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Upper Milford Historical Society Publishes a book on the History of Upper Milford

It's on its way! Watch for it! A book, that is, of vintage photos and Upper Milford history that was finally completed and sent to the publisher as of January 20, 2012. No kidding!

Over a year ago a dedicated committee of Upper Milford Historical Society members began collecting old photos and information to accompany each picture. The goal was to gather at least 230 vintage photos to be published in a book about Upper Milford Township in the "Images of America" series put out by the Arcadia Publishing Company. You have probably seen these books with histories of neighboring areas in many bookstores and places of business.

When the committee began working, the goal seemed practically unattainable, because the society had very few photographs that met the Arcadia standards for publication. Only originals were accepted, no newspaper copies or computer copies. The society had many copies (of copies, of other copies, etc., etc.) but few originals. And, we needed over 200 photos!

But never underestimate the tenacity of contacts of Historical Society members bent on digging up information! I think quite a few of you, fellow residents, met one of these committee members looking for photos and information. Let me tell you about this hard working group.

There was Henry Beitler, former postmaster and a native of Upper Milford, who knows everything and everybody, (as we always say!) about years gone by, since he has been a part of Old Zionsville/Zionsville history for over 90 years. When we need an answer, we say, "Ask Henry." Henry dug up lots of information and leads for our book.

Then we had Barbara Harris, nee Schreiber, who is in the same class as Henry, knowing people and places of past Upper Milford. Being in the Schreiber/Schantz lineage puts her in touch with what seems like

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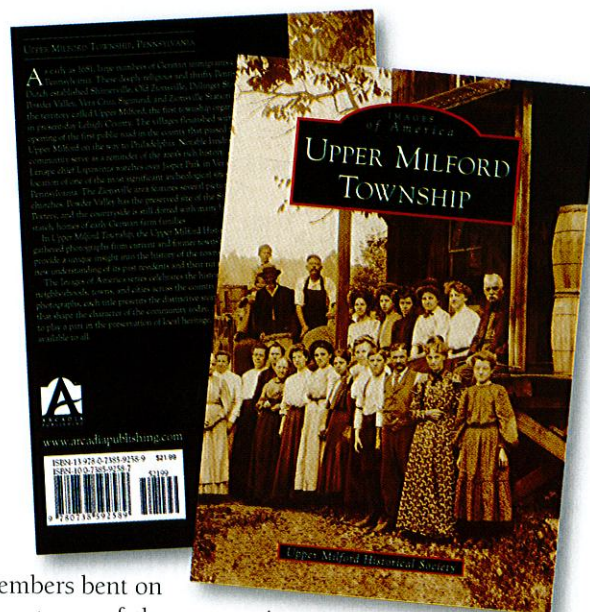


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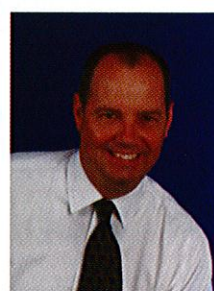
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half of the people in and near the township! Barbara led us to many photos for the book from her contacts with relatives and friends, as well as from her own treasured materials. Husband Aris was a most accommodating help in Barbara's mission.

Moving to the Powder Valley area for committee members, need I say any more than Beulah Miller, Pauline Fritz, and Barbara Heist. All of them are in the Miller lineage, and that means half of the Powder Valley of earlier days. It didn't hurt a bit that Beulah and Barbara published a book in 1976 of Powder Valley history and are authorities about the area. Pauline, being Beulah's daughter growing up in Powder Valley, has lived and learned her history well and added much insight to our text.

Covering Vera Cruz, you probably know who our committee members were – John Fegley and Joe Benner, of course, who else? Their names are synonymous with Vera Cruz history! When we need the real story or the details about that area, including our famous Jasper pits in Jasper Park, we ask John or Joe. They've probably forgotten more about Vera Cruz than the rest of us can remember.

Neil Moser is a dedicated researcher who not only sourced out many facts for our book but also spent hours traveling around the township to track down quality pictures we could use. If you need something accomplished, ask Neil to do it. We can count on him, and, boy, do we ever!

And then we come to the pictures in the book! One committee person, and one person alone, took the photos that the above mentioned committee members gathered and turned them into quality copies that adhered to the publishing company's specifications. That would be Sid Unser of Spring Hill Picture Framing and Photography. You know, the place on the bad curve going into Macungie where cars are always crashing into the stone wall! Without Sid performing his magic on the photos, we would not have been able to put this book together. Period!

These committee members accomplished the practically unattainable, and more. They managed to dig up many more photos than the 127 page, two photos per page limit allowed in this particular book series. That means the digital photo archives of the Historical Society now hold many pictures that can put into our own in-house booklets on subjects about the township. We can use materials that didn't pass muster under the publishing company's restrictions. We can share more information and findings with you, the township residents, which is a major reason for the Society's existence.

Oh, and by the way, Roselyn Parry (Rose) was also a committee member. That's me. I mostly pushed all the other members to distraction as I wrote the text and honed in on the ever-looming publishing deadline. We hope you will approve the result of our efforts. The book is on its way! Watch for it!

After the above article was written, word was received from the Arcadia Publishing Company that the Historical Society Book will be published the week of July 30, 2012. People interested in having a copy will be able to buy one at the following times:

1. Vera Cruz Homecoming in August
2. In the Historical Society Room in the Township Building:
 Thursday evenings 7 PM - 9 PM
 Saturday mornings, 9 AM - 11 AM
 Beginning August 11 through October

3. At any Historical Society meeting, the last Thursday of every month

4. If none of these times are convenient, call 610-966-4851 and we'll try to accommodate your schedule.

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PPL Electric Utilities Readies Reliability Upgrade

A PPL Electric Utilities project to replace an 83-year-old power line in this area of Lehigh County is scheduled to start in August.

The rebuilding of the Hosensack-Wescosville transmission line represents an investment of about \$16 million to improve reliability and invest in the future power needs of the region. The utility plans to rebuild a nearly 10-mile section of the line that begins near the Hosensack substation in Lower Milford Township, north to its Wescosville substation in Upper Macungie. The line also passes through part of Lower Macungie and Upper Milford townships.

