

Welcome to Upper Milford Township

# Upper Milford Township

A Great Place to Live, Work and Play!



Spring 2026

## LENAPE PARK UPGRADES

Upper Milford Township's Lenape Park saw some exciting improvements this past year, bringing new opportunities for recreation and community enjoyment. In late 2024, the Township was awarded a \$250,000 matching grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources through its Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2). The Township provided the required matching funds, allowing the project to move forward and significantly enhance one of the community's most popular parks.



The construction began in Spring of 2025 and was completed in Fall of 2025. A major part of the project included the complete reconstruction of the park's tennis and basketball courts. Originally installed in 1974, the courts had reached the point where a full rebuild was needed. The new design now features two full Olympic-size tennis courts with pickleball lines overlaid for added flexibility, along with two high school-regulation basketball courts. These improvements create a modern, multi-use space where residents of all ages can stay active and enjoy time outdoors.

To further enhance the park experience, the Township installed a new paved walking path along the southern and eastern sides of the courts, creating a convenient 1/2-mile closed-loop walking trail. In the past, parts of the trail required patrons to walk through the parking lot, so this new layout provides a much safer and more enjoyable place for residents to walk, run, and exercise.

Additional upgrades included improvements to the parking lot, with the addition of two handicap-accessible spaces to make the park more accessible for everyone. The project was completed with the planting of a riparian buffer along the drainage swale, helping to protect local water quality by filtering stormwater runoff.

These improvements represent the Township's continued commitment to investing in parks, recreation, and quality of life for the community. Lenape Park is now better than ever and ready to be enjoyed by residents for years to come.



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# TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

## UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER

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Office Phone 610-966-3223

## PENNSYLVANIA INVASIVE PLANTS

Plants that are considered invasive are not native to our area, spread quickly, and can cause economic or environmental harm or are harmful to human health. Identifying invasive plants and understanding the possible impact they may cause is important to protect native vegetation. These non-native species can be difficult to control and can take over entire habitats. The majority of invasive plants arrived from other continents either by accident or intentionally. Anyone who drives along Main Road East in Vera Cruz can see the dense stands of Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) along the banks of Leibert Creek. It is a semi-woody perennial with bamboo-like stems that can reach over 10 feet in height. This species can grow in a wide range of habitats including wetlands, along stream banks, ditches, roadsides, and along fence lines. It has been known to grow right through asphalt and masonry work. Japanese knotweed has no natural predators to keep it in check. It limits biodiversity by altering the natural ecosystem and as a result, is harmful to native wildlife habitats. This plant was brought to the United States in the late 1800s as an ornamental and for erosion control. It escaped from cultivation and spread throughout North America. It is thought to be found on every continent besides Antarctica and is considered one of the most invasive plants in the world. Removal of Japanese knotweed is expensive and time consuming.



important first step is to learn how to identify invasive plant species. Choose the right plants for your land: shade or sun, wet or dry, acid or neutral soil. Not buying the pretty burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*) or the ground cover *Pachysandra* (*Pachysandra terminalis*) and planting vegetation native to Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic region will help your property overall. Walk your property at least annually to assess if there are invasives present. There is a wealth of information found online as well as locally at the nurseries in the Lehigh Valley. Penn State Master Gardeners are another source of good information for native species that will thrive in our area.

It is estimated that the United States spends \$138 billion per year in total economic damages and associated control costs for the control of invasive species according to the United States Forest Service. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), has information on their website that provides additional details on invasive plants in Pennsylvania. Educate yourself and improve your property values at the same time.

