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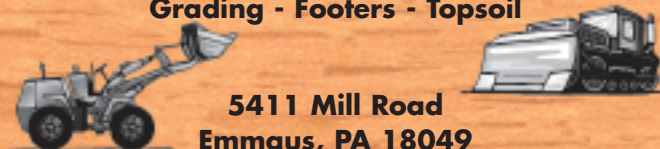


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### A Reminder About Park Rules

Periodically, it's a good idea to refresh our memories with the rules that guide visitors using our township parks. These rules are designed to keep our parks the relaxing havens they are for everyone to enjoy.

Some of the posted rules are just common sense, like parking only on paved areas, no littering (that's a rule everywhere, not just the parks), and building cooking fires only on the grills. However, there are other rules more specific to our parks.

**P**ets are welcomed, even horses on paved areas, but please clean up after those precious pooches.

**A**lcohol has its place for celebrations, but not in our parks.

**R**emoval of jasper is not allowed, and is punishable by a fine. The Native American jasper pits are historic! We are proud to have them within our park system.

**K**ids playing UMYA games have first rights to use the fields. Hooray, UMYA!

**R**iding bikes and recreational vehicles is banned – they get propelled into people and things, and cause lawn damage.

**U**sing any shooting devices could lead to big problems. No-No.

**L**ease everything as you found it – signs, buildings, benches, tables, trees, flowers, etc. As it has been said, leave only your footprints.

**E**at and enjoy your picnic foods at pavilion tables. Remember to recycle.

**S**tay until dusk. Then it's time to leave. Come back another day.

This is meant to be only a thumbnail sketch of the list of 17 park rules posted on the bulletin board at each township park. Our "parks rule" and will continue to do so as long as we keep observing these park rules. Make them your way of life.

Rose Parry  
Recreation Commission

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**Zoning Hearing Board:** second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** the Monday before the first Thursday of each  
month at 7:30 p.m.

**Recreation Commission:** third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Environmental Advisory Council:** alternates between UMT and  
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**Open Space Committee:** second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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We can always use new volunteers. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are held on the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Milford Township Municipal Center.

Please visit our website [www.umya.org](http://www.umya.org), email any of our coordinators listed below, or call Dave Perry at 484-788-9931, for more information about how you or your children can participate.

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## CLEAN AIR – A BURNING ISSUE IN UPPER MILFORD

PRESENTED BY THE EMMAUS & UPPER MILFORD JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Smoking up your neighborhood by burning household trash in your backyard isn't just inconsiderate. It's also unhealthy – for you, your family and your neighbors.

Nothing ruins a beautiful Saturday morning more than smoke from a neighbor's trash fire pouring into your house and tainting those clean clothes you just hung on your wash line.

Worse, air-borne chemicals in that smoke may be toxic and can cause both immediate and long-term health effects. Children and the elderly are especially vulnerable.

Burning residential waste produces air pollution containing at least seven known cancer-causing chemicals. In addition to releasing dioxins, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen chloride gas, burning also emits heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, and chromium, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, which warns: “The closer you are to the waste that is burning, the higher the risk of inhaling dangerous pollutants.”

In addition to immediate reactions – coughing, irritated eyes, and smoke getting deep into your lungs – long-term exposure to such pollutants may lead to cancer, asthma, and emphysema. Household trash burning also has been linked to other health problems, including sudden infant death syndrome and damage to the immune system.

Some residents feel that burning trash is no big deal, that folks have been doing it for generations. However, in past decades, when the township was much more sparsely populated, household waste



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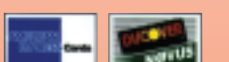
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...Clean Air - A burning Issue in Upper Milford, continued from page 3

consisted mostly of paper and glass. Much of today's waste consists of metal cans, plastic packaging and products, and other synthetic materials that release toxic pollutants into the air when burned.