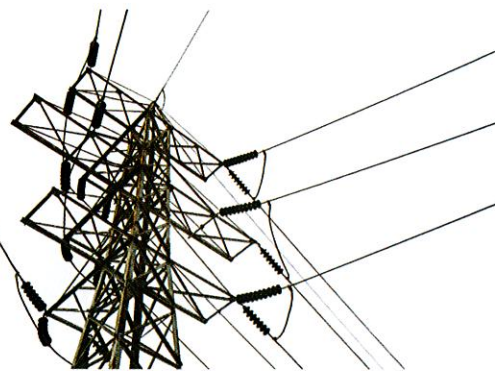
An open house to discuss the project with residents and solicit their feedback was held in December 2010 at the Lower Macungie Community Center.

The project involves replacing existing lattice-style towers with single-shaft steel poles. Power lines - like all infrastructure - need

to be replaced from time to time to ensure safe and reliable operation. PPL Electric Utilities does not need additional right of way for the project and work will be done using existing easement agreements.

We'll communicate with property owners along the line route to keep them informed about the project. PPL Electric Utilities, as it does in all its projects, tries to minimize impacts and inconvenience during construction. We expect work to be concluded in May 2013.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Melinda Maldonado Stumpf, PPL's new regional community relations director for the Lehigh Valley area, at 610-774-5249.



UMYA (Upper Milford Youth Association)

This past January, Dr. Dave Perry stepped down as the Upper Milford Youth Association President after serving a three year term. Dave was extremely instrumental in updating the UMYA website to accommodate online registration and online payment options. Along with being President, Dave also was our basketball coordinator, a post he will continue to serve in moving forward. I want to personally thank him for all of his dedication and work he has done for UMYA and if you see him on the fields or on the courts...make sure to tell him thanks!

UMYA continues to provide a great environment for kids of all ages and skill levels to be able to play sports with their friends and neighbors. The leagues that the UMYA teams participate in encourage player development and recreation. In the spring we offer several sports to choose from; T-Ball (5-6yrs), Baseball (ULMK), Softball (EPGSL) and Soccer (NVYSL and LVYSL). During the summer months, UMYA offers Volleyball and Kickball. In the fall, we have our Kinder Soccer Program (4-5yrs), Soccer, Baseball and Softball and in the winter we have Basketball (EPYBL). Don't forget to check out our discounted lift ticket packages to Bear Creek too!!! All of the registrations and player/team info can be accessed from our website www.umya.org

Signups for our sports are during the following times:

Spring Sports: January through March

Summer Sports: May and June

Fall Sports: June through August

Winter Sports: October and November

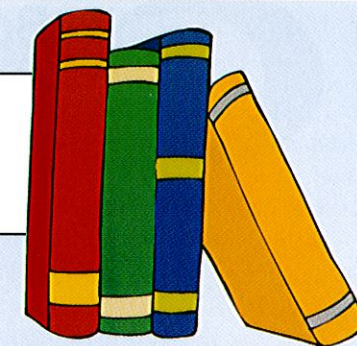
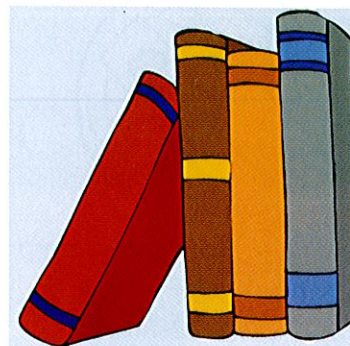
Please visit us on www.umya.org for more information and follow us on Facebook too!!!!

As both a parent and a coach, one of most simple joys in life is watching our kids learning and enjoying a sport...having fun with friends and neighbors...priceless!!!

Matt Skekel - UMYA President



FROM THE EMMAUS PUBLIC LIBRARY



A reminder to all:

Regular library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 am to 9 pm, and Saturday, from 10 am to 5 pm.

The library offers all citizens of Upper Milford Township free access to computers with the Internet and word processing. The library has information regarding programs for jobseekers available through CareerLink.

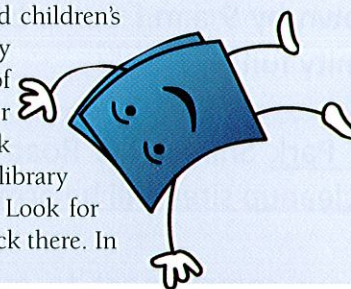
New to the library this year is a virtual library of e-books and downloadable audiobooks. The link to this library and its



titles (<http://cldl.lib.overdrive.com>) is on the library webpage. Check out items by using your library card number and your PIN and download them to the device you own - Kindle, iPad, Nook, MP3 player, iPod or many others. There is no charge for this service.

TUMBLEBOOKS Tumblebooks-e-books for e-kids. This link on the library website features read-alongs, story books, puzzles and games. This is a free database that offers an opportunity for young readers to improve their reading skills while enjoying some very good children's literature.

Recently Tumblebooks has made some of its titles available for downloading to ipads. The link to Tumblebooks is on the library website (www.emmauspl.org). Look for the *tumbling* book icon and click there. In



March, another level of the Tumble Library - TumbleReadables - will be added, featuring read-along titles for elementary, middle school, and high school students.

The summer reading programs at the library will be exciting as the theme is "Dream Big - Read". There will be activities for everyone. Watch especially for Family Nights on Thursdays during the summer. Young readers will be able to find books to match their interests and help with their reading skills during the summer and rewards for children who participate will be listed in June. Check at the library or on the website for information about book discussion groups for grades 4-5, 6-7-8, and high school. Books for students in the discussion groups are provided by the Friends of Emmaus Public Library.

This summer, there will be a reading club for adults, "Between the Covers", from June 18 to July 30. Fill out a review form for a book you have read, in print or electronically, and deposit it in the prize box of your choice. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the drawings on July 30 at 7pm, when anyone who participated may come and present a review of a favorite book (limit one person, three times.) There will be special programs for adults, in addition to the Family Nights. Check at the library and watch local media and the library website for more information as summer draws nearer.

The library have many services and items for all ages. The collection of large print books grows monthly as does the number of titles in the audiobook on cd collection.