What can a homeowner do to protect their property? The most

## FROM OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC

- Looking for a place to Celebrate Easter this year? You are welcome at Old Zionsville United Church of Christ, 5981 Fountain Road, Old Zionsville PA, at the Y of Kings Highway and Fountain Road - Big granite structure going down the hill. Parking lot across the street. Easter is April 5, 2026. We have services at 7:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with an inside Egg Hunt for children aged newborn to age 12 in the lower social hall at 9 a.m.. There is a FREE light brunch in the lower social hall too in between the services. The chair glide from the outside can easily help you get downstairs.
- Stop in for a good time at our Penny Party on Saturday May 2. Doors open at 4 p.m. for a light supper and then the games begin. Bring your pennies or buy some from us. This is a fast moving game where you can win lots of great things! Household items, food, antiques, Decorative items and more. Fun for the whole family. We will teach you how to play. Seasoned player or newcomer - join us for fun! - Check out our website for more details coming soon.
- Anyone who would like to participate in Old Zionsville UCC's Grief Care sessions this summer is welcome to sign up and mark your calendars. (upon sign up, you will get a confirmation letter which will give you more details about the program.)

This group of 9 weekly sessions will begin on the first Wednesday of June. We will meet in the lower social hall, which is air conditioned, of Old Zionsville United Church of Christ, 5981 Fountain Road, Old Zionsville PA. Parking is available in the lot between the church and the parsonage off of Fountain Road. You may enter the building from the parking lot at the first set of red

doors which are marked for the chair glide which is there to help you get down the stairs or the red door marked Church office. There is no cost to participate in the program. The modified booklet costs \$8 and is available for purchase at the first session. The whole program will run from June 3 - July 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Wednesday night.

There will be snacks and drinks provided each week. Each session consists of a video which does the teaching portion of the program, some discussion and some take home reflective reading, exercises and helpful hints to guide you through your grief. These take home parts of the program are found in the booklet.

All are welcome to attend as we support you on your grief journey.

To register, contact the Rev. Lori Esslinger at [MomAndPastorToo@yahoo.com](mailto:MomAndPastorToo@yahoo.com) or call the church office at 610-966-3601. You can take a look at our web page too for more information about our church <[www.oldzionsucc.org](http://www.oldzionsucc.org)> You do not need to be a member of the church to participate.

- Check out our website also to learn how you can help our neighbors and get involved service projects. There is room for you at OZUCC!

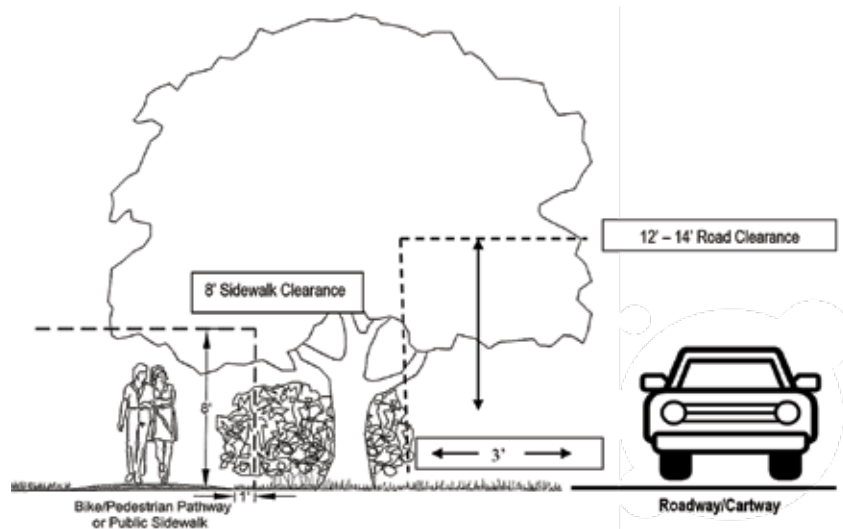
- Check us out of Facebook, the web at <[www.oldzionsucc.org](http://www.oldzionsucc.org)> or through previous worship services on YouTube. Office phone number: 610-966-3601. No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!

Peace, Lori Esslinger  
Part Time Pastor, Old Zionsville UCC

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.



