

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITY

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO LANDFILL LEAVES AND YARD WASTE. RESIDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE ORDINANCE NO. 97 IF BURNING LEAVES AND YARD WASTE.

Upper Milford Township encourages the composting of leaves and yard waste. For more information about composting, please contact the Township.

Yard Waste Drop Off Site Information:

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'.

Winter Hours:

December 1st to March 31st

Wednesday 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Summer Hours:

April 1st to November 30th

Monday – 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday – 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. / dusk
whichever comes first

Thursday – Closed

Friday – 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Saturday – 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Sunday – 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.



The Township, at times, has a supply of coarse wood mulch available to the public. Residents may load their own vehicles or the Township may load your truck or trailer by appointment only for a fee of \$10.00 per scoop or part thereof. The Township will also deliver mulch at a cost of \$40.00 FOR SINGLE GROUND OR \$60.00 FOR Double Ground when available, per truck load which is approximately 7 cubic yards. You must prepay at the Township for the mulch to be either loaded onto your vehicle or delivered to your residence. Appointment hours are based on employee availability. Please call to schedule loading service.

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UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Upper Milford Township is offering residents a fee-based roadside yard waste collection program as a supplement to the Township's Yard Waste Drop-Off site program.

The collection dates will be scheduled for May 8th – 12th 2023 and again for November 6th – 10th 2023.

Residents desiring to use the roadside pick up service will be required to purchase a yard waste pick up sticker for each container or bundle to be picked up at a cost of \$1.00 each and also comply with the following procedures:

ONLY the following materials or items will be accepted and collected:

- Leaves
- Tree and Plant Trimmings
- Tree Limbs and Branches, less than 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter
- Garden and flower bed plant materials

The following items **WILL NOT** be accepted and if placed out for pick-up will result in material not being collected:

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| • Grass Clippings | • Animal Waste | • Sod |
| • Garbage | • Lumber | • Rocks |
| • Tree Stumps | • Dirt | • Trash |

Acceptable materials must be placed in open containers no larger than 32 gallons in size and have a total weight of less than 50 pounds. Limbs and branches less than 48" long and 4" in diameter may be tied in bundles no larger than 48" x 18" x 18" (maximum weight 50 pounds). Ties must be biodegradable material.

A new "yard waste sticker" must be fastened to each container or bundle or the material will not be collected. The sticker on the container will be removed or voided after one use.

Residents must contact the Township Office by either calling at (610) 966 – 3223, faxing (610) 966 – 5184 or e-mail info@uppermilford.net to schedule pick-up. Notification must be received by the Township prior to 12:00 noon on Friday of the collection week or material may not get collected.

Stickers may be purchased at the Upper Milford Township Office, 5671 Chestnut Street, at a cost of \$1.00 each. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Stickers may be prepaid and they can be mailed to the resident.

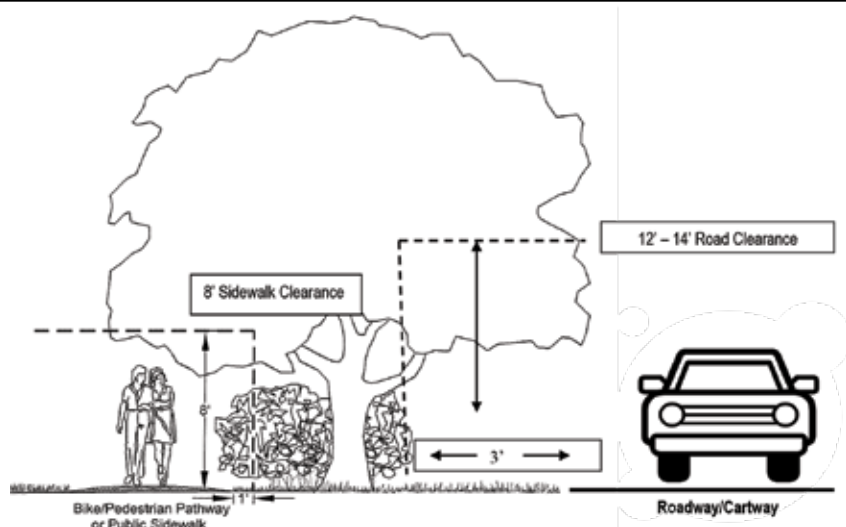
The Township is required to offer this program or service in order for the Township to comply with current Pennsylvania Recycling Regulations.