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Earth Day 2012 – Community Cleanup

Saturday, April 21

9 AM to 2 PM

RAIN or SHINE



WHO: Community members from Emmaus, Lower Macungie and Upper Milford are invited to participate in this fun, earth-conscious event!

WHAT: Cleaning up litter and debris from local sites around the borough and townships.

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.

WHEN: Saturday, April 21. We will begin gathering at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and to get organized, then start cleaning up the town by 9 a.m.! Come back to the park afterwards for snacks & educational community fun!

WHERE: Meet at the Emmaus Community Park Shimerville Road at South 14th Street. Instructions and directions to all the cleanup sites will be provided.

WHY: Earth Day 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 important 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 at emmausuppermilfordeac.blogspot.com, or email the EAC at eacinfo@uppermilford.net to be placed on an email list for updates!

This is a free, public event and photos may be taken at any time. Parents and group leaders are responsible for ensuring all children are properly supervised for safety and any special needs are addressed.

Composting – Starting the Year out Right

Compost is simply decomposed organic material. The organic material can be plant material or animal matter. Composting is a very simple and natural process that continuously occurs in nature, often without any assistance from mankind. Backyard composting is the art and science of combining unwanted yard waste, food scraps, and other organic materials under controlled conditions so that the original raw ingredients are transformed into compost. Anyone can effectively manage the composting process. The trick is to maximize the process of decomposition, while avoiding the unpleasant effects of the natural process of decaying matter. Ideally, the location of the compost pile should be convenient to the garden, as well as close to the source of the raw materials (kitchen scraps, lawn clippings, etc.), without being an unappealing eyesore.

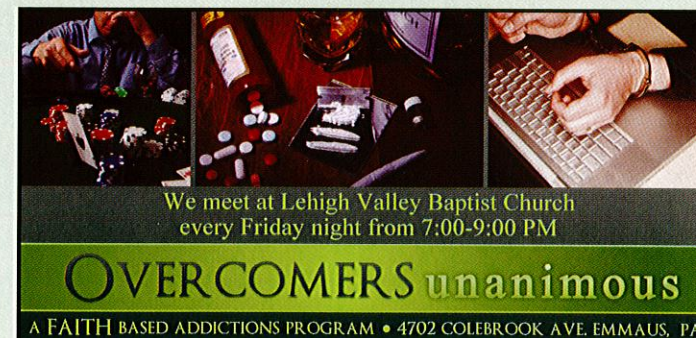
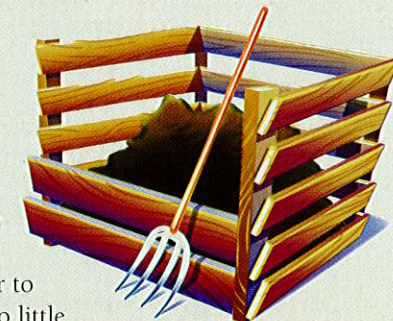
There are two basic kinds of compost piles: open bins and enclosed containers. Open bins can be constructed with wood, chicken wire, or recycled plastic. Enclosed containers for composting usually consist of one of two designs: upright box-like containers, and rotating drums.

Tips for Composting:

- Gather grass clippings and green yard waste but be sure to mix the clippings with "brown" materials like leaves and shredded paper to add carbon. If only grass is added to the pile, it will compact and start to stink.
- Do not compost meats or pet droppings. Stick with food scraps and yard waste only.
- Avoid all pesticides and/or herbicide treated material.
- If weeds are added to the pile make sure the pile is good and hot. It should be steaming hot, not just warm; otherwise it may not kill the seeds.
- Turn the compost pile as often possible. Each time it is turned the process will speed up.
- Keep compost damp but not wet. As material is added to the pile make sure that each layer is moist when added. During the summer months the pile will dry out and the composting process will slow down.
- Too much material to compost at one time? Make a second or third pile. Stop adding material to a pile that is underway and start a new pile. This will insure you get a chance to use the compost this season.
- Add compost to the garden a few weeks before planting. Let the compost have a chance to work into the soil. Mix the compost in and let it sit before planting.
- Don't worry about trying to keep bugs out of your compost. Bugs, worms and most bugs are ok.
- The compost process works best at temperature between 120 and 150 degrees.

Eight Items to Add to Your Compost Pile Now

1. Food scraps are the first thing most people think of when they're considering starting a compost pile. Fruit and vegetable peelings will break down and eventually give you nutrient soil for your garden.
2. Human hair is compostable and recyclable. Hair from your hairbrush and fur from your pet are full of useful nitrogen that can be thrown in the compost pile.
3. Most forms of clean, non-treated paper can be composted. The dry material will help balance the ratio of "green" (carbon-rich) to "brown" (nitrogen-rich) materials in the pile. Compostable papers include bills, junk mail, paper towels, paper napkins, paper plates and newspaper.
4. Cardboard items can be thrown in the bin as a dry material. Remember to shred the cardboard into little pieces before composting. Cardboard items commonly used around the house include toilet paper rolls, and paper cartons from eggs and berries. Keep in mind that all cardboard should be clean and grease-free.
5. Stale starches such as bread, crackers, pretzels and even cooked pasta and cooked rice can be beneficial for your compost because these drier items will help offset the wetter kitchen waste such as vegetable trimmings or used coffee grounds.
6. Like dead leaves and paper products, used coffee grounds and tea bags have high carbon content, which is a necessary element to maintaining a healthy compost system.
7. Ashes from the fireplace, lint from the dryer and the dusty contents of a vacuum bag post-clean can all be placed in the compost bin.
8. Left over wine can be added to a compost pile. The ingredients in the beverage itself actually encourage the decomposition process.



2012 UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

The collection dates will be scheduled for May 14th -18th, 2012 and November 12th -16th, 2012.

Residents desiring to use the roadside pickup service will be required to purchase a yard waste pickup 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 pickup will result in materials not being collected:

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| ✗ 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 pickup. Notification must be received by the Township prior to 12 noon on Friday of the collection week or materials 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.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO BURN OR LANDFILL LEAVES AND YARDWASTE.

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 Upper Milford Township Yard Waste Drop Off Site is located at 5255 Churchview Road, Zionsville, behind the Public Works Garage. See Rules and Regulations for hours and restrictions.

