



# UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Bear Sighting within Township

Recently, there have been bear sightings within Upper Milford Township. Bears are wild animals and it is a normal occurrence for them to expand their natural range.

Here are some helpful tips to avoid bear problems or encounters:

1. If there is an emergency call 9-1-1
2. Bird feeders have been known to attract bears.
3. Do not store garbage outside or in your vehicle.
4. Do not let garbage pile up or develop strong odors that can attract bears.
5. Keep your compost free of meat and meat by-products.
6. Keep your barbecue clean.
7. Do not approach the bear for a better look.
8. If you are near a building or car, get inside as a precaution.
9. Do not make direct eye contact, which is an act of aggression.
10. Do not turn to run, back away slowly.
11. If you are attacked, fight back, kick, scream and yell.
12. Don't approach a bear for a closer look or a better photo. Use binoculars or a telephoto lens.



## Septic Management Program:

Pennsylvania regulations require all municipalities to develop an official Sewage Facilities Plan and Programs to protect the public health from diseases, prevent future sewage treatment problems and protect the quality of the state's surface water and groundwater.

The Township will be developing a Sewage Management Program to help ensure the long term operation and maintenance of on-lot sewage systems before malfunctions are widespread, necessitating the extremely costly extension of a public sewer system. Malfunctioning on-lot treatment systems can endanger public health, degrade the environment and reduce property and community value by discharging onto public areas, private property or contaminating water supplies.

Maintaining properly installed on-lot sewage systems can extend the life of these systems and may save the homeowner the cost of repairing or replacing an abused, malfunctioning on-lot system. The Sewage Management Program will also help prevent future problems from occurring with systems that have been repaired to correct a malfunction.

The Township's program may include the following:

- Public and owner education; regular scheduled tank pumping at minimum every three years or when the tank is determined to be more than 1/3 full.
- Operation and maintenance activities tailored to specific on-lot system or treatment components.
- Periodic on-site system inspections to determine system integrity and performance.
- Water conservation alternatives and requirements.
- Maintenance of surface contours and grading to divert surface storm-water and protect the system components from damage.
- Establishing additional requirements for holding tank maintenance.

Further information will be provided as this program is developed.

# Volunteer! Volunteer!

The Township has various organizations that need volunteers and have vacant positions that need your contributions to the community! Please contact the Township Office at (610) 966-3223 or <http://www.uppermilford.net>.

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:

By: Roselynn Parry

What do you “see” when you look at a barn?

- A bunch of old boards nailed together.
- A dusty place where the horse lives.
- A storage spot for all that un-needed stuff.

Well, the Upper Milford Historical Committee sees:

- A peek at our past way of life.
- Our rich agricultural heritage.
- A piece of the rural character of Upper Milford Township.

For well over a year now, the Upper Milford Historical Committee has been trying to spend at least one Thursday afternoon a month traveling the Township photographing barns. Since ours is, in large part, a rural Township, Historical Committee members deemed it very important to preserve these barns in photographs for our records before many more of them disappear.

After we had already begun this project, an article in The Morning Call newspaper confirmed the value of our undertaking and that we were indeed on the right track. The March 7th, 2006 article urged all Pennsylvanians with barns to submit information on them to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Corporation in order to begin a statewide survey on the number of barns existing in the state, a task that will likely take years to complete.

Our small Thursday group is very much aware that strangers driving up to a property and knocking on the door can be intimidating, given these times. But we have been very pleased and grateful that so many barn owners and cooperative neighbors quickly see that we are “legitimate” in our efforts and have allowed us to photograph the barns as well as supplying us with any available background information for our records. When we do not find anyone home, we always leave a stamped envelope with a letter of explanation and a note that can be mailed back to

the Township with information about the barn. All returns are truly appreciated and enrich the growing historical records of Upper Milford Township.

The data we have gathered is being compiled on a computer the Township has generously provided for our use along with the photos taken of each barn. To date we have documented over 90 barns! Every barn is of value regardless of the condition of the structure! In the future the committee hopes to present this pictorial of Upper Milford barns in a special program for Township residents.