Upper Milford residents who burn household wastes outside don't respect the rights of their neighbors to breath clean air, says township Manager Dan DeLong. But, he adds, the good news is the number of complaints about backyard trash burning seems to be decreasing as people become more environmentally conscious and "learn not to burn."

While burning household trash isn't banned outright according to either state or township laws, Upper Milford does control when, where and how such burning should be done. There are fines for violators - but when the township receives a complaint, most people get off with a warning and are given educational materials about the township's open burning regulations.

"Most people comply after the first warning," says DeLong.

The township tries to minimize the need for burning by requiring that all residents have trash collection service that includes recycling of at least three materials. It also offers a yard waste drop-off site and a fee-based curbside yard waste collection program in spring and fall.

While every residence in the township is supposed to have a contract with a private trash hauler, DeLong suspects those who burn their own trash do not pay to have their trash taken away. If Upper Milford would contract with a single trash hauler to provide those services throughout the township "everyone would have the benefit and the cost to dispose of their waste in accordance with state regulations and there would be no need for them to burn household wastes," says DeLong.

There's another risk to back yard burning, notes DeLong. Unattended burn piles can start brush and forest fires. He warns anyone responsible for starting such a fire could face a fine that includes the fire company's cost to extinguish the blaze.

## JASPER PARK'S NATIVE AMERICAN: CHIEF LAPOWINSA

A statue representing Chief Lapowinsa of the Lenapes, the original inhabitants of Upper Milford Township, stood on the entryway island at Jasper Park from 1992 until 2008. At that time the statue had to be removed because weather had taken its toll, especially at the base, to the point where it was deemed unsafe.

Duane Bender of Sullivan County carved the statue out of pinel it came to Vera Cruz via Terry Schmeltzle's dream of having it in the park to represent the native Lenape clans. The Vera Cruz Community Association fully funded the work as their part in preserving the history of the area and as part of their service to the community.

After the statue was removed in 2008, the Vera Cruz Community Association, again through the efforts of Terry Schmeltzle, agreed to pay for carving a replacement statue as well as refurbishing the old one.

Jack McEntire (aka "Chainsaw Jack") of Cascade Carvings in Selah, Washington, carved the new statue. Recreation Commission member Ralph Nasatka discovered "Chainsaw Jack" via an Internet search and contracted with him for the work. The statue is formed out of red cedar, which should withstand the elements better than the original.

Also, the first statue features a headpiece not authentic to the Lenapes. The clothing on the new statue should be closer to true Lenape dress, since Emmaus High School student Caitlin Sherman created the fine authentic drawing of a Lenape that was used as a guide for the artist to follow.

We are hoping that by the time you read this the statue may well be guarding Jasper Park, symbolizing the history of Upper Milford Township and the location of the historic Lenape jasper quarries.

Look for the original statue, worn but with a new purpose, in a hallway inside the Township Building.

Many thanks to the township personnel, the Vera Cruz Community Association, Terry Schmeltzle, Ralph Nasatka and Caitlin Sherman, whose combined efforts on this project produced a new Chief Lapowinsa to greet visitors at Jasper Park.



Rendering by Caitlin Sherman

### Chief Lapowinsa of the Lenni Lenape.

He was part of the original tribe that settled in the Vera Cruz area, and also signed the Pennsylvania Walking Purchase Treaty.

## BE PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER

With the winter season approaching here are some things to keep in mind when the snow and bad weather starts.

### When does snow removal begin?

When the Road Department receives word that a storm is on the way, the crews begin preparation, so that they may be on the roads as soon as possible. Before snow and ice make driving conditions hazardous, Township crews will be on the road spreading salt and anti-skid. When approximately three inches of snow has accumulated, the crews will begin to plow the streets. Major through streets receive priority over the local and dead-end streets.

### When will my street be plowed?

Depending on the severity of the snowstorm, residential streets are usually plowed within 4 hours after the storm ends. Of course, a blizzard could cause the time period to be longer.