# HIVEL UND DAHL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

6561 Powder Valley Rd., Zionsville, PA 18092

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 416, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

[www.hivelunddahl.org](http://www.hivelunddahl.org)

## NEWS FROM HIVEL UND DAHL

Last year, in addition to our usual activities, we participated in three new ones. We had a table at the Macungie Flea Market in May, the Emmaus Heritage Festival in September, and the Passport to History weekend in late September. We were fortunate to get a \$5,000 donation for the restoration fund at the Emmaus festival. We were also pleased with the turnout at the cabin which was not large, but it is the first year we have done this event. We always try to have informative and interesting programs. On September 5th there will be a 250th birthday celebration in the township. Hivel Und Dahl is joining in the planning and helping with activities on that day. Join us and find out what we are doing. One of our members, John Qualley, is still cleaning tombstones as a fundraiser for us. You can contact him at [john.a.qualley@gmail.com](mailto:john.a.qualley@gmail.com) for more information. He has cleaned 250 tombstones of Revolutionary War veterans. We look forward to adding new members to our organization. We have a Facebook page with current events and a GoFundMe page for donations

## 2026 PROGRAMS

### MARCH 31 – BROOM MAKING

An early American craft still in great demand. John Paul Warren will present a program on what had been a thriving Perkiomen Valley industry right up into the early 20th century. A history of brooms and products to make brooms will be presented. John started making brooms in 1975 as part of a fundraiser for his eagle scout project. Broom making has been his passion for years

### JUNE 30- GENERAL WASHINGTON'S COMMAND STAFF IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY - 1777

In honor of the United States 250th celebration, our June program will highlight the staff of General Washington during his stay in Montgomery County. After a brief introduction on the 1777 Philadelphia campaign, the program focus will be on Washington's military staff and numerous enslaved and civilian staff that moved with him.

### SEPTEMBER 29 – TO BE ANNOUNCED

### NOVEMBER 24 – THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED – HISTORY OF SLEEPY HOLLOW RANCH

Hear about the 23-year history of the popular local music and dance venue and the big names that performed there. Learn about the devastating fire that doomed the Milford Township, Bucks County entertainment spot. Larry Roeder will present the program.

All meetings are held at the Upper Milford Township Building, 5671 Chestnut St., Old Zionsville at 7:00 PM. All programs are free of charge and open to everyone. More information is available on our website and Facebook page. In addition to our quarterly meetings, we are planning to attend Stahl's Pottery Festival, the 250th birthday celebration in Emmaus in July, the Upper Milford Township 250th birthday celebration in September, and have the cabin open on a Saturday in September for the Passport to History Weekend. Check our Facebook pages for exact times and dates.

## BECOME A PART OF THE HISTORY

When joining the Hivel Und Dahl Preservation Society, you become part of the History of Powder Valley. Your contribution to our organization helps us with our annual responsibilities and with the (Cabin) restoration fund. For 2026, you can take the standard deduction on your income tax and deduct up to \$2000 (\$1000 if single) toward charitable donations which includes 501 (c)(3) organizations. Check with your tax accountant. Fill out the form below and mail it to:

Hivel Und Dahl Preservation Society  
P.O. Box 416, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

Hivel Und Dahl Preservation Society is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Your donation may be tax deductible.

## Make your check payable to Hivel Und Dahl Preservation Society

Annual Membership    Individual \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_    Family \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to Restoration Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

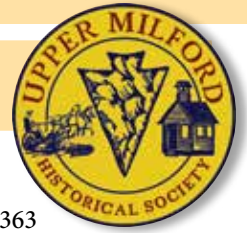
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# UPPER MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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



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Check Facebook or website for current information • www.uppermilford.org

Whether you're new in the neighborhood or you've lived here all your life, you'll find fascinating information and artifacts in our local museum. From jasper and arrowheads to photos and yearbooks, and including fascinating documents from the time of King George, our archives are stuffed with Upper Milford Township history. In recent years, we added an impressive display of military veterans who served our country from the American Revolution to the present day. We are continually adding to that exhibit, so if you have a veteran in your family, bring us a photo, and we'll copy it and add it to our wall.

From February through October, the Society presents monthly programs of interest on the last Thursday of each month. You can follow us on Facebook or visit our website at [www.uppermilfordhist.org](http://www.uppermilfordhist.org) for the latest information. July is the exception; members only are invited to our annual picnic. For the third year, Domaine Pterion is graciously hosting our picnic.

