- Fertilizing in the early fall promotes healthy root systems – leading to stronger, more resilient lawns and plants

**Be Car Smart**

- Use a commercial car wash, where water is recycled and sent to treatment facilities
- Wash your car on the lawn or gravel
- Dump your soapy bucket in the sink

**Pick It Up & Pitch It**

- Clean up dog waste and dispose properly



**Remembering Dan Olpere**

The Township would like to remember and recognize our first Township Manager, Dan Olpere. Dan was Manager here at the Township from 2015 until September 2017 and accomplished quite a few firsts for us as an organization in our operations. Dan had a full and rich history in local government, something he held close to his heart, and that passion showed in his commitment to Upper Macungie. Dan was also involved in many government associations, including International City Managers Association, Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management, American Planning Association and an adjunct professor in the Masters of Public Administration program at Villanova University.

Unfortunately, Dan passed away in April of 2018 but we still remember him and thank him for all he did for our citizens.



# YARD WASTE REMOVAL GUIDELINES

610-395-4892 | [pubworks@uppermac.org](mailto:pubworks@uppermac.org) | [www.uppermac.org/public-works/](http://www.uppermac.org/public-works/)

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

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

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

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

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

## IF YOU MISSED THE PICKUP DATE:

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

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

### Spring/Summer/Fall Hours

**April 1 – November 5**

Mondays | 7 am – 7 pm

Tuesdays | 3 pm – 7 pm

Wednesdays | 3 pm – 7 pm

Thursdays | 3 pm – 7 pm

Fridays | 7 am – 7 pm

Saturdays | 9 am – 5 pm

Sundays | 9 am – 5 pm

### Winter Hours

**November 6 – March 31**

Mondays | 7 am – 5 pm

Tuesdays | Closed

Wednesdays | 7 am – 5 pm

Thursdays | Closed

Fridays | 7 am – 5 pm

Saturdays | 9 am – 5 pm

Sundays | 9 am – 5 pm

**NOTICE** - The Upper Macungie Yard Waste Center is now under 24-hour video surveillance. All activities are monitored and recorded.

## DROP-OFF INSTRUCTIONS:

**Drop-off site located on Grim Road next to the Public Works Garage.**

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** grass clippings, leaves, shrubs and small trees. All waste must be removed from bags. Please remember that grass must be separated from other yard-waste. Shrubs and small trees accepted IF they are no longer than 4 feet long and 5 inches wide.

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

## DROP-OFF CENTER - DECEMBER HOLIDAY HOURS

The Yard Waste Center will be closed Friday, December 22nd, Sunday, December 24th and Monday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday.

The Center will be open Saturday, December 23rd and Sunday, December 31st 9-5.



# 2023 LEAF COLLECTION

Due to the rate of maturity of trees within the Township, and also the fact that more trees are planted every year, it is impossible to guarantee a set pickup day for a specific street in any area.

**Leaf Collection for 2023 will run from October 16th through December 1st during the hours of 7 am- 3 pm. We highly recommend residents put leaves out in the evenings, so they are ready to be picked up. Make sure you put leaves out prior to the LAST PICK UP DAY Friday, December 1st.**

See more information about Leaf Collection at [www.uppermac.org/public-works/leaf-collection/](http://www.uppermac.org/public-works/leaf-collection/)

OCTOBER 16TH  
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IT'S TIME TO GATHER  
LEAVES FOR PICKUP!

DO

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

DON'T

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

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

## ON-LOT SEWAGE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SEWAGE SYSTEM INSPECTIONS MANDATORY  
IN 2023 FOR DISTRICT 2 PROPERTIES

District 2 property owners are required to have their septic systems cleaned and inspected by a UMT registered pumper/hauler before December 31, 2023. A list of registered pumper/haulers can be found on our website, [uppermac.org](http://uppermac.org).



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# REFUSE/RECYCLING GUIDELINES & BILL PAY INFO

## REFUSE & RECYCLING PICKUP

### MISSED PICKUPS OR SERVICE QUESTIONS?

Email [UMT@whitetaildisposal.com](mailto:UMT@whitetaildisposal.com) or call 610-936-9967  
You must leave a message with your Name, Address, and Phone Number.



