



# UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Springtime Water Conservation – Save Now & Save Later

By: Emmaus / Upper Milford Township  
Joint EAC

Spring is on the way! People are outside planting gardens, washing their cars and thinking about installing or filling their swimming pools. This means that water usage will be on the rise. However, a dry season and Drought Watch last year may result in lower groundwater levels and continued dry conditions this spring and summer. What can you do to help save water?

Plan your landscaping with native plants. Plants that are native to our area can withstand the fluctuations in temperature and rainfall that we experience in the Lehigh Valley. You won't have to water them as often as other non-native plants. Read the labels on the plants or seeds to determine the ideal growing region for your plants.

Staining your deck or sealing your driveway this spring? Instead of power-washing before applying treatment, try sweeping with a broom or scrubbing with just a bucket of water.

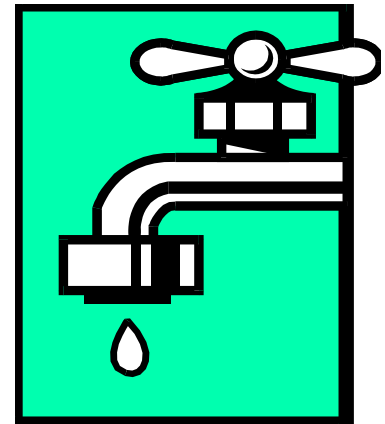
Take a shower with the tub drain closed so you can see how much water you normally use in one shower. Then you can decide if a shower or a bath will use less water! If you (or others in your home) enjoy long showers, set 10-minute timer when you step into the shower as a reminder of how long you've been in.

Experiment with your automatic dishwasher to find out how much pre-rinsing is necessary. Some dishwashers are so effective that you don't even need to rinse your dishes before running the washer! And be sure to wash dishes and laundry only with full loads.

Before you start watering lawns and gardens this year, check all your hoses for leaks, and make sure you have a water-conserving automatic shut-off nozzle.

Filling a swimming pool? A pool cover will save water by preventing evaporation, reducing your need to refill the pool. Invest in a good pool cover, or make sure the one you have is in good condition.

Remember, everyone must work together to save water when we are faced with dry conditions. By following these tips, you can save water and also reduce your water bill or prevent your well from running low.



## Not in My Septic System!

**Cloggers** – diapers, cat litter, cigarette filters, coffee grounds, grease, feminine hygiene products, etc.

**Killers** – household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint, etc.

**If You Have a Septic System . . .** Septic systems can provide long-term, effective treatment of household wastewater if properly designed, constructed and maintained. Keep these things in mind to help your tank function properly:

- Inspect your system (every 1 to 3 years) and pump your tank as necessary, generally every 5 years.
- Use water efficiently.
- Don't dispose of household hazardous wastes in sinks and toilets.
- Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs might clog and damage the drainfield.
- Don't drive or park vehicles on any part of your septic system. Doing so can compact the soil in your drainfield or damage pipes, tank, or other septic system components.

For more information online, visit [www.epa.gov/owm/onsite](http://www.epa.gov/owm/onsite), or call Upper Milford Township at 610-966-3223.

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:

By: Roselynn Parry

Beginning with this issue, the Historical Committee articles will be focused on a thumbnail history report on areas of the Township. Information for the articles is taken from the 1884 "History of Lehigh and Carbon Counties," by Mathews and Hungerford, from interviewing residents at meetings, and from the copious collection of newspaper clippings and writings left to the Historical Committee by Mr. Richard Stauffer, a longtime Old Zionsville resident and local historian, who published a book, "Stauffer-Stouffer-Stover and Related Families," which contained Upper Milford Township history of 1737-1914. The Historical Committee is forever thankful that Mr. Stauffer documented and collected daily history of the Township with such diligence and passion. Much of his collection of data was donated to the Township Historical Committee. We strive to continue this work today.

### Current List of Trash Haulers:

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

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

### Shimerville

Shimerville as discussed in this article refers to the four buildings at the traffic light intersection of 29/100, St. Peter's and Shimerville Road plus a short distance down both 29/100 (King's High Road, King's Highway) and Shimerville Road.

Have you noticed that some of the road signs say Shimerville and some say Shimersville? The old records and newspaper articles say Shimersville. Maybe either way is acceptable.