The Committee feels most of the barns in the Township have now been photographed. However, we realize some barns may be hidden from the roadway and may have been missed. Please contact the Township with a name and address if you know of a missed location. We’d like to have our records as inclusive as possible.

What do you see when you look at a barn?

### Current List of Trash Haulers:

**A.J. Blosenski, Inc.—610-942-2707; Allied Waste Services—215-723-0400; Chest-Mont Disposal—610-524-3200; CHRIN—Commercial Only—610-258-8737; John’s Hauling—small truck—610-965-3160; Reiss Brothers Hauling—610-346-7535; Waste Management—Allentown—610-285-6321; J.P. Mascaro—888—MASCARO**

*Upper Milford Township does not provide centralized solid waste or recyclables collection or disposal. Township residents are required to contract for their own solid waste and recycling collection and disposal services.*



### Pavilion Rentals:

Pavilions at Jasper and Lenape Parks can be reserved, for a fee of \$75.00 per pavilion, by either calling the Township Office at 610-966-3223 or by stopping in at the Township Office during office hours (8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.). The Township will accept reservations up to a year in advance.

## Permits Required

Upper Milford Township is a zoned community and the following permits are required:

**Bonfire Permit** - Required at least ten (10) days in advance of the proposed bonfire.

**Building and / or Zoning Permit** - Required for new construction, additions or alterations to exterior of existing structures, deck, patio, pool, spa or hot tub, electrical work or wiring, plumbing, HVAC, and shed.

**Driveway Permit** - Required for the construction of a driveway or other means of ingress or egress onto a Township or PennDOT road.

**Fence or Wall Permit** - Required for the installation of any fence or wall over 2' high.

**Grading Permit** - Required if not in conjunction with another permit.

**Moving Permit** - Required when moving into, out of, or within Upper Milford Township. There is no fee for this.

**Occupancy Permit** - Required prior to occupying a newly constructed building.

**Park Permit** - Required in order to reserve a pavilion in a township park.

**Peddler's Permit** - Must be obtained before engaging in solicitation or peddling in Upper Milford Township.

**Sewage Permit** - Required for the installation of a new septic system and for the repair or enlargement of an existing system.

**Tree Cutting and Logging Permit** - Required if more than 10 trees / year or more than 30 % of total number of trees on lot.

**Use or Change of Use Permits** - Required for any activity, occupation, business, or operation carried on or intended to be carried on in a structure or on a lot.

**Other permits may be required for certain activities. For specific information call (610) 966-3223.**

## Recycling and Yardwaste:

**Electronic Recycling:**

Arrangements can be made by calling (610) 797-7608.

**Household Hazardous Waste:**

Arrangements can be made by contacting Lehigh County at (610) 799-4177 or checking their website at <http://www.lehighcounty.org>.

Help to keep our Township clean by picking up trash and debris in front of our properties and alongside the roads.

**Yard Waste:**

The Township accepts yard wastes dropped off by residents at the Township's Yard Waste Drop Off area behind the Township's Garage, accessed via Church View Road. Materials may only be dropped off by Township residents and this service is not offered to lawn maintenance or landscape businesses.

Grass, leaves, and brush or branches must be kept separated and unloaded at the appropriate location as identified by the signage at the site.

Branches are limited to 4" diameter and must be no longer than 8'.

The Township, most of the time, has a supply of single ground wood mulch available to the public. Residents may load their own vehicles at any time or the Township will load your truck or trailer by appointment only. Appointment hours are based on employee availability so please call prior to stopping by.

Telephone books may be recycled by dropping them off in the foyer at the Township Offices.