On the third Sundays of January, March, May, July and Sept, we hold an Open House in the archives from 1-4, and the community is welcome to come in, visit the museum, ask questions, do research, and see what changes have taken place in our township over the centuries. The archives are also open one hour before our programs. Except for July, programs begin at 7 p.m., so the museum will be open at 6 p.m.

Membership is inexpensive! Use the form below to become a member. Membership is based on a calendar year, January to December.

### Make checks payable to Upper Milford Historical Society

Mail to: Dennis Lagler 202 N. 7th Street Emmaus, PA 18049

The Upper Milford Historical Society is registered as a 501(c)3 organization.

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

Annual Membership Individual \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime: \$200

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

\$ Dues for # of members \_\_\_\_\_

\$ Donation \_\_\_\_\_

## 2026 PROGRAMS

### February 26

**Discovery Night** - Members and guests bring gadgets, nostalgic items, photos, and memories to share. Always an evening of fun and facts!

### March 26

**Candace Parry** - Eat Yourself Whole Pennsylvania Dutch Food experience in the 20th Century.

Ms. Perry is the curator of the Schwenkfelder Library.

### April 30

**Daniel Buglio, Lehigh County Coroner** - Mr. Buglio will do a show and tell (mind your squeamish side) with a PowerPoint presentation and police camera footage to show what really goes on in police work, unlike what you may see on TV.

### May 28

**Lane Schultz** - Rock, Ice, Dirt - Lane will discuss the Geology of Lehigh County

### July 30 NOTE: 6 p.m. Start

**Annual Picnic at Domaine Pterion** - Potluck and Fellowship are on the menu! More details as we get closer,

### June 25

**Ed Johnson - Reenactor** - The Marquis de Lafayette will visit us to talk about his life in the 18th to 19th centuries and how he connected with George Washington and the Revolution.

### August 27

**Dana Bala - The Kitchen Historian**

Cookbooks and recipes, and how they affected family life from the 1870s to the 1960s. You can expect vintage cookbooks, utensils and aprons, and a handout of vintage recipes.

### September 24

**Mike Jesberger - Footprints in the Snow**

Mike, aka Mr. U.S. History, will talk about General George Washington and his soldiers.

Also: Nominations for Officers

### October 29

**Doug Peters** - Lehigh Valley Transit Company 1905-1972

Doug will talk about the history of trolleys in the Valley.

Also: Election of Officers

# 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

**Philip A Vanim** Tax Collector

**Phone:** 610-928-1030

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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,

office hours from 9am – 1pm and 6pm-8pm are available on the following dates for 2026:

April 28th, 29th and 30th; May 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th 27th 28th; July 28th, 29th, 30th; August 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, 26th; October 27th, 28th, 29th; December 28th, 29th, 30th.

Other hours by appointment

## IMPORTANT PAYMENT DATES:

Upper Milford Township 2026 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed April 1st, 2026, and cover the calendar year 1-01-2026 through 12-31-2026.

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

East Penn School District 2026-2027 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1st, 2026, and cover the school fiscal year 7-01-2026 through 6-30-2027.

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 thru 12/31 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

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

## 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 prior 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.

## 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 the name of the new owner on the 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 the tax office.
- Credit /Debit 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.



## Property Tax Rebates

Questions, due dates, and assistance filing a rebate claim State Representative Office, 131st Legislative District

[RepMilouMackenziePA.com](http://RepMilouMackenziePA.com)

Bethlehem Office: 610-965-5830

Red Hill Office: Call for hours 215-679-3152

- **Pennsylvania** Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program (PA-1000) [myPATH.pa.gov](http://myPATH.pa.gov) Instruction booklet and tax forms 1-888-222-9190 [https://www.revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/FormsforIndividuals/PTRR/Documents/2023\\_pa-1000\\_inst.pdf](https://www.revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/FormsforIndividuals/PTRR/Documents/2023_pa-1000_inst.pdf)

**New for 2025: Income limit for Homeowners and Renters raised to \$48,110 Maximum Standard rebate \$1,000**

- **East Penn School District** Property Tax Rebate Application (PTR-1000) Instructions, FAQs, and form; EPSD Business Office 610-966-8300 <https://www.eastpennsd.org/businessoffice/property-tax-rebate-program/>

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**Lehigh County Assessment Office:** 610-782-3038

Taxpayer Relief Act (Homestead /Farmstead Exemption)- a tax bill reduction of \$184.25 each for 2024, 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 2026 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed April 1st, 2026, and cover the calendar year 1-01-2026 through 12-31-2026. Lehigh County Government Center, Room 119, 17 South Seventh St., Allentown PA 18101-2400 <https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Fiscal-Tax-Claims>  
Note: Lehigh County real estate taxes are collected by the County directly.

