

# UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



## UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

Beginning on October 9th, and continuing through December 8th, our Public Works Department will be conducting our annual leaf pickup. Note that all scheduling is weather dependent – if winter weather arrives, leaf collection may be suspended for the remainder of each year. If leaves are not picked up on your posted day, our crews will be back the next day to finish the posted area before they move on with the schedule. The exception is if the Township is closed for a holiday on your scheduled day, in which case leaf pickup in your area will be skipped for that week unless crews get ahead in other areas and are able to come back through yours. If you see a crew in your area before your posted day, then it means they are ahead of schedule; however, they will return on your designated day.

**NOTE: Any leaf piles with grass, ornamental plants, sticks, or vegetation of any kind mixed in with the leaves will not be picked up. No exceptions will be made.**

### MONDAY

Grantham Road, Mill Road, W. Lisburn Road, Bowmansdale, Route 114 (S. Market Street), Arcona Road, Ford Farm, Allen Glen, Apache Trail, Pima Circle, McCormick Road, E. Lisburn Road (S. Market Street to Township Line) Fair Oaks, Allendale Road and Wilson Road area, Winding Hills Development, and Orchard Glen.

### TUESDAY

Flintlock Ridge, Holiday Crest, Park Hills, Winding Hill Heights, Winding Hill Road, Gettysburg Pike (Cumberland Parkway to Route 114), Sunnyland, Webercroft, Georgetown, South Market Street (Gettysburg Pike to Mechanicsburg line), Lindenwood.

### WEDNESDAY

Rosegarden, Ashcombe Farms, Mallard Way, Gettysburg Pike (Grantham Road to Township line), Center Square, Country Square, Canterbury, Stumpstown Road, Creekstone, Gettysburg Pike (Rider Lane to Grantham), Spacious Acres, Edgewood.

### THURSDAY

The entire Mt. Allen area, Witney Ridge, Bowman's Hill, Bumble Bee Hollow, Kimberly Meadows, Allenvue, Spring Run, Reservoir.

### FRIDAY

Miller's Acres, Diehl Road, Old Grove Road, Sinclair Road, Hamilton, Peachtree, Trindle Station, Country Estates, Fisher Road, Williams Grove Road, Shepherdstown, Gettysburg Pike, Meadowview, Arborfield, York Street, Webercroft, Georgetown, South Market Street (Gettysburg Pike to Mechanicsburg line), Lindenwood.

## E-SCOOTER SAFETY AND RISKS

A nearly silent, illegal threat on the township streets presents a hazard to motorists and children at play.

Battery-powered scooters have become popular with younger residents as an easy and fun way to zip around without using foot power. But everyone is at risk when riders take the scooters to the street.

Upper Allen police have seen the scooters proliferate in the past few years. They want parents and riders to know that the e-scooters are not street-legal and that riders should strap on a helmet before scooting away.

“They move along pretty quickly with not a lot of noise,” Police Chief Andy Parsons said of the scooters. “Because of the silence and quickness, they can present an unexpected hazard with other moving vehicles.”

In August, an 11-year-old boy was killed in Lancaster County when he rode his scooter out of his driveway into the street and was struck by a passing vehicle.



“Our concern is that they can move quickly. Riders can dart through neighborhood streets where drivers unexpectedly encounter them, and it’s dangerous,” Parsons said. “Backing from driveways, it can be difficult for a driver to see them.”

Parsons said police have received several reports of the scooters being ridden illegally on the street. “We’ve had several complaints,” he said. “Our major concern is that families are educated about the potential risks and that they can’t be ridden on the streets. Parents must supervise children properly.”

That parental supervision boils down to two main points, the chief said.

“The primary thing is to stay off the streets. And wear a helmet,” Parsons said. “Educate children not to be on the streets. We encourage people to call us if they see them on the streets or if the manner of driving causes concern so we can reach out to the family and have a conversation.”

The safety of scooter riders and motorists is paramount, Parsons added.

“We want to avoid the tragedy that we read about in other communities,” he said.

## UPPER ALLEN PARKS EARN AUTISM DESIGNATION, FIRST IN PENNSYLVANIA; SENSORY GARDEN PLANNED

Inclusivity has become a benchmark in Upper Allen Township's parks system. Winding Hill Park North and Friendship Park incorporate playground surfaces and features compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Winding Hill North, one of the township's most popular parks, offers a captivating maze, musical instruments such as drums and chimes, and other sensory toys for children.