### Will my cul-de-sac be plowed?

Cul-de-sacs will be plowed with the other residential streets. Due to the circular design of these streets, it is often difficult to equally distribute the snow along the curb line. Do not become alarmed if one area of the cul-de-sac has more snow after plowing than another. Some cul-de-sacs have a snow pile easement and the operators will try to deposit the snow within the designated area.

### Should we move our cars from the street?

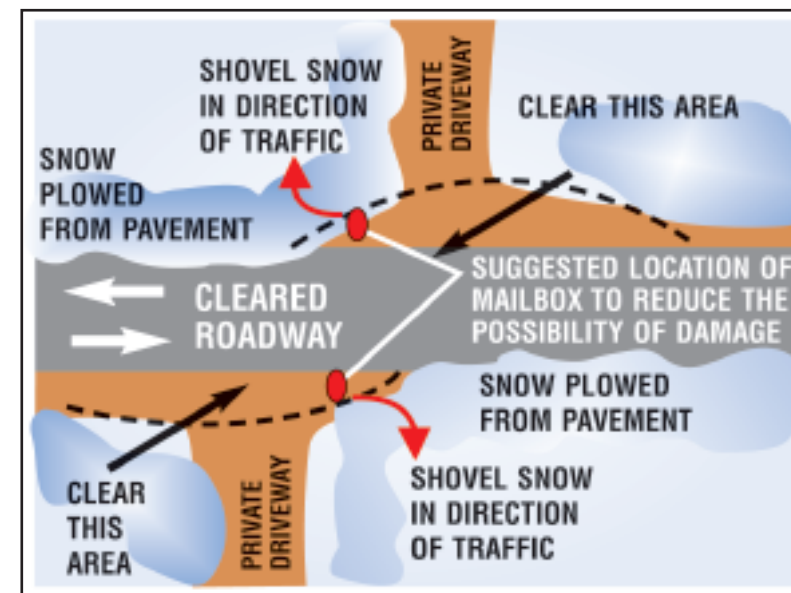
When a storm is forecast, move vehicles to off-street parking when possible. Parked cars can be both a hazard and hindrance to snow removal efforts.

### How wide of a path will the plows clean?

If possible, the plows will clean your street curb to curb without piling it on sidewalks. However, this is not always possible because of parked cars on the street. When cars are parked on the streets, the crews will try to remove as much snow as possible.

### What about driveways and sidewalks?

When cleaning your street, the crews have no place to push the snow except to the side of the road. This creates the unavoidable problem of already cleaned sidewalks and driveways being covered with snow. The best solution to avoid this situation is to wait until the streets have been cleared before cleaning driveways and sidewalks. Remember--do not shovel snow from driveways into the roadway. This practice is illegal under the state motor vehicle code and is also hazardous. The Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code provides for a maximum fine of \$300 for this violation. Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for the actions of



anyone they may hire for snow removal. The accompanying diagram shows how to clear snow from your property. If cleared properly, the plow blade has a chance to "unload" its build up of snow before passing your driveway.

### What if my mailbox becomes covered with snow?

Your mailbox and the access to it for the U. S. Postal Service is the responsibility of the resident. Again, because the crews have no place to put the snow, roadside mailboxes may become blocked. Heavy snow coming off the plow may damage mailboxes. This is not intentional, but does occasionally happen. Please make sure your mailbox is sturdy and in good repair. The Township will not be responsible for repairs to mailboxes, fences or shrubs placed within the legally defined rights-of-ways of its roads, unless they are actually struck by the snow removal equipment.

### My lawn or landscaping was damaged by the snowplow, what should I do?

As with any objects that are placed within the legal road right of way by the property owner, the Township will not be responsible for correction or replacement if so damaged during the course of snow removal.

Your Township snow removal personnel are responsible for over 55 miles of roadway with the state crews being responsible for an additional 25 miles of roadways within the Township. Our truck operators are human, and during a storm they work long hours trying to do their best for the benefit of all.