## GREETINGS FROM STATE REP. MILOU MACKENZIE

Upper Milford citizens who reside in the 131st legislative District are welcome to participate in my upcoming events throughout the year. Mark your calendars and start rounding up any personal documents for the next shredding in the district! It's right in time for spring cleanups.



### Shredding Event—Saturday, May 9

10am-12pm, Hopewell Community Park, Center Valley

Residents can bring up to four boxes/bags of sensitive documents per vehicle for shredding.

My office is always available to serve you and help you navigate state government and state agencies. You can call or stop by my offices in Bethlehem, Red Hill, or Harrisburg. I am happy to assist you with PennDOT forms and issues, birth certificate requests, Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications, state citations and Capitol tour requests, SEPTA Senior Pass applications and photos, legislative inquiries, and much more.

I am grateful that Spring is finally here and I look forward to seeing you around the township and District as you enjoy the variety of programs Upper Milford has to offer!

Milou Mackenzie, State Representative, 131st District

Stay connected with me! 610-965-5830 • [RepMilouMackenziePA.com](http://RepMilouMackenziePA.com) • [Facebook.com/RepMilouMackenzie](https://Facebook.com/RepMilouMackenzie)

*Milou Mackenzie*  
-Rep. Milou Mackenzie



## FIND AN EVENT NEAR YOU

[www.senatorcoleman.com/events](http://www.senatorcoleman.com/events)

### Visit our offices for help with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications.
- PACE/PACENET prescription medication programs for senior citizens.
- Programs and services tailored to meet the unique needs of veterans.
- PennDOT driver and vehicle services.
- Any other state government-related needs.



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# UPPER MILFORD WESTERN DISTRICT FIRE COMPANY

Upper Milford Township is proud to have two volunteer fire companies that have protected this community since 1942, the Upper Milford Western District Fire Company in Zionsville and the Citizens Fire Company (Vera Cruz Fire Department). For more than 80 years, when a call for help comes in, it has been answered by local residents who have chosen to serve their community.

Many residents are surprised to learn that both stations are staffed entirely by volunteers. Every time you hear a siren, the people responding are your neighbors, balancing work, family, and daily life, yet still making time to protect our township.

Today, both departments are in need of additional volunteers, especially individuals interested in becoming firefighters.

If you have ever considered becoming involved but weren't sure where to start or what's involved, it's simple! No prior experience is required, and all training is fully provided, with new members supported throughout the entire process. You do not need to arrive with special skills, just a willingness to learn and be part of a team.

Those who give of their time will tell you that the experience is one of most rewarding things that they've experienced. Members gain valuable skills, build lifelong friendships, and take great pride in serving their own community.

There are also important non-firefighting roles available, including administrative support, fundraising and event help, junior firefighter programs for students, and driver and support positions. Every role helps keep the department strong and ready.

If you have ever thought about giving back in a meaningful way, there's never been a better time than right now!

To learn more about volunteering with the Upper Milford Western District Fire Company or the Vera Cruz Fire Department, visit [www.joinuppermilfordfire.org](http://www.joinuppermilfordfire.org) or stop by the stations on any Thursday night (for Upper Milford Western) or Tuesday nights (for Vera Cruz) after 7:30 PM and say hello.



# CITIZEN'S FIRE CO. OF UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP- VERA CRUZ

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## NOW ACCEPTING NEW VOLUNTEERS — STARTING AT AGE 14!