## 2007 Official Directory

**Emergency 911**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Daniel J. Mohr H: 610.967.5726  
Henry H. Kradjel H: 610.967.1536  
Steven E. Ackerman H: 610.967.4315

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Daniel DeLong O: 610.966.3223  
Emergency 484.357.6140

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:**

William Stahler C: 484.357.6139

**ROAD EMERGENCY:**

**Call O: 610.966.3223**  
After normal hours press **Extension 400**; you will need to leave a message and will need the following information: **Name, address, phone number, brief description of emergency. The on-call person will give you a return call.**

**SOLICITOR:**

Worth Law Offices O: 610.437.4896

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:**

CMX O: 215.361.6050  
Fax: 215.361.6160

**ZONING OFFICER:**

Alan Brokate O: 610.966.3223

**ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER:**

Harry Kleiner O: 610.966.3223

**PLANNING COORDINATOR / SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFCR:**

Brian Miller O: 610.966.3223  
Home Office: 610.967.2205

**TAX COLLECTOR:**

William Weber O: 610.966.5355

**DEER PICK UP:**

State Road O: 610.798.4280  
Township Road: O: 610.926.3136

**FIRE: (Non-Emergency)**

Citizen's Fire Co. O: 610.965.9444  
Western Dist. Fire O: 610.966.0739

**AMBULANCE: (Non-Emergency)**

Macungie O: 610.966.2601  
Emmaus O: 610.967.5615

**POLICE: (Non-Emergency)**

PA State Police O: 610.395.1438

# REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM - \$15



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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### ADDRESS NUMBER REQUESTED

(IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS LESS THAN FIVE DIGITS "X" OUT BOX.)

Mounting Preference

\_\_\_\_\_ Horizontal  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vertical

L-Bracket Package Available:

(This is for alternate mounting methods.)

Package includes: 2-brackets, 4 nuts and bolts

\$3.00/pkg

### COST OF MARKER:

ADDRESS MARKER

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$15

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

L-BRACKET PACKAGE

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 3

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL COST

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL TO:

Citizen's Fire Company  
Vera Cruz District # 28  
Upper Milford Fire Departments  
4093 Main Road West  
Emmaus, PA 18049

Upper Milford Western Dist. Fire Co. # 1  
Zionsville District # 19  
Upper Milford Fire Departments  
6341 Chestnut Street  
Zionsville, PA 18092

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Upper Milford Fire Departments

PLEASE ALLOW 2 – 4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.veracruzfirecompany.com> or <http://www.uppermilford.net>

E-mail: [info@veracruzfirecompany.com](mailto:info@veracruzfirecompany.com)

# Upper Milford Western District Fire Co. Calendar of Events

### BREAKFAST IS BACK!

The second Sunday of every month from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Breakfast offers a full menu buffet.

### COST:

Adults \$6.50  
Child \$3.50 (6—12 years old)

### BINGO!

Come and play BINGO every Monday night.

### TIME:

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.  
Games begin at 6:45 p.m.  
Kitchen opens at 5:00 p.m. for food and refreshments.

### AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

“Enjoying the City Books” and “Address Signs”

Both can be purchased at a cost of \$15.00 each. Please contact Mike Ruyak at (610) 966—3367. Please

see the opposite page for the type of sign.

### HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICHES:

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling “Ham and Cheese” sandwiches for \$3.00 each.

Each sandwich will contain: 1/4 pound of Ham and two slices of cheese on a malone roll.

Below are the dates for ordering and picking up of sandwiches.

### Order By:

October 15th, 2007  
November 12th, 2007  
December 10th, 2007

### Pick Up On:

October 24th, 2007  
November 21st, 2007  
December 19th, 2007

Please call Darlene Schmeltzle with any questions (610) 966—5115.

### EASTER EGG HUNT!

Date: Saturday, March 22nd, 2008  
Time: 1:00 p.m.

No Raindate scheduled.

### MEMBERSHIP!

Our Fire Company welcomes new members.

- Men meet at the Fire Company the first Thursday of the month and the yearly dues are \$4.00.
- Contact John Schuler at (610) 966—2873.
- U.M.W.D. Ladies Auxiliary meet at the Fire Company the first Tuesday of the month and the yearly dues are \$2.00.
- Contact Darlene Schmeltzle at (610) 966—5115.

