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New Website!

My website is up and running at www.GSUD3.com
You will find all the newsletters, forms, and in depth reports of issues affecting Ward 3 and Upper Dublin. Check it out often to stay up to date!

Congratulations!

UD Medal of Excellence Presented to:

Outstanding Citizen: Chet Derr Outstanding Students: Henry Hoffman

Grace Palmer
Outstanding Educator: Kim Schuler

Outstanding Non-Profit Organization: UD Soccer Club

UD Awarded \$750,000

The Ft. Washington Office Park is awarded this grant to put in the final segment of the 2.5mile Cross County Trail under the DVRPC 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

Burn Brae Firehouse Rehab

The 40-year old Burn Brae firehouse is getting the long overdue overhaul. An additional bay will be added to the building along with interior renovations. There will be a new bunkroom, a radio room, and vehicle exhaust system.

A 20-year bond taken out in January will finance the \$1,797,500 project. Construction is now underway and will be completed by August

New Bamboo Nuisance Ordinance

The invasive running bamboo native to China is spreading like wild fire through underground runners to neighbors' lawns growing to 20' in height! It is now illegal to plant running bamboo in Upper Dublin Township.

3 Bridges in FT. Washington Office Park 2 Detours starting Soon

Two bridges in the Ft. Washington Office Park (FWOP) will be replaced starting in June of 2016. The first bridge will be completed by March 30, 2017, the second by June 30, 2017.

There will be detours: one for thru traffic and one for local traffic. Please go to my website www.GSUD3.com or the UD Township website for maps of the detours and additional information and updates. A third bridge will be scheduled later.

UD Township Municipal Complex Master Plan

As you know, Upper Dublin has no real town center. The municipal complex has become the location for our community to meet, work, learn, study, exercise etc. Although the staff has been trying to accommodate the needs of the community, their resources are being stretched. There is not enough space and the space itself is not suited for these purposes.

The master plan will evaluate both community and departmental needs and how the complex can best accommodate community needs.

The master plan will explore possible redesign or expansion of office, programming, and public space. Alternative locations have been discussed in the past and may be re-considered based on the outcome of the master plan.

FWOP Revitalization High Priority

Revitalizing FWOP is a vital priority to Upper Dublin and the region. In October 2011, the Board of Commissioners established a Select Committee on Redevelopment and Economic Investment (CORE), to oversee the improvement plans for the Fort Washington Office Park. Upper Dublin Township has reinvested millions in transportation and infrastructure improvements, and received many state grants with more to come.

What has been accomplished so far: storm water dams in place, the Transfer of Development Rights ordinance to replace flood-affected property, funding is pending for Zip and Slip ramps from the Turnpike, and cross-country trail connecting FWOP with SEPTA Ft. Washington train station. See my website or the UD Township website for more details.

Development News

Life Time Fitness will break ground in the FWOP in April. Life Time is putting \$400,000 toward the zip ramp and \$300,000 toward a traffic light. Trumark Financial and Lincoln Financial corporate headquarters and Freedom Mortgage are coming to the park. A mixed-use of "high-end" retail and residential project is proposed at Welsh & Dreshertown roads.

One last item: If you would like to join one of the Citizen Boards or Commissions go to: http://www.upperdublin.net/government/citizen-boards-

and-commissions/

UPPER DUBLIN HELPFUL RESOURCES

Look here for helpful links to forms and useful links on the Upper Dublin Township website.

Vacation Notification

http://www.upperdublin.net/departments/police/documents-forms/

Open UDPD Forms folder

This form notifies the Upper Dublin Township Police Department that you will be away. The police will watch your house while you are away.

Commercial Establishment Emergency Contact Information Form

http://www.upperdublin.net/departments/police/documents-forms/

Open UDPD Forms folder

If you have a business in Upper Dublin, the UDTPD requests you update your contact information with the Department. Any questions call Ryan Copelin at 215-643-1600, extension 3598.

Person with Disability Parking Placard Application Form

http://www.upperdublin.net/departments/police/documents-forms/

Open PA Dept of Transportation Forms folder

Use this form to apply for a parking placard for your car. There is no fee.

Residential Welcome Packet

http://www.upperdublin.net/information/resident ial-welcome-packet/

This link contains useful information for new residents to the Upper Dublin community.

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

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Township Ward 3 News

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

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