



PICKLEBALL, NEW PLAYGROUNDS, COURT LIGHTING COMING TO PARKS



In 2020, an irrigation system was installed at Fisher Park ballfields and sunshades were erected over playground equipment at Winding Hill South.

From stream bank restoration to new playground equipment to athletic field upgrades, Upper Allen Township maintains a robust schedule of annual projects to improve its 14 municipal parks. The work is aimed at providing residents with what Township Manager Scott Fraser calls "top-notch recreational facilities."



The following projects are planned for 2021:

Friendship Park: A new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant playground will be installed, with various features for children of all ages. Plaza-style seating and new walking paths will surround the playground. Work should be completed by July.

Rosegarden and Country Estates Parks: The old playgrounds will be disassembled and new equipment will be erected before May. Basketball courts at Rosegarden will get new striping.

Winding Hill South: The park will get four pickleball courts, likely finished by summer.

Winding Hill North: Softball Field No. 1 will have new dugouts and fencing, installed before the start of the season in April.

Fisher Park: Tennis court lights will be erected in mid-summer, with no disruption to play. There will be no cost to use the lights.

Spring Run Park: The basketball courts will be recoated with asphalt and new backboards will be installed.

Millers Crest Park: New asphalt and acrylic coating will be applied to the basketball courts, which will have new goals.

Center Square Park: The basketball goal will be relocated.

The work on the basketball courts should begin in mid to late summer and take about a month to complete.

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NEW POLICE OFFICER HAS A FAMILY HISTORY OF SERVICE



Having family members in law enforcement always served as an example for Nathan Hammar, the Upper Allen Police Department's newest officer.

Hammar joined the force at the end of December after graduating from the Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy.

"I see him adding youthfulness and dedication," said Township Police Chief Andy Parsons. "He's in it for the right reasons, to serve the community, to help others."

Several years ago, Hammar, a Newport, Perry County native, decided to follow in the footsteps of two generations of his family.

"I come from a law enforcement family. My dad retired from law enforcement, and my brother is in law enforcement," Hammar explained. "I always had it in the back of my mind, but about three years ago, I got serious about it and decided it was something I wanted to do."

New officers with the department go through several phases of on-the-job training. After observing a field training officer and studying department policies, they serve as the primary officer

on police calls, accompanied by a training officer.

Hammar is in the third phase of training, where he rides with another officer. Soon, he will undertake independent patrol duties.

Hammar said the 23-officer department's reputation is what led him to apply. "When I was at the academy and putting out resumes, I interviewed at Upper Allen," he said. "I asked my instructors, and they all had glowing reports about the department, how it's run, the people there.

"It's a department that tries to do things the right way, with character and integrity. That's what drew me to this department."



POLICE BLOW THE WHISTLE ON FRAUDSTERS

Either by computer or phone, fraudsters keep trying to develop clever ways to get the unwary to turn over sensitive information or money. Don't be fooled! Here are some common ploys:

IRS or Social Security Scam: A phone caller demands money, saying you're in trouble. They may also claim there is a problem with your tax return. Neither Social Security nor the IRS calls if there are issues.

Authority figure: Claiming to be the police, a caller says drugs were found in a package addressed to you. They then try to get personal information, such as your address, date of birth, and social security number, to "clear" you as part of their "investigation."

Social media: A hacker gains access to an email or social media account belonging to a friend or relative and uses it to pose as that person, saying they are in trouble and need money.

Examples of other phone scams where the caller claims:

- Your computer is infected, and you need to pay to fix it.
- You have an outstanding debt.
- Asking to confirm your Medicare number or other sensitive information
- Claiming there is a warrant for your arrest, and you need to pay a fine.
- Scammers may also claim to be from utility companies, a bank, etc.

Please report any suspicious activity to Upper Allen Police at 717-795-2445.

FIREHOUSE STILL SEEKING SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS



In September, volunteer firefighter Jim Salter reported that the coronavirus pandemic had brought efforts to raise funds for the renovated township firehouse to a “screeching halt.”

Half a year later, that paralysis continues as the station at 104 Gettysburg Pike remains on lockdown, with only fire personnel allowed inside. For a full year, fundraising tours and sponsorship luncheons at the new facility have been suspended.

Even the grand opening, scheduled for March 2020, has not taken place, with no tentative date set.

“We never got to take off after that,” said Salter, a former fire chief.

“Normally, we have two craft shows, a golf outing, four barbecues, two open houses, events at the opening day of sports seasons,” Salter explained.

Nothing took place beside the department’s annual fundraising campaign by mail. Support from the Township budget and the municipal fire tax has kept the department functioning financially.

The state has slightly raised the allowed capacity for indoor and outdoor gatherings, but that still leaves the department a long way from returning to normal fundraising activities.

At some point, tours of the new firehouse will resume and a grand opening will occur, Salter said, but he stressed that they must be done safely.