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## BULK ITEM PICKUP INSTRUCTIONS

Each resident is allowed **one** bulk item per week (Size and Weight restrictions apply)—**YOU MUST** notify Whitetail by email or phone no later than noon prior to your scheduled pickup day.

## 2023 IMPORTANT UTILITY BILLING CHANGES

- New for 2023—One invoice will be issued for Sewer and Refuse charges.
- Sewer - \$89.00 per quarter. Refuse \$80.00 per quarter.
- Senior Citizen Refuse Rate \$75.00 per quarter.

## CHARGES WILL BE BILLED QUARTERLY

- 4TH QUARTER: Approximate bill date 10/16/23
- You will no longer need to issue separate checks—ONE invoice ONE check!
- Or pay online with NO SERVICE FEES at [www.uppermac.org](http://www.uppermac.org)  
Select the PAYMENT icon from the home screen  
**A SEPARATE TRANSACTION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH UTILITY - MAKE SURE YOU ARE SELECTING THE CORRECT SEWER OR REFUSE TAB**

## ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT?

New Residents must fill out a moving permit. You will receive a township map with important information, FAQ's and a copy of our latest newsletter. Those moving into new construction will be given a trash cart delivery date.

Make sure to review the important information within this newsletter!  
Questions - 610.395.4892 Option #4.

## TRASH & RECYCLING CART QUICK FACTS

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

65 Gallon Cart for \$65 | 95 Gallon Cart for \$85

## SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT 2023

The Township offers a YEARLY discount for trash/recycling services to anyone over 65. You must be 65 years of age by Dec. 31, 2023 to be eligible for the 2024 discount. Proof of age must be shown (e.g. driver's license) and you must own and live at your residence. Apply at the UMT municipal building (just apply once).

## WHITETAIL HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

NO PICK-UP for the following holidays:

Labor Day - September 4th | Thanksgiving Day - November 23rd

Christmas Day - December 25th

ALL SERVICES FOR THESE HOLIDAY WEEKS DELAYED ONE DAY

FILL OUT A MOVING PERMIT

PURCHASE ADD'L CART

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT



# 2024 RESIDENTS ONLY RECYCLING EVENTS:

ID REQUIRED. YARD WASTE CARDS NOT ACCEPTED.

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

BY SHREDDING & RECYCLING WE SAVED APPROX:

- 99 Trees
- 17 Cubic Yards of Landfill
- 12 Barrels of Oil
- 40,600 Gallons of Water

## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING\*

Check our website for future announcements  
Accepted: TV Monitors (3 max), computers/monitors, microwaves, household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs (NO APPLIANCES).

22.6 tons of electronics were collected at our May 6th event, of which almost half were flat screen & CRT TV's!

## SHREDDING RECYCLING

Check our website for future announcements  
Accepted: PAPER DOCUMENTS ONLY.  
Staples do not need to be removed, limit 5 bags/boxes per person.  
**NO PLASTIC BAGS!**



5.8 tons of paper was collected at our May 20th event.

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

- CleanEarth (formerly AERC) — 2591 Mitchell Avenue, Allentown, PA (off Emmaus Ave.)  
Open to Public on Fridays only from 9 am -4 pm. Small fee for TV's \*\*\* Does not accept Appliances.
- GER Solutions — 635 S. 10th Street, Unit 600, Allentown PA 18103 | 610.443.1716  
Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 9:30 am - 12 noon | 1pm - 4pm Select Saturday(s). There may be a fee.



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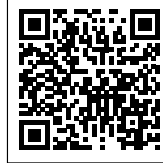
Proud to be the first to bring Direct Primary Care and Blomdahl Medical Ear Piercing to the Lehigh Valley. The Blomdahl process features sterile, medical grade earring materials for greater healing ease and minimization of nickel allergy.

GHDFC is happy to offer this service to both our patients and the general public.