MULCH

Periodically throughout the year, when the branch pile is large enough, the Public Works Department grinds the branches into a single ground mulch which is then made available to the Township residents. The mulch is located behind the Public Works Garage near the Yard Waste Drop Off site. Mulch is free to residents who load themselves. If you wish the Township personnel to load it on your truck or trailer the following loading fees apply:

- \$5.00 per Loader Bucket Scoop (2.5 CY)**
- \$15.00 per Single Axle Dump Truck**
- \$40.00 per Tri-Axle Dump Truck**
- \$75.00 per Semi Walk-Up Trailer**

Contact the Township Office to set up an appointment to load your vehicle. You must pay for the mulch at the office prior to being loaded. Typically, mulch will be loaded between 7-7:30 A.M. and 2:45-3:00 P.M.

Mulch is also available for delivery by the Township. The delivery fee is \$25.00 per load/trip, which is approximately 7-8 CY. Contact the Township Office to schedule a delivery. Fees must be paid prior to delivery and made at the Township Office, drivers cannot accept payment. Delivery is subject to driver availability and weather permitting. Please mark the area the mulch is to be dumped. Please note it is up to the driver's discretion as to whether or not he can get off the driveway. Township is no responsible for damage to driveways or lawns. (If directed to get off the driveway).

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP 2012 YARD WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITY SCHEDULE, RULES AND REGULATIONS

- For use by Upper Milford Township residents only.
- Access to the site is limited to vehicles no larger than a pick up truck with an eight (8') foot long bed or an eight (8') foot long trailer being pulled by a car or suv.
- Commercial haulers or yard service providers are prohibited from using or entering the drop-off facility for any purpose unless authorized by the Township in writing.
- Acceptable materials:
 - ✗ Grass
 - ✗ Leaves
 - ✗ Leafy garden residue
 - ✗ Branches & brush up to four (4") inches in diameter, no longer than eight (8') feet
 - ✗ Logs four (4") inches and greater in diameter cut to twenty (20") inches maximum lengths



- All leaf materials; branches and logs must be separated and placed at the designated location(s).
- The following materials are strictly prohibited from being dropped off or deposited at the Township's site: sod, soil, stones, demolition materials, stumps, logs – four (4") inches or greater in diameter longer than twenty (20") inch lengths, animal waste, trash or treated lumber.

- Hours of operation: Wednesday, 12:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. but no later than one half hour after sunset (dusk), Saturday, 12:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
- During leaf clean up season (Mid October thru mid December) the site will be open week days, except holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Any person or entity violating the rules and regulations for the use of the yard waste facility will be subject to criminal prosecution and upon conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 and cost, and in default thereof to undergo imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

For further information or if you have questions contact the Township Office at 610-966-3223, Monday thru Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.



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Citizens Fire Company & Upper Milford Western District Fire Company Mark 70 Years of Service

Old Zionsville and Vera Cruz Volunteer responded to a combined record of 393 calls last year.

By George DeVault

The last straw came when a fire burned the very heart out of Zionsville early in the morning of March 2, 1941. The blaze destroyed not just Yeakel's general store, but also the storekeeper's attached home, the post office and an adjoining clothing factory that employed 60 people. Postmaster Emanuel Yeakel was severely burned on the head, face and hands as he saved two sacks of mail and six packages from the burning building, and then tried to fight the flames with a garden hose, according to a Morning Call article.

The nearest firefighters responded to the blaze from miles away in Macungie and Emmaus. By the time the volunteers arrived, it was too little, too late. Firefighters could only hose down the burning ruins. Four brick walls and a chimney were all that remained.

"Enough!" declared worried Upper Milford residents. We need a fire company in the Township for our mutual protection!

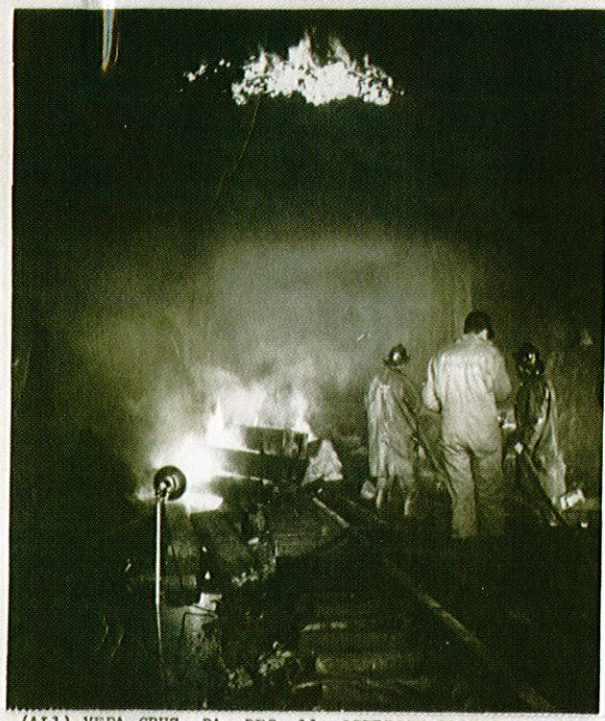
But how? Where? One idea was to have a firehouse located somewhere around the geographic center of the township, maybe near King's Highway School. Citizens from all over Upper Milford gathered at the Zionsville Reformed Church on March 4, 1942, to answer those questions. They decided to have not one, but two fire companies, one in Old Zionsville, the other in Vera Cruz.

"That was probably the best thing they could have

done," said 94 year-old Henry Beitler, the last surviving charter member of either fire company. Beitler was fire chief in Old Zionsville for two years in the mid-1970's - when there were about half a dozen fire calls a year.

Public pressure for local fire protection became even more urgent when, just a few weeks later, fire destroyed the Old Zionsville Hotel on March 29, 1942. As the fire raged, it was feared the innkeeper's two young sons, ages two and four, had perished in the flames along with the maid. The boys, it was learned later, were safely with their grandparents in Hellertown. The maid was visiting friends on a day off. The only casualties were the family's two dogs, which were trapped in the basement, the Evening Chronicle reported. Again, volunteers from Macungie and Emmaus were called. They did what little they could.