"Winding Hill Park and Friendship are flagship parks for this type of experience," said Kelly Palmer, assistant township manager.

Opening at Winding Hill North next spring will be an interactive sensory garden with plants conducive to the five senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

To reinforce the focus on inclusivity, Parks Department employees and Palmer have undergone training from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards. The department is the state's first publicly owned parks system to earn IBCCES' designation as a Certified Autism Center.



"The certification provides our staff with training on autism and sensory sensitivities," explained Chad Krebs, Parks Department director. "These initiatives will give families added confidence that their loved ones will be safe and well-cared for while at our parks."

Parks employees are building paths for the sensory garden at Winding Hill North, with planting of flora to follow. The garden, adjacent to the playground, furthers the township's focus on making its recreational areas available and enjoyable to everyone.

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"The training was pretty comprehensive," Palmer said. "It involved education about how to interact with people and families on the autism spectrum or who have sensory-related disorders, how to make them feel safer in the parks, and how to tailor individual experiences for them."

Parks workers were also trained in using sensory playground equipment by IBCCES, which has been a leader in cognitive disorder training and certification worldwide for two decades.





## UPPER ALLEN PARKS EARN AUTISM DESIGNATION, FIRST IN PENNSYLVANIA; SENSORY GARDEN PLANNED (CONT.)

"This has been going on for a really long time," Palmer said. "It started back when Winding Hill Park North was being redone and became accessible and the sensory work was done. It's more about building facilities that all can access, about recreation for all, and being diverse." Upper Allen continues to upgrade and improve amenities at its other parks as well, from the fencing of smaller playgrounds to the strategic placement of benches so that children can find secluded spots to pause and rejuvenate.

The township's system of more than a dozen parks is moving toward being more inclusive.

"It's important to recognize that parks and playgrounds are places for children to make friends and meet other kids," Palmer said. "It's important to provide those opportunities for children of all backgrounds and abilities."

## REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 7TH

Remember to vote on November 7th. For questions on voting, voter registration, and voting locations, please contact the Cumberland County Bureau of Elections using the methods below:

**Phone:** (717)-240-6385

**Email:** [bureauofelections@cumberlandcountypa.gov](mailto:bureauofelections@cumberlandcountypa.gov)

**Website:** <https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/66/Bureau-of-Elections>

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- ✓ Special places that should be preserved for future generations
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## NEW UPPER ALLEN POLICE OFFICER HOPES TO WORK WITH YOUTHS

Officer Jordan Howard is the newest member of the Upper Allen Police Department, bringing the township's law enforcement complement to 25 officers.

Howard graduated from the Police Academy at Harrisburg Area Community College in mid-July and came onboard shortly afterward. He is on uniformed patrol as part of the department's five-stage field training, during which his responsibilities will increase until he begins handling police calls as a primary officer and works solo in a patrol car.

"We're excited to have him, a motivated young man who has accomplished a lot in life," Chief Andy Parsons said of Howard. "I give him credit for wanting to be an officer during these times."

Howard, originally from West Grove, Chester County, is a 2022 graduate of Messiah University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in peace and conflict studies. He says location and the department's reputation brought him to Upper Allen Township.



"I was looking as I was graduating to stay in this area because I had found a church in Carlisle that I really enjoyed and wanted to stay part of," Howard said. "I was in school with an officer from the Upper Allen department and he encouraged me to apply. He had a lot of really good things to say about the department."

"It was a great opportunity that I didn't want to let go. Through the academy I had heard great things about the department. It has a solid reputation."

As a police officer, Howard hopes to work with young people. He also wants to assist at his alma mater.

"I want to spend a lot of time in the schools. I was a summer camp counselor for four years, and I want to get to know the elementary and middle school kids," he said. "At college I was on the wrestling team and I want to go back there and help out. I have an interest in coaching." That focus on youths harkens to Howard's childhood, when he became interested in law enforcement.

"It was something I wanted to do as a little kid," he explained of becoming a police officer. "There is so much of a need these days. I saw a need I wanted to be able to fill and I wanted to step up and do it, not wait for others to fill the role."

## SNOW SEASON IS COMING!

The Township would like to remind residents that private streets, fire hydrants, sidewalks and driveways are required to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours following a storm event. Chapter 205 of the Township Code regulates snow and ice removal; the regulations are enforced any time snow or ice covers the ground. These regulations ensure there are safe and accessible means of walking and driving available throughout the Township.

