

# Upper Allen Township

## Fall Newsletter 2022

100 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

October, November, December

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### Upper Allen Township Leaf Pickup

**Beginning on October 10, and continuing thru December 9,** our Public Works Department will be conducting our annual leaf pickup. Please check the days below for your pickup day. Note that all scheduling is weather dependent – if winter weather arrives, leaf collection may be suspended for the remainder of the 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.

If the Township is closed for a holiday on your scheduled day, pickup in your area will be skipped for that week unless crews get ahead in other areas and are able to return. If you see a crew in your area before your posted day, it means they are ahead of schedule; however, they will return on your designated day.

#### **Monday**

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.

#### **Tuesday**

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.

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

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.

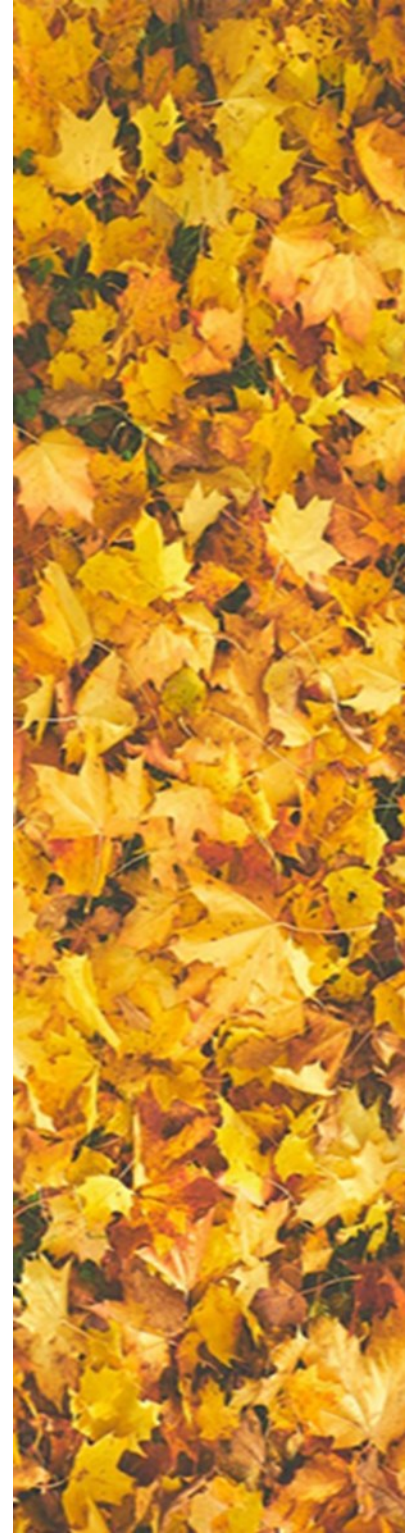
#### **Friday**

Grantham Road, Mill Road, Grantham area, 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.



## Fall Stormwater Tips

- Sweep up grass clippings and fertilizer from driveways, sidewalks and streets, and rake, mulch, or compost yard waste. Don't forget to sweep along the curb. Remove leaves from your gutters, ditches and driveways, sidewalks, and streets.
- Don't burn leaves in ditches or sweep them down storm drains. Burning in ditches causes erosion and allows pollution to wash downstream to our waterways. Even though leaves are natural, if too many flow into the waterway, they break down and release extra nutrients that can create algae blooms and kill fish. You can also break your leaves down into a natural fertilizer, just like grass clippings.
- Fall is the time for seeding and fertilizing your lawn; but fertilize only if needed. To save yourself time and money, first have your soil tested for acidity (pH) to determine the amount of fertilizer required. Be sure to read and follow product instructions carefully when applying. Lastly, do not use fertilizers immediately before a rainstorm, as that will increase the amount of nutrients that wash off as well as making the fertilizer less effective.
- Consider using alternative lawn-care techniques to reduce the number of pesticides necessary. Such as pulling weeds by hand, or spot treating weed-infested areas instead of your entire yard.
- When the weather turns colder, make sure to continue to take care of your pet's waste. You may be tempted to leave it on the ground, but your pet's waste contains phosphorus, nitrogen and harmful bacteria that can get into our local waterways through stormwater runoff.
- If you are performing a fall tune-up on your car or lawn care equipment, be sure to check for any leaks. Rainstorms can send gasoline and oil drips from automobiles, lawnmowers, and power equipment into waterways.