Progress was neither quick nor easy. It wasn't cheap, either. The world was at war. Fire trucks and other equipment were scarce. They cost a lot of money. In late 1942, the Old Zionsville fire company bought the chassis of a 1937 Diamond T coal truck for \$1,400. It was outfitted with a body and pump in Indiana, and placed in service in October, 1943. The truck was housed in Irwin Sell's garage until 1952, when Old Zionsville opened its own firehouse.



(All) VERA CRUZ, PA. DEC. 11--STUBBORN FLAMES--Roofing timbers, some pulled from their moorings by a diesel, burn while firemen prepare to play water from natural streams on either side of the Reading Co. track in the Dillinger Tunnel near Vera Cruz. Firemen are still at the scene. (AP WIREPHOTO) (61155 dec ace) 1959

The first fire truck in Vera Cruz started with an old Civil Defense pump that came on a trailer with steel wheels. Members mounted the pump on an International truck chassis. The total cost was \$2,800. The truck was housed for some six years in the old Vera Cruz silk mill owned by William Yeakel.

In each village, a fire siren was purchased and erected to alert volunteers to emergencies. Fire helmets, coats, and boots hung on the side of the truck or garage walls. When a fire call came in, the first volunteers to arrive scrambled for gear. On good days, they found boots that matched, a coat that fit.

Over the years, both fire companies continued to raise money, acquire new trucks and land, and build their respective firehouses. The original single-bay Vera Cruz engine room on the north side of Main Road West was completed in 1948 at a cost of \$600 for the land and \$2,100 for the building. In 1951, Old Zionsville broke ground on a six-acre tract (cost \$1,860.50) for the first phase of its Chestnut Street firehouse at a cost of more than \$12,000. Both firehouses have been expanded many times over the years, with firefighters doing much of the work, themselves.

Fortunately, fires were few and far between in the early years. They were mostly field and barn fires. Fire trucks were used so little that they sometimes had to be jump-started.

Today, the trucks and volunteers are constantly on the go. Last year was the busiest year ever for the two fire companies. Old Zionsville answered 125 calls in 2011. Normally, it handles only about 100 a year, said Fire Chief Joe Kernick. Vera Cruz, which averages, about 162 calls a year, responded to 268 calls last year, said Fire Chief Joe Sherman. Thankfully, actual fires account for only a small percentage of those calls. What keeps volunteers busiest are auto accidents, automatic alarms and medical emergencies.

We still have fire sirens today, of course, but each volunteer is equipped with a pager that goes with them everywhere. Fire trucks have radios and even some GPS devices. Fire fighters and Fire Police carry walkie-talkies.

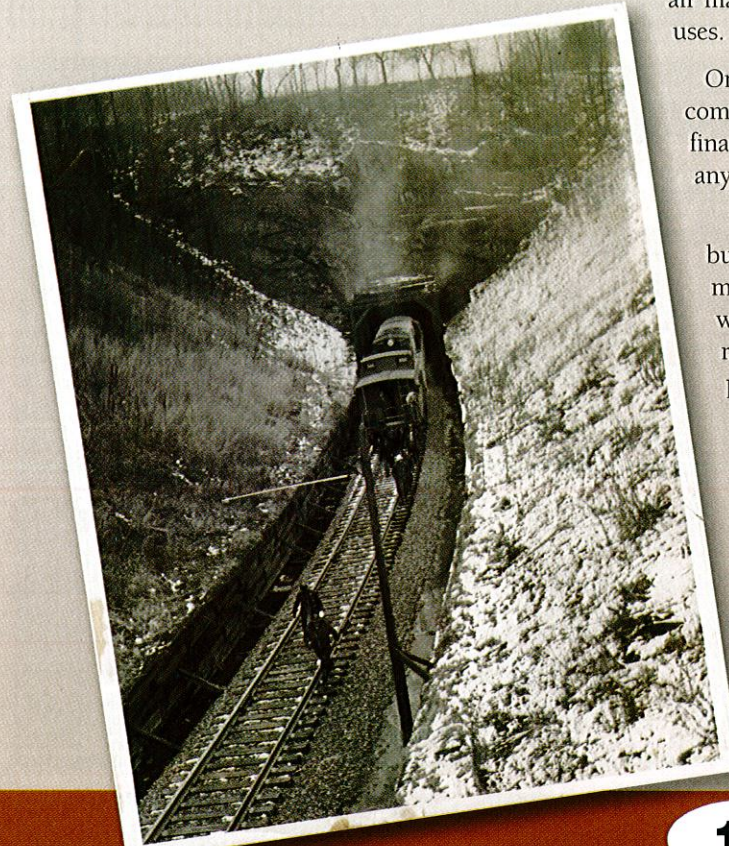
Firefighters have their very own "bunker gear," protective coats and pants cut to their measurements. Each firefighter is issued an air mask, so they don't share their germs with common masks everyone uses.

One thing hasn't changed over the years, though. Both volunteer fire companies still need the active support of township residents - both financially and in the form of volunteers. A new truck these days costs anywhere from \$300,000 to \$400,000.

The all-volunteer fire departments not only save lives and property, but save township residents millions of tax dollars every year. Only a modest portion of their funding comes from township taxes. That's why firefighters continue to sell T-shirts, reflective address signs, hold raffles and serve breakfasts, while the Ladies Auxiliaries sell shoofly pies and pizzas, among other things.

Volunteers are always needed. Besides firefighters and Fire Police, there is a need for skilled people to help out with everything from cooking, cleaning and photography to fund-raising, publicity and serving as web master.

To volunteer, call the Old Zionsville fire department at (610) 966-0739, Vera Cruz at (610) 965-9444, or visit www.veracruzfirecompany.com.



Fire Rages In Tunnel Under Pike

(Continued From Page Nineteen)

morning were about 10 Reading Co. carpenters, six track section men and a five-man diesel crew. The fire was discovered by Donald Stortz who lives several hundred feet from the tunnel. He had noticed heavy smoke pouring from the tunnel. Fortunately, the draft through the tunnel was from the south end to the north, minimizing to some degree the spread of the fire.

Temporary Job
The frame shoring extends about 200 feet into the tunnel from the north end. The balance is concrete and brick. The latter was installed in about 1930, but the project was never completed. Dense smoke, particularly after water was played on the fire, limited visibility. The tunnel was built by the old Perkiomen Railroad. Construction was started in 1874 and completed the following year. It was formally opened early in 1876.