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# PERMITS REQUIRED

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**Bonfire Permit:** required at least 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 and HVAC work; 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 two feet 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 permit.

**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 inspection 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 percent of total number of trees on lot are taken down. Call the Township office for specific information.

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

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



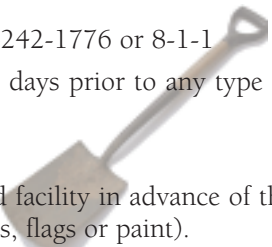
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Mark your excavation area in white paint before calling with a dig notification.

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### From Your Tax Collector

In November 2009, I was elected as your new Upper Milford Township Tax Collector. My term began in January 2010. My office is located within your newly renovated municipal building. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be your new tax collector and look forward to this opportunity.

Having worked with the township's former tax collector for nearly 15 years, I hope to make this a smooth transition and make the unpleasant task of paying taxes as simple as possible.

My husband, our two college-age sons, and I have been lifelong residents of Upper Milford Township. I am here to serve you and our township. If there is anything I can help you with, please call my office Tuesday through Thursday at 610-928-1030. I will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Additional information about tax collection can be found on the township website ([www.uppermilford.net](http://www.uppermilford.net))

**Gail Lichtenwalner**, Tax Collector

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 265 Old Zionsville, PA 18068 (mail tax payments to this address)

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# MILESTONES OF THE KING'S HIGHWAY

Local residents of Upper Milford Township are very familiar with King's Highway, since is a prominent roadway passing through the area. The "History of Lehigh County" tells us the "King's High Road" has long been a road of importance, not only in Upper Milford Township but also in Lehigh County and beyond.

The King's High Road was the first public road in Lehigh County, being surveyed and laid out in August 1735 by order of the proprietary government of Pennsylvania. It began in Macousin (Macungie) Township on land owned of Peter Trexler northwest of Breinigsville. From there, the road went through the present Borough of Macungie, into Upper Milford Township (then a part of Bucks County), over land of Durk or Derrick Jansen in Shimersville, over land of Christian Crall in Old Zionsville, and over land of John Meyer, Dewalt Mechlin, and Henry Geber (Hosensack).

The road crossed the county line between Bucks and Philadelphia County (now Montgomery County), before going through Geryville, into Gusenhopen (Goshenhoppen, Quessohoppen, Cosshehoppa) and into North Wales, where it joined the road leading from Goshenhoppen to Philadelphia.

The King's High Road was reported to be 52 feet wide. Of its total distance, 3.6 miles of the highway is in Upper Milford Township.

In 1776, stones were placed a mile apart along the north side of the King's Highway to indicate the distance from that point to Philadelphia. The stones were generally made from granite, 24 inches high, 18 inches wide and 6 inches thick.

Historical sources vary on how many mile-markers were known to be in existence in 1914, but it was a very low number. Two milestones were on the highway between Hosensack and Emaus (Emmaus). One of those was in front of the Buck Horn Tavern with the inscription "1773 43 M To P." Another was a half-mile south of Vera Cruz still upright but in damaged condition with no inscription.

Many older residents of that time could point out spots where the milestones had once stood. Even today, older residents of this area tell of seeing others that got moved as the usefulness of the stones passed and they became expendable – one covering a cistern on Mill Road, one that got moved to the corner of someone's house, etc.

The one in Shimersville was at the barn of Jacob Miller (later Llewellyn Shimer's) where Aunt Daisy's place is today. It faced the highway, on the northwest corner near the left side of the doors to the barn. Local residents remember seeing that marker. One historical source reported it was still there in 1963 prior to the death of Harry W. Shimer in November of that year. The milestone read:

47 x M to Pha x – 4 1/8 M to G.P.