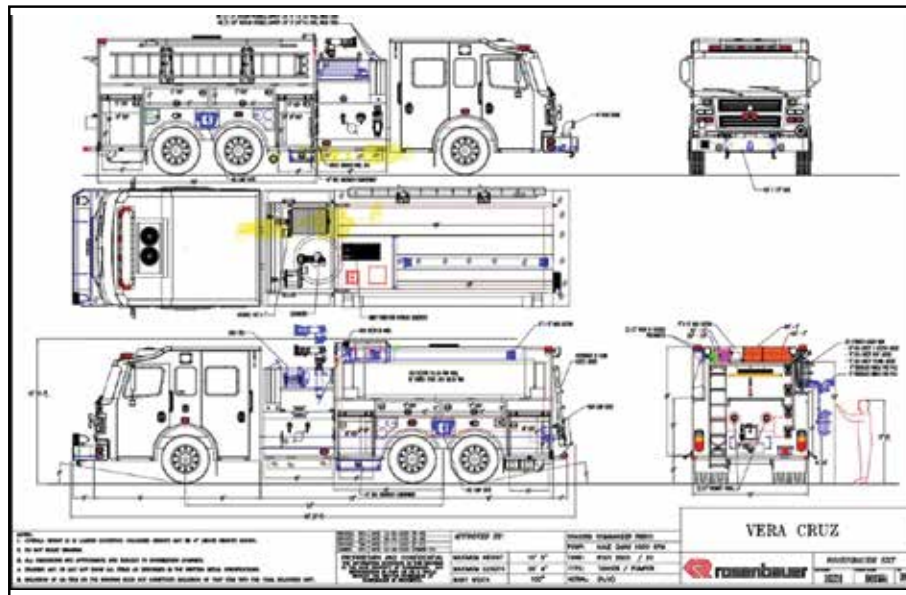
We are proud to announce that we now expect Junior Firefighters at a younger age. With that giving motivated youth the opportunity to learn, train, and serve their community while building leadership and life skills.

Anyone interested in volunteering can stop by every Tuesday at 7:00pm. Every Tuesday we have weekly training where you can meet the firefighters of Vera Cruz. You can be active firefighter on the front line, Fire Police, or behind the scene duties such as Fundraising and community engagement, Administration & More!

## ADDRESS MARKER SIGNS STILL AVAILABLE

Help us help you! Our reflective address marker signs make it easier for emergency responders to find your home when seconds matter. Please call or message on our website or Facebook if you're interested in a sign!

We have a new truck on order and is in the process of being built. The new truck is a 2500 gallon, 1500 gpm Engine Tanker! We look forward to using it with the community and neighboring district Old Zionsville to help serve the community!



# EMMAUS SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

Contact Information: [EmmausSeniorGolf@Gmail.Com](mailto:EmmausSeniorGolf@Gmail.Com)

Website: [www.EmmausSeniorGolfLeague.Com](http://www.EmmausSeniorGolfLeague.Com)

Facebook: [Emmaus Senior Golf League](#)



Emmaus Senior Golf League is beginning its 41st Year in April 2026. We were formed to give the opportunity for golfers of all handicaps over 55 years old a place to enjoy a weekly golf outing with a friendly group of members from around the Lehigh Valley Area.

We currently play 20 regular week rounds rotating play on two courses, Butter Valley in Bally and Wedgewood in Coopersburg with a few additional popular “fun” rounds. Our tee times are Tuesday between 7:30 and 8:00 AM. Groups are flighted according to their average scores and paired up with a team from different flights.

The annual dues are \$50, which includes a Spring Coffee & Donuts orientation meeting, and a September Annual Awards Banquet with cash awards.

## LEARNING CPR CAN SAVE A LIFE!

Cardiac arrest, an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat and disrupts the flow of oxygen throughout the body, is a leading cause of death. Each year, more than 350,000 people suffer cardiac arrest outside of a hospital in the United States.

When someone suffers cardiac arrest, they become unconscious and their breathing stops or becomes irregular. Survival depends on immediately receiving CPR from someone nearby. If someone you know or love suffered cardiac arrest, would you know what to do?

CPR, especially “Hands-only” CPR, is easy to learn and can double or triple a person’s chance of survival. Hands-only CPR has just two easy steps.