For more information visit the Township's website at www.uppermilford.net.

TREE AND SHRUB PRUNING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

Trees 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 8 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.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Hello! If you have been to Lenape Park in Zionsville recently, you may have noticed a new addition to the park. Located near the tennis and basketball courts is a Little Free Library. My name is Susan and I am the steward of the new library and am very excited to let everyone know about it! The idea of the Little Free Libraries is that they create an incentive for building community, inspiring readers and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteers. Over the past several months I became aware of Little Free Libraries (aka LFL) and enjoyed seeing the many different designs of libraries and thought how much I would like to be a part of the LFL family, so I contacted the organization to find out how the process of getting a library begins. I attended a Board of Supervisors meeting at the Upper Milford township building and shared my idea for a library and was granted approval the same night. A family member who enjoys woodworking said “yes” when I asked them if they’d be interested in building the library for me. Once it was built, I painted and decorated it and then the Public Works department from the township picked up the finished product and installed it at the park. The library is now furnished with the first batch of books - from children’s books through adult. Please stop by and browse the current book selection and we invite you to “take a book, leave a book”. Even if you are at the library and do not have a book or two to leave behind, you are still welcome to take one with you. Next time you stop by you can add a book to it. Keep in mind that books do not need to be new and all types are welcome because you never know what someone might be interested in. The idea is that as people take and add books, the selection will always be new. Additionally, there is a guest book which is located inside and you are invited to sign it if you’re interested. The thought is for people to leave thoughts/messages about the library...such as have you been to other LFL’s, do you have a favorite author, are you from the area, did you find a book you’ve been looking for, etc.? I included pictures of the library - from construction through completion which are in the guest book for you to look at. **The guest book is the only book at the library which should not be removed.**



I would like to give a big thank you to UM Township for giving the approval for the library and also to the men from the public works department for installing it at the park and to the community for your support of the LFL. Happy reading!

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BOROUGH OF EMMAUS & UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP

Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)



Earth Day 2023 – Community Cleanup

Saturday, April 22th • 8:30 AM to 11 AM • RAIN or SHINE



WHO: Community members from Emmaus and Upper Milford (and any other surrounding areas) are invited to participate in this fun, earth-conscious event!

WHAT: Cleaning up litter and debris from sites around the borough and Upper Milford Township.

WHEN: Saturday, April 22th. If you need Gloves, safety vests or bags please let us know! info@uppermilford.net or call 610-966-3223. Please post pictures to our event page at @emmausuppermilfordeac on Facebook.

WHERE: Meet at the Emmaus Community Park Shimerville Road at South 14th Street.

ALSO: Cleaning up and removal of invasive from the meadow below the pool and Library Buffer areas.

ALSO: Electronics recycling will be available at Community Park during the event – just stop by with items to recycle like TVs, computers, printers, air conditioners and batteries! Some fees will apply. (See Price list at www.uppermilford.net) 9-11 am or until the truck is full.

Document Shredding: We are hoping to have Document Shredding with our event. Please check our Facebook event and Municipal Websites for updates.

WHY: Earth Day and Pick-up PA is a great time to show your commitment to our community's environment. Help out by cleaning up litter and debris, and providing community education about the importance of protecting local water resources!

Presented by the Borough of Emmaus & Upper Milford Township Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). More details will be posted online – find us on Facebook! - or email the EAC at info@uppermilford.net to be placed on an email list for updates!

This is a public event and photos may be taken at any time.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Sponsors for 2023 Earth Day:

- East Penn press: for picture
- Penn dot: for supplying gloves and vests
 - New Tripoli Bank
 - Emmaus Borough Council
 - Upper Milford Township Supervisors
 - Lehigh County for volunteers and support

We Thank the Sponsors of 2022's Earth Day Event

Rep. Milou Makenzie
1245 Chestnut St D
Emmaus, PA 18049
Phone: (610) 965-5830
Fax: (610) 966-7309



Senator Patrick Browne
Upper Macungie Township Building
8330 Schantz Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031
610-366-2327
FAX: 610-366-2329

New Tripoli Bank – New Branch location
4858 Buckeye Rd
Emmaus PA 18049

PLANNING ON DIGGING?

