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Candlelight Vigil

As many of you are aware, there were incidents of hate in Upper Dublin and Horsham in late May. In response, the Wissahickon Faith Community held a candlelight vigil for healing on May 25th at Ambler Church of the Brethren. The Upper Dublin community came together to support tolerance and brotherhood. In a heart felt vigil friends and families of Upper Dublin joined together to express the true values of our community.

Resolution in Support of a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved a resolution that supports a fair, fully transparent, impartial and de-politicized process of state legislative and congressional districts of near equal populations in districts that are compact and contiguous so that no municipality is divided unless it is absolutely necessary. This anti-Gerrymandering resolution was supported because Upper Dublin is divided into 3 political districts. There are 3 state representative districts in our township! The BOC supports a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship to ensure that districts are not drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate.



Green Light Go

Upper Dublin led a multi-municipal effort in receiving a grant to improve the traffic along the 7 mile stretch of Route 63 from Route 309 to 611. Upper Dublin's local match of \$234,000 was paid for by BT Dreshertown's Promenade. This award is the largest award in PA outside of Philadelphia. The grant provides upgrades and installation of fiber optic cables tying signals together with adaptive software to coordinate traffic flow.

Other locations of upgrades include the traffic signal upgrades on Fitzwatertown Road and North Hills Avenue.

Fort Washington Fire Company Awarded \$231,595 Grant

The FWFC was awarded the 2016 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of 40 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, or SCBA. SCBA are the air packs that firefighters use to breath when fighting fire. This is by far the largest grant ever awarded to the FWFD. The largest grant awarded prior to this was \$94,471 for 800 MHz radios. Without outside grant writers, the staff of FWFD have been awarded \$641,000 in total since 2006. Congratulations to Andy Rathfon, Deputy Chief and Grant Committee Chair and the Grant Committee.

UD Awarded \$100,000 Grant for Road Diet

Upper Dublin received a \$100,000 county grant to install a road diet and county trail segment along Commerce Drive in the Fort Washington Office Park. This is a part of a \$6.25 million project to improve the traffic in the Office Park, construct .8 mile of Cross County Trail wayfinding signs and benches for trail users, upgrade storm drainage on Commerce, and a new signal intersection for future access to the Turnpike.

Monte Carlo Night



Monte Carlo Night was a great success! \$43,280.50 was raised that night. To learn more visit **udefoundation.org**.

Virginia Drive to Open June 30th

The construction work on Virginia Dr. is on schedule to be completed on June 30^{th} .

Welsh Rd Construction to begin in August

I want to give you a heads up that the train bridge on Welsh Rd. at Twining will be repaired starting in August. All traffic will be down to one lane each way and will take up to 50 days to complete. If you are on my email list, I will keep you updated throughout the project.

JES School Crossing Guard at Yellow Posts

There was concern by many parents of Jarrettown Elementary School walkers about the chaos of drivers (possible cut-throughs) and speeders at the corner of Derry and Kenmare (the Yellow Posts) after school when the children try to cross the street at that intersection on their way home at the end of the day. After the UD Police department analyzed the situation, they assigned a crossing guard to that location every school day from 3:30-4:00pm.

UPPER DUBLIN HELPFUL RESOURCES

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



Upper Dublin TV

Township and School District information

https://www.upperdublin.net/information/udtv/

Volunteer Community Boards and Commissions

If you would like to volunteer or make donations to our community organizations visit this website: https://www.upperdublin.net/information/service-and-volunteer-opportunities/

New Business Welcome Packet

New Business Welcome Packet that contains guides, maps, and information for new or prospective businesses can be picked up at the Township Municipal Complex or downloaded from:

https://www.upperdublin.net/business-development/business-welcome-packet/

Upper Dublin Business Directory

The Upper Dublin Business Directory lists and promotes business in Upper Dublin. Business owners can register and customize their own page.

What businesses can be listed?

- 1. All local businesses within Township limits (no charge).
- 2. Businesses owned by a sole proprietor or firm partner who is an Upper Dublin resident (no charge).
- 3. The manager/owner of rental property located in the Township (listing those properties) (no charge).
- 4. Businesses outside of Township limits, but within 1/4 mile of the Township (\$50 annual fee)

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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.

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- **✓** Anti-Gerrymandering Resolution
- ✔ Green Light Go
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- **✓** UD Awarded \$100,000
- **✓** Virginia Drive to Open June 30th
- **✓** JES School Crossing Guard

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