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Ward 3 Township Commissioner

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Gary lives in the Aidenn Lair section of Upper Dublin with his wife Cathy, daughter Alina, who attends Jarrettown Elementary School, and their labradoodle, Kippy. He has lived, in this community most of his life. After graduating from Upper Dublin High School, Gary graduated from Penn State with a BS in Individual and Family Studies with a concentration in adolescent development.

After college graduation, he worked as a manager in retail, a recording engineer, and a cameraman. After being a substitute teacher, he enrolled at Gwynedd-Mercy College to become a certified teacher. There he received a BS in mathematics and a BA in history. While teaching computer science, math, and social studies, he furthered his education by receiving an MS from Philadelphia University in Instructional Technology, and Ph.D. from Drexel University in Educational Leadership and Learning Technologies.

Gary has taught various student populations for more than 30 years. This group includes career-technical, adjudicated youths, court dependents, and students with learning and emotional issues. He also served as a computer network consultant and school network administrator. Gary is an author and a national presenter on teaching mathematics.

Currently, Gary is a member of the Educational Advisory Committee for the Upper Dublin School Board and a past member of the Task Force for Realignment of Schools.

Gary is running for Ward 3 Township Commissioner because he wants to continue the good work of his predecessor to ensure that Upper Dublin remains the best place to live. He pledges to be mindful of quality of life issues while recognizing the need to develop additional sources of revenue.

Please feel free to contact Gary with your ideas and suggestions to make Upper Dublin even better.

Where is WARD 3?

For those of you who are new to Upper Dublin, Upper Dublin Township is broken into seven wards, with each having about 3,750 in population. Each ward elects a township commissioner to serve a four-year term. Go to http://www.upperdublin.net/resources/maps/ and look in the Street Maps folder for UDT Map-Ward

Ward 3 extends from the northeast corner of the township, at Sam's Italian Market on Moreland Road (before its becomes Welsh Road), including Willow Glen (and below, to the midpoint of Paul to its intersection with Dundee and then back to the midpoint with Woodland), and the area above the Upper Dublin Golf & Fitness, all of Dublin Hunt, all of Aidenn Lair, the streets below Aidenn Lair down to the north and west side of Kirks Lane, including all of Harris Rd., and the Jarrettown Elementary School side of Limeklin, from Kirks Lane to Jarrettown Road.

Every ten years, redistricting occurs throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In Upper Dublin, Ward 3 was required to add population from adjacent Ward 6. Thus the residents of the

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future Zieger development and the houses in Dawesfield that have their rear yards adjacent to that tract were added to Ward 3 which brought its population in line with the other six wards.

Ward 3 is divided into two voting districts, 3-1 and 3-2. 3-1 (voting at Jarrettown United Methodist Church on Limekiln) consists of everything west of the Turnpike, while 3-2 (voting at what was known as the Reformed Church, now Crossroads Fellowship Church, at the intersection of North Hills Ave., Fitzwatertown and Woodland) consists of the area east of the Turnpike.

Who Represents Us In Harrisburg And Washington

Our U.S. Senators are Bob Casey, a Democrat, and Pat Toomey, a Republican. Casey was re-elected in 2012 for a second six-year term. Toomey's first term ends next year, and he is expected to seek reelection. They may be contacted at casey.senate.gov and toomey.senate.gov, respectively.

Our U.S. Representative in Congress is Brendan Boyle, a Democrat from Philadelphia, elected in 2014. He represents about half of Montgomery County (including three-quarters of Upper Dublin) and Northeast Philadelphia. Previously, our ward was in a Bucks County-centered congressional district. Due to constant gerrymandering dismembering our township, Boyle is the tenth different person to represent at least a part of Upper Dublin in Congress during the past twenty-two years. Boyle may be contacted at boyle.house.gov.

Our State Senator is Vincent Hughes from Philadelphia. Hughes is Democratic chair of State Senate Appropriations Committee. He has been in the State Senate since 1994 and has represented various suburban areas (in addition to the western portions of Philadelphia) for twelve years or so. In 2014 his district was changed to include all of Upper Dublin (which had been previously represented by Stewart Greenleaf). Hughes will be seeking reelection in 2016, although there is some talk of his

Remember: Primary Election is May 19th Polls Open 7am to 8pm running for U.S. Senate next year. He may be contacted at senatorhughes.com.

Our State Representative is Tom Murt, a Republican from Upper Moreland. Murt has been representing about a third of Upper Dublin, including what is now 3-1, since he was first elected in 2006. In the most reapportionment his district grew to include district 3-2, so that he now represents all of Ward 3. It is anticipated that Murt will be seeking reelection to his sixth term next year. Other sections of Upper Dublin are represented by two other State Representatives. State Representatives are elected to two-year term. Rep. Murt may be contacted at tmurt@pahousegop.com.

Zieger Tract (former rose farm)

The Township has approved Cutler Homes' plan to construct 102 single-family homes in a 55-and-over community. In addition, Pennsylvania's DEP and PennDOT have also given their approvals. However, the developer still needs to submit and secure additional Township approvals before construction can begin. This project involves some real environmental challenges that the Township will need to oversee. When this development is completed, there will be a walking trail along both Jarrettown and Welsh Roads.

Upper Dublin Golf & Fitness

The Township acquired this property many years ago. It is now operated under a lease with an entity run by the Reilly family, highly respected pro golfers. Through the years the golf course has enabled many charitable events benefiting the Township residents and other worthy causes and helped many a golfer to learn the game. However, with the interest in 18-hole golf declining and the abundance of nearby courses, similar facilities have been closing. The Township is now considering what to do with the property when the present lease expires in 2019. Resident input has been solicited, and a consultant has been retained to advise the Board of Commissioners.

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