# KIDS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS 2023/24

- For updates and additional program information, park addresses, registration fees, etc., please visit [www.uppermac.org](http://www.uppermac.org) or visit us on social media!
- Unless a specific program registration link is listed in the description, you may register for all UMT recreation programs at <https://uppermac.recdesk.com/Community/Home>



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## HEALTHY KIDS RUNNING SERIES

Grange Park | Sundays, 4:00 – 5:15 pm | Ages 2 – 14  
September 24 – October 22  
HKRS is a national, community-based non-profit that provides a fun, inclusive five-week running series for ages 2-14, designed for kids to get active, and lay the foundation for a “Get up and Go” lifestyle.

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## INDOOR LIL ATHLETICS SPORTS CLASS

Veterans Elementary School  
5:00 pm (Ages 2 & 3 w/ parent participation)  
5:30 pm (Age 4)  
6:45 pm (Ages 5 & 6)  
November 29 – December 20  
This multi-sport class will introduce a variety of sports to kids between 2-6 years old. This four-week session is a great way to introduce your child to a variety of sports before buying expensive sports equipment!

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## MAD SCIENCE WINTER CAMPS

Upper Macungie Township Building | Ages 6 – 12  
Please send your camper with a snack and water. (No peanuts please).  
**School's Out with Mad Science Holiday Mini Camp**  
Three different hands-on topics each day including a take home for each class.  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Register for just one day for \$40 or for all three for \$100!  
12/27 - Science of Magic, Movie Effects, Science of Toys  
12/28 - Fundamental Forces, Stunt Planes, Current Events  
12/29 - Lights\*Color\*Action, Dry Ice, Laser Light  
**Mad Science Engineering Day**  
2/19 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | \$85 per camper | Please provide snack and lunch  
Enjoy building bridges, boats, skyscrapers, egg helmets and geodesic domes.  
**Mad Science Earth/Natural Science Day**  
3/29 | 9:00am - 4:00pm | \$85 per camper | Please provide snack and lunch  
Filled with owl pellets, a pollution solution, bugs, weather, minerals and more!!

TBD

## SAFE SITTER (presented by The Nanny Loft)

Safe Sitter is designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger brothers or sisters, or babysitting. Exact dates TBD.  
<https://thenannyloft.org/safe-sitter-babysitter-training/>

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## INDOOR MIGHTY KICKS YOUTH SOCCER

Veterans Elementary School  
Two week program | Ages 2 – 7 | Wednesdays 5:00 – 7:30 pm  
January 10 – February 14  
February 21 – March 27  
Mighty Kicks is the Premier introductory soccer option for children ages 2-7-year-old. Each six week session is designed to build motor skills, life skills, self-confidence, and basic soccer techniques.



# ADULT RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS 2023/24

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## ADULT INDOOR BASKETBALL

Veterans Elementary School | Mondays 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
October 9 – December 18 (no program on 11/20 or 11/27)  
January 8 – March 25 (no program on 2/19)  
This program is designed to create a positive opportunity for men and women to participate in pick-up basketball games, socialize, and be active in the Winter months. To participate, simply arrive at Veterans Elementary School, sign in and agree to the program waiver, and have fun! All ability levels are welcome to join us for this free community program.

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## ADULT INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Veterans Elementary School | Tuesdays 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
October 3 – December 19 (no program on 11/21)  
January 9 – March 26  
This program is designed for men and women of all ability levels to participate in pick-up games, socialize, and be active in the Winter months. To participate, simply arrive at Veterans Elementary School, sign in and agree to the program waiver, and have fun!

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## ADULT LOW IMPACT AEROBICS CLASS

Upper Macungie Township Building | Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Session I - October 3 - October 31  
Session II - November 14 - December 12  
Session II I- January 2 - January 30  
Session IV - February 13 - March 12  
Join us for these new low-impact exercise classes that will improve balance, decrease stress, sharpen your ability to focus, and enhance your overall well-being and health. All classes will be taught by Lauren Smurda!