**The Township office will be closed for Veteran's Day on November 11th, the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th, and for Christmas, on Monday, December 26th.**



Upper Allen Township's annual "Trick or Treat" night will take place on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8PM! In the event of rain or weather delay, the makeup date will be **October 29th**, from 4-6PM.

We would like to remind everyone to be safe while Trick-or-Treating and to have a wonderful time!

A special Thank You to our Trunk or Treat sponsors



Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Baseball Association  
Keystone F.C.  
Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Softball  
Mechanicsburg Youth Lacrosse



In addition to **Trick or Treat**, Upper Allen Township Parks Department is hosting a "Trunk-or-Treat" event on **Thursday, October 27th** from 6-8PM at Fisher Park (2000 Fisher Rd. Mechanicsburg, PA 17055).

This event is open to anyone who would like to participate! Come on by for some free candy and fun. The Upper Allen Township Fire Department will be in attendance with Truck 23 and will meet and greet families that want to stop by.

Please note that there is no rain date for this event.



# SCHOOL SAFETY

## Keeping Schools Safe

The 2022-2023 school year is upon us. Upper Allen Police would like to remind township residents about our commitment to school safety. Police officers routinely perform foot patrols in the middle school and both elementary schools. Public Relations officers provide various presentations to students ranging from stranger danger to cyber safety. All three schools in the township are less than one mile from Upper Allen's station and the department has used numerous school buildings for trainings. MASD and the Upper Allen Police Department have an excellent working relationship that fosters a safer school experience for thousands of students.

Upper Allen Police would also like to remind township residents of the traffic laws pertaining to school bus stops. Pennsylvania law requires the following when a driver encounters a school bus with its lights activated:

### **Yellow signal lights activated:**

- Proceed past the bus with caution and be prepared to stop the vehicle

### **Red signal lights activated and side stop signal arms extended**

- Stop vehicle at least 10 feet before reaching the school bus
- Do not proceed until the flashing red signals are deactivated and the stop arms have retracted
- In no event shall the driver move until all children have reached a place of safety
- When a bus is stopped at an intersection with lights activated, all directions of the intersection must stop

These requirements apply on all roadways unless they are physically separated, such as a guard rail or concrete center barrier.

Bus drivers record registration plates of violators and these operators can be cited after the fact. A school bus related traffic violation results in a license suspension.



## Voting and Voter Registration

***Election Day: November  
8th, 7:00AM to 8:00PM***

**Please refer to corrected voting  
information on our home page.**

## *Snow Removal Procedures*



### **Winter 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:

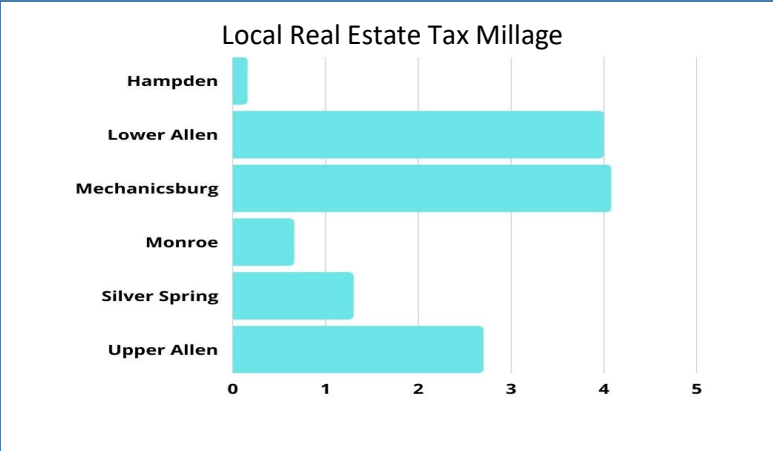
- Fire hydrants shall not be covered.
- If the snow, slush or ice cannot be removed within 24 hours due to hardening, property owners must apply an abrasive (such as sand or salt) to allow for safe travel.
- No snow, slush, ice or a combination thereof shall stem from a property or be deposited or pushed 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 [uatwp.org](http://uatwp.org) and view Chapter 205 in the Township Code section.