Call Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. (POCS) three business days before you dig at 800-242-1776 or 8-1-1.

PA Act 287 as amended requires excavators as well as private landowners to call POCS three days prior to any type of digging occurring with powered equipment.

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

By calling you allow the facility owners the opportunity to locate and mark their underground facility in advance of the planned excavation (gas and liquid pipelines will mark underground facilities using yellow stakes, flags or paint.)



**Know what's below.
811 before you dig.**



UPPER MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

5671 Chestnut St, PO Box 210, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

President - John Fegley (610) 967 - 2092 • Vice President - Lori Fegley (267) 451-6460
Treasurer - Jerald Lagler (610) 769 - 0302 • Secretary - Marlene Heller (732) 801 - 3621
Historian - Neil Moser (610) 966 - 4376

Welcome to our Township! If you've lived here forever, or are new to the area, you may be interested in learning about the historic nature of your hometown. The historic society is here to discover and preserve that history, as well as to educate you, and anyone who is interested, on our Township's place in history, and where we are heading.

Membership in the UMHS is just \$15 per person/\$25 per family, or \$200 lifetime membership per person.

New this year, the UMHS will be open to the public every third Sunday, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is also open one hour before meetings, the last Thursday of each month, January through October. Following is our schedule for the remainder of this year.

2023 Programs

MARCH 30

Jeff Marshall – Sherlock Homes

Step back in time and learn how a house detective examines an old house.

APRIL 27

Sue and Bill Weber – Historic Home in Upper Milford Township

Sue and Bill will present the history and renovation of their spectacular historic home in Upper Milford Township.

MAY 25

Vera Cruz Part II – History of Vera Cruz

Continuation of the history and life in Vera Cruz presented by local residents. Hear interesting stories and facts you will not find in books or on the Internet. Be prepared to have fun and laugh a lot!

JUNE 29

Dave Lobach – FIELD TRIP to the Walbert Log Cabin

Meet at Upper Milford Township building and carpool to the log house where we will learn about the structure and history of this great treasure.

JULY 27

Picnic at Domaine Pterion 6 p.m.

More information to be announced as we get closer to this date.

AUGUST 31

Old Zionsville – History and Living in O.Z.

Another great evening of facts and stories of living in Old Zionsville presented by residents.

SEPTEMBER 28

Mike Jesberger – The Boys in Blue and Grey

This dynamic speaker returns to with more to tell us about baseball, America's pastime, during the Civil War.

OCTOBER 26

Peter Smith – Memories of Shimerville

The very entertaining Pete Smith joins us again to talk about memories and life growing up in Shimerville, Upper Milford Township, during the 50s and 60s.

No Meetings in November or December due to Holidays.

Follow us on Facebook.

Find us on the web at UpperMilford.org

Upper Milford Historical Society Membership Form

\$15 per Person or \$25 per Family

Name: _____

\$ _____ Dues for

Address: _____

\$ _____ Donation

Phone: _____

#of members _____

E-Mail: _____

Please remember to find us on Facebook And on our website at:
www.uppermilford.org

Date: _____

Contact us at: Uppermilfordhist@gmail.com

Amount Enclosed: _____

If you would like your membership card mailed to you, please be sure to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your dues.

THE CITIZENS FIRE COMPANY

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Interested in Volunteering? Our department meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm. If you are interested in joining our department (either as an active member responding to emergency calls or a social member) feel free to call the station 610-965-9444 and leave a message or see any member for more information. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!

Our fire team meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm to practice skills and continue education. You are welcome to stop in on practice night to see what we do and how to learn more about how to become a volunteer.

Like us on Facebook! Vera Cruz Fire Department (@vcfd28) Check our Facebook page for frequent updates about our department and our fundraising!

Would you like to support our department? Vera Cruz Fire Department hosts various fundraisers throughout the year. Whether you would like to jump in and join to help with fundraising or simply like our Facebook page to help spread the word by sharing our post to help broaden our reach. Keep an eye out for our annual mailers! Your support and contributions to our donation mailer has a significant impact on our 100% volunteer department!

Our social hall is available for rent! For details on pricing and availability please contact the station 610-965-9444 and leave a voicemail or message us on Facebook!