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## ADULT AND SENIOR FITNESS

UMT Recreation has partnered with St. Luke's and the Parkland Area School District! Join us for water aerobics, our low-impact chair strength and flexibility exercise program or yoga. All classes are for adults and seniors of all activity levels working on balance, coordination, agility, and functional strength. Although the classes are free, you must pre-register.  
[www.parklandsd.org/community/seniors](http://www.parklandsd.org/community/seniors)  
**Water Aerobics**  
Parkland High School Swimming Pool  
Wednesdays 5:45 pm | October 4 – November 8  
Saturdays 1:00 pm | October 7 – November 11  
**Chair Strength & Mobility Fall Session**  
St. Luke's Fitness & Sports Performance Center - West End  
Wednesdays 9:00 – 9:45 am | October 4 – November 10 | January 10 – February 16  
**Yoga**  
Veterans Elementary School | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
October 5 – November 16 (no class October 19) | January 11 – February 15  
Please bring a yoga Mat and water bottle.

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## ADULT INDOOR ZUMBA

Veterans Elementary School | Mondays 6:00 – 7:00 pm | January 8 – February 12  
Join us for our brand-new Zumba program! Zumba is an extremely fun total body workout. This 6-week Zumba session will improve your cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility.



# RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS 2023/24

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## HUNTER TRAPPER EDU CLASS

UMT Township Building | 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Hunter-Trapper Education Course in partnership with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. The class will take place at the UMT Township Building and is a FREE class required of all PA hunters.  
[www.register-ed.com/programs/pennsylvania](http://www.register-ed.com/programs/pennsylvania)

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## HIGH SCHOOL REC BASKETBALL LEAGUE (3V3)

Grange Park | October 4 – November 8 (5 weeks of league games and one-week playoffs) | Wednesday's from 3:30 – 5:30pm  
This new afterschool program is open to all Parkland High School students. 3v3 is a fast-paced exciting game that teaches the patterns of movement in basketball while encouraging creativity and cooperative team play. \$10 per team, five players max per team, Payments can be dropped off at the PHS athletic office via cash or check.

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## SELF DEFENSE CLASSES

Leading Edge Martial Arts

### Child Safety & Anti-Bullying Workshop

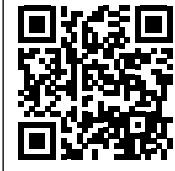
October 18 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

### Women's Self Defense Workshop

November 15 | 7:45 pm – 9:15 pm

Join us at our free upcoming Self Defense classes in partnership with Leading Edge Martial Arts. The children's workshop will be focused on Child Safety before children go trick or treating. The Women's Self Defense Workshop includes pre black Friday shopping safety tips.

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## FAMILY FUN WITH THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

### Family Night Hike

Lone Lane Park | October 14 | 7:00 – 8:00 pm

\$5.00 per person

The sounds you hear in the darkness truly aren't anything to be afraid of. Join us for this family friendly outdoor environmental education program! You must preregister online through RecDesk.

### Intro to Snowshoeing

Lone Lane Park | February 17 | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | \$5.00 per person

This unforgettable walk will get you moving in the Winter, while giving you the opportunity to try something new...snowshoeing! No snow? You will still have the opportunity to try on Snowshoes to get the feel of them in the grass.



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## COMMUNITY ART CLASSES

Join us for our upcoming community Art classes! These classes are great for anyone 13 through adults. You will leave each class with a completed project.

October class location: Veterans Memorial Elementary School

All other classes: Upper Macungie Township Building

**Fall Gnome Workshop** | Monday, October 16 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Winter Fabric Tree Workshop** | Monday, December 11 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Fabric Wreath Workshop** | Monday, January 22 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Make a No Sew Blanket** | Monday, February 5 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

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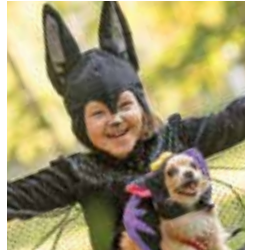
# Community EVENTS 2023/24



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## BARKTOBERFEST

Grange Park | Saturday, October 14 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
A dog themed Fall Festival! As it is close to Halloween, the day will feature a costume contest that has become a tempting photo opportunity, as well as a new tail-wagging contest. There will be all kinds of vendors and food on-site. Get ready for the most fun you'll have this year! Admission is free and dogs are optional. If you do bring your furry friend, please make sure to have them on a leash.



