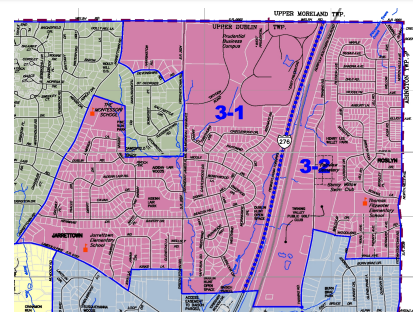




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Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a good holiday. 2020 was a pretty tough year. Hopefully, good things are about to come our way.

Willow Manor Drainage Improvements – Town Hall Meeting February 24th at 7:00pm

This virtual meeting is for residents of Willow Manor. We will discuss plans to fix erosion of the storm sewer swale below Maple Ave. We will also discuss the survey and study of the entire drainage system from Maple Ave. to North Hills Ave. Residents abutting the swales and storm sewer in the Willow Manor Drainage Report are encouraged to attend or watch the replay.

To read the report go to:

<https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/publicworks/willow-manor-drainage-improvements/>

2021 Other Capital Projects

1. Twining Valley Park Improvements
 - a. Trail from the Park to the Willow Manor Neighborhood via Sunny Willow Swim Club
 - b. Multi-Purpose paved 2.5 miles of trails
 - c. A 2.5 mile single track/mountain bike trail
 - d. Preparation for Phase 2 projects to position the township for grants
2. Aidenn Lair Tennis Courts to be Resurfaced
3. Removal and management of invasive plants in our parks

UDT Fire Marshal \$2,500 Fire Prevention Grant

The Upper Dublin Twp. Office of Fire Marshal has received a \$2,500 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers to more effectively prevent fire.

2021 Budget Summary

Budget year 2020 was unlike any year we've ever had. The township faced significant increases in demand for services in part due to the pandemic. For example, residential trash, recycling collection, and disposal cost increased by \$155,000. The Township also had increased expenses from collective bargaining agreements with both the police and public works unions by more than \$250,000.

The budget for year 2021 prepares for the unexpected. General Fund revenues for 2021 is estimated at \$21.1 million, which is 3.5% higher than was budgeted for in 2020. Expenditures are estimated to be \$21.6 million or 0.5% lower than the 2020 budget. To put the township on a strong financial footing, there will be a 2.5% tax increase, which equates to a \$30 per year increase for the average residential property assessed at \$202,000. This will provide \$342,000 in real estate tax revenue and would bring the fund balance to \$1.7 million or 7.9% of the 2021 budgeted expenditures. This budget provides a financial cushion should expenditures increase due to unforeseen events.

Township real estate tax is about 14% of a property owner's total Township, County and School District real estate tax bill.

The Township final 2021 Budget can be downloaded at:

<https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/finance/budget/>

Final Christmas Tree Pickup Jan. 27, 2021

You can put your Christmas Tree out at the curb anytime after Christmas. The first pickup will be 1/6/21. The Final sweep for Christmas Trees will be January 27, 2021. ***Please do not place your tree in a plastic bag - trees are composted by the Township. All decorations must be removed.**

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Traffic Calming

I've received many emails from residents about traffic problems in their neighborhoods. To have your traffic issues addressed by the Upper Dublin Police, please fill out the Traffic Calming Report form here: <https://www.upperdublin.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Form-TrafficConcernReporting-Fillable-v2.pdf>

Once you download the form, fill it out and email it to Sergeant Sanborn at: andrew.sanborn@udpd.us.

As soon as the police receive your report they add it to the Traffic Calming Log and begin the process of addressing your concerns. For a full explanation of the Traffic Calming Program by the Upper Dublin Police Department, go to:

<https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/police/traffic-calming/>

Philadelphia Wage Tax Changes

UDT residents who worked in Philadelphia during 2020 and have been required by their employer(s) to work from home, have the opportunity to realize a tax savings in 2021. The Philadelphia wage tax is currently 3.448% while UD's earned income tax for both the school district and township totals 1%. This could be a direct savings of some 2.448% on your total taxable income.

To receive this savings contact your payroll or human resource department and request that they establish an account with the Township's payroll collection agent, Berkheimer Tax Innovations at 610-599-3139 or their website <https://www.hab-inc.com/>

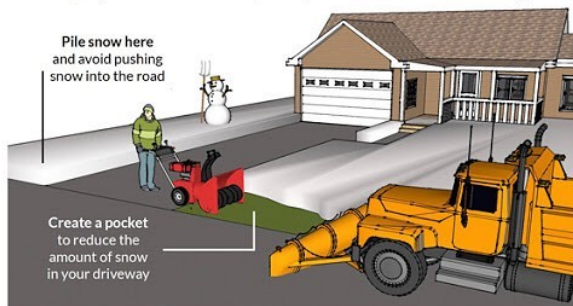
If you are self-employed you should already have a direct account with Berkheimer for the required quarterly payments.

Winter Tip

Below shows the best place to pile snow to minimize the amount pushed back onto your driveway if you shovel before your street is plowed. *Please do not shovel, snow blow, or plow snow into the street.

How Can I Keep Snow Out of my Driveway?

Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:



Using this method to clear snow will reduce the amount of snow that accumulates at the end of your driveway!

UDT Awarded \$45,000 PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant

UDT was awarded this \$45,000 grant to update the Township's *Comprehensive Open Space and Environmental Resource Protection Plan*. These funds will aid Township's decision-making process regarding park, open space management, future open space acquisition and preservation, trail development and expansion, natural area rehabilitation, and riparian buffer improvements. It was last updated in 2005. For further information, contact Derek Dureka, Parks & Recreation Director, at (215) 643-1600 ext. 3239 or email: ddureka@upperdublin.net.

New Resident Welcome Pack

Visit the Township building at 801 Loch Alsh Avenue, Fort Washington, PA 19034 (215) 643-1600 to pick up a Residential Welcome Packet containing the "Know Your Township" booklet, Public Services Guide, Parks and Recreation Leisure Guide, Community Directory & Map, Library guide, voter registration form, link to UD School District and other useful Township information. Or go to the link below to view online.

<https://www.upperdublin.net/information/residential-welcome-pack/>

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