### **A Friendly Request**

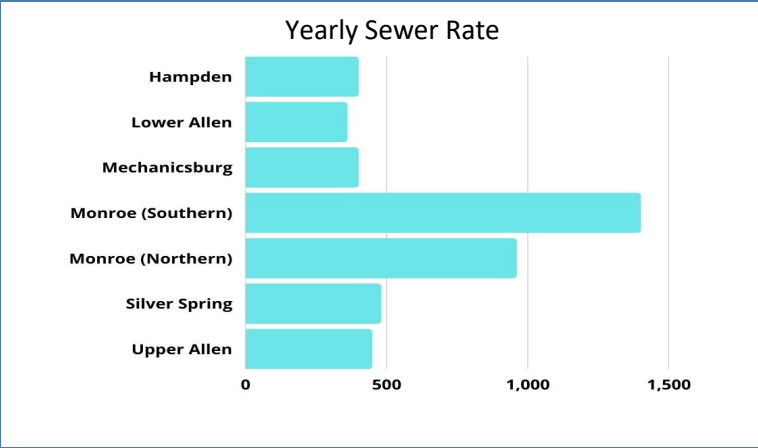
We recognize the inconvenience; however, it is impossible for plowing crews to avoid plowing snow in front of driveways. Please **DO NOT** block the roadway or approach the truck to avoid snow plowed into the driveway. **These actions are dangerous and only prolong the road clearing process.** Residents 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!



**Citation:** 2022 County and Municipal & 2022-23 School Tax Rates, Cumberland County, PA (RE2. 195 LIB .166) .

## MILLAGE TAX RATE COMPARISON

The chart above compares Upper Allen Township’s millage rate to the millage rate of adjacent Cumberland County municipalities. Data was collected from Cumberland County’s 2022 County and Municipal & 2022-23 School Tax Rates. Upper Allen Township is a First Class Township in which essential services are delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient and responsive manner.



**Citation:** Information collected from Municipalities websites, or direct contact with municipal offices.

## SEWER RATE COMPARISON

The chart above compares Upper Allen Township’s yearly sewer rates to the yearly sewer rates of adjacent Cumberland County municipalities. Data was collected from the corresponding municipality’s websites. The Township operates quality and cost-effective sewer/wastewater utility services

## Upper Allen Township Board of Commissioners



**Clockwise: Jim Cochran, Jeff Walter, Rick Castranio (Vice President), Ken Martin (President), Ginnie Anderson**

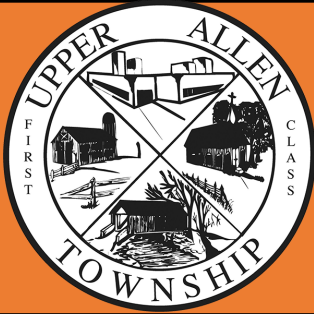
Upper Allen Township Police Department accepts unused medications via the Med-Return Drug Collection box in their lobby. Excess or expired medication can be disposed of, no questions asked, using the box. For resident's protection, please remove any labels identifying patients from bottles. Please no liquids, aerosols, inhalers, ointments, lotions, thermometers, or loose pills. Needles or sharps must be disposed of in the Sharps container on the side of the box.



## Commissioner's Corner

### Key Actions Taken by the Board of Commissioners

- April 6 – Approved Hiring an Additional Police Officer already budgeted in 2022
- May 18 - Authorization to Award the Contract for the 2022 Roadway Improvement Projects to Shiloh Paving in the amount of \$2,838,293.39
- June 15 – Approval of Kappe Associates, Inc. Proposal For BDP Industries Screw Press Dewatering Equipment Through PA COSTARS Procurement Program, with installation planned in 2023
- July 20 – Approval of Winding Hill Park North Softball Field #4 Improvements Bid Award
- August 3 – Approval of Veolia Agreement, Contribution Towards a New Water Tank
- August 3 – Acceptance of 1340 E. Lisburn Road Master Plan, Now Known As “Upper Allen Generations Park”
- August 3 – Authorization to Purchase New Playground Equipment For Fisher Park



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## **Township Meetings**

	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
Budget Meeting - 6:30PM	4th, 10th, 12th, 18th	2nd - 5:30PM, 9th	None
Board of Commissioners - 6:30PM	5th, 19th	2nd, 16th	7th, 21st
Administration - 7:30AM	11th	7th—8:00AM	13th
Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00PM	13th	10th	8th
Historical Architecture Review Board - 7:00PM	18th	15th	20th
Stormwater Authority - 6:00PM	19th	16th	21st
Sewer Advisory Board - 6:30PM	20th	17th	22nd
Parks & Recreation - 6:30PM	26th	22nd	28th
Planning Commission - 7:00 PM	31st	28th	19th