### LOCATION:

6341 Chestnut Street  
Zionsville, PA 18092

~ Fire Companies are always looking for New Volunteers ~

# B.I.N.G.O.



If you are interested in helping please contact your local service provider. Citizen’s Fire Co. at (610) 965—9444, website <http://www.veracruzfirecompany.com> or e-mail at [info@veracruzfirecompany.com](mailto:info@veracruzfirecompany.com) or Western District Fire Co. at (610) 965—8723.

## Information from the Zoning Department:

Crackling campfires, pumpkin pie, the warm smell of cinnamon, frosty mornings and red noses—these are but a few of the things we bring to mind when we think of autumn. It is a time of activity, with children returning to school and many events relating to home and family.

Autumn is also a time to get the projects completed that were begun earlier this year, and a time of renewed outdoor activity in many directions, particularly preparation and clean-up before winter. We all know about the leaves, and more leaves we are faced with every year at this time. Here are a few reminders for property owners and residents as the cooler weather sweeps in:

- We are receiving more complaints about pets, particularly dogs and cats, roaming and depositing waste on another's property, particularly Township park property which exists for the enjoyment of all residents and their guests. Please act responsibly regarding your pet(s) with due consideration for other property areas. Besides the fact we want everyone to be a good neighbor, pet owner responsibility is the law! This goes for excessively barking dogs as well.
- Fall is generally considered an active cleanup time, particularly as our area is inundated by leaves. Be a good neighbor and responsible property owner through proper collection and disposal of leaves. The leaves should not be blown onto another's property nor should they be deposited onto any

roadway.

- Stormwater runoff as well as water-flow problems in general plague the Township. Please remember that management of stormwater runoff is permitted and encouraged; however, it needs to be effected a certain way. Natural methods of stormwater runoff management are encouraged; and much information exists regarding these methods and their application. Prior to initiation of any drainage, pipe placement or water diversion projects you must notify the Township with a plan and proposal including a site plan (detailed drawing) of the proposed project prior to the start of work. Please contact the Township Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. for consultation and the Lehigh County Conservation District is also available for advice and information (610) 391—9583. Always remember to call first!
- Autumn is an excellent time to get trimming of trees and other vegetation accomplished. Branches and plant matter extending out into the space of the roadway area must be trimmed back. Vegetation extending into roadway travel space is hazardous as well as damaging to passing vehicles. Please consult the sketch (next page) for particulars. Please help us fix this problem by studying the sketch and addressing such problems, should they exist at your property.

- Another reminder about permits: most any activity, addition or change to your property, with the exception of routine maintenance and some landscaping, will require a permit. Here in Upper Milford Township we are no different from most other jurisdictions in this regard. Upper Milford Township is a zoned community! Please check with the Township when contemplating any activity, project, improvement or change on your property to see what (if any) permit is required. A hearty "Thank You" from the Zoning Department.
- Finally, we are all concerned with the quality of life in Upper Milford Township. Good quality of life begins with consideration for your neighbors regarding noise, odor and dirt issues, aesthetics, and property rights issues. Courtesy and decency go a long way towards maintaining the quality of life here in Upper Milford Township. Working together and being mindful of zoning laws and all ordinances of the Township will perpetuate the fine quality of life that exists in Upper Milford Township.

## Helpful Government Website :

### **Learn about 1,000 + Government Benefit and Assistance Programs on One Official Web Site.**

Did you know that you have instant access to more than 1,000 Federal and State administered benefit and assistance programs through GovBenefits.gov ([www.GovBenefits.gov](http://www.GovBenefits.gov))? Managed by the U.S. Department of Labor and 15 Federal agency funding partners, this valuable Internet resource gives individuals the ability to quickly find programs that meet their specific needs,

determine eligibility and obtain contact information.

Citizens are encouraged to visit this site regularly, particularly when life events—such as applying for college, starting a business, retirement—occur that could make you eligible for assistance programs.

In addition to GovBenefits.gov, citizens can also find information on Federal Loan programs at GovLoans.gov ([www.GovLoans.gov](http://www.GovLoans.gov)), the sister site to GovBenefits.gov. GovLoans.gov features programs, including those for housing, small

business and education. Both websites are available in English and Spanish.