**Shimerville was founded in 1734 by Durk (Derrick Johnson) Jansen a German Mennonite who bought 352 acres.** He later sold part of it to Jacob Miller (Muller), who was noted as an innkeeper as early as 1774 and part to Paul Dearst. Mr. Miller sold the property to John Shimer (Scheimer) about 1792, who lived here for over 35 years as Justice of the Peace and innkeeper. He had four sons, John B., Charles B., August B., and Jacob B., and two daughters. His hotel and farm passed onto his son, Charles B. Schimer, in

1828. Charles B.'s son, Charles S., carried on the hotel business for a time from 1865. Another son, Jacob S., became a physician, later a minister, and built a large house there in 1858. C.B. Shimer and John B. Shimer also built houses there, and many Shimer descendants became respected business men and citizens. Up until 1850 Shimerville Road had only five houses. By 1884 there were 13 houses.

The original John Shimer farm (where the white house is today on the corner) had a barn across St. Peter's Road near the hotel. This barn burned in 1905 when Harry Schreiber was the owner of the property. The fierce barn fire also burned 120 acres of crops, machinery, and out buildings and threatened the entire village for a time. Fortunately, most of the livestock were saved, and a large bucket brigade also saved the hotel about 30 yards away.

There was a tunnel that led from the original Shimer house to the other side of St. Peter's Road. Evidence of the tunnel remains to this day. Some think the tunnel may have been used for helping slaves in the days of the underground railroad or

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### Pavilion Rentals:

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

## Permits Required

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tree Cutting and Logging Permit** - Required if more than 10 trees / year or more than 30 % of total number of trees on lot. (Call the Township Office for specific information.)

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

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

## Recycling and Yardwaste:

### **Electronic Recycling:**

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

### **Household Hazardous Waste:**

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

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

### **Yard Waste:**

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

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

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

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

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

## 2008 Official Directory

**Emergency** **911**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Daniel DeLong O: 610.966.3223  
Emergency 484.357.6140

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:**

William Stahler C: 484.357.6139

### **ROAD EMERGENCY:**

**Call** **O: 610.966.3223**

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

### **SOLICITOR:**

Worth Law Offices O: 610.437.4896

### **TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:**

CMX O: 215.361.6050  
Fax: 215.361.6160

### **ZONING OFFICER:**

Alan Brokate O: 610.966.3223

### **ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER:**

Harry Kleiner O: 610.966.3223

### **PLANNING COORDINATOR / SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFCR:**

Brian Miller O: 610.966.3223  
Home Office: 610.967.2205

### **TAX COLLECTOR:**

William Weber O: 610.966.5355

### **DEER PICK UP:**

State Road O: 610.798.4280  
Township Road: O: 610.926.3136

### **FIRE: (Non-Emergency)**

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

### **AMBULANCE: (Non-Emergency)**

Macungie O: 610.966.2601  
Emmaus O: 610.967.5615

### **POLICE: (Non-Emergency)**

PA State Police O: 610.395.1438

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: (Continued)

perhaps used during prohibition times. But the current residents think, in researching practices in early times, the tunnel was a necessary link between the house and its barn across the way.

The hotel has been a central part of Shimerville history as the original land owner, Durk Jansen. The date when the first hotel was established is not clear, but recorded inn-keepers start with Jacob Miller and include John Shimer, Charles B. Shimer, John Kneiss, Joseph Beidler, Joshua Stahler, Reuben Stahler, George Beck, Charles S. Shimer, Jacob Riegel, and William B. Shaffer & Co. by 1878. And that's just from the early days! Evolution of the hotel building over the years has brought it to its present use as Hendrixson's Furniture.

**The Shimerville store was started in 1839 by Joshua and Reuben Stahler.** Other storekeepers included Llewellyn Shimer, Mark and Schantz, Henry S. Kern, Howard Stauffer, Elmer Herzog, and Theodore Knauss. The post office was established in the store building in 1854 with Reuben Stahler as postmaster. Charles B. Shimer became postmaster when Stahler resigned in 1855. Later postmasters were Dr. Albert M. Sigmund and John L. Schreiber. Soon the storekeepers served in the capacity. In 1862 the

store was destroyed by fire, and a new store was built the same year.

William H. Huff began a blacksmith shop in 1884 next to his home along King's High Road (King's Highway, Route 29/100, beside the large white Southern style home with the iron fence). Mrs. Elizabeth Jessup Keck lived in that smaller house many years until her death at 103 years on January 12th, 2008.