Ladies Auxiliary meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Vera Cruz Fire Department Social Hall. We're always looking for new members. The Ladies aid in supporting the department by lending a hand in fundraising and other support when needed!

During the year 2022 we responded to 219 calls!

We respectfully thank the residents of the Upper Milford Eastern District for their continued support with the Annual Fund Drive and all others who support our fundraising activities such as Gun Raffles, \$5 Drawings, and Hoagie Sales!

Macungie Ambulance Corps

The Macungie Ambulance Corps...

- Is a 501c3 non-profit organization serving our community since 1955
- Provides Emergency Medical Services for over 40,000 residents in Alburtis and Macungie Boroughs; as well as the Townships of Lower Macungie, Lower Milford, and Upper Milford
- Responded to over 4,900 calls for assistance in 2022. That is more than 13 a day!
- Provides "stand-by" ambulance services for dozens of community events each year
- Is staffed with paid and volunteer members 24 hours a day, 365 days per year
- Has an annual budget of nearly \$ 2,000,000
- Equipment
 - 5 Ambulances
 - 1 Supervisor's / Community Outreach Vehicle
 - 1 Incident Support Unit
 - Various other support equipment
- Supports Public Access Defibrillation Programs for over 20 organizations quarterly. This helps to ensure that over 50 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the community are always ready in an emergency
- Annually provides First-Aid and CPR training for nearly 1,000 emergency responders and community members
- Responds to over 30 large scale emergencies each year as part of a regional task force providing emergency incident support at complex and challenging emergency incidents



Our Vision is "To provide the highest quality community based care." Through the continuing efforts of our dedicated members, and with the support of our community, we will continue to serve for decades to come. Feel free to contact us at (610) 966-2601 with any questions, comments, or ideas and see how we can all work together to make a safer and healthier community!

www.macamb.org

UPPER MILFORD WESTERN DISTRICT FIRE CO. #1

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Drawing will be held Thursday April 20th at 6:45 pm live on Facebook
Tickets will be \$30 and only 500 will be available

Cash drawing

Thursday April 20th after the safe drawing
500 tickets will be sold at \$10 each
Payouts will be 1st - \$1000, 2nd-4th \$500 each
www.uppermilfordfire.com on prizes.
Tickets can be bought online or from any member.



FALL DATE FOR OUR SPORTSMAN DRAWING IS NOVEMBER 4, 2023

CHANCES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS OR BY GOING ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Save the Dates!!

“KAUFFMAN’S CHICKEN BARB Q”

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023,

DRIVE THRU PICK UP FROM 12 - 4 PM

MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 2023, DRIVE THRU PICK UP FROM 3 - 6 PM



DINNERS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR UNTIL SOLD OUT

Guarantee tickets by purchasing prior to the dinner sale date, Check with your previous “TICKET SELLER” OR CALL 610-928-1033. Leave a message with your phone number and someone will return your phone call. Thank you for your continued support. There will also be a link on our Facebook page to buy online

We are always looking for new volunteers.

Please give this some serious thought. We need more help and if not you -then who?

There are so many ways to help, not just fighting fires but help running the Fire Company.

General meeting is always the first thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the fire company 6341 Chestnut St.

Come alone or bring a friend. Call 610-928-1033 and leave a message

We look forward to meeting you!

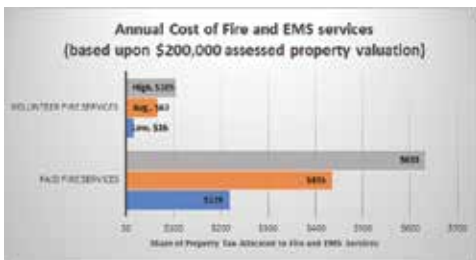
Request from UMT Emergency Services

The Emergency Services departments that service the Township are requesting that all residents check their driveways for proper access for Emergency Services vehicles. Any trees hanging over the driveways that are lower than 14 ft in height can result in damage to the Emergency vehicles or inability to access your home or property during an emergency. Please have any trees cut to at minimum 14 ft. above the driveway and at least 10 ft wide for access of the vehicles. For reference, if an oil delivery truck, FEDEX or UPS Truck cannot access your home for deliveries than an Ambulance or Fire Truck will also not be able to.

WHO PAYS FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES IN UMT?