Come learn Hands-only CPR with the Macungie Ambulance Corps on June 6!

For more information, check out [www.macamb.org](http://www.macamb.org) or contact (610) 966-2601, ext. 103.

### Two steps to save a life:



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# EMMAUS AMBULANCE

## SPRING SAFETY REMINDERS

As the weather warms and residents spend more time outdoors, spring brings both fresh air and new safety considerations. Emmaus Ambulance encourages everyone to keep the following seasonal health and safety tips in mind.

### Allergy & Asthma Awareness

Spring pollen can trigger allergies and asthma symptoms for many residents.

#### Helpful Tips:

- Monitor daily pollen counts and limit outdoor activities on high-pollen days.
- Keep windows closed during peak pollen times and use air conditioning when possible.
- Shower and change clothes after spending time outdoors to remove pollen.
- Stay current on prescribed allergy or asthma medications.
- Always carry a rescue inhaler if prescribed.

#### When to Call 911 or Seek Medical Help:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Wheezing that does not improve with medication
- Chest tightness, bluish lips, or inability to speak full sentences

EMS crews are trained to rapidly assist with breathing emergencies—don't hesitate to call if symptoms worsen.

### Tick & Lyme Disease Prevention

Spring marks the start of tick season, especially in wooded, grassy, and shaded areas.

#### Prevention Tips:

- Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to spot.
- Tuck pants into socks and wear long sleeves when hiking or working outdoors.
- Use EPA-approved insect repellents containing DEET or picaridin.

- Perform full-body tick checks after outdoor activities, including children and pets.
- Shower within two hours of being outdoors to reduce tick attachment.

#### If You Find a Tick:

- Remove it promptly using fine-tipped tweezers.
- Clean the area with soap and water or rubbing alcohol.
- Monitor for symptoms such as rash, fever, fatigue, or joint pain.
- Contact your healthcare provider if symptoms develop.

Early detection and treatment of Lyme disease can prevent long-term complications.

### Spring Storm Preparedness

Spring weather can change quickly, bringing thunderstorms, high winds, flooding, and power outages.

#### Be Prepared by Creating an Emergency Kit:

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Non-perishable food and bottled water
- First aid kit and necessary medications
- Phone chargers or power banks
- Important documents in a waterproof container

#### Safety Reminders:

- Avoid driving through flooded roadways—Turn Around, Don't Drown.
- Secure outdoor furniture and loose items before storms.
- Know where to seek shelter during severe weather warnings.
- Check on elderly neighbors or those with medical needs during outages.

Emmaus Ambulance is always ready to respond, but preparation helps keep everyone safer.

## EMMAUS AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

Enroll today by scanning the QR code or by contacting the Station at 610-967-5615  
Option 2: EMS | Option 1: Subscriptions

Subscriptions are valid for 364 days from the date of purchase.

If an email address is associated with your subscription, you will receive three email notifications:

- One month prior to expiration
- Seven days prior to expiration
- On the date the subscription expires

The Borough of Emmaus Ambulance provides wheelchair transportation to the residents of the borough and surrounding communities. Our transport services include transport to and from medical appointments and transportation to and from family members' residences. We can provide a wheelchair, or we can use yours.

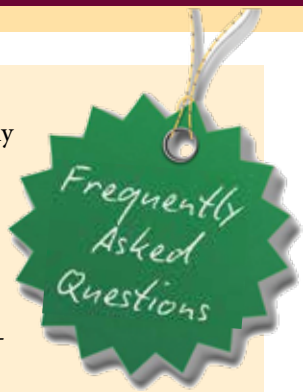


#### SUBSCRIBER RATES

#### NON-SUBSCRIBER RATES

One Way Transport	\$ 84.00	One Way Transport	\$120.00
Round Trip Transport	\$101.50	Round Trip Transport	\$145.00
Mileage Charge	\$4.90/mile	Mileage Charge	\$7.00

To set up transportation or if you have further questions, Please call: 610-967-4988



### How does the Subscription work?

All emergency transports are billed to your insurance company. As a subscriber, if your insurance company does not pay anything towards the bill, you will receive a 50% discount of your co-pay. If you do not have insurance, you will receive a 30% discount on your bill. All subscribers will receive a 30% discount on all non-emergency transportation and refusal of services.