Daniel N. Kern started a blacksmith shop in 1867 on his father's farm on the road to Vera Cruz which he conducted for 25 years along with repairing watches, clocks, and sewing machines. He also started a very successful business raising German carp in 1881 which he conducted for over 16 years before selling it to Jordan Brothers of Coopersburg and moving to Allentown. These carp ponds were located near Kern's School House, which is the building at the fork in Shimerville Road where the left branch goes to Emmaus and the right to Vera Cruz on Main Road West. Believe it or not, this building was also Upper Milford High School at one time! The first school building there was opened in 1820, and a new one was erected in 1843 with John Schell as the first

teacher. In recent times the building has been converted into a residence.

One last interesting note on Shimerville. Old milestones were placed at intervals along the King's Highway for early post riders and later stage coaches on this road leading from Macungie to Goshenhoppen or Philadelphia. One of the last three remaining such stones was known to have stood at the northwest corner of Llewellyn Shimer's barn (now Aunt Daisy's) with the inscription: 47M (miles) to Pha (Philadelphia) 4 1/8M to G.P. (Goshenhoppen Pike). Records indicate the stone, 24 inches high, 18 inches wide, 6 inches thick, was still standing as of November, 1963. Sadly, nobody knows what happened to the marker, but local residents attest to having seen it.

We've only scratched the surface of the history of Shimerville. If you are interested in more, the Historical Committee invites you to any of our meetings, the last Thursday of the month, 7 PM at the Township Building. We are a very informal, small group, so please do not hesitate to join us as we document, research, and collect Township history.

### Planning on Digging?

- Call Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc (POCS) three business days before you dig at 1-800-242-1776 or 8—1—1
- PA Act 287 as amended requires excavators as well as private land owners to call POCS three business days prior to any type of digging occurs with powered equipment.
- Mark your area in white 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 facility lines using yellow stakes, flags or paint.



### Pennsylvania House of Representatives Information:

**Representative Karen D. Beyer 131st District Pennsylvania House of Representatives (Upper Milford Western District) located at:**

#### Satellite Office:

5831 King's Highway South (Township Building)  
Old Zionsville, PA 18068  
Phone: (610) 966—3223  
Office Hours: Tuesdays from 9 AM until 4 PM

#### Some of the services available are the following:

- Obtaining certified copies of birth and death certificates.
- Absentee ballots and voter registration forms.

**Representative Douglas Reichley 134th District Pennsylvania House of Representatives (Upper Milford Eastern District) located at:**

1245 Chestnut Street, Suite # 5  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
Phone: (610) 965—9933

## “ Stop Mowing is good”? Or “When is less mowing good” ?

By: Angelika Forndran

Before the winter most homeowners clear out the plants that are fading and get ready to rake the falling leaves. We place some mulch around the flower or vegetable beds. Rural landowners thin out some brush and distribute the cuttings and leaves as compost. There is that last mowing pass on the lawn areas and then cleaning and storing the mower, to start all over again in the spring. What if someone suggested that next year, to mow less, and let more plants grow . Would you say, that's crazy! Or ask why ? what do you mean?

If you have a piece of land with a creek flowing through it, you would mow less to establish a “streamside buffer” also known as a “riparian buffer”. “Riparian” meaning “along the river”. A buffer is a permanent area of trees and plants adjacent to the stream providing a protective transition zone between water and land uses.

The benefits of keeping vegetation along the stream channel are many:

- Shade trees keep the water cooler in the summer
- Plants and shrubs hold the bank and

reduce erosion

- Cooler water with less sediment in it means better water quality
- Vegetation intercepts variety of pollutants from stormwater runoff
- Stable banks and better water quality provide a habitat corridor for wildlife in the stream and along the land
- Not mowing to the water's edge means less noise, fuel use, fumes and work.

It may take two seasons to develop the beauty of a riparian buffer zone. The ideal is to have Pennsylvania native trees and plants grow along the stream and keep the invasive plants away. Once established, the butterflies, frogs, turtles and birds will come on their own. A defined corridor that is safe for other wildlife will offer them passage through the property away from the house.