Historic Project
Aside from its length - it was one of the longest tunnels at the time - the tunnel almost made construction history in terms of loss of life. Only a few days before it was completed a slab of rock fell, crushing one of the workers and presenting the tunnel from being the only one built at that time without a fatality.

Sewer Link
Donald Schell, a lifelong resident of Upper Milford Township, states that digging was started at either end of the tunnel pushing a shaft into the center of it, according to accounts of the work.

Robert Brown, a Detroit tractor-trailer operator, was arrested after a crash along the Lehigh Valley Thruway last Oct. 23 which resulted in the deaths of Lt. and Mrs. William Sholvin, Harrisburg. Among witnesses were Kline Wentzler, and his daughter, Joan, Lebanon, who were riding in an automobile behind the Sholvin sedan. They said the convertible was passing a convertible when the convertible suddenly swerved, forcing the Sholvin car over the medial strip. Wentzler said that, moments after the crash, the convertible rolled to the shoulder of the east-bound lane, made a "U" turn, found lane, made a "U" turn, sped over the medial barrier, and sped away to the west. Geary Gum, Nazareth, said he was passing Brown's tractor-trailer when the Sholvin car crossed the strip. It rammed the front of the Detroit man's vehicle. According to Gum, Brown was traveling at about 40 miles an hour at the time. That's 10 miles under the speed limit. Brown was represented by Atty. Robert Doll and Asst. Dist. Atty. Robert Lesko. State Police Sgt. George Golub of the Bethlehem barracks was prosecutor.

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Dillinger RR Tunnel Fire Raging Beneath Turnpike

(See Picture on Page One)

Fire in the Dillinger railroad tunnel near Vera Cruz, discovered late last night, was still burning early this afternoon. The fire in the 83-year-old tunnel was about 100 feet inside the north end of the 1,800-foot tunnel, eating at creosoted 12 by 12s.

The Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike passes about 150 feet above the south end of the tunnel.

Heat at the immediate scene of the fire caused some rock to split and fall, but there was no danger to the turnpike extension.

A Reading Co. spokesman said that until the fire is extinguished and the debris cleared it will be impossible to determine the amount of damage or how soon the tunnel can be used again.

Inspection Awaited
An inspection of damage to the rock would reveal whether the tunnel could be used without reshoring or whether reshoring would have to be completed first. The track of the Reading's

North Penn Branch is used by only one train which makes a morning run to Philadelphia and returns in the afternoon to East Penn Junction.

Until the tunnel is reopened, the trains will be diverted through Reading.

The fire was apparently started by sparks from a diesel which passed through the tunnel at 2:30 p.m. yesterday.

Fred Mackes of 33 S. 10th St., Allentown, conductor of the freight train, said he noticed no fire when he went through on that run.

Firemen Called
Fifteen firemen from the Vera Cruz Citizens Co. responded to an alarm shortly after 10:30 last night.

They pumped water from natural streams on either side of the track, and reused the water as it drained back into the creeks.

The Zionsville Co. arrived on the scene at mid-morning. Also arriving was the En-

There were no injuries. Reading Co. crews pulled down more than 15 bents, as the shoring is known to railroaders.

Streams Blocked
The debris blocked the flow of the streams forcing the fire companies to haul water in relays to a nearby bridge from where hoses were run. The distance is about 100 yards.

Also on hand since early in the morning was a Community Ambulance. There were no injuries.

Installation Unique
The Post Office department also reported that there was no comparable facility in the department (See MAIL-Page 20)

Five Injured In Mishaps On Highways
Five persons were injured, none seriously enough to require hospitalization, in traffic accidents in the area for the present.

Allentown Postmaster James W. Daubert apparently will have direct supervision of the operation of the new center.

Postmaster Summerfield's office informed Congressman Curtin that it is the general policy to "place centers under the responsibility of the nearest resident postmaster." In this case this would be Daubert.

Because of the lack of exact details on the building, its cost, and its equipment, it was impossible to estimate the total employment here when the center is opened.

SOME REMINDERS FROM THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

Please remember to keep your 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 their beloved pets, either. Please help by exercising appropriate supervision of your pets!

Everyone likes to get into the swing of spring by starting projects, cleaning up the property and sprucing up around the house. No one likes excessive noise, particularly at odd hours of the day or night. Please curb your enthusiasm to get the job done by being considerate of those around you. Awareness of noise is a good first step in being a considerate neighbor! This goes for barking dogs, too!

Open burning is at times allowed, though limited to residential users in the Township and subject to provisions and conditions. If you are unsure as to what burning is permitted and how, please obtain a copy of the Burning Ordinance No. 97 and amendment No. 107 (available at the Township Office and on our website). A reminder that the Lehigh County Communication Center needs

to be called prior to a burn and when it is extinguished and that number is 610-437-5252.

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. Please see the chart (below) for particulars. Please help us fix this problem by studying the chart and addressing the problem at your property if your trees require trimming!