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## TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL\* AND STRANGE WORLD MOVIE

NEW

Lone Lane Park | Friday, October 20

Come show off your costume early this year and join us on the Trick or Treat Trail! This new community event will feature trick or treating along a kid friendly haunted trail. Pumpkin painting, Smores, and more will make this new event one that you don't want to miss. Trick or treating will take place from 5:30 – 7:00 pm and will be immediately followed by a Movie in the Park 'Strange World' from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

\*If you are interested in becoming a Trick or Treat participant to hand out candy, please simply send us an email at [recreation@uppermac.org](mailto:recreation@uppermac.org) for more information.



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## UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP TRICK OR TREAT

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Rain date October 28  
Have fun and be safe!



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## NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Grange Park | Sunday, December 31 | 10:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Join us for our annual family-friendly, daytime New Year's celebration. Packed with festivities for the young and young-at-heart alike, the afternoon will feature arts and crafts, music, games, and of course a hot chocolate New Year's toast at noon. See you there, and Happy New Year!



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## WINTER FESTIVAL

Grange Park | Saturday, February 10 | 4:00 – 7:00 pm  
This new event will focus on bringing you family friendly entertainment in the winter! Come enjoy smore making, hot chocolate, and more!

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# 2023 COMMUNITY SPONSORS

Did you or someone you know enjoy a Movie in the Park, Concert in the Park, our new SpringFling event, Barktoberfest, our affordable Summer Camp, a Fitness program in the park or any other program or event we offered this year? If so, please take a moment to recognize the following organizations who sponsored our 2023 Park and Recreation Department! It is because of this community support that we are able to offer affordable and free community programs and events. Our most sincere THANK YOU goes out to:

## VISIONARY SPONSORS

Amazon ABE3 | Keystone Consulting Engineers

## PARK PARTNER SPONSORS

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Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital

## TROJAN SPONSORS

Kay Builders | Keller Funeral Homes, Inc. | Sting Operation Pest Control

## FAMILY SPONSOR

Whitetail Disposal

For more information on how your organization or family can get involved and help support the Park and Recreation Department, please reach out to us at [recreation@uppermac.org](mailto:recreation@uppermac.org) or give us a call at 610-395-4892 ext. 156.



## PAVILION RENTALS

Are you looking to have an unforgettable birthday party, family function or company picnic? Our Park pavilions make a great setting for your special day and can be reserved online at [uppermac.recdesk.com/Community/Home](https://uppermac.recdesk.com/Community/Home). Our pavilions book quickly so please make sure to plan ahead! Pavilion rentals for the 2024 season will open on **January 2, 2024**.

# rec desk

## ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Register online and pay via credit/debit card for all community classes, programs and facility rentals. To create your account, please visit <https://uppermac.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

### Get Involved!

Our Park & Recreation Board and the recreation staff are always striving to grow and improve the programs and events we offer our township residents. Our broad-based programming includes sport programs for all ages, outdoor movies, large and small events, educational programs, fitness programs, and more. There is something for everyone! Do you have a new idea or want to get involved in future events? If so, contact the Upper Macungie Township Department of Parks and Recreation at [recreation@uppermac.org](mailto:recreation@uppermac.org) or 610-395-4892.

GET INVOLVED!

## PARKS AND RECREATION



# Capital PROJECT IN THE PARKS



## New Community Park – Russett Road Park

We are happy to announce that the Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors approved the renovation of Russett Road Park and staff submitted grant applications to secure additional funding for this project! This new playground will be designed to promote physical health, balance, and cognitive skills. Keep your eye on our social media pages for updates throughout 2024!