In many communities, the ordinances require a “no-build” zone along water bodies and wetlands ranging anywhere from 20 feet to

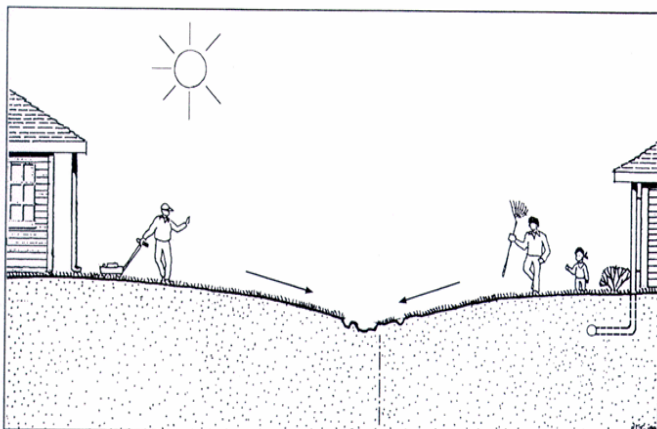
as much as 75 feet because this riparian buffer protects against flood damage. (50 feet in Upper Milford Township)

If you have looked at the stream or creek through your property and realize that it dries up and looks pretty plain and empty of life in the hot summer months, or the streambank seems to be washing away more during every heavy rain, consider growing a riparian buffer next year.

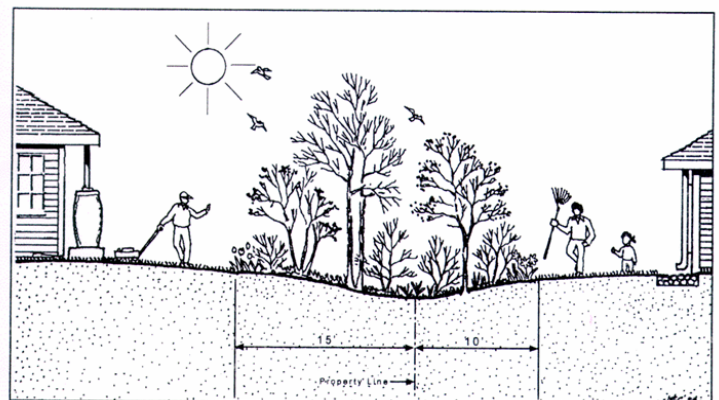
There are many sources of information available for assistance in determining how to start, what distance from the stream to set aside, or what native plants to seed. Some of these sources are The Wildlands Conservancy at [www.wildlandspa.org](http://www.wildlandspa.org) , your local watershed group or your local Environmental Advisory Council such as the Borough of Emmaus – Upper Milford Township Joint Environmental Advisory Council which can be contacted through Jeff Clapper at the Borough of Emmaus (610 -965-9288) or Dan Delong at Upper Milford Township (610-966-3223).

## How to care for a stream

- Develop “No Mow Buffers” along all streams.
- Encourage rainwater control and recycling: eg., water from roof drain downspout outfalls to rock dissipater, instead of storm sewer, rain barrels for water for gardens



**BEFORE:** DRAINAGE SWALE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT  
Unproductive, no privacy, rapid runoff, erosion, downspout connection to drain system.

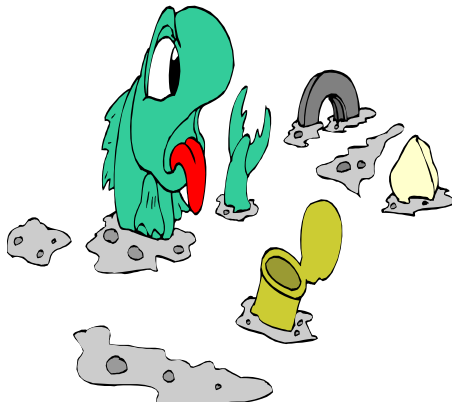


**AFTER:** VEGETATED DRAINAGE SWALE  
Rainbarrel and planting reduce runoff impact, provide privacy, wildlife habitat, and improved water quality filter. Disconnected downspout, outfall into rock energy dissipator

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## Household Hazardous Wastes – 2008 Drop-Off Dates

Lehigh County's Office of Solid Waste is offering two dates in 2008 for residents to dispose of their household hazardous wastes. This program is FREE for all Lehigh County residents, but pre-registration is required, so visit [www.lehighcounty.org](http://www.lehighcounty.org) and click on "Solid Waste" to register, or call 610-799-4177 ext. 229. This program is an easy way for residents to safely dispose of unwanted hazardous wastes in a way that protects our environment and precious water supplies from contamination. Please consider participating in one of the 2008 events!