When that might happen, he said, “It’s too early to know.”

Though COVID-19 continues to stop fundraising, Salter said there are still opportunities for individuals and businesses to sponsor areas of the new fire station and make donations to the department. For more information, contact Salter at jsalter@upperallenfire.com or call 717-697-9595.

TNR VOUCHER PROGRAM



Upper Allen Township is excited to announce its new TNR Voucher Program with The Nobody’s Cats Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that promotes and encourages the TNR approach for combatting the ever-growing population of feral/free-roaming cats within the Central Pennsylvania area. The Foundation believes in pursuing a method that lessens the cats’ discomfort and distress while allowing them to continue their natural lives in the wild.

The Township has implemented a new voucher program that will relieve some of the costs associated with participating in the TNR program. The vouchers are redeemable for the standard TNR services including spay or neuter surgery, ear tip, parasite treatment, antibiotics, rabies and distemper vaccinations. Vouchers are only for free-roaming cats that will be returned to the wild; pets and free-roaming cats that will eventually become indoor pets are not eligible for services. These vouchers must be presented at time of service after scheduling a veterinarian visit with The Nobody’s Cats Foundation. Residents are encouraged to stop by the Township building to pick up a voucher if participating in the program. Further questions regarding the Township’s TNR Voucher program can be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours. To learn more about becoming a caretaker in the TNR program, contact The Nobody’s Cats Foundation at nobodyscats.org or 1-855-867-4228.

BRANCH PICK UP SCHEDULE

Please visit our website for guidelines concerning branch pickup. (<https://uatwp.org/annual-branch-pickup>)

THE BREAKOUTS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S ZONES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Zone 4: E. Lisburn Road between Mt. Allen underpass and Lower Allen Township line; Hertzler Road from the railroad underpass to Arcona Road; Klinedinst Road; E. Winding Hill Road between Arcona Road and railroad tracks; Arcona Road; Arcona Estates; Raven Hills; Apache Trail; Pima Circle; Ford Farm; Allen Glen; McCormick Road; Bishop Road (**Collection will begin on April 12 thru 16**)

Zone 3: Williams Grove Road between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; Peachtree Village; Trindle Station; Diehl Road; Old Grove Road; Sinclair Road; Miller's Crest; Miller's Acres; S. York Street between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; S. Market Street between Mech. line and PA Turnpike; Sunnyland; Webercroft; Georgetown; Allendale Road; Stonehedge; Meadowood; Ridge Court; Geneva Drive; Nanroc Drive; Cedar Ridge; Ariel Court; Deerhaven; Wilson Lane; Heritage Acres; Fair Oaks (**Collection will begin on April 19 thru April 23**)

Zone 2: S. Market Street between Rt. 15 and Simpson Park, W. Lisburn Road between Rt. 15 and S. Market Street; Grantham Road; Mill Road; Grantham Area (Woodbine Street, Laurel Street, Cedar Street, High Street, Yorkview Drive, Low Street); Edgewood (Sholly Drive, Woodside Drive); Spacious Acres; Park Ridge; Bumble Bee Hollow Road; Bumble Bee Hollow Development; Bowman's Village; Bowman's Hill; Bowmansdale between S. Market St. and Bumble Bee Hollow Road (**Collection will begin on April 26 thru April 30**)

Zone 1: Gettysburg Pike between Township line near Rosegarden and Fisher Road, W. Lisburn Road between Rt. 15 and Monroe Township line, Grantham Road between Gettysburg Pike and Monroe Township line; Rosegarden; Ashcombe Farms; Ashcombe Farms North; Creekstone; Center Square; Center Square Manor; Country Square; Canterbury Estates (**Collection will begin on May 3 thru May 7**)

Zone 6: Winding Hills Development; Hertzler Road from Mt. Allen Drive to the railroad underpass; Allenvue; Bowmansdale east of S. Market Street; E. Lisburn Road between S. Market Street and Mt. Allen underpass; Witney Ridge; Spring Run Manor; Spring Run Acres; Mt. Allen Heights; Reservoir Hill; Kimberly Meadows; Park Hills Drive Area; Wayne Drive; Breezewood Hill (Midland Road, Breezewood Drive); Sleepy Hollow Farms (Lavina Drive, Hilda Court); Flintlock Ridge (**Collection will begin on May 10 thru May 14**)

Zone 5: Fisher Road; Southview Drive cul-de-sac off of Fisher Road; Gettysburg Pike between Giant Foods and Fisher Road; Country Estates; Williams Grove Road between Fisher Road and PA Turnpike; W. Winding Hill Road; E. Winding Hill Road, between S. Market Street and Gettysburg Pike; S. York Street between PA Turnpike and Gettysburg Pike; Shepherdstown; Meadowview Estates; Arborfield; S. Market Street between Rt. 15 and PA Turnpike; Lindenwood; Arlington Hills; Gray Drive; Whitebrier (Wineberry Drive, Dewberry Court); Winding Hill Heights; Cumberland Parkway; Old Schoolhouse Lane; Reynolds Street (**Collection will begin on May 17 thru May 21**)



SUMMER FUN RETURNS!