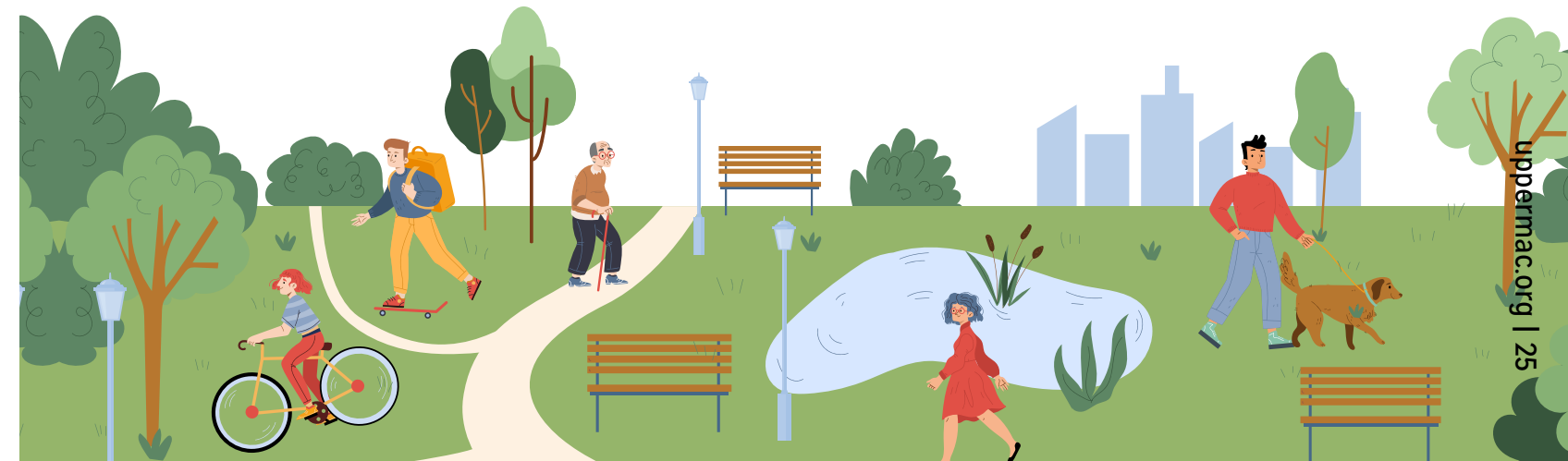
## New Signage and More

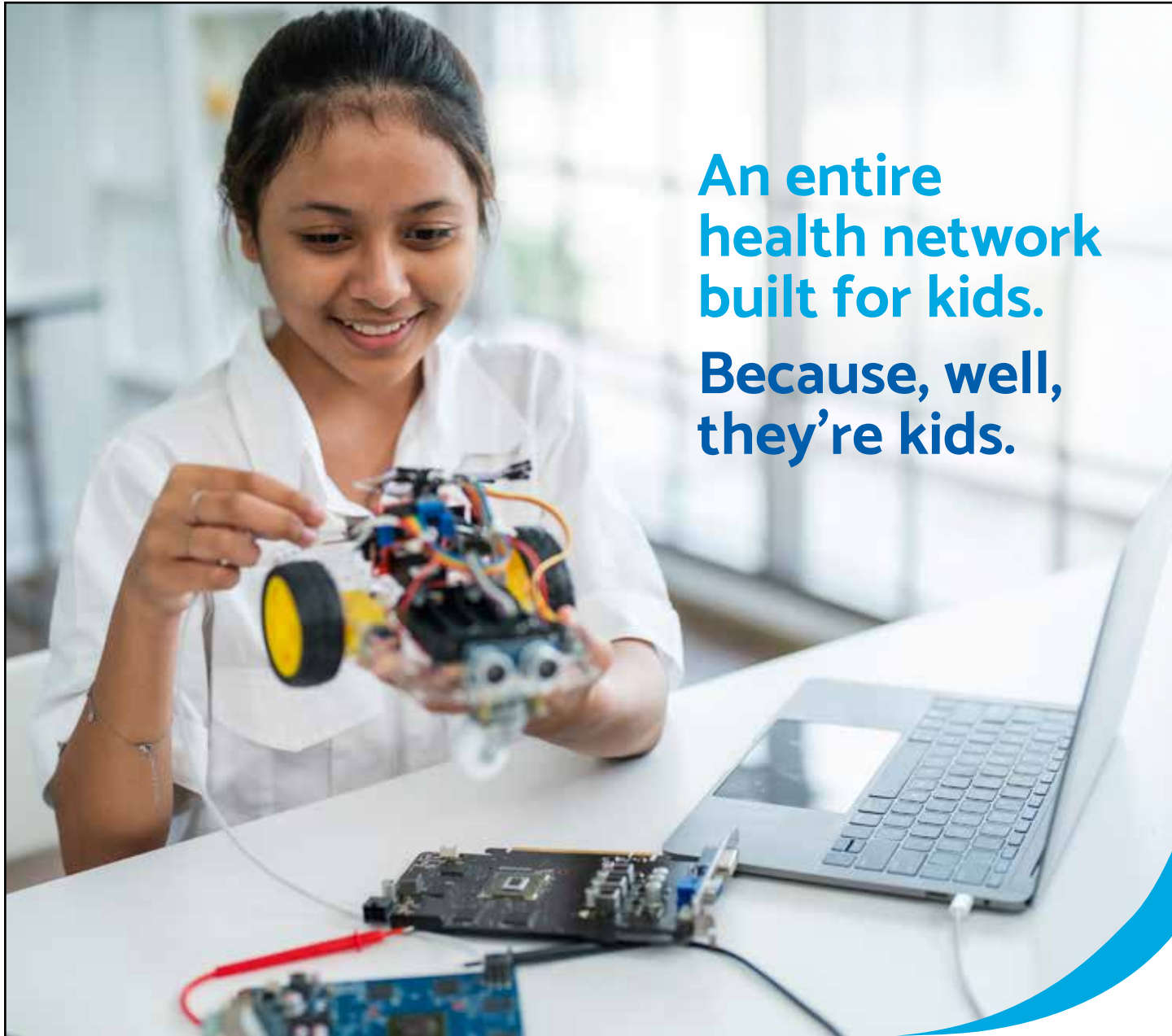
Grange Park, as well as our two dog parks, got signage upgrades over the Summer of 2023. In addition, a new bike rack and informational Message Center was installed in Grange Park. The new signs and added amenities will benefit all park users for years to come!