47 mile to Philadelphia, 4 1/8 miles to Goshenhoppen Pike

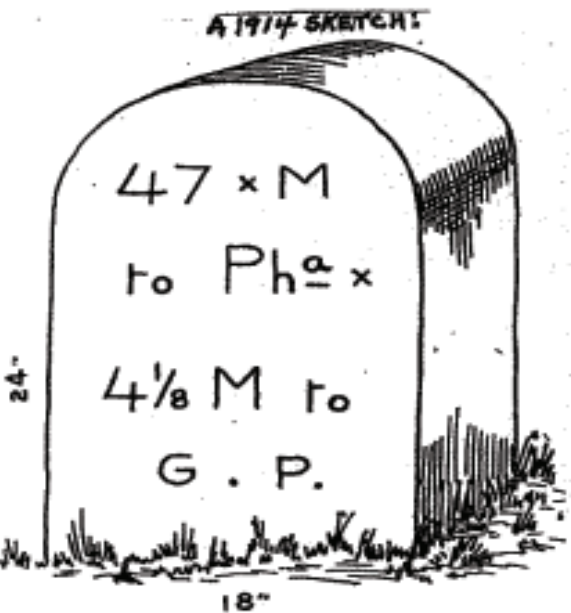
Regardless of how many mile markers were reported to be in existence, Upper Milford Township and the Historical Society know two of them are still around, because they are in possession of the township. Esther Martin donated one stone, and Dorothy Nicholas the other.

Dorothy found her milestone on the farm property that she and her husband purchased, but she has not been given any history about it. Since her farm is far from the King's Highway, we know the stone was moved there. When? Why? By whom? Her marker is clear and easy to read. If anyone has information about the origins of this marker, the Historical Society wants to hear from you.

Esther knows where her marker stood on Tollgate Road, although not on King's Highway. Neighbors moved the stone from its spot along the road close to their property to get it out of the way of traffic. When the neighbors moved to Florida, knowing of Esther's deep interest in history, they offered the marker to her. Esther kept it safe behind the garage on her property for years until Historical Society members moved it to the township building on December 10, 2009.

Thanks to these two history-minded ladies, two mile markers have now become prized additions to the archives of Upper Milford Township. Are there any more out there lying undiscovered?

Roselyn Parry  
Historical Society



An original sketch of a marker.

## LOG CABIN TOUR

On June 27, 2010, The Hivel and Dahl Preservation Society and the Shelter House co-sponsored a bus trip to view the six log cabins located in the southern section of the Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail. This trail was the result of an idea conceived by Lower Milford Township resident Don Heintzelman, who worked with a committee that identified more than 100 log cabins; of these, 22 homeowners consented to be part of the trail.

After the assembled group of approximately 40 people heard a presentation about the tour by Don at the Shelter House, they boarded the bus and headed for the first stop in Lanark. The second stop was about 10 miles away on a hill in Powder Valley.

Because of extremely sharp curves on the hill, the bus was unable to drive past the home, so the group viewed the building from the bottom of the hill.

On the way to the third home, the bus made a brief stop on the grounds of the Stahl Pottery for a glimpse of the original workshop, the restored kilns, and the original house.

The third home was of unusual construction in that one of the walls was made completely of stone, with logs framing the other three sides. The stone wall was made as part of the construction of an internal fireplace.

The fourth building on the tour was the unoccupied Schubert-Graber Cabin that The Hivel and Dahl Society is attempting to preserve. This cabin has unique construction with the horizontal logs mortised and tenoned into vertical logs at each corner. In addition, the roof rafters rest on joists on the second floor, which protrude from the sides of the building.

The fifth stop was on Pennsylvania Avenue in Emmaus, at a house where the logs on the first floor are exposed. The route from Powder Valley Road into Pennsylvania Avenue passed by the site of the Jasper Quarries near Verz Cruz. Native Americans mined this jasper to make arrowheads, spear points, and cutting tools for their own use and to trade with other tribes.

The last stop was a return to the Shelter House for a private tour by the curator, Dean Bortz, followed by refreshments – hot dogs, beverages, covered dishes and desserts.

Throughout the tour, Greg Huber, an architectural historian, provided insights into each building and also participated in discussions at the Shelter House afterwards.