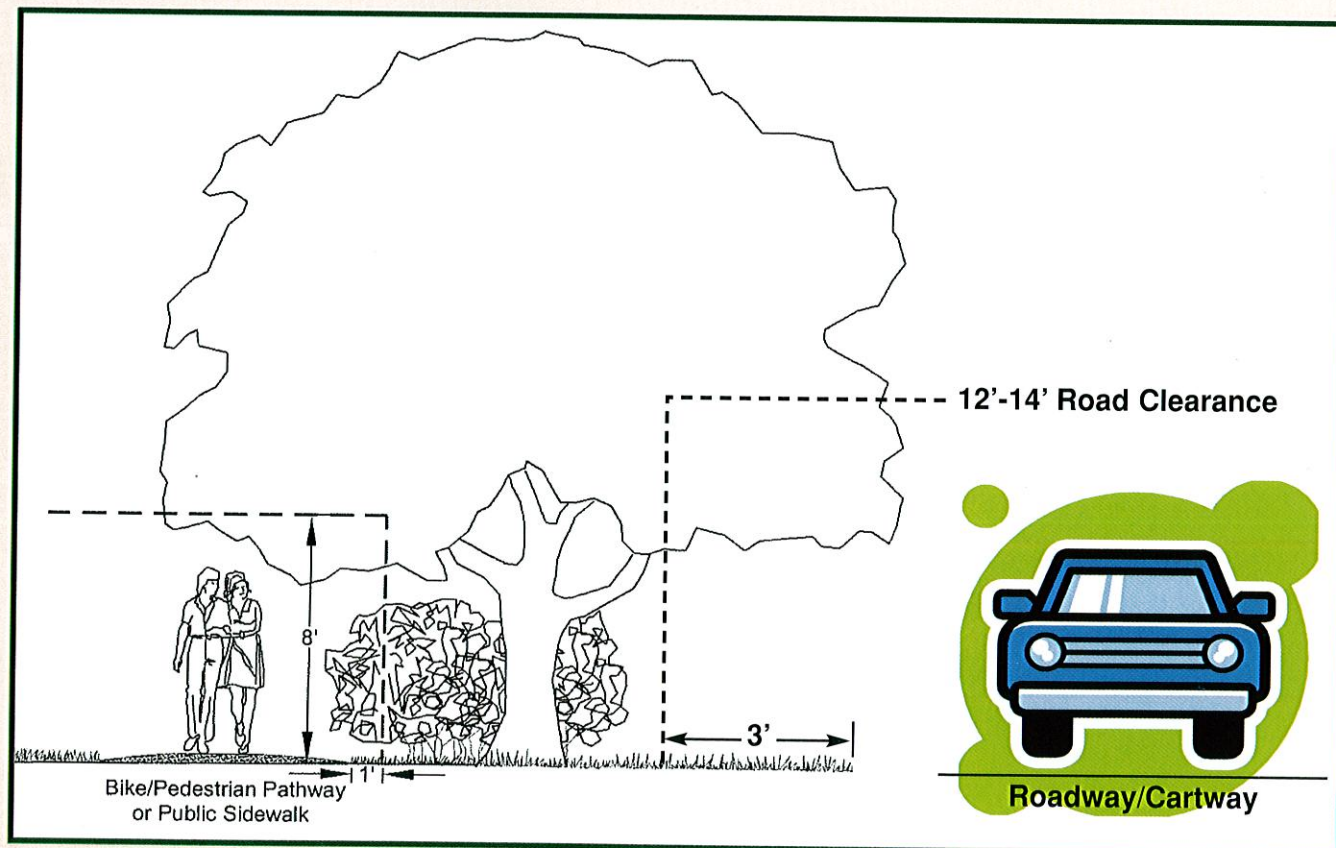
Finally, a general word about permits. Almost any activity, addition or changes to your property, with the exception of routine maintenance and some landscaping, may require a permit. Here in Upper Milford Township we are no different from most other jurisdictions in this regard. Please check with the Township when contemplating any activity, project, improvement or change on your property to see what (if any) permit is required.



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.



From Your Tax Collector

You are probably well aware of by now, 2012 is the year for big change in the Upper Milford Township Earned Income Tax (EIT) Office. As a result of Act 32 of 2008, the township must now utilize the Lehigh Tax Collection Committee's appointed collector, Berkheimer Tax Administrator, to collect all local earned income taxes. The EIT office located in your municipal building will continue to operate until the end of June 2012 for the purpose of finalizing the 2011 EIT collection. More information concerning the changes can be found on the Upper Milford Township web site (www.uppermilford.net) or the Berkheimer web site (www.hab-inc.com).



Your local tax office will continue to collect School and Township Real Estate Taxes as well as the Occupational Privilege Tax. Because of the reduced work load, new hours

will begin this summer. The office will be open for the months of July, August, October, and December. Hours will be Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1p.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments for other times can be arranged by calling 610-928-1030.

The office will be open (2) Saturday mornings in August to accommodate those who would like to make their tax payments in person. The dates and times will be August 18th and 25th from 10 a.m. to noon.

Gail Lichtenwalner, Tax Collector

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

Office Address: (now located at the new township building - formerly King's Highway School)
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Emmaus, PA 18049

Phone: 610-928-1030

Fax: 610-966-5184

E-mail: taxinfo@uppermilford.net

2012 EIT Collection Information from Berkheimer

We are pleased to announce that starting with the 2012 tax year, the Local Earned Income Tax in our community will be collected and administered by Berkheimer Tax Administrator. This change is the result of State Legislation (Act 32), that required the consolidation of the collection of Local Earned Income to a county "Tax Collection District". The tax rate and all filing dates will remain the same; this is a change in the collector only. However, there are changes in the employer withholding requirements. Please visit the Berkheimer website for more details (www.hab-inc.com). We encourage you to take advantage of the fast and easy e-filing for individuals and employers, offered by Berkheimer.

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VERA CRUZ AREA SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

The Vera Cruz Area Sewer System construction project is moving forward and all of the main piping located within the roadways, will be completed by the end of April. Permanent roadway repair work will begin in early May.

Most residents in Milestone Area 1 (North of the old Vera Cruz School to the Emmaus Borough boundary) are now connected to the Public Sewer System. Residents and owners in Milestone Area 2 (the core area of the Village of Vera Cruz and Main Road East to house no. 3585) received their "Notice to Connect" in late March and contractors are working to make the required connections. Residents and owners in Milestone Area 3 (everyone east of house no. 3585 Main Road East) can anticipate receiving their "Notice to Connect" near the end of May.



The project was delayed somewhat during the excessively wet weather period last year but the mild winter allowed the contractor to continue working. Much of the pipe was installed by directional boring in order to minimize road surface disturbance. There were several areas where the boring method was not successful which resulted in the need to open trench those areas in order to install the pipe. Additionally all of the manhole access points and individual lateral connection points were installed by open cutting the roadways. The disturbed areas will be repaired systematically starting in the Shimerville Road area, beginning in May, and progressing through the Milestone areas in sequence.

The Upper Milford Township Board of Supervisors and Lehigh County Authority wish to thank the residents and owners for their patience and cooperation during this project.

