## A Message From



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#### Median Sale Price of UD Homes Up 11% in 2018

Great news for UD homeowners! The Montgomery County Planning Commission 2018 Median Home Price Survey, reports median sale price of homes in UD increased by 11% during 2018! This rate exceeds not only the overall county rate (3%), but also exceeds that of every single municipality we share a border with. Coupled with UD's Aa1 Moody rating placing UD in the top 10% of municipalities in the state makes Upper Dublin an attractive vibrant community!

## \$1,165,000 in Savings from **Refinancing Bonds**

The recent drop in the stock market is good news for Upper Dublin Township as interest rates have fallen. UD has locked into the fixed interest rates for two bond refinancings at 1.68%. The lower rate created a net savings of \$1,165,000. This is over 12% savings as a percentage of the refinanced principal. The benchmark for considering a refinance is 2 or 3% savings so this is really a home run. The savings is spread over the length of the 15-year bonds but a large bulk of the savings has been front-ended to 2020 and 2021. With the over \$11 million in grants UD has received since 2016, UD is on strong financial footing.

#### New "CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP" Signs on Camphill Rd.

A hazardous traffic situation has been brought to my attention. A driver on Camphill Road mistakenly thought Virginia Dr. had stop signs and pulled out in front of an on coming car with right of way on Virginia Drive. At my request "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs were put up on Camphill Rd.

# **No Cost to Taxpayers Traffic Improvements Dreshertown Rd Project Completed**

The softening of the curves on Dreshertown Rd. has been completed, at no cost to UD taxpavers. It will improve the safety of the road for our residents. As part of the land development process, the Township required The Promenade Developer to address the substandard reverse curve on Dreshertown Road between St. Georges Road and Tuckerstown Road where past fatalities have occurred.

## **UD Awarded \$380,000 to Improve Traffic Signals** at Susquehanna & Fitzwatertown Roads

UD was awarded the \$380,000 grant to improve the intersection at Susquehanna & Fitzwatertown Roads and include a left turn lane eastbound on Susquehanna. These improvements will not cost the taxpavers a penny, plus UD will have \$9,000 of grant money left over for future traffic projects!

## **Traffic Improvements to Welsh Road**

The project to install fiber optic lines along Welsh Rd from PA 309 to US 611, and interconnecting adaptive signals of the majority of Welsh Rd intersections in Upper Dublin and Horsham, will be paid for by PennDOT and Montgomery County grants plus \$235K from BET to fund Upper Dublin's portion of the matching costs. The overall cost of the project is 2.75 million. These improvements will not cost Upper Dublin taxpayers a dime.

## Sidewalk: Dreshertown Plaza to Jarrettown **Elementary School**

The new Sidewalk connection to IES will begin in 2020.

#### **Upcoming UD Tricentennial Event**

**Washington Did Sleep Here:** Sun Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm Rain 10/20 FallFest: Sun. November 3rd 2pm Rain or Shine

## **UD Awarded \$1 Million Grant for New** Library

UD was awarded \$1 million from the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program for the new library project. This grant brings new, unexpected funding to the project. This award is the second grant UD has received to support the new library. The first was a \$750,000 Keystone grant, announced in September 2018, which is funded through the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. This brings a total of \$1,750,000 so far to the project from state grants. Deepest thanks to all four of our local legislators: Senator Vincent Hughes and Representatives Thomas Murt, Ben Sanchez and Todd Stephens. The Township is grateful for their continued support for this project.

#### **PFAS Meeting with Governor Wolf & State Representative Todd Stephens**

I spoke with Governor Wolf and State Representative Todd Stephens August 22, 2019 concerning PFAS contamination of drinking water in UD.

I spoke with Governor Wolf about UD having three water suppliers and no water authority to regulate the levels of PFAS in UD drinking water. I also informed the Governor that long time UD residents have been drinking PFAS contaminated water for decades and should be included in any and all up coming blood tests. The PFAS contamination in UD is well documented, as two UD-area Agua wells (Aidenn Lair and North Hills) had been taken off-line as a result of high PFAS levels. The Governor said his goal is to provide clean water for everyone in PA.

#### **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday 11/5/19 Polls Open from 7 am to 8 pm.

#### Where to Vote

Ward 3 is divided into two voting districts, 3-1 (everything west of the Turnpike) and 3-2 (everything east of the Turnpike).



**3-1** votes at **Jarrettown United Methodist Church** on Limekiln Pike.



**3-2** votes at what was known as the Reformed Church, now **Crossroads Fellowship Church**, at the intersection of North Hills Ave., Fitzwatertown and Woodland Rds.

#### **Election Information**

Visit my website <a href="www.gsud3.com">www.gsud3.com</a> to find a map of our Ward to help you know where to vote.

To register to vote, obtain absentee ballot, and voter information go to:

http://www.montcopa.org/753/Voter-Services

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# UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP Ward 3 News

Upper Dublin is a vibrant community because the citizens care about the quality of life here.

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  - 2. Susquehanna & Fitzwatertown Roads
  - 3. Welsh Road
- ✓ Sidewalk: Dreshertown Plaza to JES
- **✓**\$1Million Grant for Library
- **✓** Meeting with Governor Wolf



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