The fire companies have budgets that cover vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, insurance, replacement of hoses and equipment as they get old or worn out, and setting money aside for major purchases in the future. Their budget is around \$100,000/year. About one-third of that comes in as a donation from the Township. But the rest has to be raised each year by the companies. They can apply for grants from the government to pay for specific items, which can require a lot of paperwork and investment of time. They also do an annual fund-raising mailer to all the UMT residents, soliciting donations to their non-profit organization. Another source of income is the periodic fund-raisers they do, like raffles, breakfasts, hall rentals, auctions, and hoagie or pizza sales. **Sign up below to be informed when these are happening!**

- **Firefighters** themselves pay the most – their time, training, personal expenses
- The **Township** donates a portion of the small tax collected from residents to go to fire companies and ambulance companies who service the residents
- **Grants** from the state and sometimes FEMA
- **Fund-Raising** efforts by the fire companies
 - Contribution drives (*did you respond to YOUR mailer yet?*)
 - Raffles
 - Food sales (BBQ chicken, hoagies, pizza, etc.)
 - Auctions
 - Sale of Reflective Address Markers to residents



For a home assessed at \$200,000 in Upper Milford Township, about \$66 in property tax covers the cost of Fire and EMS services, about average for communities with volunteer fire companies. The largest share of this charge is placed in a dedicated fund administered by the township for major equipment purchases and facilities and equipment upgrades. As you can see from the accompanying graphic, the cost to the community of volunteer fire services is well below the charges we would experience if we had either a full or part-time paid fire service.

YOU can help by:

1. Sending in a **donation**
2. Buying a reflective **address marker** for your mailbox
(which also helps Emergency Services and delivery services find you!)
3. Participating in **raffles and food sales**
4. **Volunteering** to help with non-fire-fighting tasks

Keep Me Informed!

...of events and fund-raisers that benefit our fire fighter companies:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Drop this off at the township building; or

Call the township office (610-966-3223) to be added to a list

or visit this link to add yourself: bit.ly/umtfirecos

FROM YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

This office collects real estate taxes for Upper Milford Township and the East Penn School District only.

For questions regarding millage rates, contact the taxing authority:
UMT 610-966-3223, EPSD 610-966-8300

Deborah Seibert Schevets, Tax Collector

Phone: 610-928-1030 • **Fax:** 610-966-5184

E-mail: taxinfo@uppermilford.net

U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 265, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

Office: 5671 Chestnut Street, Zionsville, PA 18092

Located in Upper Milford Township Building

Drop box located to right of building entrance, checked daily.



Tax Collector Office Hours:

To accommodate those who would like to make their tax payments in person: April, May, July, August, October and December (excluding major holidays)
Tuesdays and Thursdays • 10am–12pm, 1pm–3pm
Saturday mornings in May and August as listed below:
May 20th and 27th • 10am to Noon
August 19th and 26th • 10am to Noon
Other hours by appointment

IMPORTANT PAYMENT DATES:

Upper Milford Township 2023 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed April 1st 2023, and cover the calendar year 1-1-2023 through 12-31-2023.

2% Discount	Face Amount	10% Penalty
Apr 1 - May 31	Jun 1 - Jul 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31

East Penn School District 2023-2024 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1st, 2023, and cover the school fiscal year 7-1-2023 through 6-30-2024.

2% Discount	Face Amount	10% Penalty
Jul 1 - Aug 31	Sep 1 - Oct 31	Nov 1 - Dec 31

Option: Installment Payments (School only) See back of tax bill for detailed instructions.

1st Installment	2nd Installment	3rd Installment
Aug 10	Oct 10	Dec 10

From 12/15/23 thru 12/31/23 only

No personal or business checks accepted. Cash, Money Order, or Certified Funds only. No payments accepted after a 12/31 USPS Postmark. Postage bought online, and payments by bank disbursement do not meet USPS postmark requirements.