COUNTY WIDE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The County of Lehigh is currently accepting names to the waiting list for the County-side Housing Rehabilitation (CWHR) Program. The CWHR Program provides up to \$20,000 of rehabilitation assistance to income-eligible, owner-occupants of single family homes, townhouses, and condominiums in Lehigh County townships and boroughs. In general, financial assistance is available for the renovation or replacement of substandard heating, electrical and plumbing systems; some structural repairs and modifications; insulation and other improvements designed to reduce operational expenses; alteration to correct code violations and other repair work necessary for upgrading existing homes to standard condition.

Funding is in the form of forgiveness liens and is interest free.

To add your property to the CWHR waiting list, please contact CGP&H at 1.800.619.9979.

The CWHR Program is funded through the Community

Development Block Grant Program and is governed by federal regulations and Lehigh County policies.

The 2012 income limits are as follows:

Family Size	Maximum Gross Income
1	\$41,100
2	\$46,950
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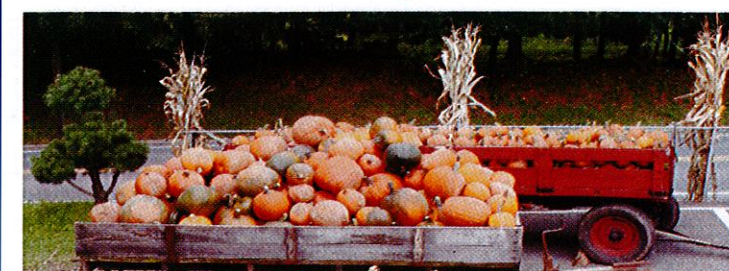
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Driveway Permit: required for the construction of a driveway or other means of ingress or egress onto a Township or PennDOT road.

Fence or Wall Permit: required for the installation of any fence or wall over two feet high.

Grading Permit: required if not in conjunction with another permit.

Moving Permit: required when moving into, out of or within Upper Milford Township. There is no fee for this permit.

Occupancy Permit: required prior to occupying a newly constructed building.

Park Permit: required in order to reserve a pavilion in a township park.

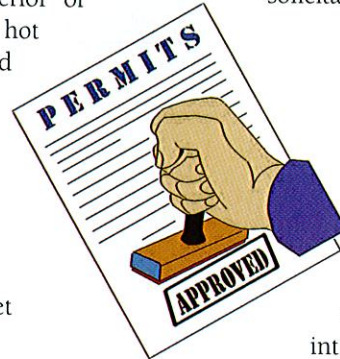
Peddler's Permit: must be obtained before engaging in solicitation or peddling in Upper Milford Township.

Sewage Permit: required for the inspection of a new septic system and for the repair or enlargement of an existing system.

Tree Cutting and Logging Permit: required if more than 10 trees/year or more than 30 percent of total number of trees on lot are taken down. Call the Township office for specific information.

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

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



PLANNING ON DIGGING?

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

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

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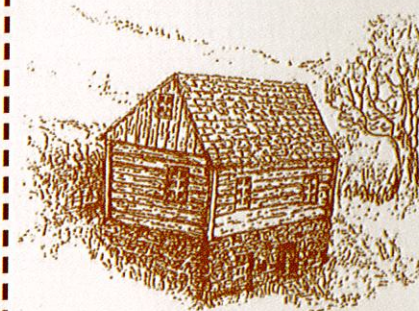
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THE HIVEL UND DAHL PRESERVATION SOCIETY has had a busy and successful year during 2011. We received a state grant which allowed us to paint the attached storage building at the Schubert-Graber Cabin. We have also ordered a wooden sign which will further identify the property. A web site is being developed. Any remaining money will be returned to the state. A Pa. Department of State Decennial Report was filed to prove our organization is still in existence. The cost was \$70.00 and the report must be filed every ten years.

To gain publicity, add new members and bolster the treasury we had a table at the Lehigh County Historical Society's Expo in April. We also had a display at the Stahl Pottery Festivals in June and October. We are planning to continue with these events in 2012.

Activities during the year included:

March - an interesting and informative talk by Henry Kradjel about the Zionsville General Store. Many of those present remembered the store and provided a lively discussion.

June - A plant sale at the Upper Milford Township Building along with the Farm Market. An optional portion of the sale was a guided walking tour of the foliage in the woods on Jim Baker's property.

September - A Fine Arts Show coordinated by Jim Baker that showcased local artists and their work so as to illustrate the beauty of the area. Nearly 100 items were exhibited. Two items were loaned to the township for public display - a painting of the Schubert-Graber Cabin by the late Jack Eagle, a Schubert descendant, and a photo collage of the cabin by Sue Farina, a Past President of the organization.

December - Member shared stories, traditions and customs of their families. A Pennsylvania Dutch version of The Night Before Christmas was enjoyed by all.

Quarterly meetings for 2012 are scheduled for March 27, June 26, September 25, and November 27. Every attempt will be made to list these meetings in the Community Calendar of the Morning Call and in your local news. All members and friends are invited to attend. For more information contact Bruce Mordaunt at 610-395-9836.

To renew Memberships or make a Tax Deductible Donation to Hivel Und Dahl, fill out the form below and return with you payment to:

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Pennsylvania State Police – (610) 395-1438

MEETING SCHEDULES

Board of Supervisors: first and third Thursday of each month; workshop meeting at 7 p.m.; regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Environmental Advisory Council: alternates between UMT and Emmaus; fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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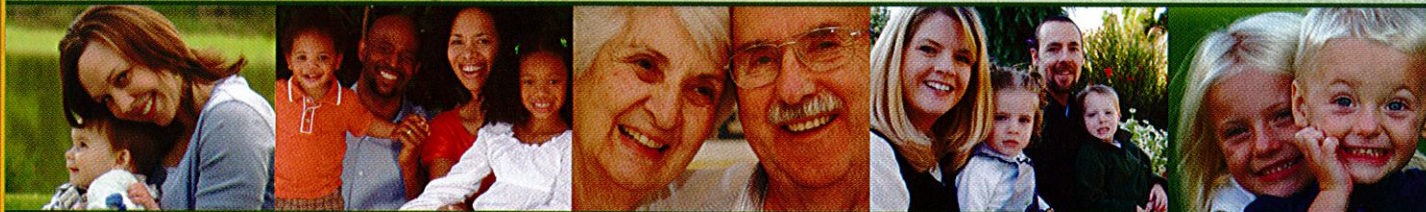
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