After hosting limited activities in 2020 because of the pandemic, the Mechanicsburg Area Parks and Recreation Department will offer a full complement of camps and playground activities this summer.

Tonya Brown, director of the department, said she welcomes the opportunity to return with youth and adult programs for Upper Allen Township residents. "It is so important for children to be with their friends and socialize," she said. "It is going to be so beneficial for our kids to get outside and be involved in fun activities."

More than 400 children usually take part in the department's summer programs.

Most of the fun begins in June, with activities for all ages and abilities. The varied slate includes adult martial arts, youth sports camps, yoga, flag football, Coding for Kids, horseback riding camp, musical theater camp, senior cardio, and a camp for science, tech, engineering, art and math.

Free for all students are the daily playground activities at Fisher Park in Upper Allen Township, starting in June. Kids can show up and enjoy kickball, games, and arts and crafts.

The highlight of the summer programs is Adventure Camp for children from kindergarten through grade 8 which is held at various sites. The camps are arranged by age groups and include field trips, games, arts and crafts, swimming and sports.

All camps and playgrounds are operated by background-checked staffers who are trained and paid. Brown stressed that with coronavirus still a concern, safety protocols will be in place for all activities. "Being part of the Mechanicsburg Area School District makes us well aware of what we need to do in terms of procedures."

For more info or to apply for a program staffer position: Residents can learn more about the programs, their costs, and starting dates by calling the Mechanicsburg Area Parks & Recreation Office at 717-691-4572 to request a brochure. You can also register online at activenet.active.com/mechareaparkrec.

College students and others who may be interested in serving as program staffers should call 717-691-4572.



UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP'S
**Rain Garden Workshop
& Installation**

Presented by: Lori Glace,
Cumberland County Conservation District
Andy Yench,
Penn State Extension



CUMBERLAND COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



PennState Extension

MAY 20, 2021 | 6:00 PM
100 GETTYSBURG PIKE
MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055

Learn how to design, install, and maintain a rain garden during this unique hands-on workshop and installation.

The workshop cost is **FREE**. Please use the form below to register. Registration deadline is May 6, 2021.

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



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

RAFFLE

LUCKY ATTENDEES COULD WIN
GARDENING RELATED PRIZES!

(Winner must be at event to claim prize)

Send mail-in registration to:
Attn: Megan McNamee, Stormwater Program Manager
100 Gettysburg Pike,
Mechanicsburg PA 17055
Email: mmcnamee@uatwp.org

**REGISTRATION/ RAFFLE
ENTRY**
RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP &
INSTALLATION

Name

Address

Phone

Email

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

April

- 7 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
- 14 Public Safety - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Public Improvements - 8:00 a.m.
- 20 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Stormwater Authority - 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Sewer Advisory Board - 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Park and Recreation - 6:30 p.m.

May

- 5 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Pension Board - 7:30 a.m.
- 10 Administration - 8:00 a.m.
- 13 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Public Improvements - 8:00 a.m.
- 19 Stormwater Authority - 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Park and Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Sewer Advisory Board - 6:30 p.m.

June

- 2 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
- 10 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Public Improvements - 8:00 a.m.
- 15 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Stormwater Authority - 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Park and Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Ken Martin, President
(seated center)
Rick Castranio, Vice President
(seated left)
Ginnie Anderson
(seated right)
Jeff Walter
(standing left)
Jim Cochran
(standing right)

**PRIMARY
ELECTION DAY
MAY 18, 2021**

*The Township offices will be closed on
Friday, April 2 and Monday, May 31*

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NO PARKING IN THE GRASS

This is a friendly reminder to all residents that personal vehicles, boats, campers, & vehicles are not permitted to be parked or stored on your lawn. The parking and storage of vehicles outdoors must be on designated driveways or parking areas in front yards, or along paved or other stabilized surfaces within side or rear yards if they meet the requirements in Section 245-17.1. of the Zoning Ordinance.

If you have questions regarding the creation or expansion of a parking area on your property, or to report a violation, please contact the Community Development Office.

UPCOMING CHANGES TO FLOODPLAIN MAPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is still in the process of updating its Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The purpose of the update is to reflect new base flood elevations and floodplain boundaries for communities in Cumberland County. Property owners who could be affected by the floodplain changes were first notified in fall 2019. FEMA now anticipates the changes will become effective early 2022. For more information you can go online to <http://uatwp.org/floodplain-management/> or for questions regarding the floodplain updates, you may contact FEMA at 1-877-336-2627 or FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.