GovBenefits.gov, includes information on benefit and assistance programs for a wide range of categories including, employment, veterans, seniors, the disabled, military dependents, farmers, education, housing, small business, child care, food and nutrition, disaster assistance and more. Visit [www.GovBenefits.gov](http://www.GovBenefits.gov) today.

# Open Space Committee Report

By: Scott Bieber

After more than a year of work, the Upper Milford Township Open Space Committee, an informal group of dedicated township residents, has presented its final plan to Township Officials, entitled "Upper Milford Township Natural Areas and Working Farms Action Plan". The plan proposes that the Township begin preserving land by offering landowners monetary compensation for perpetual preservation agreements on their forested or agricultural properties. The program would be strictly voluntary.

The plan includes a proposal that a referendum question be placed on the ballot asking voters to agree to a 0.25 % increase in their earned income tax (from 1 % to 1.25 %). If approved by voters, the small tax increase would begin raising about \$500,000 a year to partially fund the purchase of preservation easements. Other funds would be sought from donations and state and federal grants. The

committee believes there are many landowners in the township who would take part in this program, knowing that their land will always remain in its natural or agricultural state.

The Township Board of Supervisors has thanked the committee for its work and has directed Township staff to pursue the creation of an official Open Space Committee to "move forward with the concept of land preservation". The Supervisors want the official committee to be made of representatives from all the Township councils and commissions and members of the public.

During the past year the Upper Milford Township and Emmaus Borough Joint Environmental Advisory Council heartily endorsed the land preservation action plan. In addition, the Township Planning Commission offered advice and insights which were incorporated into the plan. The official com-

mittee will have the plan for guidance in moving forward.

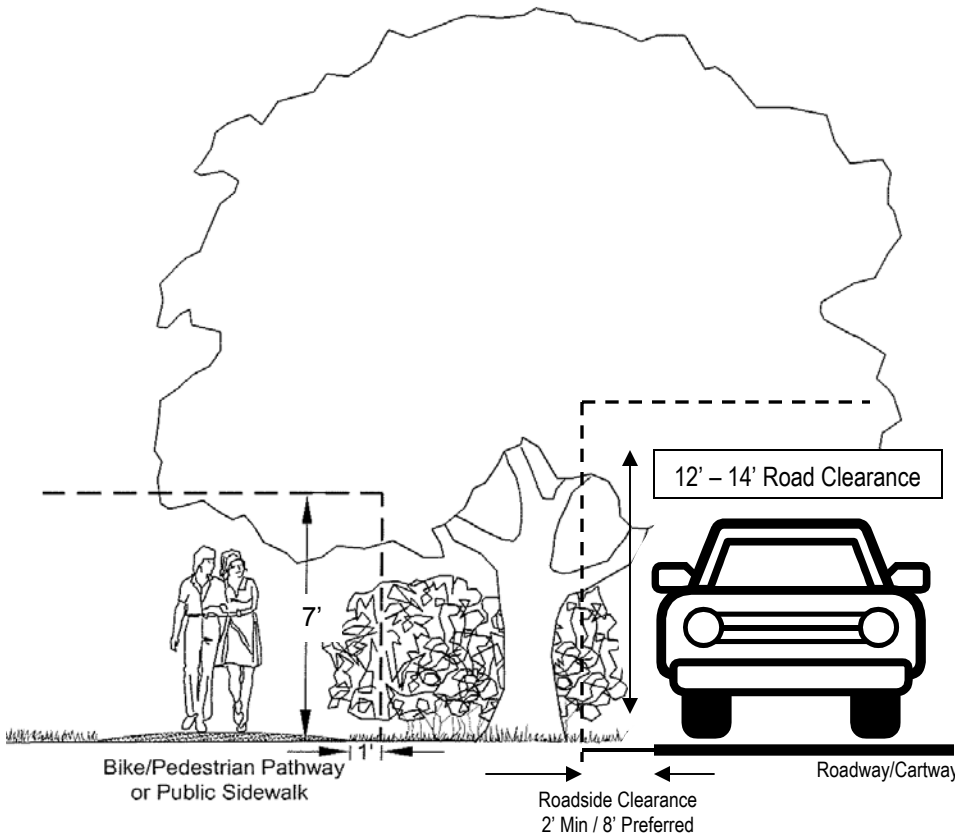
The informal committee believes that there is an urgency to prevent overdevelopment, and that paying landowners compensation to voluntarily preserve their land is the only fair and effective way to save large amounts of open space into the future. The committee strongly believes that the natural beauty and rural character of the Township should be our legacy for future generations to enjoy.