### **This year's drop-off dates are:**

Spring and Fall  
Dates To Be Announced

### **Location:**

Lehigh County Authority Wastewater

Plant, 7676 Industrial Boulevard, Fogelsville.

### **Items that will be accepted include:**

oil-based paints  
paint thinner, turpentine  
stains, varnishes  
batteries  
gasoline, gas/oil mix  
kerosene  
mercury, thermometers  
fluorescent tubes  
roof tar, driveway sealer  
pool/spa chemicals  
photo chemicals  
insecticides/pesticides  
weed killers, fertilizers  
glues/adhesives

Need to dispose of an item not listed above?  
Visit [www.lehighcounty.org](http://www.lehighcounty.org) and click on "Solid Waste" to learn more about proper disposal methods.

## What you should know about RADON

### **What is RADON?**

Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas. It comes from the breakdown of uranium in rocks and soil.

Radon enters your home through hollow block walls, cracks in the foundation floor and walls, and openings around floor drains, pipes and sump holes.

### **Did you know...**

After smoking, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, and is estimated to cause approximately 15,000 deaths in the United States annually.

An estimated 40 percent of Pennsylvania homes have **RADON** levels greater than the EPA guideline of 4 pCi/L.

### **How do you know if your home has high radon levels?**

You and your family are most likely to get your greatest exposure at home.

The only way to know the radon level in your home is to test.

You may perform the test yourself

using a Pennsylvania certified test device:

- Purchased at home center/hardware store.
- From a Pennsylvania certified laboratory.
- You may hire a Pennsylvania tester to perform the test.

### **There are two types of radon tests:**

- **Short term test:** These tests are placed for 2 to 7 days and provide a quick screening result. Closed house conditions must be maintained during these tests.
- **Long term test:** These tests are placed from 3 to 12 months and provide a long-term average of the home's radon level. Closed house conditions are required for these tests.

The cost of a test is about \$20—\$30 for a do it yourself test, and about \$90—\$120 for a certified tester to test your home.

### **For further information:**

- RADON Toll Free Hotline: 800-23RADON
- PA DEP website at: <http://www.state.pa.us> (Keyword "DEP RADON")
- EPA website at: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/radon>; 800-SOS-RADON
- Upper Milford Township at 610-966-3223

## **Why should I recycle?**



**SAVE**



**ENERGY**



**RESOURCES**

Making new things from recycled ones takes less money, less energy, and less of the Earth's resources. Because less energy is used, factories don't release as much pollution either.

## Zoning Department:

By: Assistant Zoning Officer, Harry Kleiner

A few friendly spring reminders from our Zoning Department:

- Please remember, again, to keep pets, particularly dogs and cats, under control on your property. Roaming animals that deposit waste randomly are not appreciated. Those who love their pets will understand that such activity is not good for the beloved pets, either. Please help by exercising better supervision of pets!
- Spring is the time for renewal as we become more aware of our surroundings. The unusual winter weather has caused many problems with uprooted trees as well as trees leaning dangerously towards roadways and buildings. Such conditions regarding trees or other vegetation require prompt attention from the property owner upon whose property the tree or vegetation is growing. It becomes the responsibility of that property owner to adequately address the problem. It is important to preserve the excellent quality

of life we all enjoy here in Upper Milford Township!

- The Township is receiving numerous complaints regarding the placement of items (stones, mulch, topsoil, snow, discarded branches, etc.) onto roadways. Please remember this action constitutes a violation of Township Ordinance No. 99 and should be avoided for the safety of motorists and many other reasons. Show your commitment to good citizenship by properly disposing of such items and being considerate of others as well as the Township.
- The rampant growth of vegetation is a problem throughout the Township, particularly involving trees and shrubbery too close to the traveled portion of the roadway. Branches extending out into the space of the roadway area must be trimmed back. Certain areas of the Township
- Finally, another reminder about zoning

permits. Most any activity, addition or changes to your property, with the exception of routine maintenance and some landscaping, will require a permit. Here in Upper Milford Township we are no different from most other jurisdictions in this regard. Please check with the Township when contemplating any activity, project, improvement or change on your property to see what (if any) permit is required. A hearty "Thank You" from the Zoning Department!