### Who is eligible to become a subscriber of the Subscription program?

The program is designed to assist the residents of Emmaus Borough, Upper Milford, Salisbury and Lower Macungie Townships. The entire Lehigh Valley Region can benefit from the subscription program for non-emergency transports.

### Are non-emergency transports covered by my subscription?

On transport not covered by most insurances (Wheelchair Van and Ambulette) you will receive a 30% discount off the fees charged.

### Do I still need a subscription if I have health insurance?

Yes. A subscription will provide a discount on the balance of your bill. When medically necessary, ambulances are typically covered by insurance but there is a chance, after review of the claim by the insurance company, that the claim could be partially covered or denied. The subscriber would receive a discount in those situations.

### Why should I subscribe?

Most insurance providers only pay a portion of the charges for ambulance services; your subscription guarantees that you will not be responsible for all of the outstanding balance.

### Who is covered by the Emmaus Subscription?

Anyone who is a permanent resident in your household.

### I have Medicare or Medicare HMO. Will a subscription benefit me?

If Medicare or Medicare HMO determines ambulance transportation was not medically necessary, the subscriber will only be responsible to pay the "allowable" amount that those insurances approved to be paid, not the full ambulance transportation charge.

### What if I am a Medicaid Recipient?

By law, Medicaid (medical assistance) recipients are prohibited from participating in a subscription program.

### I received a check from my insurance company for services rendered. What should I do with it?

You MUST forward reimbursement received from your insurance company to the billing company.

### Is my subscription fee tax deductible?

NO, subscription fees are NOT tax deductible. Any additional donations you would make would be considered tax deductible.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

Non-Ambulance Service Wheelchair Van (Paratransit) - **30% discount**

Non-Emergency Ambulance Transport - **30% discount**

Emergency Ambulance Transport (Covered) -  
**Subscriber pays deductible**  
**Subscriber pays 50% of Co-pay/Co-Insurance**  
(Medicare and Medicare HMO co-insurance will be waived)

Emergency Ambulance Transport (Non-Covered) - **30% discount**

Emergency Ambulance Service (Lift Assist) - **Not Billed for subscriber**

Emergency Ambulance Service (Treat-No-Transport) - **30% discount**

Ambulance Service - **30% discount**

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Emmaus Ambulance Member

\*KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS\*

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CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

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VALID 364 DAYS AFTER START DATE

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## EMMAUS EMS

### 2025 SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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VALID 364 DAYS AFTER START DATE

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Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrected Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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I give consent to receive text messages from Emmaus EMS pertaining to my account and their services. Message frequency may vary, data rates may apply, and members can text STOP at any time to opt out.

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**Emmaus Emergency Services**

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Over 200 Employees <input type="checkbox"/> \$800	
Business (Employees at Any Time)	
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Total Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 4th – 8th, 2026 and May 11th - 15th, 2026 and again for November 9th - 13th, 2026, and November 16th to 20th, 2026.

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
- Garbage
- Tree Stumps
- Animal Waste
- Lumber
- Dirt
- Sod
- Rocks
- 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 (610) 966 – 3223 or e-mail [info@uppermilford.net](mailto: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 be 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](http://www.uppermilford.net).

### RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO BURN OR LANDFILL 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 waste 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 mulch or \$60.00 for double ground mulch 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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Tim Teel never expected his day to end with a cardiac emergency – or for his heart to stop. Twice. But sudden heart events can strike without warning, and every second matters.

Thanks to our caring, experienced specialists, Tim's back in tune with his health. The experts from Lehigh Valley Health Network, now part of Jefferson Health, encourage you to know the warning signs of a heart attack and trust your instincts. Acting quickly can save a life – just like it did for Tim.

Read Tim's amazing story at [LVHN.org/ListenToYourHeart](https://LVHN.org/ListenToYourHeart).  
For an appointment, call 888-402-LVHN.





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 Sunday Morning.....10:15 AM  
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
 Wednesday.....7:00 PM

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