The committee was composed of Linda Moyer, James Baker, Francis Caputo, Scott Bieber, Mary Hovik, Sarah Whitney and Joseph Seem, along with advisors Camille Lore and Tom Gettings of the Wildlands Conservancy.

### It should be noted that:

The Upper Milford Township Board of Supervisors at their meeting on October 4th, 2007 adopted a resolution creating an official Open Space Committee to function as advisors to the Board of Supervisors for the development of plans, policies and programs for the promotion and retention of Open Space and Land Preservation with the Township. Check the Township's website at <http://www.uppermilford.net> for current information on the Open Space Committee Project.

## Tree Pruning within the Township:



Trees and shrubbery should be pruned and maintained to provide a minimum of 12 to 14 feet clearance directly above the curb and edge of shoulder. To reduce the frequency of pruning, we recommend that limbs and branches be pruned beyond the curb or, in some cases, to the edge of the right-of-way. Clearance above sidewalks should be a minimum of 7 feet.

Additionally, lines of site at curves and intersections must be maintained. The removal of branches etc. will improve driving conditions and will result in reduction of liability for the homeowner and the Township.

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Winter Road Maintenance**

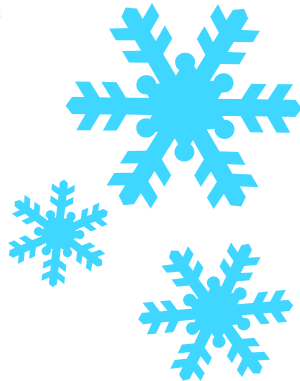
Fall is in full swing and soon, another winter will be upon us. Our Public Works Department will be preparing for the upcoming winter season.

What roads will be plowed first?

- Main roads will be plowed first. Secondary roads and cul-de-sacs will be plowed after the main roads have been cleared.

What can I as a resident do to assist the road crew?

- Do not drive unnecessarily in any storm whether it is snow or rain.



- If a major snowfall is anticipated remove your vehicles from the street until the storm is over and the road is plowed.

- Do not shovel, or allow your contractor to shovel or plow your driveway or sidewalk snow into the road. That is illegal to do and it is a safety hazard to both you and the motoring public.

- Contact the Township with problems on the road; if you think you have a problem on your road. However, allow time to let the snowplows get out and do their job.

## **Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce**

The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce is asking that businesses within Upper Milford Township contact them. The Chamber of Commerce offers many benefits to local businesses such as marketing and networking opportunities, health and insurance programs. The Chamber is also able to assist your company in getting exposure through its Ribbon Cuttings/Grand Openings. Please contact (610) 841—4582 or check out their website at <http://www.lehighvalleychamber.org>

## **Meeting Schedules:**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month  
Workshop Meeting at 7:00 pm; Regular Meeting at 7:30 pm

### **ZONING HEARING BOARD:**

2nd Monday of each Month at 7:30 pm

### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The Monday preceding the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm

### **RECREATION COMMISSION:**

3rd Monday of each Month at 7:30 pm

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Alternates between Emmaus and UMT, 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

## **UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP**

5831 King's Highway South  
PO Box 210  
Old Zionsville, PA 18068  
Phone: (610) 966—3223  
Fax: (610) 966—5184  
E-mail: [info@uppermilford.net](mailto:info@uppermilford.net)  
Website: <http://www.uppermilford.net>

### **Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
Saturdays and Sundays the office is closed.