The Hivel and Dahl Preservation Society was pleased to be joined by members of the Milford Historical Society, who had invited us to their December 2009 meeting in the restored movie theater in East Greenville, where a good time was had by all.

Additional information about the Log Cabin Trail is available at [lehighcountylogcabintrail.org](http://lehighcountylogcabintrail.org) or by calling Bruce Mordaunt at 610-395-9836.



Shelter House Log Cabin  
Emmaus, PA - Circa 1734

### Vera Cruz Area Sewer Project Update

The Vera Cruz Area proposed sewer project continues to move forward slowly. Detailed design plans are nearly completed, and the necessary construction easements on private property have been obtained.

The required permits have been obtained from the various outside agencies; however, final clearance from the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission is still pending due to significant historical activities in the general area of the project.

Lehigh County Authority, the Township's representative on public sewage matters, is proposing to get final design approvals in the near future and to solicit construction bids. Upon receipt of the construction cost bids, LCA and the Township's Board of Supervisors will be in a position to evaluate final project costs and to make a final determination on authorizing the proposed project to be constructed. It is possible that construction could begin in 2011, but there are still several variables that need to be worked out.

Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

### Recycling Waste Stream Materials and Yard Waste

The Township reminds residents that they are required to contract for their own solid waste disposal and must recycle appropriate items through their hauler. All solid waste and recycling haulers have information available to assist their customers with information on their company's recycling program efforts. Recycling containers are available for purchase at the Township office if your collection service does not provide a container.

Pennsylvania Law prohibits burning yard waste; the Township encourages residents to compost leaves and leafy residue on their properties or to deliver the materials to the Township's recently re-opened yard waste drop-off facility on Churchview Road behind the Old Zionsville Post Office.

The drop-off facility will be open on Wednesdays from noon until 6 p.m. and Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m. During leaf clean up season (October until mid-December) additional hours will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., except holidays.

Check the Township's website at <http://www.uppermilford.net> for further information on composting, recycling and other information.



## HIVEL UND DAHL PRESERVATION SOCIETY



The Hivel und Dahl Preservation Society has been in existence in Upper Milford Township since 1992. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Upper Milford Township Building.

The current goal of the organization is to successfully restore the Schubert/Graber Log Cabin in Powder Valley. This is generally considered to be the oldest existing structure in the Township that at one time was a home. Built by a Schwenkfelder cooper named Melchoir Schubert around 1760, this stone and log bank building has corner posts with mortise and tenon joinery.



Schubert-Graber Log Cabin  
Powder Valley, PA - Circa 1760

It is hoped that upon restoration, the site will serve as a repository for Pennsylvania German artifacts and memorabilia, and can also be made available for cultural activities, school class tours, and architectural studies.

Under the leadership of Schubert descendants Bruce Mordaunt and Jack Engle, the Hivel und Dahl is regenerating and work on the cabin is again being ordered and continued, in many cases from the personal means of members. Now, plans have been made to attract more members, regain lost ones, and to raise funds.

In February, the necessary paperwork was completed in applying for a \$5,000 grant, which will hopefully be given out this summer. The Hivel und Dahl strives to continue its work of preservation, especially of this historic structure.

The organization held its annual meeting this year on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Township building. Featured guests were Barbara Miller Heist and Beulah Batman Miller, authors of the 1976 book "The History of Powder Valley" and lifelong natives to this area.

The book begins with a page featuring the Schubert/Graber cabin and is a comprehensive collection of information and photographs of Powder Valley. Watch for future meetings with similar topics of local significance.

Anyone interested in joining the Hivel und Dahl or in donating to these efforts to save the cabin should please write to:

Hivel und Dahl Preservation Society

PO Box 416

Old Zionsville, PA 18068

*For more information, call 610-395-9836.*

### HIVEL UND DAHL PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check one:

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual -- \$20 yearly

☐ Family -- \$25 yearly

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