### Property Owners' Responsibilities for Clearing Sidewalks

- When to clear sidewalks: It is the responsibility of property owners to remove snow, slush, and ice along the full width of the sidewalks and across driveways within 24 hours after the snow or slush has ceased to fall. Please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold!
- What to clear: Owners of any home and/or building abutting a public or private way are responsible for ensuring that any fire hydrants, sidewalk and accessible ramps in front of their property, and extending to the corner if on a corner lot, are clear of ice and snow, in accordance with Section 205-2 and 3 of the Township Code of Ordinances. Snow, slush and ice shall be removed with the following conditions:
- Fire hydrants shall not be covered.
- If the snow, slush or ice cannot be removed within 24 hours due to hardening, property owners must apply an abrasive (such as sand or salt) to allow for safe travel.
- No snow, slush, ice or a combination thereof shall stem from a property or be deposited or pushed from a property onto a street or right-of-way at any location.
- No person shall damage any Township property while removing snow, ice or slush.
- For more information about property owner responsibilities when clearing private streets, fire hydrants, sidewalks and driveways, visit our website at [www.uatwp.org](http://www.uatwp.org) and view Chapter 205 in the Township Code section.

### A Friendly Request

We recognize the inconvenience; however, it is impossible for plowing crews to avoid plowing snow in front of driveways. Please DO NOT block the roadway or approach the truck to avoid snow plowed into the driveway. These actions are dangerous and only prolong the road clearing process. Residents may want to wait to clear their driveway after crews have finished plowing the roads. Upper Allen Township thanks you for your patience and understanding during the winter season!

## 2023 STORM DRAIN MARKING WITH BOY SCOUT TROOP 80



On June 10th, 2023, Boy Scout Troop 80 was kind enough to collaborate with the Township and participate in our Storm Drain Marking Program. During the event, the scouts marked 66 stormwater inlets across the entire Orchard Glenn Development, helping to raise awareness of the connection between our storm drain system and the water quality of our local streams. An image of one of the storm drain markers can be seen below stating "Only Drain Down the Storm Drain." This is because the rainwater that is received by this drain empties directly into our creeks, lakes, and wetlands.

With no filtration or treatment, this rainwater takes with it everything that it picks up along the way including: fertilizers, pesticides, dirt and leaves, car fluids, pet waste, and litter. Sometimes pollutants are dumped directly into storm drains by residents who don't know any better. These markers are there as a reminder to keep our local waterways clean!

Thank you, Troop 80, for participating in this event and assisting the Township in our stormwater management efforts. If your organization would like to participate in an event like this, please contact the Township office or email Garrett Vandebroke, Stormwater Manager at [gvandebroke@uatwp.org](mailto:gvandebroke@uatwp.org).



HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!!!



BOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!

This year, Trick or Treat Night will be on Thursday, October 26th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM, with a raindate of Saturday, October 28th from 4:00PM to 6:00PM.



## Commissioner's Corner

### Key Actions Taken by the Board of Commissioners

#### July 19TH

- Adoption of Ordinance #826 Amending Floodplain Regulations in Chapter 5 245, Article X
- Adoption of Ordinance #827 Amending Speed Limits, Stop Intersections, Yield Intersections, Do Not Enter Intersections, Max. Gross Vehicle Weight, and Prohibited Parking on Certain Streets in Chapter 233”
- Approval of HVAC Improvements Proposal Submitted by EI Associates to the Township Municipal Building
- Approval to Install Sensory Garden Trails at Winding Hill Park North

#### August 16th

- Reapproved the Final Phase II Plan for Autumn Chase PRD



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# Township Meetings

Meeting minutes and agendas are available at [uatwp.org](https://uatwp.org)

	October	November	December
Board of Commissioners - 6:30PM	04th, 18th	01st, 15th	06th, 20th
Administration- 8:00AM	10th	06th	12th
Zoning Hearing Board- 6:00PM	12th	09th	14th
Historical Architecture Review Board- 6:00PM	17th	21st	19th
Stormwater Authority- 6:00PM	18th	15th	20th
Sewer Advisory Board- 6:00PM	19th	16th	28th
Parks & Recreation- 6:30PM	25th	29th	27th
Planning Commission- 7:00PM	30th	27th	18th
Budget Meeting - 6:30PM	See Below	1st - 5:00PM 8th - 7:00PM	N/A

The Budget Meetings for October are as follows: October 03rd 2:00PM, October 09th 3:30PM, October 16th 2:00PM, October 19th 5:00PM, October 25th 3:00PM