## Tree Planting in Grange Park

The Parks and Recreation Department received a \$10,000 grant from the Lehigh Valley Greenways as well as a successful Bare Root Tree Grant Application in 2023. This funding allowed us to plant over 90 new trees throughout Grange Park! A very special 'Thank You' goes out to all of the volunteers who helped us plant trees on Earth Day!





**An entire health network built for kids. Because, well, they're kids.**

Kids are not little adults. They're built differently, both physically and emotionally. That's why we built an entire health network just for kids. LVHN also is home to Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, the region's first and most trusted children's hospital. [Visit LVHN.org/children](http://LVHN.org/children) to learn more.



**Office Hours & Holiday Closings**



**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
 8330 Schantz Road | Breinigsville, PA 18031  
 Phone: 610-395-4892 | Fax: 610-395-9355  
 General Email: [Frontdesk@uppermac.org](mailto:Frontdesk@uppermac.org)  
 Staff Directory: [www.uppermac.org/contact-umt-offices/](http://www.uppermac.org/contact-umt-offices/)

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
 Monday - Friday | 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

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

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
 October 27 ..... Save the Date - Trick or Treat Day  
 October 28 ..... Trick or Treat Rain Date  
 November 10 ..... Veterans Day (Observed)  
 November 23 ..... Thanksgiving  
 November 24 ..... Day after Thanksgiving  
 December 22 ..... Christmas (Observed)  
 December 25 ..... Christmas Day  
 January 1 ..... New Year's Day 2024  
 February 19 ..... President's Day

**UMT Important Information**

- Upper Macungie Township** 610-395-4892  
 UMT Office | 7:30 am - 4 pm Fax 610-395-9355
- Upper Macungie Township Police Department**  
 Emergency 911  
 Non-Emergency: Lehigh County 610-437-5252  
 Administration 484-661-5911  
 UMTPD Tip/Text Line 484-273-0336
- Magisterial District Judge for Lehigh County**  
 Michael Faulkner 610-398-1167
- State Dog Enforcement** 484-223-9107  
 Orlando Aguirre
- Lost & Found UMT Parks Only** 610-395-4892
- Hazardous Waste Lehigh County**  
 Hazardous Waste & Recycling 610-782-3073
- Trash or Recycling**  
 Whitetail Disposal 610-936-9967
- Water Questions**  
 Lehigh County Authority 610-398-2503
- Call Before You Dig!**  
 PA One Call System 800-242-1776 or 811
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