After 12/31/23

Unpaid taxes as of 12/31 are turned over to Elite Revenue Solutions, dba Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau, for collection. 610-782-3119, <http://lehighcountytaxclaim.com> Lehigh County Government Center, 17 South 7th St, Room 120, Allentown, PA 18101

Miscellaneous:

- Failure to receive a bill does not entitle the owner to discount or remission of penalty on taxes.
- If you no longer own the property, please provide name of new owner on bill and return to tax collector's office.
- If serviced by a Mortgage Company, it is the property owner's responsibility to forward township bills and school bills to them immediately.
- Township tax payments & school tax payments cannot be combined. Separate checks are required.
- On-Line Bill Pay is accepted – request a paper check be mailed to tax office
- Credit cards are not accepted.
- Partial payments are not accepted — exact amount required.
- Contact this office with any questions and/or to obtain Taxpayer Receipts, Surviving Owner Change and Mailing Address Change Forms.

Millage Rates as of 1-1-2023

- Upper Milford Township 0.45000 mills
- East Penn School District 19.6766 mills for 2022-23
2023-2024 millage determined mid-June 2023)
- Lehigh County 3.78000 mills

Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax:

Berkheimer at 866-701-7206 (EIT) or 610-599-3142 (LST)

Website: <https://www.hab-inc.com>

Property Tax Rebates

Rebate forms for 2022 should be available mid-February for the following programs:

- 2022 Pennsylvania Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program (PA-1000) Application Deadline – June 30, 2023 (deadline may be extended) https://www.revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/FormsforIndividuals/PTRR/Documents/2022_pa-1000_inst.pdf (Instruction Booklet and Tax Forms)
- 2022 East Penn School District Property Tax Rebate Application (PTR-1000) Website: eastpennsd.org/businessoffice Contact State Representative's office regarding application deadlines

For assistance with completion of forms: State Representative Office, 131st Legislative District, 1425 Mountain Dr N, Bethlehem, PA 18015 610-965-5830

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Exception Real Estate Tax Bills:

- A "Change in Assessment" (due to a new house, improvements such as a garage, pool, or home addition, lot-line adjustments, etc.) may result in an "Exception Bill", an additional pro-rated bill covering the difference between the old assessed value and the new assessed value. These bills are mailed in February, May, August and September and cover the period from the "effective date" of the change until the new taxable rate is reflected on your tax bill. Exception Bills will have different discount, flat and penalty periods than the original tax bill.
- Exception bills received throughout the year are usually NOT paid by the mortgage company. Property owners are encouraged to contact their mortgage company to determine if they will pay any supplemental bills.

Veterans Affairs: 610-782-3295

Pennsylvania Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption.
Lehigh County Government Center, 17 South 7th St., Room 230,
Allentown, PA 18101-2400.
<https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Veterans-Affairs>
(Eligibility, Documents, Procedures)

Lehigh County Assessment Office: 610-782-3038

Taxpayer Relief Act (Homestead /Farmstead Exemption), Act 4
(Open Space), Act 319 (Clean & Green), Search Records, Maps,
Millage Rates, American Heroes Grant, Assessment Appeal,
Address Changes. Lehigh County Government Center, Room
517, 17 South Seventh St., Allentown, PA 18101-2401.
<https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Assessment-Home>

Real Estate Taxes are based on the assessed value of a property,
determined by the Lehigh County Office of Assessment.
Property owners can appeal the assessed values yearly. Any
questions related to assessed value or how to appeal assessed
value should be addressed to the Lehigh County Assessment
Office.

Lehigh County Real Estate Tax: Lehigh County Fiscal Office
at 610-782-3112.

Lehigh County 2022 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed April 1st
2023, and cover the calendar year 1-1-2023 through 12-31-2023.
Lehigh County Government Center, Room 119, 17 South Seventh
St., Allentown PA 18101-2400.
<https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Fiscal-Tax-Claims>

Permits Required

Upper Milford Township is a zoned community. The following
are required:

- **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 of existing structures; deck, patio, pool,
spa or hot tub; electrical work or wiring; plumbing and HVAC
work; and shed.
- **Driveway Permit:** required for a driveway or other means of
ingress or egress onto a State/Township 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. (NO FEE)

- **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 a new septic system and 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.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE MILOU MACKENZIE 131ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

As we officially begin a new year and a new legislative session, I wanted to take the opportunity to re-introduce myself. My name is Rep. Milou Mackenzie and I am currently serving my second term as representative of the 131st Legislative District, which encompasses parts of Lehigh, Northampton and Montgomery Counties.

Come and visit my new main district office in Bethlehem and my satellite office in Red Hill should you need assistance! My staff and I continue to be available to you and your families for any of your state-related needs.

