A Message From



Gary Scarpello

vour

Upper Dublin Township Ward 3 Commissioner





Issue 22

Join my email list!
email: GScarpelloUD3@comcast.net
On Facebook: Commissioner Gary Scarpello
Website: GSUD3.com
Phone: 215-542-9267

Fall 2021

Upper Dublin Strong!

We went through quite an ordeal as a community with tornadoes from hurricane Ida in early September. We are all saddened by the loss of the life of one of our community members, and the destruction and devastation of homes and property. This was a shock to us all. An event like this gives us pause to think about our priorities and refocus into the important things in life. Upper Dublin residents showed their true colors, moving quickly to the aid of neighbors in the affected areas. They immediately pitched in to help those in need and are still doing so today! We are so fortunate to live in such a warm-hearted community.

I want to give a shout out to the UD Fire & Police Departments and township staff for working 24/7 putting our township back together. They have worked tirelessly against unprecedented damage and conditions to keep our township services running as usual. Thank you!!!

Upper Dublin Citizens Emergency Fund

You can help UD Residents in need by donating to the Upper Dublin Citizens Emergency Fund. This Fund was created to provide relief to distressed persons in UDT facing a critical, immediate need for food, shelter, clothing, and medical care or for their health and wellbeing. If you would like to donate, please send a check (made payable to Upper Dublin Citizen Emergency Fund) to Upper Dublin Township c/o Jonathan Bleemer, 1245 Fort Washington Avenue, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Payments can also be made by either credit card or paypal on the Upper Dublin Township website store at: https://www.upperdublin.net/store/

This fund is a 501c3 which means contributions are tax deductible.

Tornado Damaged Township Building

The tornado ripped the roof off the township building causing extensive damage. The building is being evaluated to determine whether it can be repaired or needs to be replaced.

The UD Police Deptartment is now housed in the Library at 520 Virginia Drive and is fully operational. Other township offices are now at 370 Commerce Dr. in the Ft. Washington Office Park

Township Contact Information

Call 215-643-6100 for township offices. For police-related non-emergency questions, call the non-emergency line at 215-646-2101. All emergencies – call 911.

For questions, concerns or storm-related information, email storm@upperdublin.net

Disaster Recovery Information

For up to the minute Storm Related Information including FEMA and PEMA information and links click on the link below:

https://www.upperdublin.net/disaster-recovery-information/





Upper Dublin Hero Honored

CPL Vincent (Vinny) Wargo, Jr., U.S.M.C. gallantly gave his life in the service of his country 53 years ago in Vietnam, on September 15, 1968 at age 19, an American hero. On that day, his platoon was ambushed. Vinny, under heavy hostile fire, assisted in evacuating a wounded Marine and was critically wounded. A portion of Fitzwatertown Rd between North Hills Ave & Jenkintown Rd is dedicated in his honor.

Willow Manor Drainage Improvements Project

Gilmore & Associates have been hired to conduct topographic and boundary survey services, a hydrology & hydraulics flood analysis of existing conditions and conceptual improvements, and to research and apply for available stream restoration grants. More details to follow. https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/publicworks/willow-manor-drainage-improvements/

To Prevent Title Fraud

To protect your property from title fraud, go to the Recorder of Deeds website and register on FraudSleuth:

https://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/16028/FraudSleuth---Montco?bidId=

Crossing Guards Needed!

Three positions are available at \$21.98 per hour. please contact: Corinne Dorn, Police Communications Supervisor Corinne.dorn@udpd.us or 215-646-2101

New Code Enforcement Fee Structure

Fee change for a single bathroom or kitchen renovation of a simple replacement of existing cabinets/fixtures without changes to walls or placement of fixtures, has been reduced to a single building permit application for \$200, as opposed to a building and demolition permit application (\$375 fee for building + \$100 fee for demo + \$100 fee for plan review total \$575). This is a savings of \$375! Note: Electrical & Plumbing are separate and have not changed.

New Grading Ordinance

Upper Dublin Township is in the process of revising its current Grading Ordinance. This is the set of regulations and standards that allows landowners to excavate ground and build improvements, while at the same time protecting workers, other landowners, the Township property, and the general public. UD's current standards have been in place since 1985. Due to advances in construction technology, and changes to federal and state regulations, the current ordinance is outdated and requires modernization.

The new ordinance accomplishes 4 things:

- Updates current definitions for grading and construction work
- Includes state and federal protection measures for creeks and waterways, and sediment pollution
- Requires some drawing/plan information to properly locate improvements on a piece of land
- Provides some exemption for smaller-scale projects

Old regulations required a grading permit for almost every home improvement project undertaken in the Township. The new regulations allow for some smaller projects, like replacing a walkway, patio, or driveway, to proceed without a permit. New patios and walkways, and expansions or additions will need to obtain grading permits as currently required. Neighbors will benefit from the new regulations as well, as contractors will need to maintain an orderly work area, and avoid encroaching onto adjacent properties for movement of construction equipment.

Stay in Touch - Your Voice is Important

P.O. Box 1182 Ft Washington, PA 19034

oin in the Discussions.

Come to Meetings

PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
FT WASHINGTON , PA
PERMIT NO. 526

UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP Ward 3 News

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

- **✓** Upper Dublin Strong!
- **✓** Upper Dublin Citizens Emergency Fund
- ✓ Tornado Damaged Township Building
- **✓** Township Contact Information
- **✓** Disaster Recovery Information
- **✓** Upper Dublin Hero Honored
- **✓** Willow Manor Drainage Project
- **✓** To Prevent Title Fraud
- **✓** Crossing Guards Needed
- **✓** New Code Enforcement Fee Structure
- **✓** New Grading Ordinance



Gary Scarpello Ward 3 Commissioner

For more info contact me at: Commissioner Gary Scarpello Upper Dublin Township 801 Loch Alsh Avenue Fort Washington, PA 19034

Phone: 215-542-9267 Website: www.GSUD3.com

Facebook: Commissioner Gary Scarpello

Please Join our Email List

There is a lot of news that happens between these Newsletters. To get fast breaking news join my email list by going to:

https://commissionergaryscarpello.net/contact-form/



Paid for by Gary Scarpello