## Emmaus Public Library:

By: Frances Larash

Library Services are available to all Upper Milford Township Residents. The Emmaus Public Library is the place to be—there's always something happening. And, if high levels of activity are not your strong suit, the library offers so much in the way of quieter entertainments, such as books, audiobooks, videos and DVDs. Check the library website (<http://www.emmauspl.org>) each month for a calendar of events. Remember that the library has computers available for the public use with high-speed internet access, word processing programs and research databases.

The library homepage (<http://www.emmauspl.org>) is the place to look for links to the on-line catalog, the **POWERLibrary**, **ReferenceUSA**, **Ask-HerePA**, and many others. By using the on-line catalog, you can view your account, renew items, and reserve items. Make sure you have a PIN number assigned so you can use these features. Your library card is the key to the **POWERLibrary** and **ReferenceUSA**. **ReferenceUSA** is the source for infor-

mation about businesses of all sizes and residential information.

The Friends of Emmaus Public Library will hold their **Annual Book Sale** on Saturday, April 26th. Friday, April 25th is Preview Night for Friends' members. (You can easily become a Friend by remitting your application before the event, or joining at the door.) This is a **gigantic** sale, so big that it completely fills the cafeteria of the Lower Macungie Middle School.

Two special talks will be presented by Tom Gettings of the Wildlands Conservancy. The first is called "**Walk for Wellness**" on April 28th at 7 PM. The second is "**Lehigh River Watershed**" on August 27th at 7 PM.

The library will offer its series of computer-related workshops in April. Each is about ninety minutes in length and is presented by professional library staff. **Of Mice and Icons** (April 9th at 2PM) is an introduction to basic computer use. **Internet Searching** (April 9th at 7 PM) covers highlights of Google and will be somewhat customized to the questions of the attendees. **POWERLibrary** (April 16th at 7

PM) is an introduction to the 41 databases that make up this marvelous reference source, which is provided by Commonwealth Libraries. **What to Read** (April 23rd at 7 PM) will show you the ins and outs of several book and reading databases and provide some inside tips on using the library's own catalog. **Genealogy** (April 30th at 7 PM) is an always-popular workshop and each session is different because there is so much material available to search, with more being added daily. **Ancestry.com** (available as a free database in the library building) will be explored.

Workshops-on-Demand is a new service offered by the professional staff. Any of the workshops mentioned above can be scheduled at the library and customized for your group—book discussion group, home—schooling group, business partners, etc. Call the library to schedule your workshop.

**Address:**  
**11 E. Main Street**  
**Emmaus, PA 18049**  
**Phone: (610) 965—9284**

# Meeting Schedules:

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

## ZONING HEARING BOARD:

2nd Monday of each Month at 7:30 PM

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

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

## RECREATION COMMISSION:

3rd Monday of each Month at 7:30 PM

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL:

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

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

2nd Wednesday of each Month at 7:30 PM

## UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP

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

### Office Hours:

Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM  
Saturdays and Sundays the office is closed.

## Tax Collector:

Bill Weber, Tax Collector for Upper Milford Township maintains office hours out of his home. Mr. Weber's information is listed below:

### Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### Phone No.

(610) 966—5355

### Physical Address:

5563 Acorn Drive  
Emmaus, PA 18049

### Mailing Address:

PO Box 265  
Old Zionsville, PA 18068

Appointments can be scheduled with Mr. Weber.

## Vera Cruz Sewer Project Status:

By: Dan DeLong, Township Manager

Lehigh County Authority, Upper Milford Township's representative for Public Sewer Projects, named the firm of **SPOTTS | STEVENS | McCOY Engineers and Consultants** as the *design consultant* for the proposed Vera Cruz Sewer Project.

This Action allows **SSM** to begin detailed design and evaluation of various routes and methods of extending a public sewage collection system to the area South of Emmaus and Vera Cruz.

**SSM's** authorization task includes the detailed evaluation of a Low Pressure Collection System whereby each property would have a small sewerage pump and also the feasibility of a combination gravity system, supplemented with several large pumping stations and including small grouping of areas with Low Pressure Systems.

The detailed evaluations and design

will take place over the next six months with the end result expected to provide clear direction of the actual routing and also the type of system, (Low Pressure, Gravity, Pumping Stations, etc.).

The Township and Lehigh County Authority will provide additional information when it becomes available in order to keep the owners and residents informed as to the status of this ongoing project.