Our office contact information is as follows:

Main Office (Bethlehem):

Address: 1425 Mountain Dr. N, Bethlehem PA 18015
Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Phone: 610-965-5830
Fax: 610-966-7309

Satellite Office (Red Hill):

Address: Red Hill Borough Building,
56 West Fourth St., Red Hill, PA 18076
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WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT STORMWATER?

We are all part of a watershed. Watersheds are land areas that drain to the nearest body of water. For example, if you are in western Pennsylvania, you are part of the Ohio River watershed, while eastern Pennsylvania lands may ultimately drain to the Chesapeake Bay. Smaller local creeks and streams also eventually drain to a larger local water body.

Flooding

When excess water has nowhere to go, flooding can impact property and cause damage to land and structures. Flooding can also be a public safety issue that affects entire communities.

Pollution and Health Impacts

Stormwater picks up anything that is on the ground and carries it along with it. Animal waste, chemicals, pesticides, oil, and sediment – all end up in waterways and potentially in our sources of drinking water.

Streambank Erosion

Uncontrolled stormwater can cause streambank erosion, leaving bare soil and exposing tree roots. This can lead to property damage and cause issues with streambank stability.

Sedimentation

Erosion and runoff, can also lead to sedimentation. Sedimentation of waterways from runoff causes changes to aquatic habitats. Undesirable plant growth increases, water becomes more turbid or cloudy, which leads to disruption of aquatic ecosystems. Sedimentation also fills in waterways, which can increase the flooding potential.

Impacts to Groundwater Recharge

If stormwater isn't sinking into the ground, it can affect recharge of groundwater resources. This can affect water levels in drinking water wells as well as impacting levels in surface water.

Impacts to Recreational Opportunities

Stormwater runoff can cause polluted waterways which can lead to restrictions on boating, swimming, and fishing in recreational areas.

Making changes to how stormwater is managed can go a long way to reduce negative impacts. Even small actions by individual homeowners like using a rain barrel, choosing permeable landscaping surfaces, or installing a rain garden can make a difference. Stormwater affects everyone!

If you have additional questions about stormwater, or you are just interested in learning more, you can find a full series of videos and articles in the Penn State Extension Stormwater Basics series at <https://extension.psu.edu/stormwater-basics>.



TO FLUSH OR NOT TO FLUSH: WIPES AND YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Once upon a time there were baby wipes....so convenient and soft for baby's bottom and every mom's dream come true! An incredible invention – a portable and disposable washcloth! Disposable? Of course! Just flush! Then everyone else got on the 'wipe wagon,' and today we have hand wipes, pet wipes, deodorant wipes, floor wipes, wound wipes, facial wipes...we've become the wiped out wonders of the western world! How wonderful!

Except for one minor problem....

Most wipes should not be flushed!

You know the old adage: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

The use of wipes across the country has increased dramatically over the last decade. But popular and convenient can easily become problematic and costly for your septic system. You could be spending thousand of dollars for that convenience if you're not careful.

A study of municipal wastewater systems shows that over 90%

of the material found in clogs consists of articles that were never intended to be flushed.

Wipes have the potential to plug the sewer line between the house and tank and build up at the inlet of the septic tank and cause the septic to back up into the house. An accumulation of wipes in a septic tank will reduce its ability to remove solids from the water discharging to your leach area. If you have an aeration system, the wipes can and will build up on the air distribution equipment and cause failures. The antibacterial agents in the wipes can also harm the helpful bacteria needed in your septic tank.

The best advice?

"Clogging your septic is a serious issue, so PLEASE flush ONLY toilet tissue!"



UPCOMING EVENTS



VERA CRUZ COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EVENTS 2023

EASTER EGG HUNT - Mystic Chain Park - Saturday, April 8, 2023 - 1 p.m.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION - Mystic Chain Park - Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, from 12 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: - Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, 7-9 p.m.

Parade forms at 6:30 p.m. at Mystic Chain Park

*Rain date - Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023



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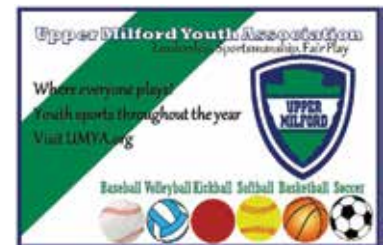
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