### A Message From



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# **Coronavirus COVID-19**

## **Upper Dublin Township Essential Services**

The coronavirus COVID-19 is having a profound impact on our daily lives. Events are moving quickly and changing almost daily. We are all feeling shock at the magnitude of this pandemic, the isolation from our neighbors, friends and relatives and our jobs. You are doing an amazing job of following the stay in place guidelines and practicing social distancing. This is slowing the spread of the virus.

To address this crisis, UD Township has issued a DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY. Upper Dublin Township essential services are operating fully with limitations on some non-essential services see UDT website. A big thank you to staff! You can get out in the fresh air and walk the trails of our parks while practicing social distancing. Our first responders have done a magnificent job being here when we need them.

We are all working together to help each other through this: from checking in with our elderly neighbors to drive-by birthday celebrations! We've learned how online learning is keeping students in "school". The Upper Dublin community is a caring community and together we will get through this. Stay well.

#### **UDT Real Estate Taxes Deadline Extended**

The time frame for paying township and county real estate taxes on time has been extended two months through July 31, 2020. This gives residents an extra two months to pay their township and county taxes without

https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/finance/reales tate/

## Congratulations to the 2020 Upper Dublin **Medals Award Recipients!**

Ronald Feldman - Outstanding Citizen Margaret "Meg" Place - Outstanding Educator Inter-Faith Housing Alliance - Outstanding Non-Profit Organization

Annie Cheng & Amy Gong - Outstanding Students To find out about these wonderful citizens go to:

www.udefoundation.org/programs/upper-dublin-medalsprogram.php

## **Absentee or Mail-In Voting** File Application by May 18th For the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary

You may not know that in PA you can now vote either by Absentee or the new Mail-In ballot. By doing this, you do not need to go to the polls. You can safely and securely vote at

#### Which one is right for you?

**Absentee Ballot-** If you plan to be out of Upper Dublin on election day, or if you have a disability or illness, you should request an absentee ballot, which requires you to list a reason for voting by absentee ballot.

Mail-in Ballot- If you aren't an absentee voter, you may apply for a mail-in ballot. You may request this ballot without stating a reason.

In order to request either ballot type, you must first be registered to vote then fill out an application.

Go to the link below to find out more and to apply for your ballot.

https://www.montcopa.org/754/Absentee-and-Mail-In-Voting

#### **Community Response Unit (CRU)**

The Community Response Unit (CRU) is part of the Patrol Division of the Upper Dublin Police Department. The CRU was set up to address community concerns and provide community education. The CRU consists of a supervisor and two (2) patrol officers, plus four (4) additional patrol officers who are assigned to each platoon to perform Community Response duties. All of these officers are referred to as Community Response Officers (CROs). They perform their regular duties in addition to their CRU work. The CROs also serve as a "power shift", increasing the number of officers who are working during shift changes and when there is an increased need for police services.

Refer to the link below for more information and updates. https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/police/communit y-response-unit/

### Please Join my Email List

There is a lot of news that happens between these Newsletters. For timely news join my email list at: https://commissionergaryscarpello.net/contact-form/



#### **Coronavirus COVID-19 Links**

Changes are happening fast. I encourage you to use the links below that will give you up to the minute information.

#### **UDT** website service updates and links:

https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/health/links/ coronavirus-covid19/

Upper Dublin Library: Comprehensive List of Links: From Small Business to Food, Taxes

https://upperdublinlibrary.org/udpl-updatescoronavirus-covid-19-information/coronavirus-covid-19-alerts-information/

#### **Montgomery County Daily Updates:**

montcopa.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/covid-19

#### PA Department of Health Daily Press Briefing Daily at Noon:

https://pacast.com/live/doh?fbclid=IwAR0brcdCdegn4 WWH TOWFIU-

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#### **CDC Daily Updates:**

https://www.cdc.gov

#### Gig Workers and Self-Employed Info.

https://www.uc.pa.gov/COVID-19/Pages/UC-COVID19-FAOs.aspx

#### FEMA Rumor Control

https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/rumor-control

#### **CARES Act Waives Required Minimum Distributions From Retirement Accounts for 2020**

https://www.aarp.org/money/investing/info-2020/cares-act-retiree-tax-benefit.html

#### **IRS Link**

https://www.irs.gov/help/telephone-assistance

#### Free Emergency Communication APPS

To be better prepared in an emergency, Upper Dublin Township residents have access to free emergency communication apps in collaboration Montgomery County at:

https://www.upperdublin.net/information/emergency/

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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.

- ✓ COVID-19/UDT Up & Running
- ✓ UDT Real Estate Taxes Extended
- ✓ 2020 UD Medals Award Recipients!
- **✓** Absentee or Mail-In Voting
- ✓ Community Response Unit (CRU)
- **✓** COVID-19 Online Links
- **✓** Free Emergency Communication APPS



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