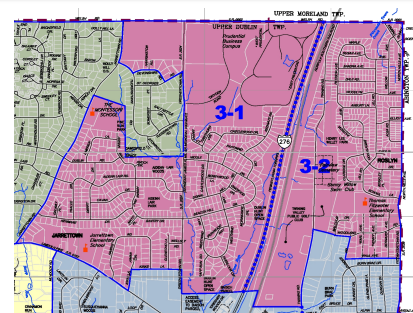




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Remembering the Tornado

It is hard to believe it has been a year since the tornado hit our community taking the life of one of our members, and devastating many of the homes in the Ft. Washington/Ambler/Maple Glen neighborhoods. The tree line will be years in growing back. I have lived here since the 1950s and have not seen anything like what hit us last September. The one-year commemoration the last week in August was truly touching and healing. The strength of our community was on full display last September and continues to this day. Upper Dublin is a good place to Live, Work and Play!

Dreshertown Rd. Sidewalk Update

As referenced in the Dreshertown Rd. improvements in column 3, the section of sidewalk on Dreshertown Rd from Bantry/Beacon Hill to the Promenade will be in Phase 2. Funding for Phase 2 has not yet been identified. The Planning Study for Phase 2 will be completed this fall. The Planning Study and the Phase 1 project will be the foundation for grant applications starting next year.

UDT prefers to fund projects through grants before using tax dollars. It may take longer to complete, but it lessens tax increases to fund them. Many projects are in conjunction with outside agencies (county, state, and federal), with their own timelines affecting completion dates. Township-only projects without grants may be quicker, but will be more expensive for taxpayers.

BET (The Promenade) paid for the Cross County Trail at the Promenade and the road widening to soften the curve providing left turn lanes at Tuckerstown and St. Georges Roads. BET has met the obligations as promised.

Upper Dublin Township Welcomes New Manager

UDT welcomes Kurt M. Ferguson as our new Township Manager. As Manager Mr. Ferguson will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Township. He has over 24 years of experience in municipal government and more than 20 years of management experience. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science & Urban Studies, a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning specializing in Local Development, and a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management specializing in Public Management, all from the University of Pittsburgh. Kurt comes here from Lower Makefield Township in Bucks County. "I look forward to serving the Upper Dublin community and am thrilled to be part of such a talented and committed staff," Ferguson said. "Together, we will continually strive for improvement, work to bring excellent service to residents, and be transparent. The challenges and responsibilities of Upper Dublin Township are unique to this community and its people. I am excited for the future." Kurt is married with one five-year-old daughter and lives in Doylestown.

Construction at Twining Valley Park Begins

The final part of Phase 1B is underway. Most of the park will remain open during construction - some areas may be temporarily blocked. There will be signage on-site to make park visitors aware of the work occurring. The Twining Valley Dog Park and the new adjacent parking lot will remain open. Visitors to the dog park please use that lot instead of the main park parking lot (by the former clubhouse).



Dreshertown Road Improvements – Phase 1

1. Widens the road to 5 lanes from Susquehanna through Limekiln Pike to the Woodland Creek Memory Care facility.
2. From there to Bantry/Beacon Hill the road goes down to 3 lanes. One lane each way plus a center lane for turning.
3. Phase 1 includes the Dresher Cemetery Action Plan. The UD Township Municipal Authority has met with Mr. Dresher and the Schwenkfelter Church that owns the cemetery. While no formal decision has been made, they will choose an option from the selections presented.

Dreshertown Road Improvements – Phase 2

1. This is not yet funded.
2. The remainder of Dreshertown Rd from Bantry/Beacon Hill to Welsh Rd will be 3 lanes.
3. Culvert reconstruction work north of Bantry/Beacon Hill will be addressed.
4. The Cross County Trail will also be completed to the area already constructed by BET.
5. The Planning Study will be completed this fall to apply for grants next year.

Twining Valley Phase 1B:

- ❖ 3+ miles of 10' wide asphalt trails and 2.5 miles of bike-optimized dirt trail
- ❖ 3 bridges
- ❖ Installation of storm water management systems
- ❖ Acceptance of 45,000 cubic yards of fill from the Sandy Run Middle School project
- ❖ Site preparation for future phases at Twining Valley Park

JES/Dreshertown Plaza Sidewalk Project History

Some residents have asked why it has taken so long to complete this project. The answer is easements. An easement is a homeowner's approval to allow the Township access to their property to construct the sidewalk. Without easements from *all* the properties along the sidewalk path the project can't begin. Early on, all but 5 properties including the Dreshertown Plaza landowner, had signed easements. By 2020, all but the owner of Dreshertown Plaza had signed easements for the project. The recent 14-month delay was due to the change in ownership of the Dreshertown Plaza. The previous owner was ready to sign the easement documents, but then entered into an Agreement of Sale on the property that stopped the township's ability to obtain the easement (it was the last one needed).

From May, 2020 through June, 2021 the Township met on multiple occasions with the previous owner of Dreshertown Plaza. In June, 2021 the previous owner entered into the Agreement of Sale. Starting in October 2021, the new owner went through six rounds of document reviews. In July 2022, the easements were signed and recorded.

Since then we have received PennDOT Right of Way Clearance, the final approval needed before PennDOT's Contract Management Unit reviews the construction documents to authorize advertisement for a contractor.

Traffic Calming

To have your traffic issues addressed by the UD Police, please fill out the Traffic Calming Report form here: <https://www.upperdublin.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Form-TrafficConcernReporting-Fillable-v2.pdf>

New Resident Welcome Pack

If you are a new resident to UD get a Residential Welcome Packet for useful Township information at: <https://www.upperdublin.net/information/residential-welcome-packet/>

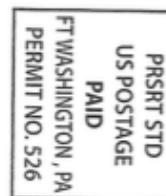
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