# A Message From





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Winter 2023

# **Happy New Year!**

I Hope you had a wonderful relaxing Holiday Season with family and friends. Hoping the New Year brings you joy and fulfillment!

# **UDT Awarded \$4.5m To Rebuild UDT Building & Police Facility Post-Ida**

Upper Dublin Township was awarded \$4,500,000 in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant funding to rebuild the UDT facility, which was badly damaged during Hurricane Ida when a tornado struck our community in September 2021.

#### UDT Awarded \$975,000 in State Relief

UDT was awarded \$975,000 in state relief funding grants for Hurricane Ida-impacted UD residents.

#### **New State Representatives for Ward 3**

State Senator Maria Collett, District 12 State Representative Melissa Cerrato, District 151

## Winning Cards Casino Night 3/18/23

(formally known as Monte Carlo Night) The fundraiser for UDT and the UD Education Foundation will be Mar 18, 2023, 7:00 PM at the Mercedes-Benz of Fort Washington, 404 Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Washington, PA 19034. SAVE THE DATE!







## 2023 UDT Budget 0% Tax Increase

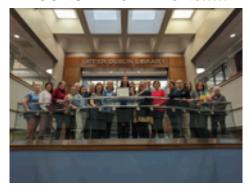
For the second year in a row, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a zero tax increase for UDT in 2023. UD Township continues to be in strong fiscal condition.

## **UD Public Library** 2022 LIBRARY OF THE YEAR!!

PA Library Association Recognizes The Upper Dublin Public Library of Fort Washington: The 2022 Library Of The Year!

On September 1, 2021, Upper Dublin Township was hit with an E2 tornado. Hundreds of local homes, an elementary school, the high school, and the township municipal building were damaged. Library leadership and staff worked with Upper Dublin Police and Township Commissioners as they relocated to portions of the Library building for critical support services. Upper Dublin Public Library promptly arranged for and sponsored a series of presentations by local mental health professionals to help the community heal.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!**



## **UD Parks & Rec** 2022 AGENCY OF THE YEAR!!!!

The Upper Dublin Township Parks and Recreation Department received statewide recognition as Agency Of The Year from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, honoring its longstanding work in the community. This award "empowers recreation and park professionals and citizen advocates to enhance life-enriching services for all Pennsylvanians." This award honors "exemplary accomplishments" of UDP&R. Throughout its history, "Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation has made inestimable contributions to the welfare of society through a sense of fellowship and through its programs, which are designed to enhance the quality of life for all."

#### CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!

**UDT Awarded Grant for Pickleball Courts!** UDT has been awarded a \$105,000 DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) grant for construction of 5 pickleball courts at Twining Valley Park.

### **PA Adopts PFAS Limits for Drinking Water**

PA adopted new regulations to protect Pennsylvanians' drinking water from PFAS chemicals by setting new limits. The rule sets an MCL of 14 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and an MCL of 18 ppt for PFOS.

More information on Pennsylvania's efforts to address PFAS can be found at: www.dep.pa.gov/PFAS.

#### Winter Tip

To minimize snow being pushed back onto your driveway before your street is plowed, see picture below. Create a pocket to reduce the amount of snow in your drive when the plow drives by. \*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!

# Stay in Touch - Your Voice is Important oin in the Discussions. Come to Meetings

Gary Scarpello Your

Township Commissioner for Ward 3

# **UDT Open Space Plan Update Committee Second Public Meeting**

The UDT Open Space Plan Update Committee will be holding the second public meeting on Wednesday, March 1st at 10am & 7pm in the Shanis Auditorium in the Upper Dublin Library. Choose the time that works best for you.

Discuss what is most important to you regarding open space properties of interest and missing community sidewalk connections, and your vision of what Upper Dublin Township's parks, community connectivity and open spaces should look like by the year 2035. Followed by topic-specific breakout sessions.

## **Project Safe Return**

The UD Police Department & the Alzheimer's Association of Delaware Valley joined together in Project Safe Return. This is a free program that assists Police Officers in reuniting caregivers with lost or wandering loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Autism or other incapacitating conditions. To enroll in the program go to:

https://www.upperdublin.net/?wpfb dl=238

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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.

- ✓ Happy Holidays!
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